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PLAINVILLE HIRES NEW POLICE OFFICER



Shown above left to right:
Officer Boudreau, Officer Kominski, Officer Candidate Troy Noble,
Officer Martocci and Officer Henderson

Plainville Police Chief Matthew Catania, with pleasure introduced entry level police officer candidate Troy Noble to the Council.

Troy was born and raised in West Haven Connecticut. He attended the University of New Haven where he earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration on Criminal Justice Administration.

Troy is a certified police officer having been certified through the academy with the Torrington Police Department.

While at the police academy, Troy met our Officer Mark Martocci. Officer Martocci spoke quite favorably about the Town of Plainville and our police department. Troy noted that Officer Martocci was very positive about his colleagues and our policing philosophy. Knowing that we were hiring, Troy decided to apply with us.

Upon interviewing Troy it was easy to see that this is a young man that will be a good fit with department. He is friendly, approachable, intelligent, and motivated.

For these reasons, I am recommending Troy Noble to the council for appointment as an entry level police officer. If you approve, Troy would participate in our abbreviated field training program designed for certified police officers. Upon completion of his field training Troy would be assigned to the patrol unit where he would fill a vacant and funded position.

The Plainville Town Council unanimously voted to hire Officer Troy Noble.

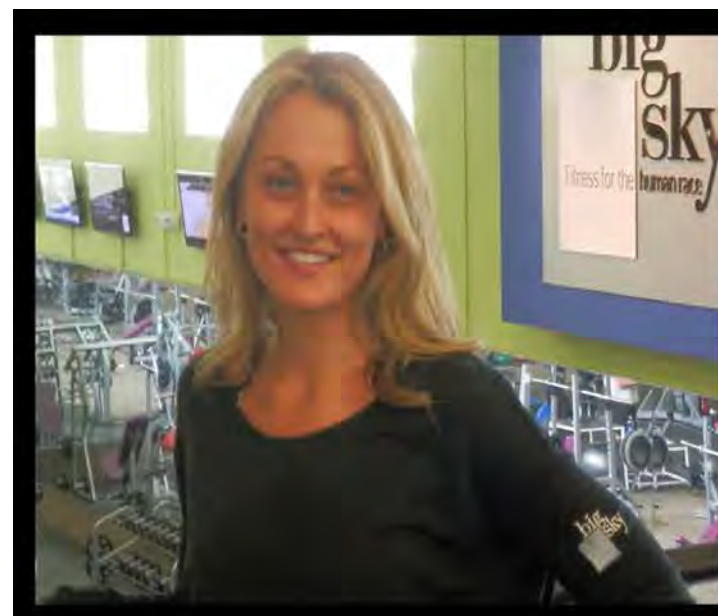


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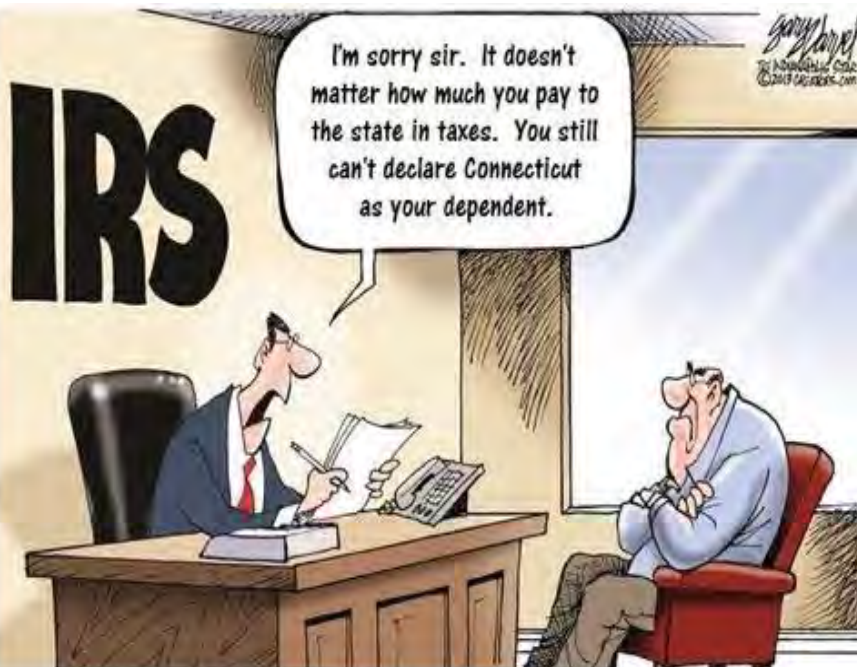
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And Where are They Now?

The short story of a former PHS graduate, Dan Rich, in last months "From My Balcony" of this paper and a follow-up this month. The follow up is a letter from Attorney Dan Rich on Page 23.

Perhaps we are missing stories about other former residents of our town that have gone on to attain fame and fortune around the world.

If you have someone you would like us to write about each month. Former friends and neighbors would be very happy to hear about them and their successes, where ever they are.

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faves and raves

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

{ **Bill faves** }

I had a plumbing problem last week. I worked on the problem for about three hours before I decided I needed help. I saw in the Hometown paper an ad for the Plainville Plumbing Supply on East Street. I am glad I went there because the owner Pat Miner knew right away what I was doing wrong. He gave me a quick lesson on how to fix the leak.

{ **Patty raves** }

Ken Crowley says "Not Happy, I want to know" Well, Mr. Ken Crowley I would like you to know, "I am Happy" with the service I received at your Nissan Dealership in Bristol.

{ **Carl faves** }

The "Tour of Downtown Plainville" last month was an eye opener. Never realized that we had so many businesses and professionals in the center. I certainly will check them out. Thanks!

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Town Manager Robert E. Lee ~ Report to the Town Council

February 22 Town Council Notes

2017 Paving Program

- Town staff has put together the list of roads to be paved during the upcoming construction season.
- It is proposed that the following streets will be paved this spring: Broad St. (Whiting to Rte. 10), Park Street (Maple St. to Rte. 10), Irving St., Race Ave., and Crown St.
- For the summer: Linden Street (E. Broad to Woodford Ave.), Winter St., Summer St., E. Maple St., Milford St., Woodland St., and Kent St.
- For the fall: Gilberte St., Ferland St., Paul St., Dallas Ave. (Dewey to Milford St), Milford St. Ext. (from Dallas to Arcadia), Merline Ave., and Dewey Ave.

Wheeler School Project Update

- The joint meeting of the Capital Projects Building Committee, Town Council, and Board of Education to get an update on the Wheeler School Project originally scheduled for tomorrow evening has been re-scheduled for next Wednesday, March 1st at 6:00 pm in the Wheeler Elementary School Library.
- At this meeting, O&G and KBA will present the plans for the project as well as the estimated project costs. The public is invited to attend this presentation as well.

Access Agreement – White Oak Corporation Property

- Town staff has been in contact with Marcia Toffolon, owner of the White Oak Corporation property adjacent to the Municipal Center regarding the potential re-development of the property. This is a very strategically located property in the center of the downtown consisting of approximately 14 acres.
- It has been vacant for quite some time and the potential purchasers have expressed concern regarding possible ground contamination from its many years of past use as a construction yard.
- The Town has the ability to apply for grant funds to perform studies to determine the extent of any contamination. If necessary, grant funds could also be available for clean-up of the site as well. In speaking with State officials, in order to apply for the grants, the Town must have in place an "Access Agreement" with the property owner.
- There is an item under New Business that would authorize the Town Manager to execute an access agreement with the White Oak Corporation property.

October 1, 2016 Grand List

- This is a revaluation year. Every five years, Town staff has to revalue all of the real estate in Plainville. According to the Town Assessor, the October 1, 2016 increased by \$2.7M or 0.2%

over the previous year. This slight increase would generate approximately \$90,000 in new revenue at the current mill rate of 31.99.

- There are three major components to the grand list – namely real estate, motor vehicles and personal property. Real estate makes up approximately 83% of the total grand list with MV at 10% and personal property at 7%.
- In the October 1, 2016 Grand List, real estate dropped by \$8.5M, motor vehicle went up by \$3.5M, and personal property increased by \$7.9M.
- This Grand List could change depending upon the Assessment Appeals process.

Governor's Proposed Budget – Impact to Plainville

- The Governor's proposed two-year budget that he submitted to the State Legislature could have a dramatic impact on property taxes for Plainville if enacted. Under the Governor's proposed budget, statutory formula grants would increase by around \$300,000, however, he has also proposed that municipalities pay into the teacher's retirement system. The teacher's retirement system was established by the State going back to the 1939. The Teacher's Retirement Fund has been underfunded and mismanaged for many years. Rather than address the shortfall at the state level, the Governor is proposing that the municipalities pay a portion of the teacher's retirement bill.
- It is proposed that Plainville contribute \$1,927,428 in FY18 (next year's budget) towards teacher's retirement.
- The bottom line is that the net impact of the Governor's proposed FY18 budget to Plainville would result in raising an additional \$1,654,594 to the bottom line. This is roughly equivalent to 1.25 mills. This alone would result in a tax increase of 3.89%. To put that in some perspective, over the last four years combined, the tax rate has increased by 3.56%.
- Town staff will continue to monitor the state budget process. One major concern is that the state budget may not be in place by the time that Plainville votes on then budget on April 25th.
- The Town Manager's proposed budget for FY18 will be presented at a Special Meeting to be held next Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Town Council Chambers. Residents are invited to attend this Special Meeting as well.

Financial Dashboard – January 2017

- The Financial Dashboard was distributed in the Town Council information package for tonight's meeting. It was also posted on the Town web page last Thursday evening.

Recycle Coach App

- A new mobile device application to assist Plainville residents regarding recycling and trash collection has been developed. Scott Colby will give a brief overview of the new free application.

Happenings

By: *Scott Colby,*
Assistant to Town Manager
PLAINVILLE
PUBLIC WORKS

- Property Owners will be able to schedule their one bulk pick up free of charge either in the spring or in the fall. Bulk collection for 2017 will take place on Mondays during the following periods: April 17 through June 26, 2017 (excluding Monday, May 29, Pickup will be done on 5/30/17 due to Memorial Day) and September 11 through October 30, 2017. Eligible residents must call CWPM at 860-793-6721 to schedule a pickup. When calling, you will need to provide your name, address, phone number and a complete description of the items to be collected. Calls placed by 3:00pm Friday can be scheduled for collection on Monday.
- ****Please Note:** Pickups must be scheduled by property owners. Multi-family residents (2-5 units) must also be scheduled by property owners/landlords.
- Bulk items should be placed curbside no more than 24 hours before your scheduled pickup. Bulk items must not block or create a safety concern for sidewalks or walkways.
- Bulk collections are for residential only. Please keep weekly trash separate and miscellaneous iron/steel separate from bulk. For a list of acceptable bulk items, please scroll down the bottom of this page. Questions, can be referred to Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 x208.
- Hazardous Waste Collection for 2017 will be:
April 22- Behind Plymouth Town Hall
80 Main Street, Terryville
May 6- Plainville Highway Garage
End of Granger Lane

All residents are required to bring photo ID when attending any of the collection locations.

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Town Council Budget Schedule

Budget Presentation
Thursday, March 2, 7:00 pm
Public Hearing
Thursday, March 9, 7:00 pm
Council Chambers

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March 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23
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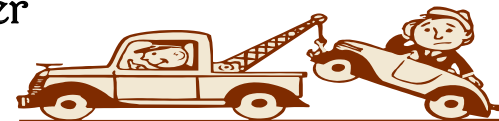
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By Scott Colby

Plainville Senior Center Events

- **VETERAN'S COFFEE, TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 10:30 A.M.:** Informational and support meeting conducted by Wayne Rioux, a Veteran's Liaison for Hartford HealthCare at Home. Wayne can provide assistance with questions regarding Veteran benefits, entitlements, services, aid and attendance, service-connected disabilities and MEANS testing, presumptive diseases, military burial/military honors and other services or issues. Please call the Senior Center at 747-5728, so we can plan refreshments. **FOR ALL VETERANS OVER 60 AND THEIR SPOUSES. ENERGY ASSISTANCE:**

- The State of Connecticut Energy Assistance

Program is available to income eligible residents.

- Information on income guidelines and more is explained in the Senior Center February Newsletter or call the Human Resources Agency formerly Bristol Community Organization at 860-582-7490.

Plainville's Grand List Filed

Jane Dickman Buden, Assessor for the Town of Plainville has filed the 2016 Grand list with the Town Clerk. The net taxable Grand List is \$1,381,073,382. This is a slight increase of \$2,883,561 over the 2015 net taxable Grand List of \$1,378,189,821.

The net Real Estate Grand List decreased \$8,516,363 as a result of the recently completed revaluation. The net Motor Vehicle Grand List increased \$3,526,640 and the net Personal Property

Grand List increased \$7,873,280 from the 2015 Grand List.

The Town of Plainville continues to grant exemptions for Enterprise Zone Development and tax abatements. These exemptions total \$1,491,410.

The Town of Plainville's Ten Largest Taxpayers include the following:

BRE DDR Connecticut Commons LLC	\$49,626,390
Tilcon Connecticut, Inc	\$22,654,200
Manafort Brothers	\$13,990,390
Valley Water Systems	\$12,404,550
Connecticut Light & Power	\$11,837,560
North Mountain Land LLC	\$ 9,240,910
General Electric	\$ 8,643,980
Carling Technologies	\$ 7,931,680
Mott Corporation	\$ 7,773,870
Gem Sensors	\$ 6,963,570

State Of Plainville E D A

By Mark Devoe, Director
(Excerpts of the Report)

Development a tivity once again has proven to be unpredictable. After a considerably good showing in 2015, the rate of new land use applications dropped off in 2016. While the various land use boards and commissions continue to meet as needed, much of their decision making did not center around large scale development. What we did see in 2016 was the fruit of the 2015 land use approvals. Some of those projects include:

- **Ducci Electric:** new 25,000 sf facility on Unionville Avenue, which is now complete and operational.

- **Northeast Produce:** completed a 12,000 square foot addition on the f Town Line Road, nearly doubling their size.

- **Allstate Fire Equipment:** is wrapping up work on their new 16,500 sf facility at 70 Robert Jackson Way. When complete, they will move from their existing 6,500 sf facility at 15 Robert Jackson Way. Their new facility is approximately 60% larger. Allstate Fire Equipment already has 15 Robert Jackson Way on the market and the broker reports brisk activity.

- **TopFlight Machine Tool** doubled the size of their facility at 90 Robert Jackson Way, increasing their footprint from 6,000 sf to 12,000 sf.

