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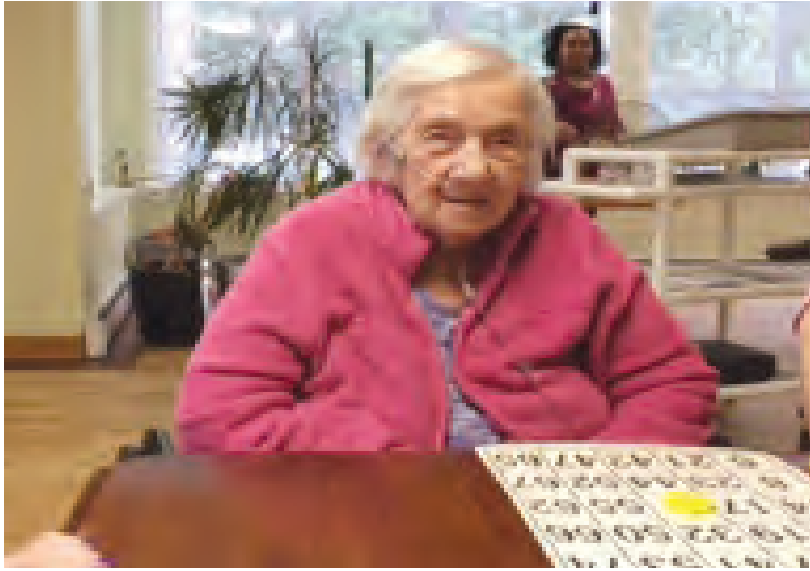
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What a Milestone! MARCH 9th Vera Cassile will Celebrate her 101st Birthday



Vera, a resident of Apple Rehab just won a "Bingo" when this picture was taken. Her son David and her daughter-in-law Susan are Plainville residents. Vera has 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Vera has certainly witnessed many firsts, airplanes, TV, Color movies, and the lists goes on. Saturday, March 9th will be a great celebration!

"Happy 101st Birthday, Vera!!"



Economic Development Agency

Cal Hauburger, Interim Economic Development & Special Projects Coordinator attended his first meeting with the Agency in February.

Val Dumais was re-elected Chairman and Joseph Kleoacki, Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Hauburger's first project is to update the available properties for development.

The 2018 Business Beautification Award will be presented to Andrea Wasley's Plainville Funeral Home on March 5th at 4 p.m.

To contact Cal Hauburger for information and assistance to prospective businesses in Plainville Call (860)793-0221 or email:



Cal Hauburger, Interim Economic Development & Special Projects Coordinator



Helen Bergenty Recognized for 62 Years of Service by Local Republicans

Gayle Dennehy, Plainville RTC Chairperson, presents Helen Bergenty, Plainville RTC Vice Chairperson with a plaque recognizing Helen's dedication of 62 years to national, local and state Republicans. The event was at the Back Nine Tavern, Stanley Golf Course in New Britain for the tri-town Lincoln Day Dinner celebrated by Plainville, New Britain and Farmington RTC's.

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Snow Days

by: Sally Miller

I watched the snow float slowly from the sky and remembered snow days of years past. School was never cancelled unless we had at least a foot of snow.

When school was cancelled, we had no fancy snow boards, or fancy sleds We used the top of aluminum trash cans, paper boxes which were broken down and if one of the children had a sled, 5 kids all jumped on at the same time. When that happened, the sled wouldn't move. We would snap frozen ice off of the shed and put them In our mouths until our tongues were frozen. We would make money shoveling. Nowadays, you can't find any children that will stop looking at their tablets, androids or computers to enjoy or make money shoveling snow. It is not even in their realm of thought

One of my favorite things to do on snow days was to make ice cream from fallen snow. Mom would take a bowl and let fresh fallen snow fall into the bowl. We would add milk, vanilla and sugar and have the best ice cream in the world. We would then sit with our face in our hands, elbows on windowsills and watch the snow fall. I miss those simple, wonderful days. Thanks for the memories MOM and for taking the time to teach us how to enjoy a snow day.



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Plainville Chamber of Commerce

111th Annual Plainville Chamber Awards

The following categories will be presented at the annual dinner:

- Business of the Year, Distinguished Community Leadership Award
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For those interested in attending, please contact the Chamber at plvchamber@snet.net Thank you for your help to recognize members of our community who are creating a positive impact on the Plainville economic community.

Dinner will be on April 23rd at Nuchie's

Take a peek..



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Property Transfers

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41 Cottage St: Magdalena Logan of Plainville to TWN Development LLC \$135,000 on 1/25/2019
64 Dewey Ave: Steven J. Swets of Plainville to Ashley S. Brown, \$168,000 on 1/23/2019
2 Diana Dr: Devin and Sasha Rask of Plainville to Spencer Dagostino, \$200,000 on 1/25/2019
9 Dickman Rd: Ala D. and Judd A. Lemrise of Plainville to Wieslaw Narewski and Zofia Narewska, \$228,000 on 1/24/2019
24 Hough St: Richard L Saunders of Plainville to LE Properties & Inv LLC, \$88,000 on 1/22/2019
24 Ledge Rd: CR 2018LLC of Plainville to Daniel M. Knight, \$43,000 on 1/23/2019
123 Whiting St: Whiting & Broad Street Assoc of Plainville to 123 Whittings St LLC \$3,525,000 on 1/28/2019
190 Tomlinson Ave Unit 2e: Laura J. Augustine of Plainville to Kevin Greatorex, \$133,400 on 1/29/2019
141 Camp St Unit 1: Oak Land Developers LLC of Plainville to Michelle Rogan, \$270,000 on 1/30/2019
39 Farmington Ave Unit D1: Scott D. and Andrea C. Saunders of Plainville to Sarah M. Santoro, \$120,000 on 1/31/2019
20 Robidoux Dr: James E. and Robin H. Mills of Plainville to Kristin Boyles, \$211,700 on 1/31/2019
.17 Atwood St: FFLM of Plainville to Lockhart Realty Mgmt, \$102,500 on 2/4/2019
24 Crown St: Unit 24: 1820 Crown St Partners of Plainville to Raymond Carroll, #309,000 on 2/6/2019
Samuels Xing Unit 89: JNS Development LLC of Plainville to Adilson Garcia-Degodoi, \$28,500 on 2/5/2019
34 Sandstone Rd Unit 34 JNS Development LLC of Plainville to Carrier Holdings LLC, \$300,000 on 2/5/2019
45 W Main St: Zissis Tatsis of Plainville to Poulos Assoc LLC \$25,000 on 2/4/2019.

To: All Hometown Readers:

The volunteers in the Hometown Advertising Department said that some prospective advertisers that they visited recently wanted to know "how come we never stopped in before?"

In case you didn't know the paper is run by "All volunteers", many of them have full time employment and do this as a hobby.

We don't have reporters, all the articles are submitted by people that like or want to share news of interest. You are welcome to submit stories of interest by submitting it before the 15th of the month for the following month's issue.

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

Monday, -February 4

Department of Transportation Easement Request - Municipal Center Intersection

- The State D.O.T. is planning to replace the traffic signal in front of the Municipal Center. They plan to install a system that relies on infrared cameras to determine the volume of traffic rather than the trip sensors in the street.
- As part of this replacement it is necessary for the State to obtain an easement from the Town in order to install the necessary equipment. A copy of the proposed easement map was included in your meeting materials.
- The easement area constitutes 2,231 square feet and the State is offering the Town \$2,000 for its acquisition. Town staff has reviewed the proposed easement and have no issues with what has been proposed.
- New pedestrian crossing push buttons as well as concrete ramps and sidewalk curbing will be replaced in certain areas.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this request.

Fiber Discussion

- There have been two work sessions of the Town Council regarding the installation of fiber to connect Town facilities, including four major pump stations to the waste water treatment plant. The total estimated cost of the project is \$711K. The recommended sources of funding for the fiber project are as follows: The Capital Improvement Plan has \$200K already allocated to this project. \$250K is proposed to come from the WPC Phosphorus upgrade project and \$25K from an E-Rate grant. The remaining \$237K would come from the CIP Budget over the next five years.
- This project would provide a myriad of benefits to all Town and school departments by providing high speed internet services to all of their facilities. Because the Town would own the fiber, there would be cost savings as the Town would no longer have to pay for certain internet connections and the fiber would allow for "voice over IP" phone service resulting in additional costs savings going forward. It is estimated that the annual cost savings after installation would be in the vicinity of \$42,500 in the first year and increasing by at least two percent per year going forward.

- But what is as important as the cost savings is the fact that the fiber will take care of a weakness in the police communications existing system that relies on its connection to the repeaters that are located at the CT Commons and Toffolon School. Those connections are via rented T1 lines and a myriad of switchgear that can compromise the system in the case of failure or during a natural emergency when the power may be out for a long period of time.
- The fiber project would eliminate this potential weakness in the police communication system.
- It should be noted that only \$37K+/- would be requested in the FY20 Budget if the project was approved as proposed with future allocation of \$50K +/- over the next four years. With the potential costs savings, the net cost to the project would be in the \$25K to 45K range depending on how the remaining balance is financed.
- There is an item under New Business that would authorize the use of \$250K towards the fiber installation and up to \$150 K to make improvements to the treatment plant and four pump stations as part of the WPC Phosphorus Upgrade project. There are sufficient monies available in the project contingencies account to fund this portion of the project. However, in order for the fiber project to be incorporated with the WPC Phosphorus upgrade, a decision must be made as soon as possible. A decision on whether or not to internally finance the remaining \$200K through the sewer fund can be made at a later date.

Fire Truck Purchase

- At the December 17, 2018 meeting the Town Council authorized the Fire Truck Committee to negotiate with Bulldog Fire Apparatus for the replacement of Engine 2. The Fire Truck Committee is recommending the purchase of Engine 2 in the amount of \$674,670. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.
- If approved, the Fire Truck Committee will negotiate with Bulldog Fire Apparatus for the purchase of the Tower replacement with the remaining funds from the referendum authorization of \$1,425,330. I have spoken to the Vice-President of KME regarding whether this amount is sufficient to purchase the tower and he has assured me that it is. He will provide documentation

that the tower purchase will be in line with bid prices that have been submitted through one of the national sales cooperative contracts system. This would insure that the purchase price is in line with a bidding process.

Augmented Reality

- Last summer, the Town Council heard a presentation from Adam Reiser from Augmented Reality regarding his proposal to represent the Town of Plainville in all matters related to Augmented Reality (AR) advertising and marketing. At that time the Town Attorney was directed to perform some research and report back to them regarding the possible legal ramifications of such technology.
- The Town Attorney opinion was included in the meeting information package.
- The Town Attorney is recommending that "the Town should proceed with caution understanding that the legal landscape on this technology may change rapidly".
- The proposed agreement is for two years. There is no obligation for the Town to pay anything to Augmented Reality unless they are able to secure a proposal that is satisfactory to the Town Council. Augmented Reality, represented by Adam Reiser, believes that there is a market for this new technology which could have a monetary benefit to Plainville.
- It is recommended that the Town give Augmented Reality the opportunity to see if such a beneficial arrangement can be secured. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

Road Bond Bids

- Town staff is preparing plans to complete the final year of the Road Bond Program. They are proposing that the Town purchase catch basin tops and other related products from United Concrete Products in an amount not to exceed \$75K. Town staff is also recommending that concrete blocks and bricks be purchased from Cromwell Concrete in an amount not to exceed \$25K. Both of these companies are the low bidder through the state bid process.
- Town staff is also recommending that bituminous concrete materials be purchased from Tilcon in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. Tilcon was a low bidder under the state bid process as well.
- Finally, Town staff is recommending that Jones Construction be engaged to perform the construction, repairs and adjustments to various catch

basins in an amount not to exceed \$50K. Jones Construction was the low bidder for this work last year and has agreed to hold their prices at the same amount for this year as well.

- There are several items under New Business regarding these recommendations.

Farmington Canal Trail Update

- Last Tuesday evening there was a Public Information Session in New Britain to discuss the proposed east/west alignment between Downtown Plainville and the CTfastrak Station in New Britain. There were approximately 25 people in attendance. The plan is to have the trail primarily alongside Woodford and White Oak Avenues that would be separated with a barrier. Once it reaches the area around Tilcon, the trail would be placed off road adjacent to the highway on the outside of the existing sound barrier.
- Approximately 97%+ is planned to be "off the road". Comments were solicited and CRCOG and VHB (the consultants) will review them and consider possible changes to the proposed alignment.
- It is anticipated that CRCOG and VHB will be making a presentation to the Town Council at a future meeting regarding the proposed route to New Britain.
- Additionally, last week Town staff met with D.O.T and CRCOG staff to discuss the design phase of the north/south route (Alignment C) through Plainville. The D.O.T. staff will be designing the trail through Plainville.
- The first step is to gather survey information and to determine the location of wetlands and other environmental information along the proposed route. The survey work is expected to begin in about one month.
- D.O.T. staff indicated that there will be opportunities during the process for public input on the proposed design. They are anticipating that it will take up to a year to perform the survey work and wetlands determination. They also said that a final plan would be completed no earlier than December 2021 with possible construction beginning in 2022.
- It is anticipated that the trail could be constructed in phases with the first phase being from Town Line Road to Norton Park. Town staff will provide updates as the design process moves forward.

Town Happenings

**Reports By: Scott William Colby Jr.,
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**UNABLE TO ATTEND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS?
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Manager's Report Town Council

Tuesday, February 19

Library Update – Trish Tomlinson

Library Director Trish Tomlinson is here this evening to update the Town Council on Library activities. Mrs. Tomlinson was appointed as the Library Director approximately nine months ago.

Town Council March Meeting Schedule

- The Town Manager's Proposed Budget will be presented to the Town Council on March 4th. A Public Hearing on the proposed FY20 Budget is recommended to be held on Thursday, March 7th at 7:00 pm in the Town Council Chambers. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.
- Budget workshops are generally held the second and third weeks of March. These budget workshops are considered "special meetings" of the Town Council.
- There is an item under New Business that would schedule these special meetings. Once the special meetings are established Town staff will make arrangements with Nutmeg TV to have them recorded for citizen viewing. All workshops are open to the public as well.

Financial Dashboard

- The Financial Update for the period through January 31st will be presented by Scott Colby. The report has been posted on the Town website.

Happenings

PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, February 26,
INTRODUCTION TO
OVERDRIVE

This free presentation was an introduction to one of the latest services being offered at the Plainville Public Library. Overdrive is an application that will allow you to download e-books, audiobooks and magazines to your phone or tablet.

Wednesday, February 27, 10:00 a.m. **THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER WALK**

The rails to trails path along Route 4 in Avon is a favorite of many area walkers. But have you ever wondered about the path on the other side? Join us on this walking tour to find out!

Thursday, March 14, 1:00 p.m. **DO YOU HAVE ACID REFLUX?**

Learn natural ways to prevent heartburn and medications that can improve stomach acid or make things worse.