- **J. Timothy's** underwent a kitchen expansion which paved the way for the production of yet more chicken wings. Congratulations to J. Timothies for receiving national recognition for their wings this year. J. Timothy's was featured on Food Network's 'Top 5' restaurants in 2016.

- **The PZC** began considering if they should regulate solar energy systems, particularly the ground mounted variety. On January 24th, they approved new regulations to insure that rooftop units remain a permitted use by right with certain design guidelines in place, and to require all ground mounted solar installations receive site plan approval to insure that aesthetics are considered in the placement of these sometimes very large accessory structures.

Our Economic Development Agency continues to administer successful Economic Development Programs.

The Economic Development Agency recommended approval of a \$40,000.00 Small Business Loan to a local business. These loans help local, established business improve or expand their facilities, implement business plans that often result in organic expansion and to hire new employees. In addition, these low interest loans can be used to

incentivize new business to move into Plainville. The maximum loan amount is \$40,000.00 and the fund has not experienced any defaults since the inception of the program in the late 90's.

Connecticut Commons continues to be Plainville's top ranking tax payer and the health of retail center is good. Fortunately, the management places an emphasis on leasing facilities as quickly as possible. It is both my hope and belief that they will have a national retailer in place soon to bring the center back up to a 100% occupancy rate.

The owner of the property formerly known as the "Chung" property on New Britain Avenue has progressed with the removal of contamination to the point that the site is nearly ready to be developed.

Our Town Center has continued to maintain higher than desired vacancy rates. The patterns of occupancy and vacancy that do emerge suggest that property owners willing to invest in the downtown are rewarded with a higher quality tenant that tends to stay in place longer. As of late, we've seen three new businesses move into the center of town and have spoken with two more within the past two weeks. We have confirmed that one of those two be opening a new storefront.

The White Oak property is for sale and it is our hope that this new regulation is used there to help this key property fulfill its role as an anchor for our downtown, permitting us to turn a corner and begin a period of positive private reinvestment. The town continues to engage landowners from all sectors in efforts to spur positive development.

An Assistant Planner was hired to help manage our ever growing Geographic Information System, among other things. He is currently in training to provide a high level of service to our land use boards and commissions.

He is currently in the process of helping approximately 100 registered businesses to renew their registrations as required by State and local regulations.

LOOKING AHEAD

As stated earlier, development trends are not highly predictable. While we know that Federal defense contracts influence the health and profitability of Plainville's many precision tool facilities, it is not clear to what degree, and whether positive news regarding defense contracts will help spur another round of expansions; however, with approximately 170 vacant acres available for commercial and industrial development where few constraints exist, Plainville is well situated to grow from a commercial perspective. CT Tool and Manufacturing recently reported an employment level of 175 employees. If their steady 5-6 year climb from 105 to 175 employees

is any indicator, I'd say that industry in Plainville is alive and well.

In addition, with over 960 vacant acres for residential development, there is no shortage of land to drive a housing slump here. I present these figures in stark contrast to those who maintain that Plainville is completely developed and no room for new development exists.

Our Office will begin work later this year on Plainville's 10 Year Plan of Conservation and Development. We have gotten a head start by beginning many of the mapping projects that are required by State Statute. The new Plan will be a concise, to the point conceptualization of where the residents of this Town would like to be 10 years down the road.

Multi-use Trail Planning has been temporarily halted as DOT, who is very interested in Plainville's successful development of this trail, works with other parties to help negotiate land rights for the trail. We have an ace set of stakeholders who will tirelessly run down all options and in the end, present them to the public for feedback before making any final decisions. Regardless of the outcome of these current negotiations, this challenging work will resume shortly to plan the best route through Plainville.

In closing, I have a few main points I'd like to make.

- Our Department will strive to foster redevelopment opportunities in favor of developing new land, especially in our Downtown.

- We will continue to advise land use commissions and boards in a transparent manner to foster openness and public participation.

- We will cultivate opportunities to set aside open space where practical and advisable, including continued support for the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail.

- We will support local land use Commissions whose primary responsibility is to review development proposals and weigh them against applicable regulations.

- We will continue to review and suggest changes to existing land regulations to keep pace with shifting paradigms, and changes in the way the world does business.

- Notably, Twenty-three businesses moved into town or expanded their existing business in 2016. We estimate conservatively that 70 new positions were created, including sole proprietors. We will continue to place an emphasis on the positive and maintain a can do attitude in an effort not only to keep these businesses, but to attract even more. We are particularly pleased with resurgence of interest in Plainville's downtown.



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From the Desk Of.....

Thomas A. Wurz, Esquire

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Social Security benefits continues to be a hot topic for most people as the economy struggles to get back on track and the baby boomer generation inches closer to retirement. In this article, I will outline some of the most prevalent questions I receive concerning benefits and what people need to know.

The most common question I get about Social Security is, "How much income can I earn and not have my benefits affected by the administration?" In 2013, if you have reached your full retirement age of 66 already you may keep all of your retirement benefits, no matter how much income you earn. If you are going to turn 66 in 2013, then SSA will deduct \$1 from your benefits for each \$3 you earn above \$40,080 until the month you reach full retirement age. If you are younger than 66 during all of 2013, we SSA will deduct \$1 from your benefits for each \$2 you earned above \$15,120.

The next most common question I get is "Can I receive SS benefits through my spouse or ex-spouse?" If your current spouse receives SS retirement or is eligible for retirement or disability benefits, you may be entitled to SS benefits even if you never paid into Social Security. You would need to be at least 50 years old for spousal disability benefits or at least 62 years old for spousal retirement benefits. The same standard applies for receiving benefits through an ex-spouse with the additional requirement that you were married to them for a minimum of 10 years.

All SS benefits are subject to a calculation by the administration that takes into account the claimant/earner's work history amongst other factors. Many people seem to wonder why their payments are not as large as they expected once they start receiving benefits. The most straightforward answer to this question is that the calculations have been federally enacted by the government and everyone is not entitled to the same amount. So, just because your neighbor may be getting more than you doesn't mean you are receiving any less than you should.

Every thing and anything concerning your finances should always be promptly reviewed by individuals or by a professional as mistakes do happen. Hopefully, this information will serve as some assistance as it should not be construed as legal advice. If you are seeking legal advice, consult with an experienced licensed attorney.

Attorney Thomas A. Wurz

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



ZINC DEFICIENCY

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However, as with any herb, vitamin, or mineral, excess intake of zinc could pose a potential health hazard. Denture wearers are advised to pay special attention to the amount of zinc they consume, according to an article published in *General Dentistry*, the peer-reviewed clinical journal of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD).

If a patient wears dentures, it is essential that he or she follows the instructions and recommended dosages on the product label. Many times, patients will overuse the adhesive and, although it happens rarely, they can ingest toxic levels of zinc, with adverse neurologic effects.

The optimal use of denture adhesive involves placing a thin film or a series of dots across the denture surface, which will ensure that a patient is not overusing the adhesive. A single tube should last three to 10 weeks with daily use, although actual usage depends on the number of applications per day.

An ill-fitting denture is one reason that a patient could be overusing adhesive. With age, your mouth will continue to change as the bone under your denture shrinks or recedes. If the denture doesn't fit correctly, the patient tends to use more adhesive to try to get the denture to stay in place.

To maintain a proper fit over time, patients should be evaluated by a dentist every six months.

Abusing denture adhesive could cause nausea, stomachache, and mouth irritation. Over time, toxic levels of zinc could cause a copper deficiency, which has been linked to neurological damage.

Currently, the FDA has issued no warnings regarding the use of denture adhesives, but patients should limit their usage of adhesive in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions and speak with their dentist if they have additional questions or concerns.

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**Random Thoughts
Regarding the Post-Election
Meltdown**

By Francis Rexford Cooley

Economist Thomas Sowell, who recently retired, would often publish a series of "Random Thoughts" instead of a traditional essay as his syndicated column. May Prof. Sowell enjoy his well deserved retirement, his columns and books are well worth re-reading. Imitation is said to be the highest form of flattery, hopefully this column flatters rather than makes on cringe.

Donald Trump's "unexpected" victory stunned the beltway pundits, who for some reason discounted the anger of the electorate for everything Washington and expected the electorate to automatically vote for the beltway candidate. In the post-election analysis little focus has been given to which candidate went out and met with the voters not only on the coasts but in "fly-over country". Running for any political office requires effort, countless campaign events, interviews, speeches, and lots of shoe leather. The days of sitting back in the proverbial "log cabin" instead of campaigning went by the wayside well before the Civil War. Running for office is, in itself, a full-time job. Little analysis has been aimed at which candidate wanted to win more and put in the time and effort to accomplish their goal.

Young children often throw tantrums when they don't get their way. Many learning quickly the cost of the tantrum only makes their displeasure worse. Some, however, take longer than others to understand this. So it seems to have been the case with many on the left after President Trump's victory at the ballot box. The left funded Green Party candidate Jill Stein's recount bids in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Michigan in the hopes to miraculously find enough votes to overturn the results. In the end all that was found was serious "problems" with the vote in Detroit, a Democrat strong-hold. Near sixty percent of the voting precincts had voting discrepancies of a nature

to prevent a re-count of the votes in those precincts. Problems serious enough for the State of Michigan to examine how Detroit holds its elections, not necessarily something that will benefit the Michigan Democrat Party in future elections.

There is a certain comedic satisfaction to watching self-inflicted comic mayhem. This is why the escapades of the Three Stooges hold up eighty-years after their short films first hit the theaters. In the post-election rage of the left a number of Hollywood stars appeared in a series of short clips urging members of the Electoral College to switch their votes from Trump to "save" the Republic. The end result: Trump lost two faithless electors, and Hillary Clinton lost five faithless electors, a metaphorical self-inflicted "pie in the face" if there ever was one.

How many times has one heard someone say, "I never noticed that before." There are many things that are fairly common that just blend into the background and we don't see them until they are pointed out to us. Kind of like a Russian spy ship off of the United States Coast. For some reason CBS, NBC, ABC and the major media and a number of Democrat members of Congress never seemed to notice Russian ships and subs cruising on by during the Obama Administration (and every administration stretching back through the Cold War) but now that President Trump is in office they have noticed. (and by the way the US has ships and subs sailing by the coasts of Russia, it's what Great Powers do).

No one bats 1.000 (Unless it's the UConn Women's Basketball team it seems). Even the Might Casey struck out once in a while playing for Mudville. So it is for Presidents. Every President in the modern media age has one or two nominations to their administration that fall flat nearly immediately. General Flynn and Andy Pudzer for President Trump join the ranks of Tom Daschel and Bill Richardson for President Obama, and Zoe Baird and Kimba Woods for President Clinton as nominees and appointments that failed. It is not the end of the Trump Administration as some on the left wish it to be, it is par for the course to mix sports metaphors.

Just some random thoughts...

**Do you know a student or nonprofit that could use a
Scholarship or grant?**

Main Street Community Foundation is currently accepting scholarship applications from local students as well as grant applications from area nonprofit organizations through its competitive General Grant Cycle and the Plainville Community Fund. All guidelines, eligibility criteria and links to the applications are available on the Foundation's website, www.mainstreetfoundation.org.

Scholarships are being offered through the Community Foundation to local residents who wish to pursue their educational dreams. These scholarships target many diverse areas of study and are available to graduating high school seniors, currently enrolled college students and adult learners. The 2017 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. The deadline to submit scholarship applications is March 27, 2017, although there are a few exceptions so be sure to check the Scholarship Directory.

Nonprofit organizations serving Plainville residents may be eligible to apply to the Plainville Community Fund. All eligibility criteria and the link to the Foundation's Online Grants Center is on the Foundation's website. All proposals for the General Grant Cycle are due March 31, 2017, while all proposals for the Plainville Community Fund are due March 15, 2017.

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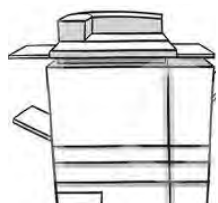
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Petit, Martin Urge Legislature to Pare Pension Refinancing with Reform

Hartford – On Wednesday, February 1, State Rep. William A. Petit, Jr. (R-22) and State Sen. Henri Martin (R-31) urged fellow lawmakers to reject Governor Dannel P. Malloy's pension funding agreement and instead urged the legislature to assess alternative means by which to address the state's growing pension system problems.

The lawmakers, along with House Republican legislators, released data obtained from two actuarial analyses that show how additional steps can rein in the state's unfunded pension liabilities. Both reports show how paring pension finance changes with modifications to state employee benefits could increase the solvency of the state pension plan.

"I voted no in the Appropriations Committee as well as in the House session on the pension re-amortization resolution because although it had several helpful end-points (reduce deficit in fiscal '18 and '19, even out payments) the cost is far too high," said Rep. Petit. "Our actuaries tell us this will cost taxpayers an additional \$11 billion dollars over 30 years...\$366,666,666 dollars per year for 30 years or \$1 million dollars a day for 30 years! This is not a fiscally prudent, long-term plan and I could not put my support behind it."

The governor's pension proposal sought to tackle a mounting budget deficit by reducing short-term state pension contributions. In exchange for leveling payments through 2047, taxpayers would be responsible for an additional \$11 billion over the duration of the deal compared to the structure of the current plan.

"I think it is simply wrong to pass this future

debt along to the next generation. This agreement may be good for the unions, but not necessarily for the people of Connecticut," added Sen. Martin. "Also, by approving this agreement, we avoid the wider picture. The discussion needs to not only address the unfunded pension obligation, but changes to the SEBAC agreement. We have to get state spending under control and put measures in place to guarantee that it stays under control."

Many Republican lawmakers have suggested that making alterations to state employee pension benefits could reduce the unfunded liability by \$200 million. If that sum were sent into the pension fund, actuaries estimate that the length of the new plan could be reduced by seven years and could decrease the additional liability from the projected \$11 billion to \$3 billion.

The State House voted 76 to 72 to approve the deal on a nearly party-line vote, while the State Senate voted 18-17 with the Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman casting the tie-breaking vote in favor of the deal.

Information attached includes:

· An analysis from actuaries at the Reason Foundation modeling changes to SERS that could be added to the SEBAC agreement funding policy changes including: adopting a defined contribution retirement plan for new hires, increasing employee pension contributions to 4%, and capping cost of living adjustments to 2% - which would save the state approximately \$100 million annually.

· An analysis from actuaries at the nonprofit Pew Charitable Trusts showing the reduction in unfunded liability that could be achieved with \$200 million in state employee pension benefit changes. Pew confirmed that if the \$200 million is sent back into the fund it would cut 7 years off the length of the refinancing, thereby saving taxpayers billion future payments.

Petit Releases Statement on Governor's Proposed Budget

HARTFORD – State Rep. William A. Petit, Jr. (R-22) yesterday joined his legislative colleagues in a joint session of the House and Senate as Governor Malloy delivered his biennial budget address. The governor outlined his proposed budget for FY 2018-2019. Rep. Petit released an official statement in response to the plan:

"I listened to the Governor's budget address with great interest on Wednesday at the State House. It is time to review the budget proposal in detail (we will have a detailed review provided by OPM Secretary Benjamin Barnes on Friday), discuss with my colleagues and await comments and input from constituents and folks from all over CT as to what we can do to balance the budget and make CT a better place to live, work and raise our children," said Rep. Petit.

"This budget favors larger cities like New Britain which have a higher population density with more poverty and thus requires the additional funds to provide much needed resources. We need to do what we can to provide equitable education to all the children of CT. We look forward to the budget process and anticipate much discussion and debate, but ultimately, we expect that consideration and priority will be given to all taxpayers of Connecticut as they cannot afford to endure further tax increases, whether deliberate or disguised as fees. The ask of municipalities to fund 1/3 of the yearly teacher's pension necessarily equates to increased local taxes," said Rep. Petit.

The Governor's proposed budget passes the State's fiscal burden onto the backs of the lower and middle class taxpayer. Aside from the high likelihood that local property taxes will be raised if the Governor's budget remains intact, the proposed budget also increases the bottle deposit on carbonated beverages from \$.05 to \$.10, eliminates the property tax credit that is used by nearly 1 million homeowners, increases the pistol permit to \$370 and closes the seven rest areas throughout the state.

Rep. Petit Supports Animals, Connecticut Humane Society

Hartford - State Rep. William A. Petit, Jr. (R-22) attended the Connecticut Humane Society's annual legislative advocacy day at the State Capitol on Monday, February 6.

Rep. Petit had the opportunity to speak with members from the Humane Society, who continue to advocate for legislation which will strengthen current animal cruelty laws. The organization serves as the leading resource in the state for companion animal welfare, enriching the lives of families and communities through adoption services, medical care, education, and prevention of cruelty. The Connecticut Humane Society mission is to find each companion animal a permanent, compassionate home, where cruelty does not exist.



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~ Public Welcome ~

March (and coming) Events-Check here...

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This fun filled evening will offer beverage tasting, light refreshments, music, door prizes, raffles, a 50/50 raffle and other exciting activities for all to enjoy!

Event is hosted by the

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From My Balcony

By: Jeannette Hinkson

Have you seen any good movies lately?

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Or, how about wagon train goes west, settlers fights Indians, cattle rustlers, boy meets girl, builds cabin and every one lives happily ever after.

Today, you go to a movie boy meets girl, they kiss, nude of course, girl poisons boy, turns into something from outer space and destroys everyone on earth. You leave the theater so depressed you want to sleep for a week. No wonder we have so many people with mental illness perhaps we should go back to the old love stories or the real life stories about true hero's not what some Hollywood weirdo can think up in their twisted mind.

It is no wonder the movies stars of yesteryear like John Wayne, Doris Day, Judy Garland, Rock Hudson, Cary Grant and so many others, (I don't have room to mention), still have movies running on prime time.

They never get old, boy still meets girl and we can be sure there is a happy ending and when we go to bed at night feel all is well in the world.

Today the actors in Hollywood want to run the country when most of them live in Lala land and can't even run their own lives, let alone ours. So many die from drug overdoses, die in car crashes while drunk or on drugs, never stay married to the same person for more than a very few years and the sad part is so many people listen to them as though their word is golden.

I might be wrong but those are my thoughts, I still don't believe there can be anyone in Plainville that thinks burning the American flag is alright.

One woman even question on the internet, "Where are people rioting?" What part of outer space land is she living in?

Would you get angry if the people we see on TV burning the flag came to Plainville and started smashing out the windows of the businesses on Whiting Street or pulling down the American Flag in front of the town hall and burning it in the gutter, I ask just what would you do?

Where these things happened, Ferguson, Baltimore, Chicago, San Francisco and Milwaukee, just to name a few are also someone's home town!



Anticipation of Spring

By: Sally Miller

The morning temperature of 42 degrees held a promise of a spring day although the calendar indicated that it was the month of February. A few weeks ago, the "off the wall" groundhog said that we were to encounter more weeks of bad winter weather. I was depressed! Despite the forecast I

woke with surprising anticipation of spring due to the warmer weather. The day was a little chilly but it was a day which seemed to be pending the arrival of spring flowers with their multitude of colors, sun and grass and glorious green trees. .

The sun slowly slid into the morning mist and peeped into neighborhoods. It smiled on the yards and crept along window panes. I listened carefully to the soundtrack of the earth waking up to a glorious day with hints of spring in the air. The squirrels gathered in the yard and listened to the music of the earth as it came out of hibernation. Like a big black bear, the earth yawned, stretched, and belched as it slowly woke up after a long and arduous winter. It seemed to shake off the long winter blues and remnants of snow, and welcome the slight warmth of the sun. The sights and sounds of the earth trying to wake up was invigorating. The sun was warm and the smell of the earth as it yawned itself awake was encouraging. The distant sound of a basketball on a court and the sound of children playing the game were encouraging.

I decided to walk in Norton Park as the temperature rose to 50 degrees. My body turned to the sun, began its own unwinding and leaning toward the warmth. The park was filled with people riding bikes around snow piles and couples walking hand in hand. Every so often, a person walking a dog would stop and speak. The tennis courts were being shoveled and people in coats were throwing Frisbees. Everyone was smiling as they walked. The ritual of the anticipation of springtime was in full accordance with the activities that were alive at the park. As I came around the corner where the children's playground was, I was astounded to see a bright, beautiful new colorful playground area. I thought about how much I love Norton Park but also love the Town of Plainville. .

As I turned to leave the park, a warm gentle rain began to cleanse the earth of the remnants of winter. In turn, I felt that it must also be helping the multitude of glorious flowers which were waiting patiently under the earth for more warmth from the sun. The combination of warmth and rain will take away the hardness of the long harsh winter and help the multitude of anticipated glorious flowers and grass grow

As much as I despise winter, this wonderful anticipation of spring is so worth the long hard winter.

It won't be much longer before the neighborhoods will be decorated with the magnificent colors of spring and the songs of the colorful bird population and we will soon forget this past winter.

"Think Spring."

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Dodgeball For Project Grad



"PHS Project Graduation recently held a Dodgeball Tournament fundraiser. The winners were Kamil Radziszewski, Matt Linhoff, Jordan Bishop, Alex Autunno, Adam Skawinski and Ethan Hushin. The committee would like to thank the Plainville Police Dept., the Plainville Fire Dept., the Board of Ed, and all other players for participating. Thank you to Gnazzo's and D'Amico's for donating food, and to all of the individuals who contributed to the success of this fundraiser."

MSP Robotics Team Competes



The Middle School of Plainville Robotics teams once again performed exceedingly well at the VEX IQ Masuk Competition recently held at Masuk High School. Five teams from the Middle School attended the competition. MSP Fluffy - Vicanda Hernandez-Phen, Lily Feyerabend, Tim Paradis, Zach Finkelstein, and Connor Blanchette won the Design Award for their robot's unique lifting arm. MSP Brain Bots - Nathan Masco and Chris Brojek won the Driver's Skills Award for the highest score by a single robot on the playing field. The Ascension - Zeyana Thigpen and Jaylen Thigpen won Judge's Award for their teamwork and dedication. Also attending were MSP Icebreakers - Alicia Quirion and Ellie Keegan, and MSP NightHawks - Gabriel Hernandez.

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Choir and Jazz Band Perform at Wolf Pack Game



On Jan. 28th, the Plainville Community Schools' Town-Wide Elementary Jazz Band and Louis Toffolon Elementary School Select Choir performed at the Hartford Wolf Pack game. The Jazz Band performed in the main atrium and the Toffolon Select Choir performed the National Anthem. This was the Jazz Band's first performance of the year. The Jazz Band meets as part of the After School program twice a week, under the direction of Michael Boncimino and Greg Wilfrid. Mr. Wilfrid also directs the Toffolon Select Choir, which rehearses Wednesday mornings before school. There are 45 students in the Jazz Band and 92 members in Select Choir



Wheeler School Sponsors "Moonlight Reading Night"

On January 27th, Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School held its first annual "Wheeler Moonlight Reading Night." The event was organized by a committee of teachers and parents, implemented by teachers and retired teachers, and included more than 100 students and families in attendance. Students and teachers donned in their pajamas, rotated through stations listening to various teachers read stories, and also engaged in arts and crafts. All participants enjoyed refreshments and raffle prizes were awarded.



Toffolon School Hosts "Souper Bowl"



The Louis Toffolon Elementary School community recently held their first "Souper Bowl" food drive. Students, staff, and the community participated in a five day food drive, January 30 to February 3, 2017, that predicted the outcome of the Super Bowl. Participants donated canned goods and voted for which team they thought would be the victors of Super Bowl 51 by placing the item on either team's side. In the five day drive, the group collected nearly 600 items for the Plainville Community Food Pantry. The final tallies were: Patriots 331 items and Falcons 257 items, with a total of 588 items donated.

As you slide down the banister of life, May the splinters never point in the wrong direction!
—An Irish Saying

PHS Students Refurbish Bicycles



Students in Dave Marchesani's Advanced Transportation class at Plainville High School have successfully completed another batch of bicycles that have been refurbished to "like new" condition. These broken down and unclaimed bikes are provided to the transportation class by the Plainville Police Department and from town residents. The goal is to inspect, repair and refurbish each bike to a safe and usable condition. Once the bikes were finished, they were donated to the Plainville Community Food Pantry just before the holidays to be given to local children in need.

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag...



Students at PHS Named "Students Rock Award" Recipients



ELIZABETH NORTON TRUST FUND GRANTS SUPPORT SEVERAL DISTRICT INITIATIVES

Several school district programs and initiatives are underway this year thanks to a number of grants received from the local Elizabeth Norton Trust Fund. Linden Street School music teacher Marilyn Brendel received a grant to bring the band "West End Blend" to perform at all three Plainville elementary schools. The group is a local, yet nationally recognized funk / brass band from the Hartford area. The grant helps to continue the elementary level music program's tradition of bringing in professional ensembles to provide educational performances that relate to the schools' climate, culture and community. Plainville High School Transportation and Construction Education Instructor David Marchesani also received a grant to support the "Bike Shop" project at the high school. The Bike Shop is a collaboration among the high school's Transportation classes, the Plainville Police Department and the Plainville Community Food Pantry. Through the initiative, high school students refurbish old, discarded bicycles collected by the local police, then they are distributed to local youth through the Plainville Community Food Pantry. District Volunteer Coordinator Sue Bradley received a grant on behalf of the +KIK (Positive Kids Influencing Kids) Peer Mentor Program. The program, in its third year, pairs Plainville High School students with eighth graders from the Middle School of Plainville to provide friendship, role modeling, and support as the middle school students prepare for the transition to high school. The high school mentors visit their middle school mentees at the Middle School throughout the school year; at the end of the school year the eighth graders visit the high school and tour the building with their peer mentors in preparation for their start as freshmen in the fall.

"We are very grateful for the many programs the Norton grant funds continue to allow us to develop across the Plainville community school district," said Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maureen Brummett.

LIONS SCHOLARSHIP

The Plainville Lions Club is pleased to announce that it is accepting scholarship applications for 2017. Any graduating student that is a Plainville resident is eligible. Please see our website at <http://plainvillect.lionwap.org> to download the application. You may call Jen Zakrzewski at 860-839-3872 for more information.

Applications must be post-marked by March 31, 2017.

Harlem Globetrotters Visit Toffolon School



The Louis Toffolon Elementary School community recently enjoyed a visit from Harlem Globe Trotter Zeus McClurkin who shared his life story, motivational words, and several basketball tricks with those in attendance. The visit was coordinated by Toffolon PTO President Anke Cook.

February Everyday Heroes!



Three Plainville Community Schools' staff members were honored at the February 13th Plainville Board of Education meeting as part of the "Everyday Hero" program that recognizes staff members and students who have gone above and beyond for another student or colleague, showing resiliency, support and / or initiative to make the school district an even better place to be. The February group of honorees included Louis Toffolon Elementary School Office Professional Chirara Ramos, nominated by Toffolon parent Migdalia Rios, Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School Principal Andrew Batchelder, nominated by Wheeler parent Sheri Labowski, and Toffolon faculty member Norma Olson Bartley, nominated by Toffolon parent Jaimie Lindenmuth.

PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY FUND SEEKING GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Plainville Community Fund is currently seeking grant applications from nonprofit organizations that serve Plainville residents in a variety of areas. Proposals for the Plainville Community Fund are due March 15. All guidelines, eligibility criteria and the link to the online applications for the Plainville Community Fund are posted on the Main Street Community Foundation's website, mainstreetfoundation.org. Interested organizations are required to contact Jarre Betts, vice president of programs, at 860-583-6363 before submitting a proposal. The Plainville Community Fund is an endowed fund at the Main Street Community Foundation. The fund was established in 2006 by committed community leaders. To date the fund has awarded grants totaling \$50,000 to Plainville organizations.



Wheeler Students Participate in Valentine Exchange

Students in Mrs. Mahtaney's second grade class at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School participated in a Valentine Exchange with schools in 22 states from January through February 14th. The students learned about the birth place of Elvis, the Sonoran Desert, sports teams of other states, Yosemite National Park, the largest tree house ever built, and that the Eastern Woodland Indians lived in Virginia. Everyone enjoyed learning



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Preschool Storytime (Ages 3 – 5) - Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Each week our preschool storytime will explore themes through books, songs, rhymes, educational activities, and crafts.

Baby & Toddler Storytime (Ages 0 – 23 months) - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Perfect for little ones, this short storytime includes a story, fingerplays, songs, and a playtime for socializing and learning.

Two Much Fun (Two-year-olds) - Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

This storytime geared toward the terrific two's features stories, rhymes, and lots of movement and music.

PJ Storytime (Ages 3+ with caregiver) – Thursday, March 16th 6:30 p.m.

We'll share some cozy stories, snack on some animal crackers, and wish upon a star. Wear your PJs and bring a cozy blanket or stuffed friend to cuddle with.