Friday, March 15 to Monday, April 15 **BETTY BOUKUS MONTH OF SERVICE**

Volunteer to do something kind for someone else – let the senior center know of your good deed and be listed on the Month of Service Poster at the Senior Center and the Municipal Center. Go to www.plainvillect.com and look for "Betty Boukus Month of Service" on the Town website for more information and sign-up form.

Charges dropped for woman accused of abusing animals

By JUSTIN MUSZYNSKI
@MUSZYNSKIBP

PLAINVILLE — Twenty-four counts of animal cruelty charges have been dropped against the former owner of the Almost Home animal shelter, which was found in 2015 to have been housing animals in poor living conditions.

Meda Talley, 59, completed a first-time offender

program that allowed a judge to dismiss the charges against her, officials said at her hearing Wednesday in Bristol Superior Court.

The program, Accelerated Rehabilitation, required her to complete a number of conditions, including a \$200 donation to a fund set up for crime victims, avoiding any new arrests, owning no more than four animals and to have no involvement with any animal shelters.

Talley came under fire shortly after opening the Almost Home animal shelter in July 2015. According to the arrest warrant, a Plainville animal control officer received complaints about the condition of the shelter about two weeks after the facility opened.

The officer said she repeatedly found the shelter, which was housed in two garage bays, smelling like feces and urine, and said she made

several attempts to instruct Talley on how to provide clean conditions for the animals.

During visits by the ACO, several animals in the facility were found with no water, the warrant said. Many of the animals were also sleeping in cages filled with urine and feces that were too small to allow them to move, according to police.

Some of the animals were sick or injured and needed medical care, but Talley allegedly lied about which veterinarian she used and attempted to get a different veterinarian to write a letter stating she was a good animal owner and that she used the vet's animal hospital, according to the warrant.

Additionally, volunteers of the shelter were allegedly placing linens on top of urine and feces instead of cleaning up cages, the warrant said, and cats with kittens were nursing in their litter boxes because they had no room to lie down, the document continued.

In December 2015, police seized 43 animals from Almost Home before the shelter was shut down. The town cared for the animals before they were adopted.



Meda Talley

Justin Muszynski can be reached at 860-973-1809 or at jmuszynski@bristolpress.com.

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860-793-0221 Ext. 256

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Plainville Democrat Registrar of Voters

860-793-0221 Ext. 255

Christmas Tree Collection Update

- The Christmas tree collection was completed by the Roadways Department. A total of 624 trees were collected and brought to the Transfer Station for disposal.

Grand List

- The October 1, 2018 Grand List is complete and has been signed by the Town Assessor Ann Marie Herring. The Grand List, after exemptions, totals \$1,396,621,830. This is an increase of \$7,726,971 from the previous Grand List.
- The 0.56% increase included real estate increasing by \$5.6M (\$2.4M last year), Personal Property increasing by \$1.6M (\$2.7M last year) and Motor Vehicles increasing by \$524K (\$2.75M last year). Overall, the October 2018 Grand List would generate \$261,481 under the current mill rate of 33.84.

HAPPENINGS

PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

QUESTIONS FOR THE SOCIAL WORKER, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11 at 12:30 P.M.

Do you have questions about Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Part D, or housing options? Or do you want to know where to find Alzheimer's help or Homecare? Stephanie Soucy will be available to meet individually with Plainville residents aged 60 and over. No registration needed.

UKULELE DEMO, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14 at 10:30 A.M.

Come to a free demo and learn how easy it can be to play the ukulele. Prior students will give a short concert. Call the Senior Center 860-747-5728 to sign up beginning February 6.

UCONN WOMENS BASKETBALL

There are two great opportunities to the UCONN Women's Basketball team play at Gampel in Storrs, CT. These are two weekend daytime games.

February 9 – Temple University

Tickets and transportation cost is \$28, due at registration. The bus leaves the Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. and arrives in time for lunch (on your own). Arrive back in Plainville approximately 4:30p.m Game times at 1:00 p.m. You can also drive yourself and just by the tickets from the Senior Center at \$20 each. Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

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2019 Elizabeth Harding Norton Trust

The Elizabeth Harding Norton Trust, at its January 22, 2019, Trustees Meeting announced in December 2018 the Trust awarded grants totaling \$15,281.63 to sixteen Central Connecticut not for profit organizations. Since its inception the Elizabeth Harding Norton Trust has awarded over \$500,000 in grant assistance to support projects sustaining youth within the central Connecticut area.

The 2019 Elizabeth Harding Norton Trust Grant Recipients:

Plainville High School Tech/Ed Bike Repair
 Friends of Norton Park Concerts
 Plainville Community Food Pantry
 Plainville Community Schools SREAM Night
 Plainville Community Schools MSP Music and Literature
 Plainville Community Schools MAP ALLY Training
 PARC Camp Trumbull
 Plainville Rotary Club-Backpacks for underprivileged
 Plainville Family Fun Fest
 Wheeler YMCA Project Graduation
 Toffolon Elementary School- History Times
 New Britain Symphony YPC Mini Concert series
 Plainville Community Schools Color Run
 New Britain Museum of American Art – Art for Plainville Schools
 Plainville Community Schools Volunteer Programs
 Plainville Early Learning Center

In March of 1986 it was determined by the Trustees of the former Plainville General Hospital Association Inc., the need for a General Hospital in Plainville was not essential and there was better use for the funds in the community. The Elizabeth Harding Norton Trust and what is now the Wheeler Clinic received a significant portion of this funding. The stated purpose of the Elizabeth Harding Norton Trust: "This Trust is created and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, within the United States or any of its possessions; provided, that the central purpose of this trust shall(at all times, however, within the above limitations), be to promote the well-being of the inhabitants of the community comprising the town of Plainville and vicinity."

Since its inception in 1986 the Elizabeth Harding Trust has been managed by volunteer Trustees, who annually request and review grant applications from area not for profit organizations providing services outlined within the charter of the Trust. Elizabeth H Norton, daughter of Charles H. Norton was born in 1894 and resided in Plainville her entire life, The Norton family was one of the area families highly involved in the proposed establishment of the Plainville General Hospital.

For Information please contact: Foster S. White
(860)747-4907 fosterwhite@comcast.net

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Baseball, Free Agency, and Economics

By Francis Rexford Cooley

A number of free agent players, their agents, the Major League Players Association (MLPA), and sportswriters have bemoaned the lack of "big" free agent contracts signed this year. These critics of the current system of free agency cite the failure of Manny Machado, Bryce Harper to sign 10-year \$300 million contracts as evidence the system is broken. However an analysis of the top free agents still unsigned as pitchers and catchers report for spring training shows a system adjusting to the economic realities of the game and player value.

The Sporting News published a list of the top seventy-nine free agents for this year's Hot Stove League, as of the opening of training camps (Feb. 14th) fifty-eight have signed contracts leaving twenty-one still unsigned. The question critics of the current system ask is "how can ball clubs not sign these great players?" Well the answer is simply many are too costly to be a good investment due to length of the contract the players want, the player's age, declining skills, and future drop in expected performance. Baseball teams, like any business, hire workers to provide labor to make and sell the product of the business. For baseball it is about filling the seats in the stadium, the getting viewers and listeners for the broadcast of the games on a variety of media platforms (TV, radio, internet streaming, etc.), and the selling of copious amounts of team memorabilia. What attracts fans are well-played games and the winning of championships, which as any Red Sox fan can attest this off-season, sells team memorabilia and lots of tickets to the games.

So why haven't these "best" free agents been signed? Don't teams want to win? Yes they do but getting a great player at too high a cost can do more damage to a team than the benefit of having the player on the field. Both Manny Machado and Bryce Harper are extremely gifted athletes but their desire (and that of their agents) to have teams sign them

to ten-year \$300 million dollar contracts is essentially competitive suicide for the team that signs either of them. The Los Angeles Angels signing of Albert Pujols is a good illustration of this principle. Pujols, a future Hall of Famer, signed a huge 10 year contract with the Angels for the 2012 season. Injuries and age have led to the inevitable decline in production as Pujols' batting average, on-base percentage, and power numbers have dropped (though still good for many players). Pujols' \$28 million salary for 2019 is over 16% of the Angels total payroll. Given that teams have twenty-six players on the active roster and a forty-man roster to pull active players from Pujols' salary limits the Angels ability to improve the rest of the team roster (and this is a team with Mike Trout, one of the game's best outfielders). Pujols is signed through the 2021 season and the Angels have little chance to win until his contract is off the books. Why would any team sign such a contract? While both Harper and Machado are talented the back end of a ten-year contract is for the team signing them a disaster. While a few very wealthy teams have absorbed awful contracts and maintained competitiveness like the Yankees, with Jacoby Ellsbury, and the Los Angeles Dodgers, who will be paying \$39 million in salary this year to players no longer on their roster, the vast majority of teams cannot absorb such a contract and put a competitive team on the field. Thus as good as Harper and Machado are their contracts demands may be deemed excessive.

While Harper and Machado are receiving the most attention a number of other free agents unsigned are similarly problematic to sign to long-term contracts. Craig Kimbrel, who played for the World Series Champion Red Sox last season, has been one of the top closers in MLB for the past seven years. He is seeking around \$100 million for four to five years. Kimbrel had increasing bouts of wildness and health issues the last two years and was replaced as closer in the World Series shows the possible signs of a quick decline historically epidemic among relievers (see Mitch Williams and Jonathan Papelbon). He, along with Dallas Keuchel, and Gio Gonzalez, are pitchers thirty years or older who are statistically past peak performance and cannot be expected to duplicate their best years. While a team may offer a high salary, the Red Sox offered just over \$17 million for 2019 but Kimbrel chose free

agency, few will offer multiple years of what could become "dead money" (the Red Sox will pay Pablo Sandoval, who was released in 2017, \$18 million this season then buyout his contract for another \$5 million).

The vast majority of remaining free agents are players in their thirties who have played with multiple teams in the past few seasons, pitcher Adam Warren has been traded twice since 2016 and pitcher Tyler Clippard has played for seven teams since 2015, or been injured recently like Ervin Santana and Clay Buchholz, or are just trying to hang on in the game like Edwin Jackson, James Shields, and Evan Gattis (who averages a strikeout every fourth at-bat). A few are unfortunates like Mike Moustakas, who won a World Series at third base with the K.C. Royals, who is viewed as the consolation "prize" behind Machado who will "set the market" for Moustakas.

In analyzing this year's free agent market in baseball we see a system that is actually working. Teams have learned not to sign extended contracts which lead to a prolonged period of non-competitiveness. The average major league salary was \$4.52 million for 2018 with just over 54% of revenues going to player salaries. What has changed over the 2018 and 2019 free agent periods is teams shying away from long-term deals of five or more years and seeking more options earlier in contracts to limit teams exposure to "dead money." While critics may bemoan the lack of huge six to ten year deals being made, for the teams and their fans such a change is probably a positive.

Francis Rexford Cooley is an Independent Scholar living in Plainville.

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Regional YMCA for a Senior Water Fitness class.

The Plainville Community Fund was established at the Main Street Community Foundation by a group of Plainville leaders in early 2006 to create an additional resource for charitable projects and programs that would enhance the lives of Plainville residents.

The Main Street Community Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for both present and future generations in the communities served by encouraging and promoting gift planning, prudent stewardship of assets, effective grant making and community leadership. A nonprofit public charity, created by private citizens, the foundation works with donors in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott who wish to build permanent charitable endowments to support their communities.

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The event will take place on Saturday March 23rd at 1:00 PM at the Plainville Historic Center at 29 Pierce Street. Elevator access is available. Refreshments will be served and as always, the programs of the Plainville Historical Society are offered free of charge to all interested persons.

The Society can be reached at 860-747-6577 or through email at plvhistorical@gmail.com. Society events and other information on local history can also be followed on the Facebook page of the Plainville Historical Society.

Keep Your Eyes and Ears Open! Coming Soon....

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The Board used a performance evaluation tool focusing on four general areas: Educational Leadership, Organizational Management, Community and Board of Education Relations and Personal/Professional Qualities and Relationships.

Here are some of the highlights:

- Dr. Brummett faced considerable challenges due to the financial instability in state funding and was most effective in accommodating mid-year reductions.
- Dr. Brummett created, revised and presented the 2018-2019 budget, which linked directly to current student and instructional needs.
- A process was developed and maintained that provided the Board with timely information on goal attainment on the District's Strategic Plan.
- Dr. Brummett continued to work on the established goals for the 2017-2018 school year including providing the Board with expanded data during budget sessions.

The Board then established a few goals for the school year 2018-2019 that we believe will keep the district moving in a positive direction:

- Provide guidance to the Board in establishing a self-evaluation process to assist in developing and attaining their goals.
- Focus on improved utilization of the student liaisons to the Board.
- Continue to enhance communication to the Board members.
- Consider the use of a different tool for the Superintendent's annual performance evaluation.
- Expand communication regarding Board action and the strategic plan.

During the past year the Board has been very happy and pleased with Dr. Brummett's continued focus on students, teaching and learning. Dr. Brummett has shown great initiative in working with the Board, Town and community to achieve the goals set forth for the Plainville Community Schools. We are pleased to extend her contract and offer a 2.56% increase for the 2018-2019 school year.

Please contact Deb Hardy Chairperson, if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Plainville Board of Education

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From My Balcony

By: Jeannette Hinkson

Now I am sure the people elected to run our country are really off their rockers. Does anyone understand what some of the "Green new deal is about?"

The new young senator from New York, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez wants to get rid of cows. Yup, cows, and the reason why is because they "fart!" Yes, fart! News flash; every man, woman, child and living being farts or I can only assume they would blow up or at least be very uncomfortable to say the least. It is a normal bodily function.

Does this young lady not fart? Maybe someone should ask her and if she says she doesn't then she is as full of hot air and other solids, as I believe, her and her fellow senators are if they are going along with her.

Can you just imagine telling the people of countries where cows are considered sacred they have to get rid of their cows because some wacko in the United States of America says they fart? The problem is so many people are listening to this girl, I feel, no one has a mind in government and any new idea must be all right. For the past two plus years they have questioned everything the President has done his entire life as well as anyone he has ever had contact with yet, we had a former Secretary of State, who ran for president and lost I might add, told so many lies, to not just Congress but to the people, saying an attack on our embassy where the U.S. Ambassador and some brave men were killed, was caused by a movie and then had the nerve to say, "WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE," on national TV? She deleted her emails

trying to hide what she did and I feel the FBI and the DOJ covered for her. She was instrumental in the deal to sell off our uranium to a Canadian company, who then sold the uranium to the Russians and that company then donated millions to her family foundation and nothing was done about it. Could that be Russian collusion?

Now, with all the problems we are facing with migration, violence at every turn and the average family trying to keep their heads above water and the big thing we are expected to put as our top priority is cow farts? Can you imagine what the rest of the world is saying about our leaders, they must be laughing so hard they probably pooped in their pants! What are you going to do about Senator Cortez and the rest of your party that agrees with you?