Sign Language Storytime - Wednesdays through March 15 10:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Come join Stacy from Einsign for a storytime that incorporates basic sign language for children ages 8-15 months (10:30) and 16-24 months (11:00). Come see what benefits adding sign language has for your child and have some fun!

Flying Fingers Knit & Crochet Group (All ages) - Wednesdays at 3:00p.m.

Come learn to knit or crochet, or bring your current project. Program runs for two hours, so come join when school lets out! No registration necessary.

Drop-In Craft: Cherry Blossom Paintings (All ages) Saturday, March 25th, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Stop by the children's programming room and make cherry blossoms using plastic bottles and paint!

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

Events: Plainville Public Library

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with songs and dance tunes from Ireland performed by Traditional Irish Fiddler player, Deirdre McMorro and guitarist/vocalist Paul Pender at the Plainville Public Library Sunday, March 5th at 2:00pm.

Adult Coloring

Enjoy a relaxing evening of adult coloring at the Plainville Public Library. Drop-in at 6:30pm on Thursday March 16th, April 20th, May 4th and June 8th. Coloring will be held in the Peter F. Chase Auditorium with refreshments provided by the Friends of the Plainville Public Library. Colored pencils, markers, and coloring pages will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own coloring supplies if desired.

Monthly Movie

The Plainville Public Library's March movie will be shown Thursday, March 9th at 1:00pm and Saturday, March 25th at 1:30pm in the Chase Auditorium. We will be showing the film based on the bestselling novel of the same name by M.L. Stedman about a lighthouse keeper and his wife who raise a baby they rescued from a drifting rowing boat in Western Australia. This film is rated PG-13 and runs 2 hours and 13 minutes.

Trail Magic: The Grandma Gatewood Story

The Plainville Public Library will have a special showing of the film Trail Magic: The Grandma Gatewood Story, produced with arrangement by Eden Valley Enterprises and FilmAffects, on Wednesday, March 22nd at 7pm in the Chase Auditorium. The film tells the inspirational true story of Emma "Grandma" Gatewood, the first woman to solo thru-hike the Appalachian Trail in 1955 at the age of 67 after raising eleven children and leaving an abusive marriage. Grandma Gatewood's story doesn't end with her hike of the Appalachian Trail, in 1959 she hiked the Oregon Trail, and went on to hike more than 10,000 miles before her death in 1973.

People Plant Connection

On March 29th at 6:30pm experience an exciting workshop in horticulture with Jeffrey Eleveld at the Plainville Public Library. He will take you on a tour of the tea plant from its beginnings over 4,700 years ago to the present day. Attendees will experience a hands-on session in planting tea seeds imported from China. Everyone will take home their own planted seed to germinate and grow. Jeffrey Eleveld has over forty years' experience in horticulture. He is an avid bonsai enthusiast and plant collector boasting over 300 plants in his personal collection. Registration is requested for this program. Call the Plainville Library at 860-793-1446 or stop by the Reference desk to register.

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Plainville Public Library Sunday Hours

The Plainville Public Library will be open on Sundays through April 30th from 1-5pm. For more information contact the library at 860-793-1446 or visit our website www.plainvillelibrary.org.

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Answer on page 30



"I.T. Jim's" ... "Fake News" & Technology

During and after this last Presidential election there was what some have termed "fake news". Fake news is a very real problem. Some would have you believe that all the fake news is coming from one party or another. In fact, there is fake news coming from all directions. Some of it from people that could not care less about who the news helps or hurts, as long as it gets folks to click on the article and view the ads on their website. This for some can generate hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Fake News has been around forever. In the past, it was chain letters and chain emails. It goes far beyond politics into everything from food sources, to fake scams, to photoshopped or doctored images. However, with the internet and social media, never before has fake news been as impactful on our lives as it is today.

Making things worse is the main stream news media. All of them are guilty of reporting questionable news from questionable sources. Posing "what if" scenarios as if they were news. Add to that, entertainment shows that exaggerate stories for comedic effect. From the Daily Show to the Late Show, to Late Night, many people, particularly millennials, tend to take the "reporting" from these shows at their word. Further separating us from the truth.

How do we stop this without infringing on freedom of speech and freedom of the press? How do we fairly judge what is reported without one party or the other claiming censorship or bias? I could add my own opinion here about the media's overwhelming liberal bias, but that is not the point of this article.

How do we properly discern the real news from the fake news on the internet and social media? I don't think there is any technology out there that can make those judgements. It is up to the human mind to look upon the never-ending stream of content on Facebook and Twitter and determine which is real and which is fake.

When scrolling through Facebook, it is important to know that ANYONE can make a Facebook page. If they do it well, it can be very convincing. They can even link to creatively designed websites that appear as if they were real functioning news websites. The page title of a fake page can be identical to a real page. People need to pay close attention to what they "like" and "share". EVERY post really MUST be scrutinized for its legitimacy. EVERY post I look at on Facebook and Twitter is viewed with skepticism. EVERY POST. No matter who posted it. NOT ONE post can be trusted at face value. Facebook marks verified pages with a blue circle with a white check.

Even worse is Twitter. For the most part, Twitter is a cesspool. It is filled with millions of anonymous user accounts and automated bots that spew hatred and vile behavior. The only way to make any sense of it is to follow only trusted accounts from sources you trust. Twitter is only as good as the people you follow. Twitter also marks verified accounts with a blue circle and a white check.

So, your skeptical of the legitimacy of a Facebook or Twitter post. You go to "Fact Checking" websites to confirm whether that post is real or not. Well, those waters are tainted too. Fact Checking sites such as snopes.com are suspected of having bias in their reporting. The owner of the website is reported to be a devoted liberal and suspected of skirting the truth by writing reports with a liberal slant.

Now where do you go? I don't think there is ANY source of truth out there with no bias. There is no such thing as objective reporting. What I do is always look at everything through a lens of skepticism. I check multiple sources and get every angle. Then I make my own judgement, which is usually somewhere in the middle of all that is reported.

I also make a point of avoiding the spread of false information by only posting, tweeting, liking, sharing, and retweeting what I believe to be true and factual information. I also make every effort to set off the alarms when I see something that is truly false or misleading. Its not easy. It makes for a less enjoyable social media experience. Sometimes it is best to just stick to socializing with family and friends. It is the primary reason I stay involved in social media.

As always, if you have any questions about this column or ideas for future columns, please send along an email to jim.phc@gmail.com.

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STAY AWAKE AMERICA

By: Gene

Spectacular Super Bowl this year, the Atlanta Falcons, like the Democrats in the fall election thought they had it won early on. They gave up and stopped fighting. How did that happen? The Falcons will get over it but will the Libs and the Progressives? Maybe not. HE WON! SHE LOST!

There will be a scorched earth, never ending attacks on the new President. Senator Chris Murthy claims that anti-Trump protests have been "Peaceful without exceptions". What alternative universe can he be living on? This is not like George Orwell's 1984 book in which he depicts a dystopia he named Oceania.

If you could take the time, this will be good reading if you go back to February Home Town Connection paper, Page 15 by Francis Rexford Cooley on the ELECTORAL COLLEGE. This relationship is the cornerstone of the REPUBLIC and held in agreement by the Founding Fathers of the nation in the formation of the constitution. Without this the Presidential Election could be chosen merely by a popular vote and could reduce the choice of the President to that of regional interest. Like the Northeast corridor combined with NY City, Los Angeles and bay areas of the leftist state of California. The election of the President via the Electoral College reflects the National consensus the founding fathers knew the American Republic would need to survive and is needed for its continuous survival.

"If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your Government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools". PLATO

Never before in our history has our government had so much access to our private communications and our thoughts. We have been told in the past few months to watch for the Russians. But we also have to watch for the American leaders. And despite the continued erosion of our privacy are we really safer? Many people do not realize this election was a turning point for America. Your responsibility as a citizen is being involved 365 days a year with what your elected representatives are doing, not only in Washington, but in your own backyard in every town. Elected officials are everywhere.

Billionaires like globalist manipulator George Soros and others funding and trying to tamper with our constitution. Beware of Con/Con convening a convention permitted under Article V of the constitution. But they may attempt to rewrite our nations fundamental governing document. Everybody has a right to his or her own opinion and everybody has a right to speak out. That should be clear but the fact is they don't get it. HE WON! SHE LOST!

Who taught his followers that there was nothing better (or holier) than Jihad warfare? He told his men to offer non-Muslims only three chances: CONVERSION, SUBJUGATION, and OR DEATH?

President Trump did everything wrong by traditional standards and he won. Is Trump an exception in the politics or the new rule? The simple truth is, that Trump's transition progress has been a logical continuation of the campaign he ran and a total disregard for the established methods and rules governing those methods.

The United States of America is a land of laws, and Americans value the rule or law above all. *"The world is not dangerous because of those who do harm. It's dangerous because of those who watch and do nothing"* Albert Einstein, quoted in HuffingtonPost.com.



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THE RABBIT HOLE

Me Thinks Thou Doth Protest Too Much....

Shakespeare

Donna Ziccardi

There are so many "Protests" today led by High-Ranking Politicians, entertainers, students and teachers...whipped into a fictitious frenzy by a Mainstream Media, taking direction from Globalists. Chuckie Schumer takes to the streets of NYC instructing people to kill Trump, impeach Trump. Creepy John McCain is touring Europe telling people Trump is Hitler and White People are the problem. Members of Congress claim Trump is mentally ill and should be impeached. While Hank Johnson thinks, Guam is going to tip over... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cesSRfXqS1Q>. Maxine Waters thinks Putin invaded North Korea... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...Sheila> Jackson says Murder is the leading cause of Homicide and thinks the constitution is 400 years old...<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Twbo9LCqy-E>. John McCain doesn't realize he is talking to imposters about sanctions...<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eqrw2vIvBv0>. I can go on but who sounds mentally inadequate for office here?

I wonder why people in government want Trump out, even the Republicans. What are they hiding? "There is something rotten in Denmark.".... besides the Muslims raping the women. <https://muslimstatistics.wordpress.com/2016/01/10/sweden-and-denmark-have-highest-number-of-sexual-assaults-in-europe-eus-flawed-muslim-migration-policy/>.

Last month, I said Obama will be back to head the DEEP Government. Well he is back. His "mission" is to take out Trump by any means. This is equivalent to a coup d'état, overthrow of the American Government. I realize there are a lot of MSM brainwashed retards out there that like this idea but I really object to it. <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/02/19/obamas-organizing-action-partners-soros-linked-indivisible-disrupt-trumps-agenda/>.

Using his talents as an "organizer and agitator", taken straight from Saul Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals", Obama is planning what is now being called the "Bloody Spring", amassing over 85,000 hard core trained and armed revolutionaries to create chaos and civil war throughout this country for the sole purpose of overthrowing the government. The DEEP State was inserted into our govt on 9-11-2001. MSM just never "told you". Obama was the Trojan Horse to set all his men in place for the Purple Revolution, the Globalist's Luciferian Agenda. The Communist Marxist Plot. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqueE5Xf0uU>.

Speaking of "PROTESTING too much", Sen. Blumenthal is protesting everything Trump does, investigating his every move. I received an email from Blumenthal to join his Face Book discussion regarding Flynn's conversation with "the RUSSIANS". I told the forum that the conversation between Flynn and "the Russians" was not about sanctions but about the International Child Pedophile and Trafficking Ring and its connection to the Clinton Foundation and Dyncorp.

The next day I was banned from Blumenthal's FB page and my comment was "bleached" from

the internet. What'd I say??? Is he denying me my freedom of Speech? Does he represent me ONLY if I agree with him? What is he hiding? So I started to "poke" around and guess who is on the "Naughty List"?... <http://truthuncensored.net/fbi-pizzagate-arrest-imminent-washington-pedophile-ring-bust-video/>.

A HUGE Secret is about to be revealed. The World Wide Satanic practice of Pedophilia. This "sacrifice to Satan" is saturated into every fabric of our society; politicians, bureaucrats, lawyers, judges, Bankers, doctors, teachers, police, news casters, even in our religious institutions....always kept hidden because everyone was blackmailed into silence. Until now. Be very careful where you let your children and grandchildren go. They are influenced by the transference of energy through "entrainment".

Trump was NOT supposed to win! He is not a Globalist (Satanist). Why do you think Sessions had such a hard time getting confirmed? He is not a Globalist (Satanist) either. We are currently fighting the Battle Between GOOD and Evil. Globalism is really Satanism. This link explains EVERYthing!... <http://stateofthenation2012.com/?p=66357>.

Our politicians not only want Trump out of office because he wants to stop the Luciferian Globalist Agenda, they also want Trump out of office because Trump and Sessions are going to expose their Dirty Little Secret of Child Trafficking. PLEASE click on this link and hear a small sample of what these innocent children have to endure before they are (sacrificed) murdered.... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7b273RhFHCY>.

Messages from the Grave. Benghazi/Clinton Foundation/Child Trafficking. Did you ever hear that expression "getting away with murder"?...."at this point what difference does it make"? Hillary set up Ambassador Stevens to be murdered. Stevens was not only going to tell the TRUTH about illegal gun running and the Clinton Foundation but he was going to spill the "Beans" about Hillary's Child Trafficking. Women and students idolize her?! You know what you can do with your Pink Pussy Hat. This video proves everything. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8t5OsfYSARA>.

The CIA is the "Child Runner" for the Clinton Foundation and all the politicians before her. Where do they get the children? "The Finders"...The CIA Operation of child abduction for the purposes of child trafficking and satanic sacrificial rituals has been going on for decades... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7oRizhhbsY>.

All 50 CPS agencies are unified under HHS. Obamacare has provisions which micromanage child welfare and children can be seized for literally no reason whatsoever. Senator Nancy Schaffer was going to expose CPS connection to child trafficking. But she was murdered! Is this why I was banned from Blumenthal's FB page? Is this why politicians want Trump dead? Do you even care? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_TcDTJIPWbE.

The Clinton Foundation/Haiti Child Trafficking Scandal/A Trail of Death. What does Andrew Breibert, Eric Braverman and Monica Petersen have in common? All 3 were investigating the Clinton Foundation Child Sex Trafficking Ring...2 dead, 1 missing. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7DCxXOnhm5s&t=3s>.

The Obama Connection. Obama can be found in Hillary's emails, provided to the world by WikiLeaks. There is mention of him having children at the White House for a "Sleep Over". He really misses his "hotdogs" in Hawaii, and there is a wonderful email of him laughing about the \$64,000 worth of "pizza"

and "hot dogs" he flew in from Chicago for his White House Party, attended by Huma Abedin, John McCain, Lindsey Graham, Nancy Pelosi, Ben Affleck, and John Podesta....at tax payers expense. In the Pedophilia Community, "pizza" is code for little girl and "hot dog" is code for little boy. Nambla-Pambla. <http://undergroundnewsreport.com/the-truth/bombshell-wikileaks-leaks-lost-clinton-email/>. Joe Biden seems to be involved as well. <http://undergroundnewsreport.com/the-truth/breaking-biden-turns-hillary-ill-testify-necessary/>. As is Obama's "Bundle Man", Terrance Bean. <http://usaopenmagazine.com/insider-democrat-arrested-pedophilia-direct-ties-obama-hillary/>. Our leaders need to go Straight to HELL!! They practice Satanism. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkL0EqrULsw>.

Pedophilia is not a new practice in the White House. The Bush/Reagan administration saw a lot of child sex porn/acts that was brought to the light of day with the Franklin Credit Union Scandal. Senator Barney Frank "played" a huge role and even transported the minors to his residence in Massachusetts for more "Play Time". What happened to the boys from Boy's Town was buried by our honorable politicians, but we can read about it in the book, The Franklin Scandal, by Nick Bryant. <https://politicalvelcraft.org/2011/04/07/remember-call-boy-barney-frank-connection-homosexual-prostitution-and-pedophile-criminal-acts/>.

Organ Harvesting/Dyncorp. For years, children have been kidnapped and stolen for use in satanic ritual sacrifices, for political playmates, gifts to foreign dignitaries, wives for Middle Eastern elderly men, toys for Middle Eastern young men, and now used for organ harvesting. Child trafficking and organ harvesting bring Big Bucks to the Clinton Foundation, hidden in the shadows of Dyncorp. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7YJWLXxO5Q...> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gXh0FqB3uc8&feature=share>.

The Politicians that are daily assassinating Trump's character, seem to have a lot to hide...Chuck Schumer, John McCain, Lindsey Graham, Nancy Pelosi, Diane Feinstein and many more. Even though Senator Blumenthal was among the ones listed, I am still holding to the possibility that it is a mistake or misprint. Arrest warrants are still to come.

The reason why Pedophilia and Satanic Rituals were hidden for so long is who was going to expose this? They are all involved and subject to Blackmail. But things are different now. We have a president that is NOT A POLITICIAN! He is not involved in the Pedophilia Club. He has nothing to lose. President Trump must not let the children down. The book to read for a firsthand account depicting the Perverts in Politics is The Trance Formation of America, by Cathy O'Brian, sex slave to our politicians.

Child trafficking needs to stop now. It goes far beyond what I have briefly touched upon here. There is the matter of Jeffrey Epstein and his Lolita Island, Bohemian Grove, Montauk Island, Skull and Bones at Yale. Retired FBI Agent, Robert David Steele, recently said, New Haven Connecticut needs to be leveled to the ground and buried for what went on there; Skull and Bones, Yale University, Sharia Law Annex, John Kerry is coming back, Satanism is taking a foothold, God Help Us All....<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CSWHIEibU0Q&t=239s>.

This article was submitted on 2/23/2017. At press time, facts may have changed. Hopefully warrants will be served. Please visit my blog at www.livechemicalfree.blogspot.com.



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The National Automotive Tech Challenge

The National Automotive Tech Challenge took place at Crowley Ford Lincoln on Thursday, February 23rd, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The 2017 National Automotive Technology Competition was entered by 12 students from the 6 top schools in Connecticut, 2 students per team.

The winner will be announced at the end of the local competition then they will move on to the New York National Finals.

Last year the Norwich team that won here moved on and won the National Title!

The Connecticut event is Sponsored by CARA, Ct. Automotive Retailers Association.

The winners names were not available at press time and will be announced in the April issue.

Thanks to Mr. Ken Crowley for partistpating in this very important event.

Life With Wanda



The year 2017 hasn't really shown me too much so far, and as we get older it seems the world of electronics has passed seniors by. Computers are still driving me crazy and anyone that can operate them is my idol.

Have you ever asked someone of the younger generation to show you something on a computer? They reach over your shoulder, hit a few keys with the speed of light and then say, “That all you have to do.” You hate to ask them to show you again for fear of looking stupid, so you just bumble on.

This week a notice popped up on my computer screen telling me I had to enter a new password. I called my granddaughter and she told me to just type in a word I would remember, so in the future when I needed access to my files all I had to do is type in that word. She also said if there were any other instructions, windows would ask them on screen. I felt silly asking about what seemed like such a simple task, so I gave it a go. The first thing Windows asked was “Please enter your password” so I typed: Sticks. Windows said: Sorry, the password must be more than 8 characters. So, I typed: Crooked sticks. Windows said: Sorry, the password must contain at least one numerical character. So I typed: 20 crooked sticks. Windows said; Sorry, the password cannot have any blank spaces. So, I typed; 20crookedsticks. Windows said; Sorry, the password must contain at least one uppercase character.

So I typed: 20CROOKEDSTICKSWITHTHORNS. Windows said; Sorry, the password cannot use more than one uppercase character consecutively.

By this time my blood was starting to boil, so I typed;

20CrookedSticksWithThornsShovedWhereTheyWillNeverSeeThe Light of DayIfYouDon'tGiveMeAccessNow.

Windows wrote back saying; Sorry, that password is already taken. *I really think there are a bunch of young people out there that are trying to drive us older folks crazy!*

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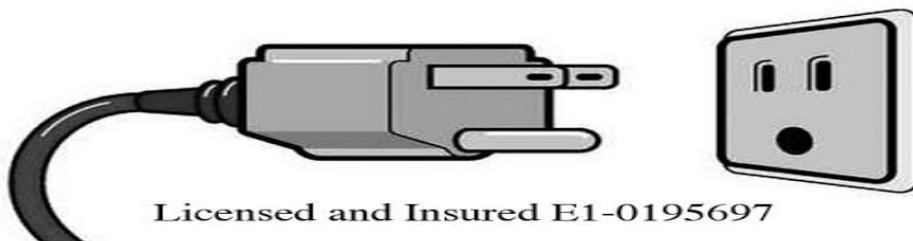
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To the Editor:

If you're concerned about the increasing constraints being put on our freedom of speech via political correctness (and more), there's a new bill introduced in CT legislature that you'll want to get behind.

"An Act Concerning the Enforcement of Foreign Libel Judgments," S.B.No. 69, is the remedy for the assaults on our free speech from "libel tourism," the act of filing frivolous libel or defamation suits from countries with lesser standard of free speech than we have here. The costs of these suits- some filed against industry giants like Cambridge University Press-have an enormously chilling effect on the freedoms of the press.

This protective measure has been passed in ten states to date: New York, Tennessee, Utah, Louisiana, Florida, Oklahoma, South Dakota, California, Maryland, and Illinois. Many of those victories were unanimous in both houses. Additionally, many very diverse organizations, including the ACLU, the American Library Association, the American Association of University Professors, the 9/11 Families, and the American Society of Newspaper Editors support this easy guarantee of one of our most basic freedoms.

Please contact your state legislators and request that they co-sponsor S.B. 69.

Thank you, Jane Bate

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream.

It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.

Ronald Reagan

Plainville's Hometown Connecticut

To the Editor:

A friend more liberal than I recently mentioned how surprised he was that Hillary lost the Presidency. He wondered why Trump with his brusque manner, his lacking political savvy, the opposition of much of his own party, was to become President. He, himself, had voted for Trump.

First blamed was Hillary's excessive baggage. Then came an agreement that American electorate was becoming too impatient to tolerate lack of rebound from the recession. He then mentioned he had become displeased with several of Obama's policies. He said they failed to favor the American working man., but should have. He was displeased when told there were no shovels ready for infrastructive stimulation of the economy. He felt Obama's opposition to oil, natural gas, coal, pipelines all cost the economy high wage jobs for hard working Americans. He mentioned his thought that each illegal immigrant holding a job was balanced by an American now on food stamps. He said the nation's economy was sustained by printing money to produce stock market profits while the common man received minimal interest from savings accounts. He questioned Obamacare. He was also concerned by the increase in the national debt and felt diplomacy inadequate.

I troubled him further when I mentioned sanctuary cities.

He still feels allegiance to liberal causes, but tells me he hopes many of Trump's goals be met and he'll wait and see these next four years.

He smiles as he mentioned he was coming to think of the democratic party as the party of the non-working man!

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Healthy-Behaviors

By: Linda Coveney, Integrative Nutrition Health Coach

Let's Do This! Step Into Spring

This is the 3rd of a 12-month "Let's Do This!" series.

So... How easy was it to eat the recommended servings of fruits and vegetables from February's article? Would love to hear how you did, both struggles and wins alike. Join me on March 21st at 7:00pm for a healthy living discussion at the Plainville Public Library. We'll talk about this and more. As a bonus, you will receive a "Simplify your life food journal" to help you stay on track. Sign up through the Plainville Library's event calendar to reserve your spot! This workshop is free and supports the Library's Healthy Plainville Initiative.

Review of "Let's Do This" Tips so far:

1. Write down your health goals. Include why these goals are important to you.
2. Take 3 deep breaths before you give in to an unhealthy craving. Make a better choice.
3. Eat mindfully and slowly to recognize when you are full.
4. Drink water upon waking and throughout the day.
5. Incorporate more plant based foods into your diet.
6. Reduce sugar consumption.
7. Follow your bliss. Express gratitude. Spread happiness

Let's pause for a moment. I'm reviewing these steps to help you select the one(s) that can be easily integrated into your life. It's not meant to suggest that all should be implemented by now. When I started on my healthy eating journey, my first step was to change up my after dinner snack from cookies to an apple to satisfy my sweet tooth, reduce calories and provide the vitamins and fiber I needed for better health, better mood and better choices. One step at a time is key.

March

March is distinguished for these 3 reasons:

- St. Patrick's Day (Cabbage and Green Beer)
- Spring Begins (Time to start a garden)
- National Nutrition Month (Good food revitalizes us, just like Spring)

Mother Nature Knows

Spring is frequently known as a time of rejuvenation. The longer days, warm soil and rain provide the right conditions for plants to sprout and for us to enjoy more time outdoors.

Think back to a time when there wasn't a grocery store on every corner and people depended on the harvest for food. In Spring, food is sparse. Planting has just begun and the winter storage is nearly depleted. This can account for why many religions fast in the Spring.

For some, appetites decrease naturally in Spring as we move away from our Winter hibernation, comfort foods and inactivity. It's the time to bring your body back into balance with more green and bitter foods. Bitter tasting foods help to flush our digestive systems, increase metabolism and reduce sweet tooth cravings.

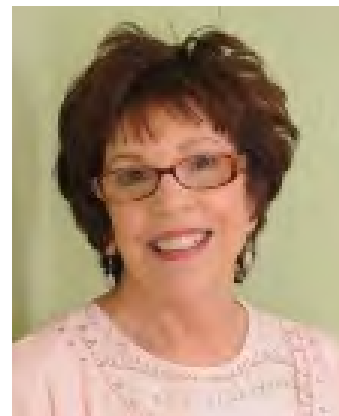
This is nature's way of helping us to take off our winter weight and put some spring in our step as we, like the animals, shed our winter coats.

How to benefit from the Spring Harvest

1. Align with the season and naturally reduce your portions and add in more bitter vegetables, like kale and mustard greens. Some good tea options are green, turmeric, lemon balm, nettle or dandelion.
2. Change your plate size. I personally use a lunch size plate for dinner while also striving to make what's on my plate as colorful as possible. This provides a visual way to know if I'm on track. One of my favorite go to meals is brown rice with onions, garlic, mushrooms, red and green peppers, spinach and perhaps a little chicken to top it off.
3. Take your own Spring break and find something fun to do. Try growing microgreens indoors. Baby microgreens are loaded with more nutrients than mature leaves. Organic seeds, soil and a plastic lettuce container are all need to get started. Last spring I grew my first batch of mesclun microgreen lettuce mix. In a few short weeks, for just a few dollars and a small effort, I had a kitchen crop to put in my morning smoothie or to top off a salad. It's easy and fun.
4. Try something new. Here's a simple cabbage recipe you might enjoy.
 Cabbage head cut into 1" thick slices
 Coat both sides of cabbage slices with extra virgin olive oil
 3-4 Minced garlic cloves (substitute shallots)
 Season with garlic, sea salt and pepper
 Bake at 400° F for 20 minutes, turn and cook for an additional 20 minutes or until edges are crispy and middle is soft.

Happy Spring!

The advice in this column is in no way intended as medical advice or as a substitute for medical counseling. The information should be used in conjunction with the guidance and care of your physician.



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Ask the Brayne...

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A. *The Trump Wine can be purchased at the Southington Wine & Spirit in The Wal-Mart Plaza, Rt. #10, Southington. At this time they only have the Red wine in stock.*

Q. Will we as Plainville tax payers have an opportunity to have a say about our next years budget? I am worried that the State Budget will do us in!

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Q. How do the contract snow plowers get paid by the hour or per storm?

A. *They get paid by the hour, time determined by the Road Supervisor, according to the storms.*

Q. How do I submit questions to you?

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

Thank you for this months questions. Please keep them coming.

I am still looking for the answer to the purpose of that large ROCK at the Little League Park? Can anyone help me?

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Thanks, Bill Brayne

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I have always had strong feelings for nature's plants and animals. This article will give a suggestion of the right ingredients to use for beautiful gardens and lawns.

Plainville has mostly sandy soil, left by a large Glacier thousands of years ago. So we should organically add to the soil.

Homeowners should first rake their lawns and clean out all beds thoroughly. Next cut back all deadwood from Perennials and Shrubs. Since the soil in Plainville is slightly acid, limestone should be added.

Now is the time to prune fruit and ornamental trees. This is done before the buds start to swell.

I only use organic plant nutrients on lawns, flower beds and gardens. The best addition to lawns, flower beds and vegetables is farm wormy dark rich compost. This can be spread 8"-12" on all areas and turned into great excellent soil without chemicals.

You will end up with safe, happy, stinky Kids and dogs when they play in the dirt. *R. Leahy*

I started with a poem so I'll end with a poem. Robert Frost is my favorite poet.....

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I am the Chairman of Americans for Constitutional Liberty.

Founded in 1974, Americans for Constitutional Liberty has attracted more than 695,000 members and supporters and is one of America's largest and oldest grass roots citizen action lobbies fighting to restore limited, Constitutional government in America.

Most Americans can see that our federal government in Washington, DC, is completely broken.