Remember no more milk, cream, ice cream, butter, meat, fancy leather pocketbooks, shoes or the million of things provided by cows, not to mention all the people who will be out of work.

Did anyone see her advisor? He looks like something that fell from a nut bearing tree and it scares me to think how many other Senators that are hanging on her every word.

Dairy farmers and cattle ranchers should take their cows on a good old fashion cattle drive right through the neighborhood where Senator Cortez lives and then right down into Washington to the halls of the Senate and Congress. Perhaps when those cows deposit enough cow dung, Nancy, Chuck and the rest of those politicians listening to Cortez will realize how full of crap they are!

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

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

{Jack faves}

I started taking flying lessons at Interstate Aviation last fall and as soon as the weather breaks I will finish my training. The instructors are the best, I will be able to solo in less time then I thought I could. I am happy we have an airport right here in town!

{Joan raves}

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If you are a grandparent/relative raising grandchildren and are interested in learning more about these support groups, please contact the Plainville Senior Center, 860-747-5728.

If you would like to join the Plainville AARP Chapter and help support various community organizations that focus on our senior citizen needs, please contact Barbara Cichon, membership chairperson at 860-584-6551. We have members from many of the surrounding communities.



Left to right: Eileen Cyr, Stephanie Soucy, social worker for Grandparents Raising Grandkids, Sue DesRochers President Plainville AARP, Lois Schmidt VP, Carol Perry, Secretary

LED Bulbs in Your Home

By: Laura Davis, Owner of The Light Hangar Company

Three years ago my husband and I decided to put an addition onto our home to accommodate our growing family. We added a spacious living room and master bedroom, essentially increasing the size of our home by 1,000 square feet. Since my husband is an electrician, I made sure I got all the lighting upgrades I wanted. We added plenty of recessed lights, sconces for mood lighting and a bathroom exhaust fan with a heater. I expected, with all the additional lights, that our electric bill would increase significantly but it didn't. And here's why:

LED BULBS: LED bulbs and fixtures are the most popular items in the lighting business right now. Saving money and energy is what the American homeowner is after and you can't blame them. With the cost of everything going up, it's nice to be able to save a bit. The average American home uses 40 light bulbs with the average rate for electricity at 13 cents per kilowatt hour. If all 40 light bulbs were 75 watt incandescent (old style) and were left on for 5 hours a day, your total monthly bill for those lights would be \$58.50. If you converted all 40 bulbs to equivalent LED bulbs at 11 watts or less, your monthly bill would be \$8.58 for those same lights. That's almost a \$50 savings per month! That's a savings of \$600 per year!

Not only are you looking to save money and help the planet, but so is the federal government. In 2007, a law was passed stating that light bulbs must be three times more efficient by the year 2020. Congress didn't outright ban incandescent bulbs, but it might as well have since it cannot come close to meeting the new standard. In less than a year, retailers must exhaust their supply of incandescent bulbs and sell only bulbs that meet the new standard of LED. Now seems like as good a time as ever to upgrade your bulbs, but there are still a few more things to know.

COST: The cost of LED bulbs has certainly come down since they came on the market. The average cost of a standard LED bulb is \$5 apiece. Compared to an incandescent bulb at \$1 apiece, the initial purchase is much

greater. Once you calculate in the energy cost savings though, you will find that the monthly savings usage for a single bulb is \$1.25. So most people will be able to recoup the cost of the new LED bulb in just over three months.

TIME: LED bulbs can also save you time with fewer trips to the store and up the ladder. An average LED bulb lasts about 25,000 hours. That's more than 13 years, if you keep your lights on five hours a day, as in the example above. By comparison, incandescent bulbs last just 1,200 hours, and compact fluorescents, 8,000 hours.

QUALITY: Not all LED bulbs are created equal. You want to ensure your bulbs meets the Energy Star standards for brightness, color quality and efficiency. As with any product, just because someone sells it, doesn't mean it's the best quality.

COLOR: LED bulbs come in a range of color temperatures. They range from a 2,700K which is considered "warm white" similar to an incandescent bulb to a 5,000K which is considered "cool light" – the brightest available. The most popular LED bulb right now is a 3,000K to 3,500K which is considered "daylight". Some people prefer a softer warm white light effect while others prefer a very bright white. Read the product information on the package carefully to make sure you get the color temperature that you want.

SHAPE: LED bulbs are now available in any shape, for any purpose. In addition to regular shaped bulbs, you will also find chandelier-shaped bulbs, round bulbs, cone bulbs and spotlight-style bulbs. They also make a filament-style that resembles the old-fashioned Edison bulbs. This is great for fixtures that you can see the filament through the bulb.

DIMMING: While most LED bulbs are now dimmable, not all of them are. Look for verbiage on the product stating that they are dimmable. The LED bulbs also vary in how they operate with the dimming switches. With the LED bulbs operating at a low wattage, many types of dimmers do not function in the same way that they do with high wattage incandescent bulbs. It is suggested that you test your current dimmer with the LED bulbs to see if it works properly. If you have any issues with the dimming range, then it is suggested you replace the dimming switch with an LED compatible one.

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PHS Art Club Creates Valentines



In celebration of Valentine's Day, students in the Middle School of Plainville's Art Club, created beautiful ceramic hearts. The valentines were created as gifts for residents of Apple Rehab in Plainville.

Pictured from back left are: Sofia Maksymiw, Christine Dai, Jaylen Thigpen, Isabelle McGhee, Destiny Brookins, Alicia Darmoros, and Haylee Rodriguez

PHS Italian Honor Society Holds Scopa Tournament



The Plainville High School Italian National Honor Society, with faculty member / advisor Maria Colangelo, held a Scopa Tournament on February 4th. Scopa is a card game popular in southern Italy. "Scopa" means "broom"

in Italian and is an important point in the game, signifying that a player "sweeps" all the cards from the table. The game is played with a special deck of Italian cards. Members of the Italian Honor Society split into teams for a single elimination tournament. Parent of junior Elizabeth Lahoud, Mrs. Lahoud, volunteered her time to join one of the teams and help with scoring and judging. In addition, Plainville High School tutor and coach Jeff Smedick, also joined a team. Mr. Smedick is a former four year Italian student of Mrs. Colangelo, graduating in 2000. As part of the Italian National Honor Society, Mr. Smedick learned to play Scopa and was a Scopa champion the year he graduated.

Scopa Tournament participants included Dan Szymula, Kara Beloin, Ebelyn Rodriguez, Callia Donahue, Alexia Sirois, Alyssa Roy, Marlee Susco, Alec Karal, Jenny Francisco-Cruz and Simona Barbagallo. Several of the students have been playing this game for years with their "nonni" (grandparents). The team of Callia Donahue and Marlee Susco was victorious.

MSP TO HOST STATE VEX ROBOTICS TOURNAMENT



The Middle School of Plainville will host the 5th annual VEX IQ Robotics State Championship on March 9, 2019. The event will feature over 50 teams from elementary and middle schools across the state. Middle School Robotics Coaches Camille Westfall and Laurel Schwartz, varsity and JV student members, and their families have been busy preparing their robots for competition and planning the details for what should be a very exciting event. "It is hard to believe that five years ago I began this program through a grant from the Petit Family Foundation and two teams. In the years since then, the program has grown exponentially due to the high level of interest from the students and the support that we've received from our administration, parents, and the community," said Westfall.

VEX IQ Robotics helps elementary and middle students learn basic robot innovation, working together, troubleshooting, and having fun in a team setting. In this year's theme, "VEX IQ Next Level," the object of the game is to attain the highest score by scoring and stacking colored hubs in building zones, removing bonus hubs from a hanging structure, and by parking under or hanging on the Hanging Bar. Much like March Madness in college basketball, elimination rounds determine the best teams in the state. Awards are presented for design, teamwork, robot skills, and judges' choice. The top honor is the Excellence Award for the best overall team in the state.

Several local businesses and organizations have made generous donations to support the upcoming tournament event at the Middle School including Carling Technologies, Clean Earth, CWPM, Gems Sensors and Controls, Okay Industries, the Plainville Police Union, the NE Service Company and Trumpf.

"I am excited that MSP is hosting the tournament. The attention this will draw to this excellent program and our hometown teams is wonderful. I am especially impressed with the work Ms. Westfall and Ms. Schwartz have done to coordinate this event and raise donations," said Middle School of Plainville Principal, Matthew Guarino.

"We are so pleased and proud to host this statewide competition for the first time in our district. I look forward to seeing our students apply their STEAM knowledge during this competition," noted Superintendent Brummett.



DISTRICT PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

The Plainville Community Schools Preschool Program will begin accepting registrations on Monday, March 1, 2019 for children who reside in Plainville and will be age four (4) by December 31, 2019 and who were born between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015. The program is designed to prepare students for the transition to kindergarten at age five (5). Children who will be five (5) years of age by 12/31/19 are welcome to enroll in our kindergarten program. Our preschool classes will follow the school district calendar and school hours for all three elementary schools, which is 8:50 AM to 3:30 PM. Due to the ongoing construction at Wheeler Elementary School, the preschool classrooms at Wheeler will be relocated to Linden Street School for the upcoming school year. Tuition for this program will be \$2,500 per child for the year with options for quarterly or monthly payment plans and reduced fees for families who are eligible for free or reduced price lunch. Transportation will be provided based on District transportation guidelines for our elementary schools. Students who live outside of the designated busing zone for their school will not be provided with transportation.

Registrations will be accepted at each neighborhood elementary school on a first-come, first served basis. If the program reaches capacity, your child will be placed on our waiting list in the order in which the completed registrations are submitted. Parents must register in person between 9:15AM and 3:00PM with a \$100 deposit, an original birth certificate, 2 proofs of residency (i.e. utility bill, rent receipt, mortgage documents, town tax bill), and completed forms. Registration packets with all required forms and policies can be found on the district website homepage at www.plainvilleschools.org under the Student Registration icon. Families who have already contacted their neighborhood schools, whose child will be four (4) years of age before 12/31/19, and have requested to be placed on our preschool mailing list, will receive those packets shortly. Parents may also call their neighborhood schools for more information or to request a copy of the registration packet: Linden Street School at 860-793-3270; Toffolon School at 860-793-3280, or Wheeler School at 860-793-3290. For other general questions related to preschool programming, please call the Special Services Office

Jennifer DeLorenzo Named Assistant Principal At Plainville High School

Plainville High School Mathematics teacher and Instructional Leader Jennifer DeLorenzo, has been named an assistant principal, according to Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maureen Brummett. DeLorenzo replaces former Plainville High School Assistant Principal Carl Johnson, who became principal in November

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag...



Wheeler Students Receive Art Award



Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School fifth grade students Tiffany Dennis and Emma Porteus, were recently honored at the annual Connecticut Association of School's Celebration of the Arts Banquet. Tiffany and Emma were nominated for their award by Wheeler Music Teacher Veronica Brendel and Wheeler Art Teacher Laura Reed.

In photo: Tiffany Dennis and Emma Porteus at the Celebration of the Arts Banquet.

Linden Celebrates World Read Aloud Day



Linden Librarian Information Teacher Jessica Hartung coordinated the first annual celebration of World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) at Linden on February 1st. WRAD was founded in 2010 by LitWorld to recognize reading aloud as a powerful and transformative act. Every February 1st, classrooms, schools, and school districts across the globe celebrate WRAD in exciting ways. Linden's WRAD event featured a number of literacy based activities throughout the day, in addition to several guest readers who shared books with Linden students and classes!

DISTRICT TO HOST SCHOOL BUSINESS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP BREAKFAST EVENT

Plainville Community Schools' will host the first annual School Business Community Partnership breakfast event on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM in the Plainville High School Cafeteria, according to Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maureen Brummett.

The program will feature highlights of district partnerships with local businesses and organizations that are currently in place, and will provide the opportunity to learn about additional ways that companies and organizations can collaborate with the school district.

As an outcome of the district's most recent Strategic Plan update, the School Business Community Partnership program was formulated to expand partnerships and collaboration with local businesses, organizations and the community.

"Historically Plainville Community Schools has been very fortunate to have a number of partners who support students, teaching and learning. With the expanded emphasis on School Business Community partnerships, we look forward to even more collaborative opportunities with stakeholders," explained Director of Community Relations, Lynn Davis. "We are excited for the opportunity to highlight some of our current partnerships and share additional partnership opportunities with attendees at our upcoming breakfast program on March 13th."

"Thanks to the amazing partnerships we have, we are able to provide additional projects, speakers and more for our programs in the district that our budget doesn't allow for, and it will be exciting to expand this work with our current and new partners to continue to bring fun and innovative programs to our students," added Volunteer Program & Career Center Coordinator, Sue Bradley.

"I look forward to our continued positive relationships with our local businesses and community organizations, which are extremely valuable to our students and programs. Plainville is a wonderful community with vibrant businesses that are an integral part of Plainville Community Schools," noted Superintendent Brummett. Representatives from local businesses or community organizations who would like to attend should RSVP to Lynn Davis at (860) 793-3220 x 6111 or via email: davisl@plainvilleschools.org or Sue Bradley, (860) 793-3220 x6110 or via email: bradleys@plainvilleschools.org. The snow date for the School Business Community Partnership breakfast event will be March 14th.

Banjo and Guitar Performance At Linden Street School



Banjo player Alycia Sandmeier recently performed for fifth-grade students at Linden Street School. Sandmeier was joined by guitar player and Linden music teacher, Marilyn Speranza. The musical duo introduced students to the banjo to prepare them for an upcoming cardboard-box banjo building project. During the presentation, students heard classic bluegrass tunes and learned about banjo history. Fifth-grade students at Linden have built cardboard box banjos for the past several years. The project connects the fifth-grade science curriculum to music, with a focus on how sound is made and perceived. Students use their completed cardboard-box banjos to play tunes that they have learned in music class. Sandmeier's performance served as the perfect kick-off for the cardboard box banjo project, sparking student interest in the instrument.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Linden Street School Sponsors "Help The Homeless"



Linden Street School's fifth grade Community Outreach Group sponsored a "Help the Homeless" drive from Feb 4-14, 2019. These students collected personal care items and winter wear to benefit the United Way of West Central Connecticut. With the generosity of Linden's students and families, a large donation of shampoo, conditioner, lotion and bath soap along with hats and gloves was made possible. Students helped spread kindness during the month of February and gave back to their community.



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A1: *There is no cost, or fee to talk with a Licensed Agent. It's like when you buy Car or Homeowners Insurance, you don't pay the Agent for their assistance.*

Q2: How much does Medicare cost ?

A2: *Part A Usually has no cost, if you or your spouse have worked for at least 10 years, or 40 quarters, and paid Medicare Taxes, throughout your lifetime. The standard Part B premium amount in 2019 is \$135.50. Most people will pay the standard Part B premium amount*

Q3: I have heard that Medicare provides free Gym Membership, is this true?