According to public opinion polls, Congress has a public approval rating of just 13 percent. Yet more than 90 percent of incumbents win re-election.

The reason it's become almost impossible to defeat a sitting Member of Congress is because Congress has rigged the rules to virtually ensure their re-election.

For example, Members of Congress are allowed to send out millions of letters to their constituents at taxpayers' expense.

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Our Battle Plan Summarized:

Our objective is to show Members of the House and Senate that they stand a real chance of losing re-election by opposing Term Limits. **Call your Congressman and U.S. Senators.**

Any Member of the House and Senate who refuses to sign on as a co-sponsor of this 28th Amendment to the Constitution limiting Congressional Terms, we must assume opposes this Amendment.

We will then alert their constituents (their voters) as to where they stand on this issue - on the side of perpetuating their own power instead of on the side of voters and what's good for America.

SECOND: We must generate a nationwide fire storm of voter demand for term limits. We do this by using radio, TV, and creating viral Internet messages (including videos) that reach tens of millions of Americans on the urgent need to end this corrupt Congressional oligarchy by pressuring Congress to immediately pass the 28th Amendment to the Constitution.

I will anxiously look to hear back from you. Sincerely, Peter Thomas Chairman, AMERICANS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTY

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But the American people won't stand for these abuses any longer. Right now, we have an opportunity to fight the pharmaceutical industry head-on.

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My name is Dan Rich and I'm a reader reporting in all the way from Lakeland, Florida! While I am a proud graduate of the University of Florida (GO GATORS!), anyone that knows me would tell you that the biggest sense of pride I share is the fact that I'm from Plainville, Connecticut.

While I don't currently reside in Plainville, it was my home for 18 years.

After graduating from Plainville High School in 2008, I pursued a scholarship and attended Western New England University. From there I leap frogged down south to Florida, where I attended law school at UF. I graduated in May of 2015, with honors, passed the Florida Bar Exam on my first attempt (pass rate is about 56% for first time takers) and started immediately at my current job in Lakeland, Florida.

Sadly, because I've ended up so far away from Connecticut literally NO ONE knows where Plainville is. Hence, whenever I'm asked where I'm from I respond with the same elevator speech: "I'm from a little town in Connecticut."

While at a homeowner association meeting for a new client I was approached by some residents and we got to talking about life. I must have had NOT FROM AROUND HERE tattooed on my forehead because Mrs. Jeannette Hinkson, a resident of the community, approached and asked me where I was from. I gave her my elevator speech and was surprised when she responded "I'm from Connecticut too, what part?" I responded proudly, chest out and all, that I was from Plainville, CT, home of the Blue Devils. I was floored when she quickly responded: "ME TOO!"

Mrs. Hinkson and I have kept in touch after the meeting and she helped me immensely as I prepared to defend her homeowner's association during a very hostile lawsuit. Like most lawsuits, this one is still ongoing; however, I was pleasantly surprised when I was sitting at my desk and was told by my assistant that I was getting calls because Mrs. Hinkson had mentioned me in her editorial column in the February edition of MY hometown's local paper – Plainville's Hometown Connection.

Words cannot describe the sense of pride and emotion that washed over me after reading Mrs. Hinkson's article. Please let this long winded email serve as a very gracious THANK YOU to Mrs. Hinkson and the entire staff at Plainville's Hometown Connection for taking time and space out of their newspaper to mention me! It truly was one of the proudest days of my life.

While I may no longer live in Plainville, that does not change the fact that Plainville, its small town feel and its caring citizens helped shape me into the person I am today – and for that I'm very blessed.

Hope everyone is enjoying the snow, and staying safe.

[I told Mrs. Hinkson I planned on writing this and she encouraged me to include a photo of myself from my firm website. Hence, the reason for the unsolicited glamour shot.]

Celebrating Excellence in Pool & Spa Building – Award Winners Announced

Plainville, CT based company wins NESPA Aboveground Pools: On-Ground, Merit Award



HAMILTON, NJ – – The Northeast Spa & Pool Association (NESPA) has recently named its winners in the 2016 Outstanding Achievement Awards - Builders Competition. In the aboveground pools category, local company, Paradis Pools, LLC of Plainville, CT has been awarded the Merit Award for their outstanding design of a pool.

The Awards Celebration for the 2016 Awards Competition was held at The Pool & Spa Show in Atlantic City on January 24th. The Pool & Spa Show is the premier tradeshow for the pool and spa industry where industry professionals gather to attend over 4 days in professional training as well as visit with companies producing the latest products and services for the industry.

This year more than four dozen companies submitted over two-hundred entries between the Builders Competition and the Service Competition resulting in 91 awards being given across both competitions' categories. Competition was once again high as these awards continue to be viewed within the industry as a benchmark of professional achievement.

Each pool was judged based on creativity, functionality, project cohesiveness and overall cohesiveness with the environment. The Outstanding Achievement Awards - Builders Competition recognizes NESPA members whose installation of pools, spas, hot tubs and water features represent the best our industry has to offer.

The Outstanding Achievement Awards: Builders Competition recognizes NESPA members whose installation of pools, spas, hot tubs and water features represent the best examples of the industry's products. Also, it is meant to provide other NESPA members with inspiration for their own creativity and innovation; therefore, expanding the opportunities for industry members and positive exposure to the public.

"We are extremely proud of our team. Each member of our staff contributed to this project. We are honored to receive this award from NESPA, and we will continue to strive for excellence with each of our future projects." – Kimberly Paradis-Gray General Manager, Paradis Pools, LLC

About Paradis Pools, LLC, 463 East St, Plainville, CT 06062

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About the Northeast Spa & Pool Association

The Northeast Spa & Pool Association (NESPA) is the Northeast affiliate of the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP). Founded in 1958, NESPA represents the pool and spa industry in the Northeast and serves members through extensive training programs, safety promotions, design competitions and compliance education. Connect with NESPA on Facebook and Twitter. Visit www.nespa.pool.org to learn more about the association.

Do you know a student or nonprofit that could use a scholarship grant?

Main Street Community Foundation is currently accepting scholarship applications from local students as well as grant applications from area nonprofit organizations through its competitive General Grant Cycle and the Plainville Community Fund. All guidelines, eligibility criteria and links to the applications are available on the Foundation's website, www.mainstreetfoundation.org.

Scholarships are being offered through the Community Foundation to local residents who wish to pursue their educational dreams. These scholarships target many diverse areas of study and are available to graduating high school seniors, currently enrolled college students and adult learners. The 2017 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. The deadline to submit scholarship applications is March 27, 2017, although there are a few exceptions so be sure to check the Scholarship Directory.

Nonprofit organizations serving Plainville residents may be eligible to apply to the Plainville Community Fund. All eligibility criteria and the link to the Foundation's Online Grants Center is on the Foundation's website. All proposals for the General Grant Cycle are due March 31, 2017, while all proposals for the Plainville Community Fund are due March 15, 2017.



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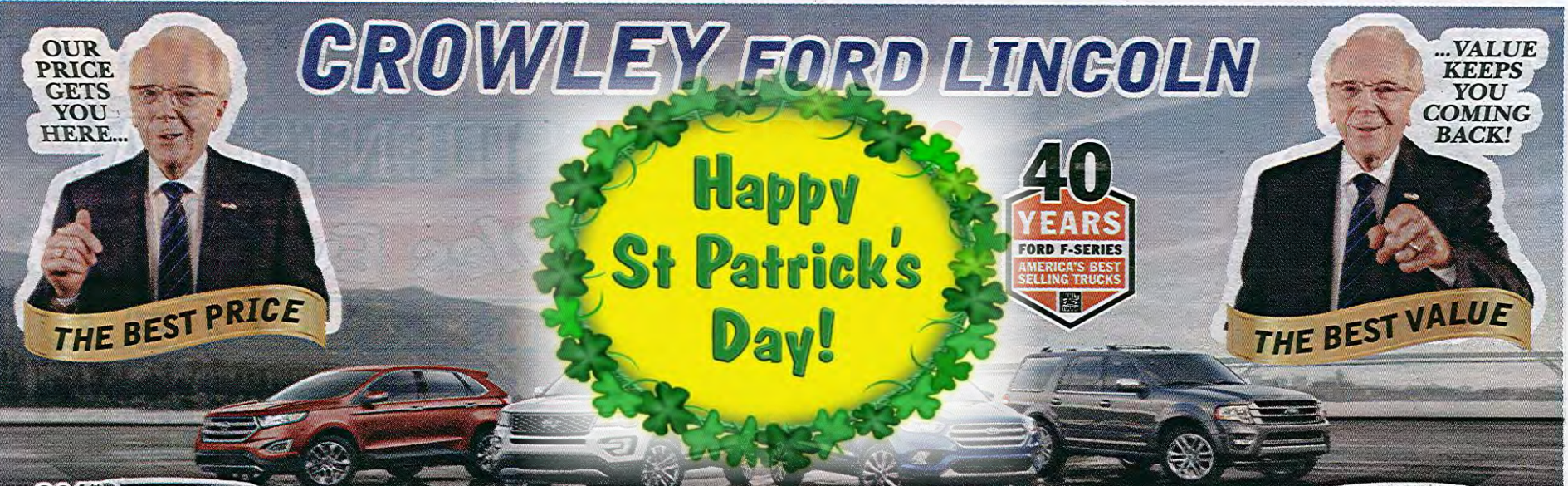
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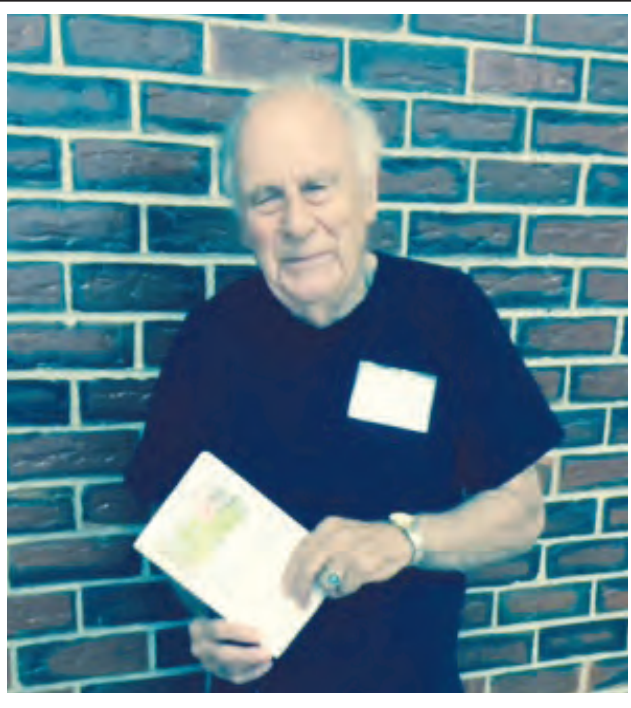


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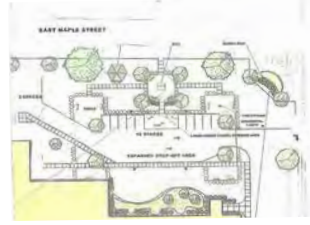


Executive Press Crew: Carol Belew, Chloe Lupton, Rob Crago - Owner, Holding the Award plaque and Annalee Couturier. Rob said, "This town has been good to me and very accepting, It is an unbelievable place to do business. Executive Press started with my father , myself and a part-timer out of High School. We have slowly been increasing and we now employ five people including myself." Val Dumais, Chairman of the EDA presented Rob the Award stating "You could have moved anywhere, but you moved across the street." "This space is helpful, but we've gotten even busier since we've moved here"

Walker Crane Presentation - Val Dumais, Chairman of the Plainville EDA presented the Award to Ed Roy, Walker Crane owner. Ed Roy said, " I didn't grow up here, but I enjoy being here. Business is good and steady, it is close to highway and the town offers us tax abatements. We could have moved to Farmington but Plainville was more affordable and more inviting. The whole town has been very welcoming to us from the first day we have bought land. We've been throwing the idea around of doing another addition in a year or two"

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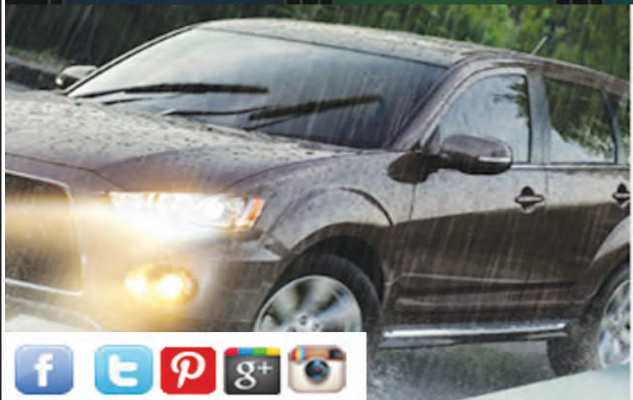
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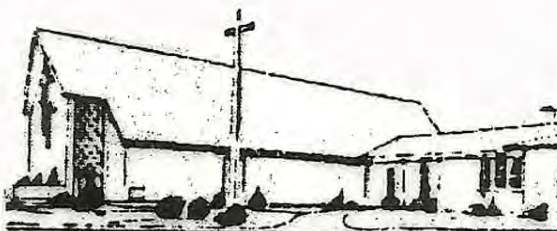
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Thank you, Avis Flanders

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Letter to the Editor:

Sometimes "No" is the Right Answer

Anyone who has gone shopping with children or lived within a budget knows that sometimes you need to say "no" to short-term requests and focus on longer-term needs. The same holds true for running our economy and government. We cannot always say "yes", but must decide where and when it is appropriate, affordable and sustainable given the uncertainties of the future and our limited resources.

Therefore, it is embarrassing to watch Democratic Party candidates struggle to convince people that Governor Malloy and their Democratic leaders in Hartford are managing the state professionally and successfully after almost 40 years of single-party control of the legislative agenda in Hartford. It is equally embarrassing to hear how Democrats don't accept Republican inputs on budgets and priorities because Republicans are the "party of no". This reminds me of my teenagers whining that adults are no fun, we always say no, we're just being mean and we don't understand.

Given the disastrous "progressive" tax and spend policies the Governor and Democratic Party have rammed through over the past few years, and the obvious negative consequences their unsustainable programs have had on our economy, educational system and competitiveness, it seems that "no" should have been the answer more of the time, if anyone cared to ask. Not one Republican voted for the last two record tax increases passed by the Governor and Democrats. Nor did any Republican vote for the last few budgets stitched together by the ruling-class since they were full of wildly optimistic assumptions about state revenues.