A3: *Original Medicare doesn't cover gym memberships or fitness programs. However, Gym memberships or fitness programs may be part of the extra coverage offered by Medicare Advantage Plans, or Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) plans.*

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Rep. Petit and Sen. Martin Host Coffee & Conversation Legislative Event



State Representative William A. Petit Jr. (R-22) and Sen. Henri Martin (R-31) invited Plainville residents to join them for their monthly Coffee & Conversation events to discuss the start to the 2019 legislative session at Bolo Bakery & Café, 33 Whiting St., Plainville

These events are designed to provide residents with an opportunity to speak with the each of the representatives in a relaxed setting about issues affecting the district, bill proposal ideas, or other legislative related topics.

If you have any questions or could not make the event but would like to connect with the representatives, please call (800) 842-1423 for Rep. Petit, or (860) 240-0022 for Sen. Martin.

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AAA Speaks Out:

How to Avoid Paying the Price for Potholes

Extremely cold weather followed by an extreme warming trend paved the way this year for an early 'pothole season' across Connecticut, one that could be extremely expensive for drivers.

Previous research from AAA indicates that American drivers spend 3 Billion dollars a year repairing damage caused by potholes.

"One vehicle we worked on recently sustained so much damage from a pothole, it had ruined the rim", says Randy Saly, Manager of the new AAA Care Care facility in Southington. "And, making matters worse, like so many cars today, there was no spare tire, so what should have been a quick fix, required a tow instead".

In some cases, the impact of poor road conditions on vehicles can leave a car owner with repair bills ranging from under \$250 to more than \$1000 depending on the extent of the damage, the make of the vehicle and the make of the tires.

Typically, potholes form when moisture collects in small holes and cracks in the road surface. As temperatures rise and fall, the moisture expands and contracts due to freezing and thawing. This breaks up the pavement and, combined with the weight of passing cars, eventually results in the formation of potholes.

Blown tires, dented rims, damaged wheels, dislodged wheel weights, displaced struts, dislocated shock absorbers and damaged exhaust systems are all are costly common automotive issues caused by potholes.

"It is critical for motorists to be proactive and have their vehicle inspected whenever they suspect damage," Saly says. "Ignoring the

problem could be a costly mistake".

To aid motorists in protecting their vehicles from pothole damage, AAA recommends the following:

Inspect Tires – The tire is the most important cushion between a car and a pothole. Make sure tires have enough tread and are properly inflated.

Look Ahead – Make a point of checking the road ahead for potholes. An alert driver may have time to avoid potholes, so it's important to stay focused on the road and limit distractions.

Slow Down – Hitting a pothole at higher speeds greatly increases the chance of damage to tires, wheels and suspension components.

Beware of Puddles – A puddle of water can disguise a deep pothole. Use care when driving through puddles and treat them as though they may be hiding potholes.

Check Alignment – Hitting a pothole can knock a car's wheels out of alignment and affect the steering. If a vehicle pulls to the left or right, have the wheel alignment checked by a qualified technician.

Recognize Noises/Vibrations – Any new or unusual noises or vibrations that appear after hitting a pothole should be inspected immediately by a certified technician.

For more on how to prevent serious vehicle damage from potholes, motorists can visit AAA.com. cid:image004.png@01D184FB.4BA6DEE0

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LAUNCHES 2019 CHET DREAM BIG!

COLLEGE SAVINGS COMPETITION

Art and Essay Competition to Award \$26,000 to CT Students

State Treasurer Shawn T. Wooden has launched the 2019 Dream Big! college-savings competition that will award up to \$1,000 each to 48 students in grades K-8.

"Encouraging young Connecticut students to start thinking about and planning for college as early as possible is crucial to their future success," said Wooden, who is Trustee of the Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET) - sponsor of the annual Dream Big! Competition. "And as the owner of CHET accounts for my two sons, I can't think of a better way to get started than by taking part in this fun and thought-provoking competition."

Four students will be awarded a grand prize of \$1,000, while the others will be awarded \$500. A total of \$26,000 will be awarded statewide to 48 students in the form of a contribution to a new or existing CHET account.

The competition asks students to use a creative outlet, in the form of a drawing or essay, to answer the question: "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Kindergarten through third grade students are asked to share artwork depicting what they want to do after they go to college.

Fourth through eighth grade students are asked to answer in a 250-word essay how they will change the world after college.

Schools are also eligible for a prize. Eight schools - one per county - will be selected to receive up to \$500 in cash for entries submitted on behalf of their students. To be eligible to win, the school must submit a minimum of 50 entries on behalf of entrants and have the highest number of entries in their county. School winners in the past have used the money to purchase library books, classroom materials and other items to enrich their students' academic experience.

Entries are judged based on theme, originality and creativity. Drawings will also be evaluated based on artistic design and attractiveness, while essays are also judged on overall grammar, spelling and punctuation. Printable entry forms, official rules and additional details can be found at www.CHETDreamBig.com. No purchase is necessary to enter or win.

The competition began on Friday, February 1, and entry deadline is Friday, March 29.

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15. TRAILBLAZING GERMAN HISTORIAN
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17. PLANT IN THE DAISY FAMILY
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20. DENNIS IS ONE
22. REVEALED
23. BUT GOODIE
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28. COMMERCIALS
29. UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
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33. MORE CRITICAL
37. OF I
38. TIME UNITS (ABBR.)
39. AROUSING INTENSE FEELING
41. HIGH SCHOOLERS' TEST
42. TRAUMA CENTER
43. ASTRONOMICAL PERIOD
44. FIGHTS
46. ITALIAN LAKE
49. RHENIUM
50. BASEBALL STAT

51. STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS

55. SOME IS DIETARY
 58. STRINGED INSTRUMENT
 59. ___ KIDMAN, ACTRESS
 60. ORATOR
 64. OTTOMAN MILITARY COMMANDER
 65. MAKES KNOWN
 66. TYPE OF FONT
 67. COOL!
 68. SHORT MUSICAL COMPOSITION
 69. PORTICOS
 70. NOT WET
- CLUES DOWN**
1. THE UPPER PART OF A DUET
 2. CARPENTER'S TOOL
 3. OUTRAGEOUS EVENTS
 4. PROCEDURES
 5. TYPE OF PARTY
 6. BETWEEN NORTHEAST AND EAST
 7. SANSKRIT (ABBR.)
 8. NJ COLLEGE ___ HALL
 9. SHARP MOUNTAIN RIDGE
 10. OBSERVED SOMETHING REMARKABLE
 11. ONE WHO OBEYS
 12. ___ DE SAC
 13. SIGN LANGUAGE
 19. PREDECESSOR TO PROTESTANTISM
 21. RIGHT-HAND MAN

24. ___ ANGLICUS: SWEATING SICKNESS

25. PEOPLE WHO PROOF
26. ISRAELI DEFENCE FORCES SERGEANT
27. REMAINS AS IS
31. RECEPTACLE
32. ARCHERS' TOOL
34. GETS UP
35. UNIT OF ENERGY
36. EXPLAINS AGAIN
40. PA'S PARTNER
41. REGION BORDERING THE SEA
45. TYPE OF ACID
47. LESOTHO CAPITAL
48. GAVE A SPEECH
52. IRREGULAR AS THOUGH NIBBLED AWAY
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54. COPYREADS
56. EDWARD ___, BRITISH COMPOSER
57. PREPARED
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I took the bus to New Britain one day and a man sitting in the front seat moved, so I didn't have to find a seat.

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New England Carousel Museum New Orleans-style **Mardi Gras** Saturday, March 2 7:30 PM - midnight

Join us for an evening of fun and frolicking with great music, good food, bourbon, and beads.

The Big Easy evening features music by DJ and Hartford Ballroom Dance Instructor, Nate Evans a Bourbon and Wine Tasting in the "Speakeasy" and entertainment that will include face painters, temporary tattoos, and Tarot Card readings and catered dinner including New Orleans Jambalaya from Hartford's Black Eyed Sallys! This is a BYOB event. Attendees are encouraged to wear an optional mask or come in full costume. Masks are available to purchase in the museum gift shop.

The evening's festivities will culminate in the crowning of a king and queen

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PARC Welcomes Community to Spring Dance on March 30

PARC, the non-profit that has provided family centered services for people with developmental disabilities in central Connecticut, is planning its 2019 Annual Spring Dance for Saturday, March 30, from 6 to 10 p.m. The dance, which will be held at Nuchie's Restaurant, 164 Center St., includes a family style dinner, two hours of beer and wine, a DJ, dancing and chance to win prizes. Cost is \$50 per person or \$30 per student or PARC member.

PARC, which is based in Plainville, was founded as a social organization more than 60 years ago but has since evolved to provide activities, support services and resources, Camp Trumbull, and access to education and other opportunities to encourage inclusion in the community. Members include residents of Plainville and nearby towns.

At the dance, PARC will present two John Sullivan Awards – one to an individual and one to a business whose commitment to the organization and its members has been exemplary. A Shining Star will also be awarded to a PARC member who has been active in the organization. The recipients will be announced before the event.

"Our annual dance is a wonderful way for our members, families and the community to celebrate how great PARC is. With ongoing support, PARC will continue to be able to provide and expand on the important resources and services it has provided for more than 60 years," said Erica Donovan, PARC executive director. "Join us for our celebration on March 30."

Sponsors and gift baskets are welcome. The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, March 22. To purchase Spring Dance tickets, to become a sponsor or for more information, call PARC at 860-747-0316 or visit the website www.parcdisabilitiesct.org. *PARC is a 501 (c) (3) organization.*

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Plainville Wind Ensemble Winter CONCERT NEWS

Kathleen Marsan, Executive Director 860-747-1851

The weather didn't cooperate with our rehearsals, so to be at our best, the Plainville "POPS!" moves to **March 5th!** The Plainville Wind Ensemble explodes into their winter concert season with this free, rousing concert at 7pm at Plainville High School with music that surely will help rid folks of their winter doldrums. Directed by Ken Bagley, the program will feature music such as The Sword of Titan, MetaMarch, There's no Business Like Show Business, Bernstein Tribute, Harry Potter, The Incredibles, Samba for Flute and Original Dixieland Concerto. The concert will also feature three of their smaller ensembles, Center Stage Jazz, Plainville Flute Choir and Pick-A-Rhythm Kings.

Plainville's premier symphonic concert band will be performing at two prestigious events this spring. Chosen in a blind audition, the group will perform at the Association of Concert Bands National Convention held in New Jersey/ New York and in June will be one of seven New England bands chosen for the Festival of Bands held in Faneuil Hall. The concert will benefit the Plainville Wind Ensemble, helping to raise funds for bus transportation. Free will donations may be made at their table in the foyer before and after the concert.

The Plainville Wind Ensemble, an eighty four member symphonic concert band has been performing free concerts throughout Connecticut since 1987. They have been featured in the national magazine Making Music Magazine and The Journal of American Concert Bands.

Concerts such as "Plainville Pops" are a reminder of how music is an essential ingredient in the quality of life. There is no sound as intriguing and heartfelt as hearing the sounds of an instrument played solo or within an ensemble such as the Plainville Wind Ensemble.

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Life With Wanda



the morning the message read, update completed. I tried calling my son only to find all the telephone numbers I had stored in my phone were gone, so I went over to my sons and told him what happened and he said I must have done something. I called my grand-daughter and her first question was, "what did you do?" Big help! I would have called someone else but didn't have their number because their numbers were in my phone and thanks to that update they were gone.

After two days I went to my cell phone store and a nice young lady asked if she could help me and I explained the update and the removal of all my telephone numbers from my phone. "Oh," she said, "I can fix that, what's your pass code?" "Pass code, what pass code?" She explained when I got my phone I put in a pass code and she could fix it with that code. I told her I've had cell phones for over thirty five years and if I put a pass code way back then is long ago forgotten. I can barely remember my name and address some days let alone a pass code. She then asked if I was on some type of cloud, and the only thing I could tell her is I don't know about any cloud but this whole thing was making me a little light headed, if that would help her.

She then asked me a few simple questions, rolled her eyes and took my phone into the back room where a technician worked on it. After about thirty minutes she came back with the phone and all my numbers were back. My words of advice are, if you get a message on your phone saying you need an update do what I did for years select, "remind me later."

Electronic gadgets are driving me crazy and after speaking to many of my friends, in my age group, we are all in the same boat.

Let me start with my car it is six years old and I still don't know what all the buttons and lights are for. I get in start it and put it in gear and I go, everything else is of no use.

I got a new refrigerator and the delivery man told me how to set it in about thirty seconds. I have been reading the manual and the only thing I can be sure of is, if the light goes on when I open the door, its running. The lettuce freezes in the crisper and I'll be damned if the manual tells me how to fix that, so I don't put the lettuce in that drawer. I put the wine keeper and it keeps it ice cold.

Now I have one of those I phones and every once and awhile a notice comes on the screen, saying I need to update and I always select "remind me later." My children and grandchildren tell me I should do the updates, so last week I got the message and I clicked on OK. The next message was the update would be done during the night when the phone was not in use. Now, that was good of them. That night they did the "update" and when I got up in



DENTAL HEALTH

By: David R. Edelson,



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Why Do I Snore?

Medical experts estimate that more than 30 million American adults snore on a regular basis. Snoring or gasping sounds during sleep are caused by vibration of relaxed, floppy tissues that line the upper airway (or throat). During sleep the muscle tone decreases throughout your body and your throat muscles relax too causing the soft palate and uvula (fleshy structure that dangles from the roof of your mouth) to vibrate as you breathe in and out during the night.

Is snoring harmful to my health? The severity of this disorder varies. It can be a mild nuisance that disturbs a restful night's sleep or a symptom of more serious, progressive disorder called sleep apnea. A history of snoring may precede development of more serious sleep disorder symptoms, including excessive daytime sleepiness, memory impairment, morning headache, poor work performance and loss of sexual drive.

While snoring by itself is not life threatening, it can interfere with a good night's sleep for you, the snorer, and also affect your partner's ability to get quality sleep. Scientific research has found that partners of snorers lose up to an hour of sleep a night because of the nuisance.

How can I minimize my snoring? You

can make positive lifestyle changes to minimize your snoring such as: **Lose weight, Quit smoking, Get treatment for allergies if you have them, limit or avoid alcohol use and sedatives. Sleep on your side instead of your back (when you sleep on your back, your tongue falls backwards into your throat, which can narrow your airway and partially block airflow).**

How Can my Dentist Help?

If you experience any symptoms associated with snoring or sleep apnea, consult with your dentist so he or she can properly recognize your condition and refer you to a medical specialist for diagnosis. Your dentist may suspect you suffer from sleep apnea if he or she recognizes tell-tale signs of sleep disorder breathing and its effects on the mouth such as tooth grinding or bruxism, tooth erosion, dental decay, and structural jaw anomalies. For a proper diagnosis, you may have to undergo an overnight sleep study, which measures heart rate and how many times breathing is interrupted.

If you have been diagnosed with snoring or obstructive sleep apnea, dentists with specific training and experience in dental sleep medicine can work closely with your physician to implement and manage the prescribed therapy.

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THE TEA PARTY PATRIOTS WAKE UP AMERICA

By: Gene

Socialism

An old proverb is when you put a frog into a pan of boiling water, he will jump out immediately. But when you put him in a cold pan of water and slowly turn up the heat he will not realize it until it's too late. (That's Socialism for you)

We're told America actually wants Socialism. Some say we are already a socialist nation. We are told to shut-up and take it. It has started to take effect and noticeable since the FDR president administrations and since the 30's and 40's. We will see an organized, determined and well funded push to embrace policies that transfer countries like Soviet Socialist Russia, Cuba, and Venezuela into impressive regimes. With the rise of openly socialist candidates, the ideological center of the Democratic Party has shifted further left in recent years, with officials now embracing policies such as government-run health care, government-guaranteed jobs, and free education. By endorsing such positions, the Democratic Party has been largely in normalizing socialism to American voters, presenting liberals and disguising the erosion of our constitutional republic as "progressivism. A steady but deadly evolution, this disturbing trend has only continued to infect the American legislative branch over time.

The modern resurgence of socialism is leading our country down a dangerous path that, if followed, will be impossible to return to what the United States was built upon, the values of individual freedom, limited government, and private property- these are values worth protecting. Socialism, despite its promises, will not bring about economic justice, societal harmony, or greater national prosperity.

By its very nature, socialism can only expedite misery, repression, and the death of liberty. As far as the new Green Deal goes (Disaster Green Dream) the Progressives and the Democrats don't seem to know what's in it. It's possible the loss of 20 to 30 percent of our jobs and the cost of about seven to thirteen trillion dollars of cost for that period. Nancy Pelosi will say let's pass it and we'll see what's in it later. Just like the Affordable Care Health was passed. Some of the things included could be cows emitting methane gas. (F.rting) could that mean no ice cream? Also, the elimination of air travel. There goes that long planned trip to Hawaii until they build the fast rail train to Honolulu.

Watch out for the new wide eyed half cock rookies like the likes of Representative Alexandra Ocasio/Cortes, Rashida Tlab and Omar Ilham. They are trying to out socialize themselves making all kinds of outrageous promises. Things like you work if you want to work and if you don't. you still get paid. They are trying to weaponize us to their thinking. These young liberals and progressives are completely disconnected from reality - they represent the growing number of Socialists who have - are trying to seize control in the house of Representatives and care little for individual freedom or fiscal responsibility. These new liberals demand ideological domination and collectivism even fit it means undermining the American Republic.

Look what's happening in Socialist France now. The yellow jacket progressives are rioting in the streets. Could this be another French Revolution where we have to bail them out like we did in the First and Second World Wars. One must remember...If you rely on the Government to provide for everything from Birth to Death', then the Government is in total control and you are a "SUBJECT" of the state with NO Rights nor Freedoms.

"The Duty of a Patriot is to protect his country from its government". Thomas Paine

Some excerpts from the New American Magazine and The Patriot News

Spinal Stenosis

Can Physical Therapy Help?



"I was recently diagnosed with spinal stenosis, which causes pain, tingling and sometimes numbness concentrated in my lower back and the surrounding areas. Unless my doctor tells me it's necessary, I want to avoid surgery and pain medication - can physical therapy help?"

John H., Plainville

Back pain is something that over 80% of Americans will report experiencing at least once in their lives, and of course the chances of suffering from back pain increase as we age. In fact, according to the 2010 Global Burden of Disease report, low back pain is the leading cause of disability worldwide. That's a lot of pain!

Lumbar spinal stenosis is one of the most common causes of low back pain in older adults. This occurs when, due to age-related degeneration, the spinal canal narrows, causing compression that can pinch nerves and cause pain, tingling, weakness and numbness. A recent report published in The Annals of Internal Medicine came to the conclusion that physical therapy is just as effective as surgery for this condition, without the possibly life-threatening complications that come with the latter. In short, physical therapy should always be considered a first-choice treatment option when dealing with spinal stenosis.

Depending on your diagnosis, your initial evaluation and your own personal goals, a physical therapist can create a customized treatment program for you aimed at alleviating pain and other symptoms and keeping you moving.

This can included:

- Manual (hands-on) therapy. Manual therapy includes massage and muscle manipulation in order to gently help open spaces in your spine and restore muscle function.
- Stretching and other movements. Your PT will likely teach you stretches and other movements that aim to take pressure off the nerve root and improve mobility in the joints and muscles of the spine.
- Strengthening exercises. Strong trunk (abdomen and back), leg and arm muscles can provide much needed support for your back. Your PT can guide you in exercises to focus on building these muscles without causing further injury.
- Patient education. One of the most important aspects of physical therapy for spinal stenosis is educating our patients in posture, movement and other factors that can increase or decrease symptoms.

Back pain can be a debilitating problem - something that keeps us up at night and keeps us from moving during the day. If you're dealing with recurring back pain, you should know that surgery does not have to be your first and only option for relief. Come see us at Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers of Plainville - we can evaluate your symptoms and let you know if physical therapy is right for you.

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Smile – Spring is Coming!

By: *Linda Coveney*

It's easy to feel happy once Spring rolls around. The flower buds begin to pop and the air gets warmer. We open our doors and windows to let fresh air in and toxic air out. Walking outside is easier and the people you meet along the way are enjoying the sunshine and are smiling!

Smiling can be contagious, kind and healthy. Today, even though I was running late and a little anxious about the long lines at the store, I stopped to look up the clerk as he said, "have a good day". He was smiling and I looked him in the eye, smiled back and wished him the same." It took one hot second to do this and I could feel the elevation in my endorphins by this simple act of connection and the sharing of a smile.

The benefits of smiling include improved mood, lower blood pressure, stress relief, better relationships, stronger immune function and longer life.

Recently, I delivered a workshop on habits of people who live the longest (in good health). One of the key factors was to form good relationships. The advice of one of the centenarians was to "Eat your vegetables, have a

positive outlook, be kind to people and smile." In other words, be the type of person people want to be around.

That doesn't mean that you should have to dismiss any sadness in your life. Just don't be the type of person that finds negativity in everything. Listen to the words you frequently use. Are they positive and uplifting or doom and gloom? Catch yourself when you hear yourself saying "That will never work" and consider instead, "That's an interesting idea. How can we make it work?" Pay attention to your body language. Are you scowling or smiling and possibility contradicting any positive vibes you might be trying to convey?

When you don't feel well, it can be more difficult to smile. A change to your diet might be just what you need you get you smiling again. The Standard American Diet (SAD) tells it all. Many people eat way too many low value carbs of white bread, potatoes and pasta and not enough fruits and

vegetables. Fruits and vegetables will provide a variety of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants that you need to keep your tummy happy. If your tummy is happy, you will be happy.

Spring greens are especially good for happy tummies. They support the liver's detoxifying process. The first spring greens, such as dandelion and dark leafy greens are bitter foods. While we assign a negative connotation to the word bitter, it is actually Mother Nature's way of providing the right tasting foods at exactly the right time to scrub our gut and help wash away the effects of stagnation and the heavy foods of winter.

So, eat bitter to get better, smile to spread joy and spring into action to renew your commitment to your health, vitality and happiness.

Happy Spring! To Your Health !!

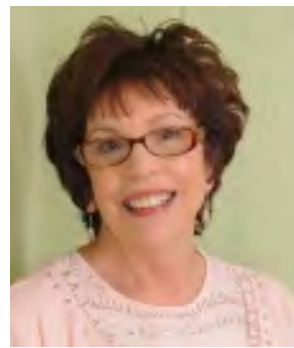
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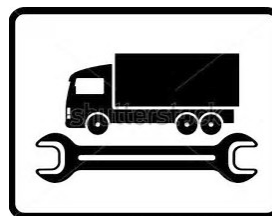
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Just ignore this letter right now if you think it's OK for Jim Crow Democrat slave masters to trash Dr. Ben Carson's good name by calling him... "Uncle Ben" Carson and mocking him as a "monkey of the porch variety!"

Can you believe this horse crap?!? Race pimping Democrats are smearing Dr. Carson as "Uncle Ben" - just because he trusts in God and NOT the Democrat Party. These are the same racists who call you "Bigots", "White Nationalists", and "Racists". Will you show Dr. Carson you support him right now by signing the In God We Trust Prayerful Plea?

Even worse, now they're suing our conservative brother for holding a Bible study in the White House!

DISGUSTING!

If that brings a smile to your face, then you're no better than the Godless, race baiting liberals like Nancy Pelosi who just took back the House and are doing everything they can to... ..impeach President Trump or defeat him in 2020!

These are the same slave masters who called me an... .."Uncle Tom", "Uppity Negro", and "Oreo".

Just because I abandoned the Democrat Plantation party and am now urging all my black brothers and sisters to do the same.

BUT... ...if you agree with Dr. Ben Carson, like I do, when he says... "I will not stop being a Christian while in service to this country."

Trust me, as a fellow black Christian conservative who's been in the left's crosshairs, I can tell you nothing means more than knowing friends like you support us.

And I know you don't have a racist bone in your body.

Despite what fake news and their friends in the Democrat Party say! Speaking of the Democrat Plantation party, that brings me to why...

Jim Crow Democrat Slave Masters are Whipping "Uncle Ben" Carson into Silence!

When President Trump promised to "Make Christianity Great Again", he meant it.

Because for the past several months, conservative Christians like Dr. Carson have been holding Bible studies in the White House.

In fact, patriots like CIA Director Mike Pompeo, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, Energy Secretary Rick Perry attend with Dr. Carson. AMEN, right?

Not if you're a Godless leftist.

Because recently two leading atheist organizations filed lawsuits against Dr. Carson and HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development).

Apparently they just want to make sure no taxpayer money is being used on the Bible study.

I guess these enemies of the Constitution finally found something they don't want to throw money at!

Trust me, I used to be a Democrat and I can tell you this is right out of their thug playbook.

Thankfully, Dr. Carson refused to back down from, their threats. Instead, he doubled down and said: Amen again! But let me be very clear about

something.

This isn't just about attacking the Constitution or Christianity.

This is the left's plan to...

Destroy a Successful, Black, Christian Conservative Like Dr. Carson!

Think about it.

The leftists attacking him today are the same type of Democrats that smeared Dr. Carson when he ran for President, calling him an...

"Uncle Tom", and Race Traitor".

GQ Magazine even printed an article called... "F*** Ben Carson".

Typical leftist character assassination!

But you know why they really do it?

Because there's only one thing racist Democrats fear more than God fearing Christian conservatives like you...

...Black Christian conservatives like me and Dr. Carson.

Believe me, as a black conservative and former Democrat, I can tell you the true home of racism is the Democrat Party.

Today you have the opportunity to throw their lies right back at them and show your support to Dr. Carson.

That's why I'm praying you will...

Help Dr. Carson Fight Back By Signing & mailing the In God We Trust Support Letter to Dr. Carson!

As a Christian, fellow black conservative, and someone who's been attacked just like him, I can tell you nothing will lift his spirits like your signed support letter.

As someone who's faced attacks just like what Dr. Carson is facing, I know what it's like to suffer persecution. And I know how important your prayers are.

Which brings me to why I started Elbert Guillory's America.

There's No Name the Democrats Fear More than Elbert Guillory!

I've seen firsthand what Democrats like "Crooked Hillary", "Cheatin' Obama", and "the "Poverty Pimp" Maxine Waters have done to the black community, and now I'm going to do everything I can to stop them and open my brothers and sister's eyes.

God bless you, and welcome to the Guillory family. *Senator Elbert Guillory*

For more information:

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Letter to Dr. Carson:

Dr. Carson,

My friend and fellow patriot, Senator Elbert Guillory, recently made me aware of the fact that anti-Christian atheists are suing you and HUD (Housing and Urban Development) because you happen to take part in White House Bible studies. These leftist radicals have no right infringing on your God-given, and Constitutionally protected, right to religious freedom.

I want you to know I'm praying for you, and support your efforts 100%. Thank you for serving in the Trump Administration and for everything you do to help "Make America (and Christianity) Great Again!" God bless you.

Sign and mail to:

Ben Carson, M.D.

305 West Chesapeake Ave.

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FURRY FINANCES:

Find out how much your favourite Insta-Cat earns on International Cat Day

- To celebrate International Cat Day, a new tool compares your salary to some of the most famous felines on the planet.

- Pets of the Net looks at how many kilograms of catnip can be bought, as well as revealing how long it would take for the famous feline to earn your salary.

- Grumpy Cat earns a staggering \$12,393,333 million a year, while Chouquette earns more than \$3 million.

- Pets of the Net is released in celebration of International Cat Day.

Have you ever considered how much the world's most affluent animals really earn? Well now you can compare yourself against the pets of the net, the four-legged millionaires that are worth more than some of the most iconic designer fashion pieces.

Created by pet food brand Webbox in celebration of International Cat Day, Pets of the Net allows you to find out how much your salary compares with that of an instagram-famous cat with shocking (and somewhat depressing) results.

Using the US average salary of \$36,747 per year, it would take Grumpy Cat just 46 hours, 39 minutes and 31 seconds to earn the average salary! Known for her permanently peeved facial expression, Grumpy Cat earns an estimated \$34,776.26 in a DAY, compared to \$136.92 per day based on the US average salary.

Karl Lagerfeld's pampered feline earns a staggering \$3,603,484 A YEAR and would be able to afford to buy a 95,200kgs of catnip every year! That's one happy cat.

And finally, the legendary keyboard player... Keyboard Cat (real name Fatso). Sadly now deceased, experts have estimated that should Fatso have

been alive in the modern age of social media, she would have earned an eye-watering \$95,200,000 in her lifetime.

Jennifer Dean, NPD Technologist, from Webbox said: "With the rise of influencers online with the likes of Zoella and the SacconeJolys, it's no surprise that our furry friends are barking at the chance of getting involved with the online world.

"We created Pets of the Net to see how our salaries compare to other famous pets, and to see how many bouncy tennis balls we could buy compared to how many our favourite pets could buy!"

Other pets included in Pets of the Net are Gigoo the chicken, Doug the Pug and JiffPom.