Even the top financial manager in Connecticut, State Comptroller Kevin Lembo, disagreed strongly with Governor Malloy and Democratic Party budget assumptions, but was ignored because he refused to go along with their agenda. And since the State Constitution requires a balanced budget, Democrats simply played fast and loose with revenue and expense assumptions until the numbers worked, on paper. This is not a budget that anyone with any integrity should vote "yes" for and the results have been incredibly bad as we see business, people and money leave the state in increasing numbers, while revenues miss every target, expenses go through the roof, and services get cut. And the worst is yet to come.

Governor Malloy and Democratic Party rule in Hartford are absolutely wrong for these times. Their tax and spend agenda is wrong, their support of unsustainable, overly generous state contracts is wrong, their desperate strategy to pay businesses to stay in the state is wrong, and their allegiances to left-wing special interest groups is wrong. If Democrats continue to have a strangle hold on our state's economy and social agenda without input from others, things will not change. We will continue to lose our businesses, our jobs, our future and our rights.

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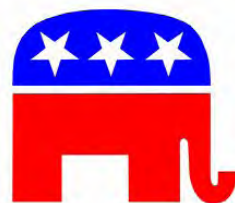


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OBITUARIES

~ Arthur "Artie" Canzonetti ~



65, of Bristol, formerly of Plainville passed away peacefully Thursday February 2, 2017 surrounded by his loved ones. He was the loving fiancé of Jacqueline Paradis.

Arthur was born August 9, 1951 in New Britain the son of the late Edmondo and Angela (Venturini) Canzonetti. He was a 1971

graduate of Plainville High School and had attended Tunxis Community College. He was the Chief Operating Officer for Oil Purification Systems in Waterbury, having worked there for many years.

Besides his long time fiancée Jackie, he leaves his loving daughter Angela J. Canzonetti and their puppy Chance with whom he made his home. He also leaves behind his daughters Kristina and Kathryn Canzonetti of Southington and Maggie Lawton of Kalamazoo, Michigan as well her son Carter. He will be remembered by many friends and loving family members.

Artie loved all sports, especially the Yankees and the Giants. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed golfing weekly with his friends. He was a family man and loved to entertain everyone. Artie and his daughter Angela enjoyed traveling together especially to their yearly vacation spot, Old Orchard Beach, Maine with their entire family. He will be missed.

Funeral services for Arthur were celebrated from the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville to Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville for a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be held privately.

~ William T. Connerty ~



of Plainville and Myrtle Beach, a former resident of Avon for 25 years, passed away Thursday February 9, 2017 at his home. He was the loving husband of Deborah (Carlson) Connerty.

Mr. Connerty was born in Paramus, New Jersey the son of the late William T. and Grace (Rice) Connerty, Sr. He was a graduate of Rutgers

University where he earned his Master of Business Administration Degree with honors as well as his Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He was also a member of Beta Gamma Sigma.

In his early years, he was proud to have had a tryout for the Brooklyn Dodgers and worked as a Civil Engineer in New Jersey. Mr. Connerty was Vice President for Pan Pacific, Xerox Realty, Prudential and Gilbane Properties and developed large scale commercial properties, including, 1000 Main Street in Hartford, the Xerox Centers in both Santa Ana, California and Hartford, the North American Life Center in Toronto, Canada, Goodwin Square in Hartford, the Arena Block in New Haven and the Combustion Engineering Joint Venture in Windsor and Bloomfield. Mr. Connerty also owned several print shops in the Farmington Valley and Portland and was the Vice President of several banks including Burritt bank in New Britain, where he met his wife Deborah. After his retirement he had worked part time for Secure America.

Mr. Connerty also served as a consultant for several organizations, including, the Salvation Army Camp Connri, the Science Center of Connecticut the East Hartford Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel, the West Hartford Interfaith Coalition and Interfaith Housing of Avon. He served as treasurer for Cub Scout Pack #122 of Avon, where he was also the chairman of the Pinewood Derby, served as a manager for Avon Little League Baseball, coached for both the Farmington Valley YMCA Basketball Program and the Avon Parks and Recreation League as well as coaching for the US Youth Soccer association and participated in many other volunteer activities in the 1990's, to enhance the growth and development of his son.

Besides his wife Deborah, he leaves his step daughter Sabrina Kukuc of Plainville, his son, formerly known as Michael T. Connerty of West Hartford, his grandson, Caleb, his former wife Barbara Connerty of North Carolina with whom he maintained a lasting friendship, his brothers and sisters-in-law, Jeffrey Carlson and Karen DeWitt of East Berne, NY, Larry and Diane Carlson of Farmington, Bruce Carlson and Dee Fitzpatrick of Unionville, Brian and Linda Carlson of Newington, Rosemary and Scot Flanders of Bristol and Dave and Sally Carlson of Florida, his cousin John Connerty of New York, several foster children and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Connerty were celebrated at the Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC 130 West Main Street. Burial in Forestville Cemetery will be held at a later date, upon the spring thaw.

~ Jeannot F. Dionne ~



76, of Plainville, CT, loving husband of Jeannine G. (Lavoie) Dionne, died at Hospital of Central Connecticut on Monday, February 13, 2017 after a long and hard fought battle with COPD.

Jeannot was born in New Brunswick, Canada to the late Paul and Edmee (Desjardins) Dionne. He retired in 1999

from General Motors after a 30 year career and was an active member of the General Motors Retirees Union. In his retirement, Jeannot was the ultimate handyman. He enjoyed doing special projects around the house for family and friends. There wasn't a project too difficult for him to take on. He always figured out how to build or install almost anything- he was a typical Frenchman. He enjoyed walking, playing cards and also participated in the Silver Sneakers program. But lately his favorite past-time was posting jokes and messages on Facebook. We will forever miss his fun Facebook posts!

In addition to his wife, Jeannot is survived by his daughter Elizabeth Dionne Beldin, of Florida, son's - Paul Dionne, of Broad Brook, Peter and wife Staci Dionne, of Bristol, Cory Dionne, of Meriden; step-daughters, Lynn Ouellete, of Bristol, and Lisa Lavoie and Carole Oat of Farmington; grandchildren, Patricia, Krista, Nolan, Nicole, Douglas, Christian and Haley; great grandchildren, Ethan, Elijah, Izaiah and Alivia and especially his "Mon-Ami" Demetrius; four brothers and four sisters-in-law, Norbert Dionne, of Bristol, Leonard and Geatone Dionne, of Bristol, Jean-Marie and Noella Dionne, of Bristol, Joe and Diane Dionne, of Florida, and Jeannine Dionne of Bristol; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Bernadatte Dube, of New Brunswick, Canada, Jeanna Dionne, of Florida, Marie-Ange and Emile Beaudoin, of Quebec, Canada, Mariette and Geaton Lefrancois, of New Brunswick, Canada, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and brother, Wilbrod Dionne.

Visitation for Jeannot was held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville, CT 06062. A celebration of Mass continued with a procession to Our Lady of Mercy Church, Plainville, CT. Burial will be at a later date at the family's convenience.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to all of his doctors, nurses and caregivers. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jeannot's memory to Bristol Hospital Home Care & Hospice, P.O. 977, Bristol, CT 06011-0977 or Hospital for Special Care, 2150 Corbin Ave, New Britain, CT 06053

~ John F. Huwe ~



60, of Plainville passed away peacefully on February 8, 2017 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain.

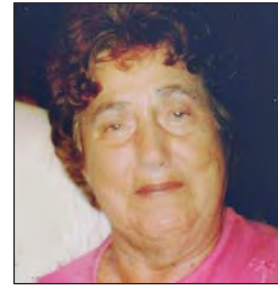
John was born on May 12, 1956, in Pittsburgh, PA, son to Rosemary (Demer) Huwe and the late Francis Huwe. He grew up in Pennsylvania and later relocated to Plainville

where he got involved with the restaurant business. His skills in the restaurant industry began with the Steak and Ale Restaurants Corporation then he went on to venture out on his own, becoming part owner of the infamous and ever so popular local restaurant, "J.Timothy's" in Plainville. He established his family in Plainville and had two wonderful children, Anthony and Hannah. John was a loving, generous, kind man who went out of his way for everyone. He was selfless, humble, and always ready with a joke or a funny story. Showing his roots, he was a diehard Pittsburgh sports fan. He enjoyed golfing and baking, but above all, spending time surrounded by his family and friends.

John is survived by his mother, Rosemary Huwe; his son, John A. Huwe, of Plainville; his daughter, Hannah Nothum and her husband, Bernie, of PA; his grandson, Roman Nothum, of PA; his siblings, Mary Francis Kuszaj, Daniel (Nancy), Pamela Battaglia (Thomas), Janet Dietrich (Peter), Carl (Julie), Patrick (Katie Bicknell), Joann Zeffiro (Jeffrey), Jane (Joel Schroeder), Laura Vlassich (Ronald), Peter (Jill), Lisa Hoover (Richard), Andrew (Michael), Trina (Pedro Aguilar); several nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family; and his family at J. Timothy's Restaurant.

Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in memory of John to the Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute at The Hospital of Central CT, 183 North Mountain Road New Britain, CT 06053.

~ Grazia (Forcella) Ettore ~



84, of Plainville, passed away on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain. She is now reunited with her beloved husband of 54 years, Nicola "Nick" Ettore, who predeceased her in 2008.

Born in Italy on January 1, 1933, she was one of four

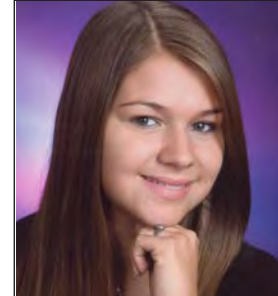
children to the late Filippo and Sophia (Pulcini) Forcella. She and Nick married in Italy in 1954 and settled in Plainville shortly after where they raised their five children. Grazia was well known for her passion for cooking, especially her much-loved meatballs and sauce that could never be duplicated. She began her career in food service at the former Inn Chablis in Plainville, and went on to work for the Silo in Farmington until her stroke in 1997. While that may have prevented her from continuing to work, she had a strong will and remained independent until less than a week ago. She enjoyed being outside in her yard, working in her garden, and soaking up the sun's rays each day. A woman of great faith, she was a longtime communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church.

A loving mother and grandmother, she will be missed dearly. Grazia leaves her devoted son and daughter-in-law, Giuseppe "Joe" and Debbie Ettore of Plainville; her daughters, Kathy, Amalia, Sophia, and Annette; her sister, Jennie Faiazza; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She also leaves her extended family, Antonio and Lidia Ettore, whose visits were much appreciated; Michelangelo and Yolanda Ettore, Marie Forcella and Ilda Forcella. She was predeceased by her brothers, Michael, Tomasso, and Ermanno Forcella.

Joe and Debbie extend their deepest gratitude to her caretakers, Anna, Janina, Irene, and Lucyna, who were instrumental in fulfilling Grazia's wishes to remain in her home.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Grazia's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church. She will be laid to rest next to her husband at a later date at St. Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. Plantsville Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.PlantsvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Elizabeth R. 'Liz' Moriarty ~



loving mother, daughter, granddaughter, and sister, 25, of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, February 3, 2017.

Elizabeth was born on May 11, 1991, in Meriden, CT daughter to Jennifer Moriarty Naparstek and Craig Naparstek, of Plainville,

and Edward Marchinkoski. Liz attended local schools, graduating from Plainville High School in the year 2009, as the Class President, voice of the morning announcements, and member of many other clubs and activities. Elizabeth continued her education at University of Connecticut majoring in accounting. She was an intelligent, beautiful person inside and out who enjoyed life to the fullest and savored much. She had a heart of gold; always willing to lend an ear to listen and understand, and was a friend to many, many people. She was an avid Red Sox fan and could always be counted on for having the camera to document her life adventures with friends and family. Elizabeth will be dearly missed by everyone she crossed paths with, as they continue to cherish the memories they share together.

Elizabeth is survived by her mother, Jennifer Moriarty Naparstek and her step-father, Craig Naparstek; her father, Edward F. Marchinkoski; her beautiful daughter, Izabella 'Ella' Renee Luponio; her sisters, Cassee and Tessa Naparstek; her grandparents, John Paul Moriarty, Mary Lou Marchinkoski, Dolores Kratzer, Muriel Naparstek and Edward A. Marchinkoski; her nieces, Grace Lynn and Amelia; and several cousins, aunts, uncles, extended family and friends.

A Service in Celebration of Elizabeth's life was held at the Christian Life Church, 496 Kensington Rd., Berlin, CT 06037 with Pastor Scott Shemeth officiating. Burial will follow in West Cemetery in Plainville. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations in memory of Liz to a fund set up for her daughter, Ella, at Farmington Bank.

OBITUARIES

~ Jon S. Curtis ~

74, of Plainville Passed away Thursday February 23, 2017 at Touchpoints of Farmington. He was the loving husband of Priscilla (Lasko) Curtis.

Jon was born July 23, 1942 in Poughkeepsie, NY a son of the late Sterling and Philomena "Fran" (Paroli) Curtis and has been a Plainville resident for the past 42 years. He was a graduate of Poughkeepsie High School and was a Tool and Die Maker working at B and F Machine in New Britain for over 20 years and retiring from Royal Machine in Berlin. He was an avid bowler, golfer and loved to play Ping-Pong.

Besides his wife Priscilla, he leaves his son, Michael Jon Curtis of Plainville, his brother, William Curtis of Arizona and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Jon were celebrated in Poughkeepsie. If desired memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association 2275 Silas Deane Highway First Floor N – Unit 9 Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

~ Robert W. Holland ~



67, of Plainville, passed away Thursday February 23, 2017 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. He was the loving husband of Nancy (Ragaglia)



Holland with whom he shared 47 years of marriage.

Robert was born April 15, 1949 in Miami, FL, a son of the late Jack Corey and Dorothy (Hooper) Holland and was a longtime Plainville resident. He had worked as a Cable Maintenance Supervisor for AT&T, retiring after many years of service. Robert proudly served his country in Vietnam in the United States Marine Corps., being honorably discharged in 1972. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Robert enjoyed trips to the casino with his family and friends, especially traveling to Las Vegas. He loved sports and was an avid fan of the Miami Dolphins.

Besides his wife Nancy, Robert leaves his son Bryan Holland of Plainville, his brother, Pete Schiessl of Lutz, FL, his grandchildren, Brandon Holland, Tyler Holland, Mikayla Holland and Lindsey Holland.