The cash-rich companions featured in the piece include:

Annual Income (USD)*
Time to earn US Average Wage
US Average \$36,7471 year
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Gigoo the Chicken \$892,500
Chouquette Cat \$3,808,000
Doug the Pug \$476,000
Keyboard Cat \$95,200,000
JiffPom Pomeranian \$5,950,000

Pets salary were figured in hours and minutes. To see how your salary compares against these fashion-forward furies, please visit:

<https://www.webbox.co.uk/pets-of-the-net/salary-calculator/>

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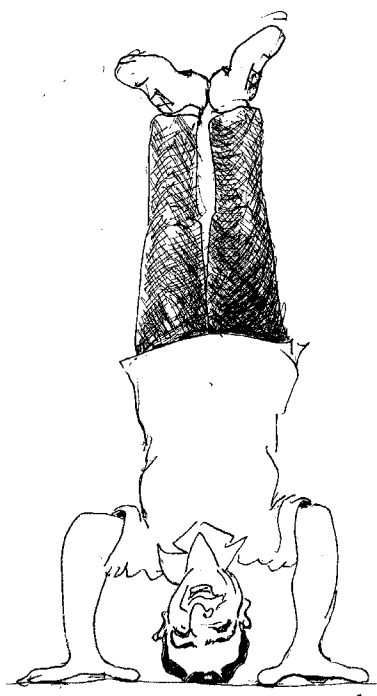
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The Circumspect Critic

by: Robert James O'Dell

"Bohemian Rhapsody"

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Bohemian Rhapsody (2018)

PG-13 | 2h 14min | Biography, Drama, Music | 2 November 2018 (USA)

Director: Bryan Singer

Writers: Anthony McCarten (story by), Peter Morgan (story by) |

Stars: Rami Malek, Lucy Boynton, Gwilym Lee

to how it all began. The first 3rd of the film skims over Mercury's early days just before meeting up with the band mates who will eventually become Queen. It skirts over the troubled relationship between Mercury and his disapproving father and the tension in the family household, failing to give us anything more than surface details. leaving us without an emotional response. The script leaves too much of the interpersonal details unexplored providing only rudimentary glances of the motivations of the characters. This provides a bit of a shaky beginning for the film but the sheer force of the overall story arc and of Rami Malek's incredible tour-de-force portrayal of Mercury overcome the flaws and turns the film into a totally engrossing, emotionally involving experience.

Some things click in smoothly from the start. The camaraderie forming between Mercury and the band feels instantly organic and all the actors involved play well off one another. Physically the casting is spot on with each actor bearing a noticeable resemblance to their character. But it goes beyond that as each does a marvelous job of inhabiting the individual personalities of each musician. The film offers many of its high points in scenes depicting the interactions between the band members as they toil away at creating their music in the recording studio. It's made clear that each member had a significant contribution to make in creating their signature sound and the astounding catalog of beloved songs each one of which defied the standard formula of what normally made up the Top 40 of rock'n'roll hits. Their collaborative style is well represented on screen much to the credit of the

filmmakers.

Even better is the touchingly rendered love story between Mercury and his long time love, Mary Austin (Lucy Boynton). The two became lovers early on in the band's history and became emotional touch points throughout Mercury's career right up to his death in 1991. Boynton who made such an unforgettable impression in her debut in "Sing Street" is simply magnetic here. You can't take your eyes off her as she melts your heart before breaking it as we weave in and out of her loyalty to Mercury all through his many addictions and the revelation of his homosexuality. The screen chemistry between Malik and her is pulsating at full capacity.

Once the film hits its stride, it never loses it. We have totally committed to this look at the rise and fall and rise of this musical idol as he basks in the glory, in all the highs and in all the destructive lows afforded someone with his wealth and fame. His contradictory self idolization and self loathing are on full display in Malik's breathtaking performance. Though the film doesn't successfully cover what made him the person he became, Malik's unflinching characterization does everything necessary to overlook that. Was it his unorthodox musical genius or his glaringly unconventional look including the most famous overbite in History? Was it his sexual confusion or his unspoken homosexuality? Or was it his need for his father's approval? Being of Persian descent, born in Zanzibar to Parsi parents from India much was expected of Mercury. A strict, religious man, His father struggled with Mercury's flamboyance and lifestyle. Maybe it was all of that. He could be a contradictory person who, at given times. could be cold,

cruel, caring and complex. And it is all captured in Malik's outstanding work.

The film hits an unforgettable crescendo in its brilliant reproduction of Queen's memorable live performance at Live Aid. The band reassembled for this historic charity event and even though the ravages of aids had already taken its toll both physically and vocally on Mercury, he mustered up his musical prowess and gave a vocally flawless performance. The band unified in an emotionally and artistically perfect performance that has gone down in history as the best live performance ever given.

Gwylim Lee as Brian May, Ben Hardy as Roger Taylor and Joe Mazzello as John Deacon are all to be commended for their ability to make us believe they are the real deal. Though the vocals are not performed by any of the actors, the filmmakers with the assistance of the real surviving members of Queen were able to locate many never heard before vocals from their various recording sessions adding realism to those moments and blended them with the auditory sounds of the actor's vocal tones giving authenticity to the performances.

Bryan Singer is credited as director but he was infamously fired mid-production and an unbilled director is responsible for most of what is the final cut of the film.

"Bohemian Rhapsody" is a finely tuned, lovingly performed crowd pleaser that not only gives us a chance to know these legends of rock'n'roll. It also provides us another chance to get caught up in some of the most iconic music in rock history.

Ratings

Acting: 96%

Directing: 88%

Script: 80%

Cinematography: 96%

Soundtrack: 100%

Musical Staging : 100%

Sound Mix: 100%

Entertainment Value: 97%

Overall Rating: 93%



The story of the legendary rock band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous performance at Live Aid (1985)

"Bohemian Rhapsody" has steadily built itself up as a true crowd pleaser and audience favorite as well as Oscar contender. That's understandable. The filmmakers wisely used the brilliant musical catalog of Queens' to drive the movie through the events covered in the life and career of Freddy Mercury and the classic group.. The flamboyant personality of Mercury and his outrageous lifestyle are perfect fodder for a feature film. In truth, this is an old fashion Hollywood musical biography with the all the window dressing of 21st Century sensitivities. It uses an oft used structure of beginning at the stories end and then winding us back



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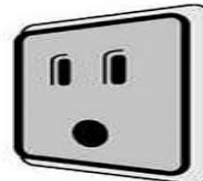
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For more information or to join the league, contact Frank Robinson, Bowling League President, at 860-747-2918.

Presentation on Human Trafficking



A program was given recently at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center. It was presented by Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry. Sponsored by the parish's Social Justice Committee. Deacon Victor Mitchell (pictured center) of the Office of Social Justice was the presenter. Pictured also is the Chairperson of the OLM Social Justice Committee Kathy Galvon and Father Raymond Smialowski, Pastor of OLM.

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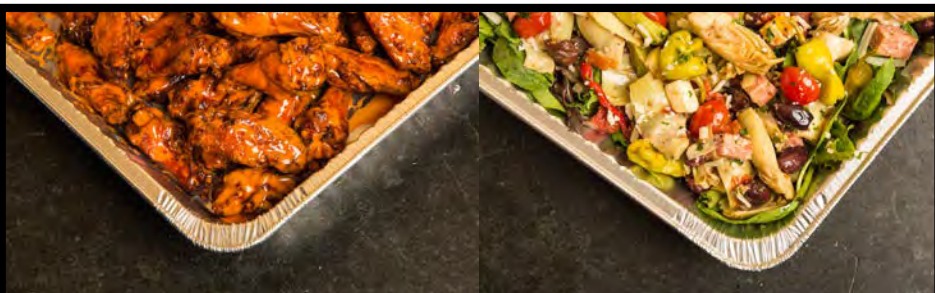
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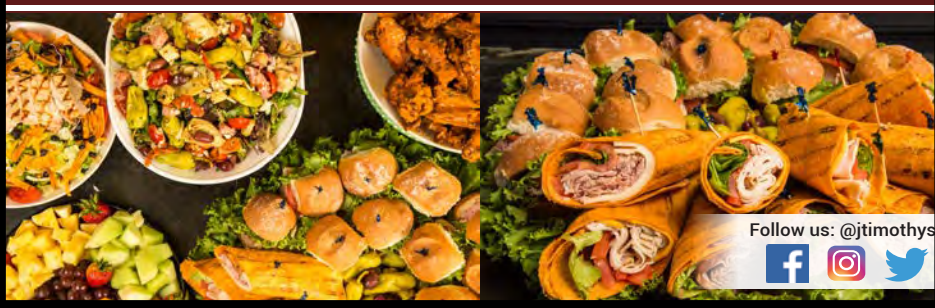
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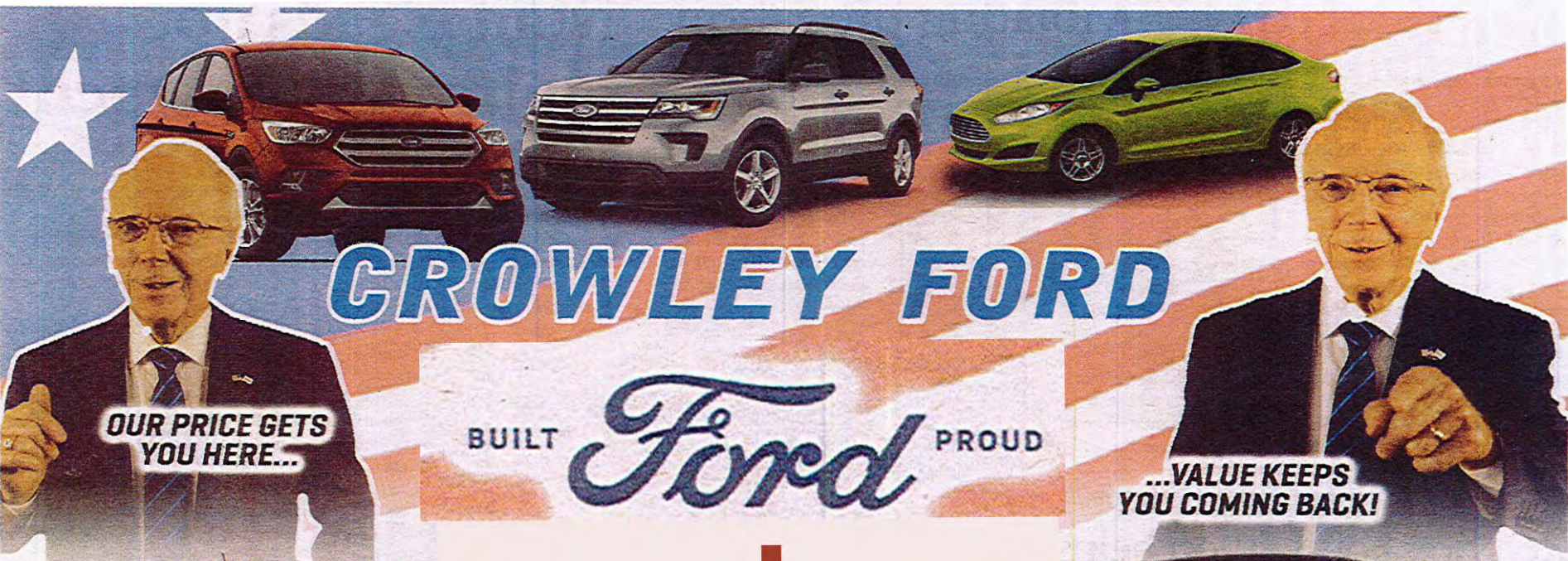
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How to Use a Neti Pot

There's new interest in using neti pots or "nose bidets" for sinus problems, etc...especially since being featured on Oprah.

What is a neti pot?

A neti pot looks like a small genie lamp or teapot. It's used to pour salt water (saline solution) into one nostril to drain out of the other nostril. Using a neti pot may help a stuffy nose. It can clear out your nasal passages, reduce swelling, and help your natural defenses work better. Neti pots usually cost less than \$20. The most common side effects are burning or stinging in the nose.

How do I make the saline solution?

You can buy premixed packets of salt to add to water. Or, you can make your own salt mixture at home. Here is one recipe you can use:

1 teaspoon of un-iodized salt (canning, kosher, pickling, or sea salt)

1 teaspoon of baking soda

2 cups (480 mL) of lukewarm water. Use only distilled, sterile, or previously boiled and cooled tap water. Tap water must be boiled for three to five minutes to kill germs.

Mix the salt, baking soda, and water together. Fill your neti pot with the mixture. You can make

a stronger saline solution by using two teaspoons of salt. Always mix a fresh solution before each use.

How do I use the neti pot?

After filling your neti pot with the saline solution, follow these steps:

- Lean over a sink.
- Position your head so that one ear is facing the sink and one ear is facing toward the ceiling.
- Gently place the tip of the neti pot's spout into your top nostril, so that a seal is formed.
- Tip the neti pot up so the salt water enters your top nostril. (Breathe through your mouth).
- The solution will drain out of your other nostril.
- Once the pot is empty, stand up straight, breathe out of both nostrils, and blow your nose into a tissue.

Refill the neti pot and repeat these steps for the other nostril. Some people like to use the neti pot in the shower, instead of over the sink.

If you have stinging or burning in your nose, you can:

- Use less salt in the saline solution (use one-half teaspoonful instead of one teaspoonful).
- Try slightly changing the temperature of the water. Do not use cold water or hot water.

Do not share your neti pot with anyone. Clean your neti pot after each use. Wash it with hot, soapy, distilled, sterile, or previously boiled water and allow it to air dry. If you use your neti pot often, consider getting a new one every few months. If you are also using a nasal steroid spray, use it 30 minutes after you use the neti pot.

Saline nasal irrigation is used to flush out mucus and irritants from

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Saturday 4:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Weekday Liturgy

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

Devotions

Rosary- Monday through Saturday before the Morning Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday At Noon

Sacrament of the Sick

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

March Happenings

Stations of the Cross at 7 pm every Friday at O.L.M. Church on Broad Street.

Our teen youth group, JOLT, will be selling home made soup after the 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses.

Ash Wednesday is March 6. Mass will be celebrated with the distribution of ashes during Mass at 8am & 6pm.

OLM will be having a Lenten book discussion at 9am on March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, & 16 and 7pm on March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17 in the parish center at 19 South Canal St. The discussion will explore the Gospel readings of the week. We will work from a book entitled Bishop Barron's Lenten Gospel Reflections. Booklet is \$3 and the book discussion is free.

OLM Monthly Breakfast will be served on March 10, 8 - 10:30am at 19 S. Canal St. \$4 per person 6 and under free.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 19 S. Canal St.

The Parish Life Committee of the Pastoral Council will be sponsoring our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 16th, at 5:00 pm in the Parish Center. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. A hot dog and chips plate will also be available for \$2.00. You may purchase tickets at the Parish Office until Wednesday, March 13th. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Volunteers are needed during and after for cleanup. Please call Don at 203-910-9624. Please join us for some local parish talent and an evening of great food, fellowship and fun.

A three part series based on Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si" (Praise be to You) ON THE CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME, will be presented by Sr. Ruth Rosenbaum, TC on March 17, 24 and 31 at Our Lady of Mercy parish center, 19 S. Canal St. at 7pm. Sr. Ruth is a co-founder of Center for Reflection, Education Action. The first session will discuss how we got into the mess we're in in our world, the second session with understanding where we are now, and the final session on what we can do to help create a positive future for all. All 3 sessions will be held in room 106, which is in the back of the building. Refreshments will be available. A free will offering is suggested. For more information 860.747.6825.

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**The following Holy Week services
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April 14th -

Palm Sunday service - 10 a.m.