Funeral services in celebration of Robert's life were held at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial with military honors followed in Plainville West Cemetery. If desired memorial contributions may be made to Hartford Healthcare Home Hospice Care 1290 Silas Deane Highway Suite 4B Wethersfield, CT 06109.

For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit: www.BAILEY-FUNERALHOME.com.

~ Betty Jane "BJ" (Miller) LaBarge ~



79, of Plainville passed away Thursday February 23, 2017 at Shady Oaks Assisted Living in Bristol. She was the loving wife of the late John F. LaBarge.

Mrs. LaBarge was born August 14, 1937 in New Britain a daughter of the late Charles and Lillian (Lockery) Miller and was a longtime Plainville resident. She was employed by the State of Connecticut Department

of Corrections, retiring after many years of service. After her retirement she enjoyed RVing, especially traveling from Connecticut to Florida and back.

She leaves her children John LaBarge of New York, Renee LaBarge of Plainville, Michael LaBarge of Newtown and Michele Dozier of Southington, her brother Charles Miller of Bristol, her grandchildren, Ana, Michael, Desiree, Dean II, Matthew, Joshua, and Melaney, her great grandchildren, Alex, Gavin, Mathieu, Madeline, Dean, III and Grayson. She also leaves her canine companion, Truffles. Mrs. LaBarge was predeceased by her children, Debra Pisiakowski and Jeffrey LaBarge and her sisters, Barbara and Sandra Miller, as well as her prized service dog, Peewee.

BJ's family would like to thank the staffs of Shady Oaks Assisted Living, Vitas and Dr. Doris Altherr for all the care and comfort they provided.

Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society 701 Russell Road Newington, CT 06111.



~ Robert H. Miliski ~



73, of Plainville passed away Tuesday February 7, 2017 at his home. He was the loving husband of Carol (Hamelin) Miliski.

Robert was born July 17, 1943 in Hartford, the son of the late Henry E. and Catherine (Eckert) Miliski and has been a Plainville resident since 1978. He was a graduate of E.C. Goodwin Technical School in New Britain. Work was his passion and Robert was the

owner and operator of H.E. Miliski Co. Inc. /AAA Mobile Boiler Rental for many years.

Besides his wife Carol, Robert leaves his sister Arlene Hauser of MD and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother John Prytula.

Funeral services for Robert were celebrated from the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville and proceed to Our Lady of Mercy Church for a Mass of Christian. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Bristol. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Mercy Church 19 South Canal Street Plainville, CT 06062 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

~ Joanne M. Pavano ~



79, of Unionville CT, formerly of Plainville CT, passed away peacefully while surrounded by her family on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at Saint Francis Hospital. She was the loving and devoted wife of Tony Pavano.

Born on March 17, 1937 in Hodgdon ME, she was the daughter of the late Maryann and Merle Monahan. Joanne will always be remembered for her

loving spirit, her infectious laugh, her mad dash for the best bingo seat, her unbelievable intuition on picking the winning slot machine, believing that the main food group is dessert, and her never-ending shopping mall days where hours on end you could swear you were between a game of Where's Waldo and Hide and Seek. She gave of herself freely, loved her family more than herself and would never go a day without making sure everyone was happy. She believed life was too short to worry about things you cannot control and that pain was inevitable but suffering was optional. She had such a positive view on life. Her energy warmed hearts, created smiles and drew people in everywhere she went. She was and will always be unforgettable as she was an inspiration to us all.

She is survived by her brother Bobby Monahan of Houlton, ME, her sister Dorothy Nickerson of Presque Isle, ME, daughter Susan Ronzello and son-in-law Robert Ronzello of Farmington, CT, her son Dana Holmes and daughter-in-law Doreen Holmes of Thompson, ME, son David Holmes of Bristol, CT, son Jerry Holmes and daughter-in-law Linda Holmes of El Cajon, CA, 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her siblings Billy, Arlene and BettyLou.

Bailey funeral home 48 Broad Street in Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. A service in Celebration of Joanne's life was at the funeral home, Burial will be held in the spring in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. If desired memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association 5 Brookside Drive Wallingford, CT 06492.

~ Audrey L. (Holmes) Posadas ~

89, of Plainville, passed away on Thursday February 23, 2017 at Apple Rehab of Farmington Valley in Plainville. She was the loving wife of the late Philip "Gank" Posadas, with whom she shared 63 years of marriage.

Mrs. Posadas was born October 14, 1927 in Bristol the daughter of the late Charles and Doris (Osbourne) Holmes and was a longtime Plainville resident. Audrey was a homemaker who loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as her grand cats, Peachie and Tuckie. She was an avid reader and a lifelong member of the Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC. Audrey was a quiet soul who left this world as quietly as she came.

Audrey leaves her son, James Posadas and his wife Jackie of Plainville, her grandchildren, David Posadas and his wife Cindy and Shannon Hughes and her husband Tom, her great grandchildren, Megan and Ryan Posadas and Hannah and Zach Hughes. She was predeceased by her daughter Juana Posadas and her brothers, Budney and David Holmes.

Funeral services for Audrey with burial in Plainville West Cemetery will be celebrated privately by her family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Plainville Fire Company 77 West Main Street Plainville, CT 06062. The Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville has care of arrangements.

~ Donna Lee Zareck Preleski ~



69, of Plainville, died peacefully after a long, hard fought battle with cancer on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at The Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. She was surrounded by loved ones at the time of her passing. Donna was born January 23, 1948 in Bristol, to parents Adam Zareck and Rachel Root.

She leaves behind her husband, Peter Preleski, married in April 1969, and were married for almost 48 years. This loving mother also leaves behind two sons, Jonathan and Jason Preleski, both of Plainville, and two beautiful grandchildren, Sawyer and Zachary Preleski. Also surviving are her two siblings, Edward Zareck, of Plainville and Wanda Gidman, of Westerly Rhode Island. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews spanning across Connecticut, Maine, and New Jersey.

Donna graduated from Plainville High School and enrolled in the nursing program at EC Goodwin Tech later graduating as a RN in 1991 at the Greater Hartford Community College. She worked at Bristol Hospital as a LPN and RN for over 35 years. She devoted herself to her work and genuinely loved being a nurse.

Donna was an excellent baker with a sweet tooth. Enjoyed playing cards, reading mystery novels, gardening, and most of all spending time with her friends and family. Some of her favorite past times were camping, enjoying long drives to upstate New York to visit shaker communities, and taking summer vacations at Chapman beach in Westbrook, Connecticut.

She was the treasurer of the Sunshine Club for many years at Bristol Hospital and every Christmas she would go to the Plainville Food Pantry and donate clothes and toys for children in need. This beautiful person inside and out will be deeply missed.

A Service in Celebration of Donna's life was held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville. Burial followed in West Cemetery in Plainville. In memory of Donna, please consider making a donation to the Plainville Food Pantry, 54 S. Canal St., Plainville, CT 06062.

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Our Lady of Mercy Church

Weekend of February 26th

Homily of Deacon Michael Hai Le

Good morning everybody

(on Sunday Mass)

When I say: God is good, you say: all the time, and I say: all the time, you say: God is good. Let's begin! God is good all the time.....thank you! God is so good. The goodness of God and the love of God is undying, unending, unlimited, and inexhaustible.

We are here to give thanks to the Almighty God for the beauty of creation, for the gift of life when God provides for us the oxygen to breathe; we breathe for free without charge. I think that if Father John is God, he will sell oxygen on Amazon.com or ebay.com. It is a great business! Is it right, Father John? ...I am joking....Because it is necessary, we must have oxygen. We cannot live without oxygen in some seconds. Therefore, God is good ... all the time.

In today's Gospel, Jesus said: Do not worry about tomorrow! Do not worry about what we shall eat! What shall we drink? What shall we wear? Which car shall we buy? How much money we shall earn?.....above everything seek first God's Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

Some days ago, I watched a short video clip on my facebook telling about the reality of human life. I saw a man who was driving a Lamborghini on the road. Above his head was a helicopter, he said: "I wish I could buy a helicopter." A man who was driving a good car saw the Lamborghini said: "What a beautiful sports car! I wish I could afford it." Then, a

man who was riding a bicycle on the road said, "I wish I had a car too." Next, another man who was walking on the sidewalk said: "I wish I could purchase a bicycle." Finally, a man in a wheelchair thought I wish my legs were fine and I could walk.

How about you? What do you wish? To me, I wish I could be a big cheese like Father John.....lol....

My dear brothers and sisters, I would like to say: be grateful for what we have! Because when we are thankful for what we have now; we will end up having more. If we focus on what we do not have, we will never, ever have enough.

Today, Jesus highly recommends to you and me that we need to have the detachment from the material things, and must give our full attention to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. What does the Kingdom of God that Jesus means?

The Kingdom of God was the central message of Jesus and it was at the heart of Jesus' purpose on earth. The kingdom of God is for everyone who does God's will.

The Kingdom of God is not a visible thing, not a big building and not a location we can see on the map, but it is a person, a man's inner being, a transcendent reality.

The kingdom of God is always a present tense – it is now because God's movement, action and God's presence is in our midst, in our lives, right now, at this moment. Jesus Himself is the Kingdom of God because the Kingdom of God cannot be detached from the person of Jesus. Jesus is here, right now, in the Eucharist, at the sacrifice of the Mass. Jesus offers Himself through the priest at the altar, in an unbloody manner in the form of the bread and wine. Jesus is before us, so that we can adore and worship Him. Jesus abides in our hearts, so that we can love and unite with him.

My brothers and sisters, let us not just ask our Lord today for his Kingdom to come; but also ask him to show us how we can help him to make it a reality, to

build the Kingdom of God, here and now.

Saint John Paul II in the message of Redemptoris Mission - the Mission of the Redeemer described how we can help to build the kingdom, he wrote: "The kingdom aims at transforming human relationships; it grows gradually as people slowly learn to love, forgive and serve one another. [...]"

The kingdom is the concern of everyone: individuals, society, and the world. Working for the kingdom means acknowledging and promoting God's activity, which is present in human history and transforms it. Building the kingdom means working for liberation from evil in all its forms. In a word, the kingdom of God is the manifestation and the realization of God's plan of salvation in all its fullness." (#15)

Looking at the literal sense, the Church on earth is called to be the Kingdom of God. The Church's mission is to serve and to bear the witness for the kingdom, to be an instrument of the communion between God and men, and to value the things of the kingdom, such as peace, joy, freedom, justice and brotherhood.

We are the members of the kingdom of God; we need to make the kingdom of God present in our world, to carry out the mission, to go out to serve people by being full of courage, full of charity, full of peace, simplicity, and humility.

There are some ways to seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness: It is to obey God's commandments (to love God with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves). It is to know Jesus better and better through our daily prayer, through our daily Mass, and to help others to be closer to Jesus.

Finally, we are invited to pray this week about how we trust in God's providence and how we can help the Kingdom of God grow through our love, forgiveness, and through our service in our family and in our community. Amen!

OUR LADY OF MERCY BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, March 13th from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Parish Center 19 South Canal Street.

To make it easier to donate blood, please visit on the day of the blood drive before you have your blood drawn redcrossblood.org/RapidPass

What a wonderful way to give of ourselves during this Lenten Season by helping our brothers and sisters in Christ! Did you know that every two seconds someone in the United States needs a blood transfusion and your blood donation may help save as many as three lives. The American Red Cross asks healthy people to give blood regularly to help meet the need for blood throughout the year because it is perishable and must be continuously replenished. Those who can donate blood must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health.

Nearly Two-Thirds of Americans Don't Have

Living Wills — Do You?

WASHINGTON — It's a difficult topic for many to discuss let alone take action on. What are your legal health care wishes in the unfortunate chance you are incapacitated and can't speak or act for yourself?

With the nation's elderly population increasing, America's emergency physicians urge adults of any age to get their affairs in order when it comes to advance directives.

"A living will expresses your own health care wishes in written form if you were unable to verbally do so yourself, said Jay Kaplan, MD, FACEP, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians. "If you were in a coma from an accident, for example, and never wanted a feeding tube — your living will would need to say that."

Only about a quarter (26 percent) of Americans currently have an advance directive — like a living will, according to a 2014 study by the American Journal of Preventive Medicine. Lack of awareness was the top reason for why the majority do not.

National Healthcare Decisions Day is April 16th. There's a push to help people across the United States put in place an advance directive now before it is too late.

WHAT DOES ASH WEDNESDAY MEAN?

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

It is a moveable observance, six and one-half weeks before Easter. It was set as the first day of Lent by Pope St. Gregory the Great (590-604AD) with a total period including 40 weekdays of fasting before Easter. Ash Wednesday is from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting.

The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. It is a time to seek spiritual renewal by means of prayer, fasting, good works and bearing with patience and for God's purposes the trials and difficulties of everyday life.

"Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return" or "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel"

What is an Advance Directive?

An advance directive is a legal document stating your medical wishes if you were unable to express them yourself. They would include a power of attorney and living will. It states to your doctor and/or any health care worker what type of care you would want (i.e. no breathing tube, etc.) if you were too ill to tell someone yourself. You should know you are also able to change the documents at any time. It is also written when you are deemed competent and able to understand what these decisions mean and how they will affect you. Also, it is recommended you give a copy of the advance directive to someone (i.e. your doctor) so your wishes can be properly carried out (do not leave your advance directive in a safety deposit box where no one would be able to find it). However, each state has slightly different variations to their advance directive laws, so please refer to your local governmental authority or <https://www.uslivingwillregistry.com/> for further details.

What is a Living Will?

A living will expresses your own healthcare wishes if you were unable to do so yourself in the written form. For example, if you were in a coma (let's say, from an accident) and you never wanted to have a feeding tube placed. If you stated this in your living will, then a feeding tube will not be placed if this was documented in your living will advance

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directive. Some other living will directives may include whether or not to undergo dialysis, to donate any of your tissue or organs, and/or whether to have your heart restarted (either chemically or electrically) if it ever stopped. Again, your living will can be changed at any time and again, refer to your local state laws for specific governmental details.

What is a Power of Attorney?

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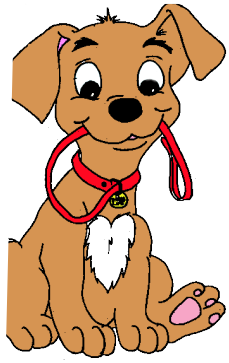


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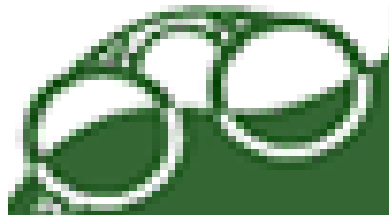
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