April 18th - Tenebrae -

Maundy Thursday Service - 7 p.m.

April 21st -

Easter Sunday Service - 10 a.m.

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BOARD MEETINGS

Senior Ushers (1st Sat before 1st Sun) 11:00 a.m.

Gladys Floyd Missionary Society

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Lay Council (1st & 3rd Sat) 9:30 a.m.

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7th Anniversary of David Charette, owner of American Excavating & Septic, Inc.(A.E.&S.I) received his Seaplane Rated Pilot License. He is the newest Seaplane Pilot in Plainville.
13th Anniversary of Plainville Community Fund, Byron Treado, Chairman
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 - 4 eggs, beaten

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From the Desk of.....

Thomas A. Wurz

A TOPIC REVISITED

When looking through the news this week I couldn't help but notice an unfortunate situation that reminded me of an article I had written in June 2012. Due to this most recent incident in the month of January, I figured it would be good a time as any to revisit my cautionary article. Let's pick it up near the beginning...Whenever there is a party, the threat of alcohol being present should always be on the minds of parents. Some parents may try to control consumption of alcohol by allowing their children to drink under their supervision. However, the dangers associated with underage drinking will persist even when adults are present.

Connecticut criminal law penalizes anyone who sells, ships, delivers, or gives alcoholic liquor to a minor, by any means, with a fine not to exceed \$1,500 or imprisoned not more than 18 months or both. The law specifically outlines parents as a person who may be guilty of this crime. If the minor child were ever to be charged with possessing and consuming the alcohol given to them by their parent(s), then the parents could be charged with a crime. This law extends to any minor, so if your child's friends consume the alcohol you provided, you expose yourself to criminal charges. The application of the law is probably not that shocking for any parent who may be reading this article. The law may not even be enough to deter some from allowing alcohol at any party. Although, after considering the potential civil liability you expose yourself to you may want to reconsider facilitating any underage drinking.

The potential for anyone to get injured after consuming alcohol is always apparent. Therefore, when an adult gives a minor alcohol and that minor injures themselves or others, that adult will be liable for the result. The adult is liable because they set forth the chain of events by supplying the alcohol. Civilly, this opens them up to be sued for the damages they helped create. If the parent or other adult gets a civil judgment ordered then they may their wages attached or just about anything they own in order to pay the judgement.

Regardless of how responsible your children and their friends may be, supplying alcohol to them will always expose you to whatever they do under the influence. Whatever perceived control you may think you have, the reality is that you can never prevent some things. You may end up being liable for something as small as a trip and fall or something as big as a death.

Spring season is a time for joy and celebration, like Ballgames, Dances, Graduations, and Picnic. The last thing anyone wants to think about is an unfortunate incident when they reflect on the good times. So don't hesitate to tell your kids "NO" when it comes to underage drinking. As always, if any of these situations become a reality in your life, consult with a licensed attorney so that you may better understand and protect your rights.

I revisited this topic for all the parents out there who may have missed my article before your children became teenagers. Good riddance to winter!!

Attorney Thomas A. Wurz



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

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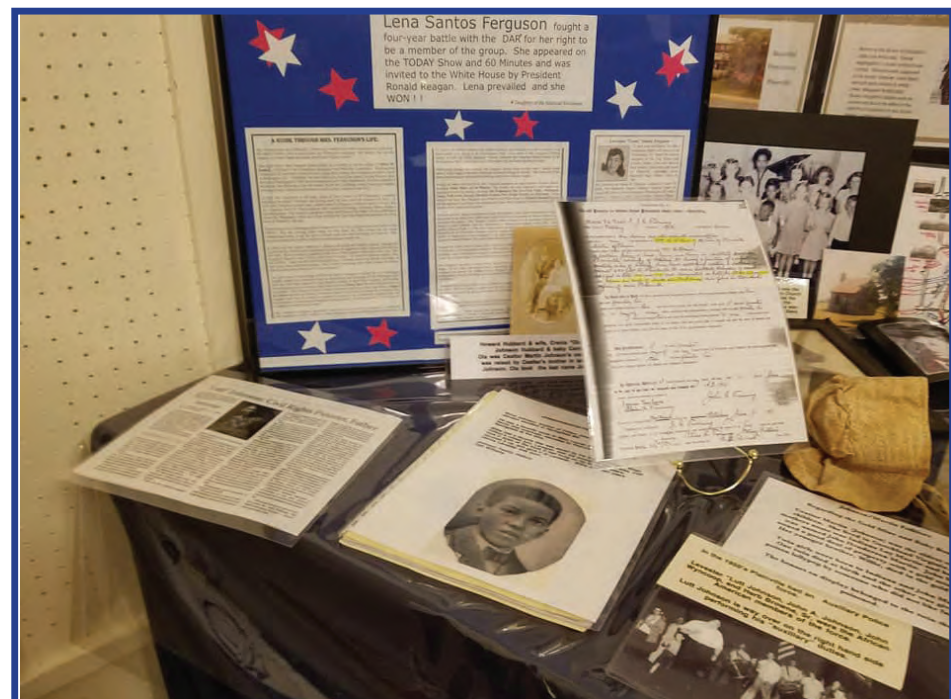
A large audience attended the Historical Society's February 16th program on Plainville's African-American History. Plainville resident Gail Johnson Williams presented many highlights about the individuals and families who have contributed so much throughout the years. Those who attended also enjoyed the special display set up for the event as well as the Historic Center's permanent exhibit on African-American history.



Gail Williams, the Society's local expert on African American history, was the presenter. Gail is seen here greeting one of the attendees.



Sally Miller, her brother Norm Corey, sister Carolyn Moore, and Carolyn's grandson are enjoying the exhibit that includes great-grandparents Douglas Mason and Adeline Grant Mason who were married on December 10, 1871.



Shown here is part of a display that included items related to Lena Santos Ferguson, a woman who grew up in Plainville and was finally admitted to the DAR after a successful challenge.



Another photo from the permanent exhibit features William O'Neil a Plainville businessman who married Ada Halstead. Ada was the daughter of James Halatead, a Civil War veteran who had fought in the Massachusetts 54th Regiment on which the movie "Glory" was based.

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Letter to the Editor:

Dear Fellow Christians,

As you know, the abortion issue recently exploded across the country following passage of an extremist abortion law in New York State legalizing infanticide – a law that allows the murder viable, healthy late-term, partial born, and even newly born babies at the discretion of the mother.

And the abortion industry death agenda is moving across the country.

In the weeks following the passage of New York's infanticide law, states including New Mexico, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Virginia are talking about passing infanticide laws of their own.

Recently, I was invited to appear as a guest on Fox & Friends morning show for an interview with 'Fox & Friends' co-host Ainsley Earhardt.

Topics included the decisive role that the pro-life vote played in getting the strongest pro-life president in decades — Donald Trump — elected to office, Trump keeping his promise to nominate constitutional conservatives to the federal bench, and the abortion industry's efforts to make infanticide legal in all 50 states.

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

I recently went on Sean Hannity to discuss ongoing abuse at the highest levels of our government.

Meanwhile, Democrats in the House are announcing new Trump investigations designed to find something—anything—that will help them remove a duly elected president.

It's incredible how the fake news media continues to ignore the dozens of unanswered questions about the FBI's actions during the 2016 election and beyond.

I won't stop fighting for truth and transparency. Government officials who engaged in any wrongdoing must be held accountable for their actions.

The radical left is afraid of what more I will uncover and is doing everything they can to silence me.

*Your support means so much, Devin Nunes Rep. (R-CA)
Ranking Republican, House Intel Committee*

Ask the Brayne...

Q. I drive by the McDonalds at the corner of Maple Street and East Street early in the evening and they are closed. What are their hours?

A. I stopped in to meet with the manager and she said that some of the lights in the parking light have to be repaired. The hours are until 9:00 pm for service inside the restaurant and until 10:00 pm for the Drive up Service. I hope you will be happy to know you can enjoy your hamburger after your school meetings and etc.

Q. When does one fertilize their garden?

A. Some people tell me in the fall, then another person who claims to be a farmer said in March before you till your garden.

Q. How does anyone get information about a Non-profit Foundations?

A. The information is available on the internet from the Secretary of the State office.

Q. How do I submit questions to you?

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

Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of each month

Next issue of the Hometown will be in APRIL.

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

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

Please know that I would not have the opportunity to share our Christian values on news networks like Fox News if we weren't making an impact on the faith-based policies we care about most.

I'm talking about the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception, the importance of the traditional family and how to support it, our opposition to taxpayer funded abortion, and abortion mandates; the list is endless.

But to secure change, Faith & Freedom Coalition must offer more than words.

To unite like-minded Christians, defend the faith and values we share, and impact the outcome of key political contests at the federal, state and local levels each year, I need the help of faithful Americans like you.

Please consider making a contribution in any amount to strengthen us for the battles that surely lie ahead.

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**Respectfully,
Ralph Reed
Founder and Chairman
Faith & Freedom Coalition**

Letter to the Editor:

Friend,

I couldn't stand to see our President and his family abused and attacked by the mainstream media and Washington swamp any longer.

...And he thanklessly takes all of those punches for us.

That's why the President's trusted allies and I started America Fighting Back PAC. But of course, we're missing the single most important Trump ally of all -- you..

The Paul Ryan establishment Republicans failed to defend our President's agenda while they held a majority in the House.

Now that they're in the minority, you can expect them to do **EVEN LESS** to stick up for our conservative principles championed by President Trump.

That's why we need our own committee that will go to bat for the President who goes to bat for us every single day of his life.

America Fighting Back PAC will:

- Get news of the President's achievements past the liberal media filter
- Stop the Democrats from exploiting their government powers to impeach the President
- Stand up to Mueller's government goons in the Russia witch hunt
- And get voters in decisive battleground states to the polls

But to accomplish such an important and ambitious agenda, we will need your help with laying the foundation **RIGHT NOW.**

Thank you and God bless you,
Herman Cain

America Fighting Back PAC
www.fightingback.com

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

The New Mexico House just voted to allow abortion **UP UNTIL BIRTH.**

THIS CANNOT GO ON. WE MUST KEEP FIGHTING.

Public pressure from our Pro-Life Movement helped defeat a similar bill in Virginia. It's our moral duty to once again fight on behalf of the voiceless and STOP this legislation.

Not only does this bill repeal a prior ban on late-term abortions, but it also FORCES medical professionals who believe abortion is killing to defy their conscience and deeply held religious beliefs that life is sacred.

The truth has finally come out. Those advocating for this extremism aren't "pro-choice." They're pro-abortion.

That's why they **CHEERED** and dressed in pink when New York legalized abortion up until birth.

Pink -- the color once used to celebrate the arrival of a new baby girl into our world -- is now the chosen color to rejoice in her death.

This cannot go on. But our condemnations aren't enough. We must take action. Contact your representatives in Washington today!

For LIFE,

Marjorie Dannenfelser

President, Susan B. Anthony

For more information contact:

Marjorie Dannenfelser

2800 Shirlington Road Suite 1200,

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To: All Civic & Religious Organization

From: The Editor

We would like to appeal to everyone.

Almost all the volunteers of the HOMETOWN CONNECTION have full time employment or young families, which makes it humanly impossible to attend or contact you all.

We would love to have you share all your activities with our readers.

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Thanking you in advance. Jeannette Hinkson, Editor

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Middle School of Plainville Celebrates Students of the Month at "Tea"

A group of Middle School of Plainville students were honored recently at a Student of the Month Tea celebration. The students were recognized in the areas of academic excellence, effort and perseverance, and respect and responsibility, for the months of September - January.

6TH GRADE ADVENTURERS



September

Respect & Responsibility: Bart Powala
Academic: Maryssa Bakaysa
Effort & Perseverance: Sam Willequer

October

Respect & Responsibility: Jacob Morneault
Academic: Juliana Radziewicz
Effort & Perseverance: Grace Gibson

November

Respect & Responsibility: Paige Iwanicki
Academic: Szymon Halas
Effort & Perseverance: Sarah Morales

December

Respect & Responsibility: Jack Ross
Academic: Peter Bocompani
Effort & Perseverance: Paige Graff

January

Respect & Responsibility: Sofia Ricci
Academic: Alana McGinnis
Effort & Perseverance: Hunter Krystock

6TH GRADE EXPLORERS



September

Respect & Responsibility: Hayley Montana
Academic: Avery Verrastro
Effort & Perseverance: Daniel Darmofalski

October

Respect & Responsibility: Sophia Leonetti
Academic: Christian Marfia
Effort & Perseverance: Peyton Proctor

November

Respect & Responsibility: Matthew Corriveau
Academic: Amelia Gorgon
Effort & Perseverance: Gabriela Mroczek

December

Respect & Responsibility: Brucenell Bonsu
Academic: Eli Benoit
Effort & Perseverance: Melak Al rubaye

January

Respect & Responsibility: Tyler Roy
Academic: Yuki Chen
Effort & Perseverance: Maja Grabowski

7TH GRADE PATH FINDERS (No Photo Available)

September

Respect & Responsibility: Edward Rapacki
Academic: Zoe Weimer
Effort & Perseverance: Daniel Szarwacki

October

Respect & Responsibility: Mikayla Dimock
Academic: Juliana Carlina
Effort & Perseverance: Antonio Melninkaitis

November

Respect & Responsibility: Brayden Unwin
Academic: Cohen Blake
Effort & Perseverance: Amanda Linnhoff

December

Respect & Responsibility: Cadence Lavoie
Academic: Carlos Espinoza
Effort & Perseverance: Oliwia Marecik

January

Respect & Responsibility: Lola Molloy
Academic: Ella Bravado
Effort & Perseverance: Rachel Diaz

7TH GRADE TRAIL BLAZERS



September

Respect & Responsibility: Bobby Wright
Academic: Zeel Patel
Effort & Perseverance: Nina Kazimierczak

October

Respect & Responsibility: James Seaton
Academic: Mikayla Ayers
Effort & Perseverance: Diana Czereba

November

Respect & Responsibility: Maliyah Aviles
Academic: Tamra Ibitz
Effort & Perseverance: Julianna Matos

December

Respect & Responsibility: Shane McCormick
Academic: Vanessa Maciaszek
Effort & Perseverance: Jeffrey Wasielewski

January

Respect & Responsibility: Emily Tuczapski
Academic: Gianna Rodriguez
Effort & Perseverance: Eric Chancey

8TH GRADE AVIATORS

September

Academic Raymond Lemrise
Effort, Perseverance & Growth Mindset
Kinza Fatima
Citizenship Paige Stilwill

8TH GRADE AVIATORS



October

Academic Nora Couture
Effort, Perseverance & Growth Mindset
Ethan Gagnon
Citizenship Jake Conte

November

Academic Josh Smith
Effort, Perseverance & Growth Mindset
Jonah Winkleman
Citizenship Michael Reed

December

Academic Isabella Grasso
Effort, Perseverance & Growth Mindset
Tyrell Melendez
Citizenship Kevin Dietrich

January

Academic Daniel Talarico
Effort, Perseverance & Growth Mindset
Grace Derosier
Citizenship Amica Rosario

8TH GRADE NAVIGATORS



September

Academic Spencer Michalek
Effort, Perseverance & Growth Mindset
Sofia Maksymiw
Respect and Responsibility Isabella Artis

October

Academic Dale Neyra
Effort, Perseverance & Growth Mindset
Sydney Christiansen
Respect and Responsibility Mia Pletscher

November

Academic Matt K.
Effort, Perseverance & Growth Mindset
Jacob Schwentke
Respect and Responsibility Lily Feyerabend

December

Academic Alison Wisz
Respect and Responsibility Leah Raucci
Effort, Perseverance & Growth Mindset
Alida Passaretti

January

Academic Seth Lizon
Effort, Perseverance & Growth Mindset
Luke Boeke
Respect and Responsibility Megan Gray

OBITUARIES

~ Susan (Denn) Macellaro ~



69, of Plainville, loving Wife, Mother, Sister and Grammie, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at Yale New Haven Hospital. Born in Holyoke, MA on July 26, 1949, she was one of three children to the late Richard and Mary (Dowd) Denn. She attended Holyoke High School and Holyoke Catholic High School, and went on to X-Ray Technician

training at Cooley Dickinson Hospital. She met her life partner and best friend, Robert, with whom she would share the next 48 years. They settled in Plainville shortly after their marriage, where they raised their two children. Susan started her career in the medical field at Veterans Memorial Hospital in Meriden, as an x-ray technician in both the Emergency and Operating departments, and went on to mammography for Bristol Radiology Associates, an affiliate of Bristol Hospital, where she shared her expertise for the past 25 years and leaves many friends, patients and coworkers. Always up for an adventure or activity, Susan spent her earlier years skiing, bowling, and travelling, and hunting for deals with her daughter at thrift stores near and far. A baseball enthusiast, she travelled great distances to watch her son play, and was a die-hard fan of the NY Yankees. She had a lifelong love for the outdoors and sunbathing, be it at the beach or by her pool, digging in the dirt in her stunning flower gardens, going for bike rides or taking day trips with Robert in their convertible. She took great pride in her Irish heritage but had the cooking skills of an Italian, and enjoyed nothing more than making meals for and being surrounded by her adored family. A beautiful soul inside and out, she will be missed immeasurably by the many people whose lives she touched.

In addition to her husband, Robert, she leaves her daughter, Kristen Mariotti and her husband, Christopher of Greenfield, MA; her son, Nicholas and his wife, Brittany of Clinton and their children, Ryan and Decker who brought much joy to Susan's life. She also leaves her brother, James Denn and sister, Nancy Wojcikowski, both of MA; and several nieces and nephews.

Susan's passion and longtime advocacy for breast cancer awareness may be remembered with contributions to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation at www.komen.org. Family and friends gathered in celebration of Susan's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of remembrance were shared. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit Susan's tribute page at www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Doris C. (Oakley) Williams ~



86, of Bristol, a former longtime Plainville resident, passed away Monday January 28, 2019 at Countryside Manor of Bristol, surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of the late Lawrence F. Williams, Jr.

Doris was born April 1, 1932 in Bristol, a daughter of the late Charles and Eva (Nesbit) Oakley. She was a 1950 graduate of Plainville High School and had worked at D&L Offices in the New Accounts department, retiring after many years of service. She had also worked for S.N.E.T for several years. Doris enjoyed reading and cooking, but mostly she loved being surrounded by her family.

Doris leaves her sons, Christopher Brian Williams of Northbridge, MA and Kevin Williams of Bristol (Laurie Mills of Bristol), her brother, Charles Oakley, III of Lincoln, MA, formerly of Burlington, her grandchildren, Brian Williams, serving in the US Navy, Michael Williams and Shane Williams both of Bristol, Sean Williams of Phoenix, AZ and Gregory Williams and Sarah Williams both of New Britain, her great grandchildren, Ryen Williams, Shannon Williams, Nicole Williams, Olivia Williams and Natalie Williams and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves her daughter-in-law, Kathleen Williams and her former daughter-in-law, Linda Williams. Doris was predeceased by her son, Michael F. Williams, her brother George Oakley and her sister, Edna (Oakley) Gaccetta.

Funeral services with burial in Plainville West Cemetery will be celebrated privately. There were no calling hours. If desired memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society 825 Brook Street Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or to the American Diabetes Association 2275 Silas Deane Highway Rocky Hill, CT 06067. The Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville has care of arrangements.

~ Domenic Anthony Main ~



80, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 18, 2019 at the Summit at Plantsville. He is now reunited with his loving companion of 25 years, Dawn Virginia (Reckert) Tarca.

Domenic was born on March 9, 1938 in New Britain, son to the late Anthony Angelo and Maria (Page) Main. A longtime Plainville resident, he was a graduate of Plainville High School. Domenic went on to work for Gervais Bros., Inc. and retired from Fafnir Bearing, as the former Union Steward, after many years of devotion and hard work. He was a dedicated member of the Plainville Knights of Columbus, having earned rank as the Grand Knight. Domenic spent much of his time volunteering at the polls during elections within the Plainville community. He enjoyed drawing, painting, listening to music, playing cards, and was a Trivia enthusiast. Above all, Domenic found joy in being surrounded by his family, devoting his time to supporting their accomplishments throughout the years.

Domenic is survived by his children, Barbara Perretta, Michele Main Goodenough, and her husband, Michael, and Anthony Main; his former wife and mother of his children, Elizabeth Main; his grandchildren, Steven Perretta, Scott Perretta, Walter Goodenough, and Brody Goodenough; his sister, Anna Smedick; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family members. He also leaves behind the children of his loving companion, Thomas, Mark, and Stephen Tarca and their families. He was predeceased by his brothers, Dewey and Rocco Main.

Funeral services in celebration of Domenic's life were held privately. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Domenic can be made to the Plainville Knights of Columbus Council 3544, 55 Whiting St, Plainville, CT 06062.

~ Lorraine (Cote) Toner ~



79, of Plainville, passed away surrounded by the love of her family on Thursday, February 14, 2019, following a hard fought battle with dementia. She is now reunited with her husband, Joseph, who predeceased her in 1991.

Born in Hartford on September 1, 1939, she was the last surviving of four children to the late Armand and Martha (Lagasse) Cote. Raised and educated in West Hartford, she

went on to work for Connecticut General Insurance shortly after graduation. She and Joseph shared 33 years of love and life adventures, raised their family of three and became proud grandparents. Lorraine returned to work after caring for her children and retired from State of Connecticut. She shared many happy times with friends at her condo in Pompano Beach, but always looked forward to returning home to be surrounded by her family (and their dogs!). She was an avid reader, enjoyed making puzzles, and blessed her family with many of her crocheted gifts. Remembered for her kindness and warm smile, she will be greatly missed, leaving a legacy of strength, love and many cherished memories.

She leaves her son and daughter-in-law, with whom she made her home, Kevin and Leatha Toner; her daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and John Belanger and Robin and Mark Kurowski, all of Plainville. She was the loving Nonni to 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, and leaves many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, Roger and Armand Cote and her sister, Theresa White.

In lieu of flowers, Lorraine may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Fire Company Scholarship Fund, 77 W. Main St, Plainville.

Funeral services in celebration of Lorraine's life were held at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, with a Mass of Christian Burial. at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal services followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit her tribute page at www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Jeffery Nicholas Romano ~



60, of Plainville, beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother firefighter, passed away unexpectedly and too soon on Saturday, February 9, 2019.

Born in Southington on August 5, 1958, he was the only child of the late Nicholas and Lorraine (Petrucci) Romano. Raised and educated in Southington, he went on to attend Norwich

University-The Military College of Vermont; returning back to his hometown soon after to work for his family's restaurant, Romano's Pizza. He met the love of his life, Catherine (Glander), with whom he would share the next 34 years. They settled in Plainville where they raised their 3 children and became proud grandparents. Jeff had a lifelong love for the outdoors, gardening and landscaping, working on the grounds at Aetna for many years, as a security guard at the Cheshire Correctional Institute, and was currently working for the Town of Manchester. A dedicated fireman from a young age, he began volunteering for Company 5 in Southington, and retired from the Plainville Fire Company in 2018 after 21 years of service. Affectionately known as the "Fry Man" at the annual hot air balloon festival, Jeff served as Assistant Secretary and Lieutenant, masterminded the company's 125th year-long anniversary celebrations, coordinated countless pasta suppers and Old Timer's nights, and could always be counted on to lend a hand and go the extra mile anytime and for anyone in the department. He also enjoyed many events as a DJ with his business, E & J Entertainment, alongside his fellow firefighter and partner, Edgar. Jeff will forever be remembered for the gentle giant that he was, a man full of selflessness, kindness and love for his family and friends, who will be missed beyond words. In addition to his wife, he leaves his children, Jennifer Caron of Berlin, Sarah Matos and her husband David of Plainville, and Timothy of Plainville. He was the loving PopPop to Lucas and Jace Caron and Grandpa to Julianna and Kayleigh Matos; and leaves many aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws and his PFC family.

In lieu of flowers, Jeff may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Fire Company Scholarship Fund, 77 West Main St, Plainville, CT 06062.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Jeff's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St. Plainville. Committal services followed at St. Thomas Cemetery, Southington. Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit Jeff's tribute page at www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

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~ Joseph "Dana" Babin ~



75, of Plainville, peacefully passed away surrounded by his family on Thursday, February 7, 2019.



Born in Fort Kent, Maine on August 5, 1943, he was one of four sons to the late David and

Maria (Michaud) Babin. Raised in Fort Kent, he enlisted in the US Army in 1961, proudly serving his country for four years during Vietnam. Upon being honorably discharged, Dana began his career with Pratt & Whitney, working up to a management position over his more than fifty years of dedicated employment until this past week. He married the love of his life, Rosemarie (Pagano) with whom he shared 44 years of love and life adventures. They settled in Plainville where they raised their two loving daughters, traveled extensively on cruises, took many trips to their favorite destination, Las Vegas; and always made it home to be on the sidelines to cheer on their grandsons at their sporting events. A loving husband, father and Papa, he will be greatly missed, leaving a legacy of love for his family and many priceless memories.

In addition to his wife, Rosemarie, he leaves his daughter Melissa Howard and grandson, Ian, and daughter, Pamela Pires and her husband, Victor, and son, Jesse; all of Plainville; his brothers, Donald and his wife, Theresa of ME and Robert and his wife, Kathy of NJ; his sister-in-law, Rose Babin and his nieces and nephews, Dawn Marie, Marc, Rob, and Mary. He also leaves his son, Wayne Babin; granddaughter, Tabatha, and her husband, Esteban, and great-granddaughters, Cataleya and Valentina; his mother-in-law, Jeanette Pagano, his brother-in-law, Harry Pagano and his wife, Kim, and nephews Anthony Pagano and Michael Pagano and his wife, Amanda. He was predeceased by his brother, David. In lieu of flowers, Dana may be remembered with contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org

~ Paula Fangiullo ~



64, of Newington, formerly of Plainville, passed away peacefully Friday at her home.

Paula was born October 26, 1954 in New Britain a daughter of Paul and Anne (Centurelli) Fangiullo and was a longtime Plainville resident prior to moving to

Newington. She was an active member of C.C.A.R.C. Her happiest moments were the ones that she spent with her family. Paula was a lovable and happy person who made everyone around her smile and she will be greatly missed.

Besides her parents of Plainville, Paula leaves her brothers, Michael, Mark (Lynne), and Thomas (Katie), her sister, Candice Gelpke (David) and many nieces and nephews.

Paula's family would like to thank the entire staff of 521 for their love, care and support.

Family and friends gathered, at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial will follow in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Paula's name may be made to DDS Trustee-521 Maple Hill 460 Capital Avenue 2nd Floor Hartford, CT 06106.

Plainville Cemetery Association

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

April 1, 2019

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

Thank you, The Plainville Cemetery Association Inc.

~ Homer David Case ~



87, of Plainville, CT, husband of Pauline (Johnson) Case, and son of Lenson H. and Ella Betsey Case, passed away in easy conversation with one of his loving sons on February 10, 2019, two days before his 88th birthday. Always with a song in his heart, he approached life with compassion for others

and generosity of spirit, demonstrating that doing for others is the greatest reward we can give to ourselves.

Homer is survived by his children, Gary (Susan) Case, Paul (Debra) Case, Lee (Edward) Drag, Scott Case, daughter-in-law, Collette; his grandchildren Shannon (Tim) Nowak, Gregory (Regan) Case, Jessica (Myles) Angell, Kelly (Joshua) Fowler, Joshua (Meghan) Case, Ronald Case Jr, Amanda Case, Stephanie (Kyle) Turner, Jonathan Case; his great grandchildren David Nowak, Roman and Xander Case, Rory and Elli Angell, Lyla, Paul and Charlotte Fowler, Clark Case, and Parker Eveleth and Aubree Bohannon. He is also survived by his brothers Harlan Case, Richard (Evelyn) Case, sisters-in-law Mary and Dorothy Case, and several nieces and nephews.

Homer was predeceased by his beloved wife of 62 years, Pauline (Johnson) Case, to whom he devoted himself so compassionately, his son Ronald Case Sr., his brothers Howard Case, Clarence Case, Chester Case, Edward Case, and his sisters Olive San Juan and Ella Betsey Ross.

Though he was a gentle giant, it wasn't his height or hands, but his heart that was the biggest part of him. When his family grew through marriage, he welcomed each new family member as someone he had been waiting for all along, making each feel immediately welcome, at home, at ease, and loved.

Homer retired from GE in 1988, splitting his residence between Plainville, CT and Otis, MA. Though he tried out the snowbird lifestyle for a couple of winters, he found that being nearer to his family was worth the winter weather. Ultimately, he watched the calendar for spring, racing to be first at the lake for the season. It is in Otis where he found the most pleasure in his retirement, building clocks, playing cards with friends and family, picking fresh fruit to make his jam, doctoring cookie recipes, singing karaoke to standing ovations, cruising around the lake in the evening, driving to the fields to watch the deer come out at dusk, mastering Peggle, and cherishing his time with friends and family in the life he built with them. Homer proved the simple pleasures in life add up to profound joy.

He was so proud of his family, and this was ever-evident in his smiling eyes when his daughter and sons approached for a hug, when he listened to Gregory's music, when he proudly displayed Shannon's paintings, when he danced with one of his girls at her wedding, or when he applauded one of his grandchildren's or great-grandchildren's achievements -- a stage play, a preschool graduation, or even the completion of a puzzle. His family was his world.

He lived by the lyrics of Ol' Blue Eyes, singing his way through everything, whether by serenading "his girl" The Way You Look Tonight or simply reminding us all that "And more, much more than this, I did it my way." So, surely whenever we hear Frankie belt, "These little town blues," we won't hear Sinatra's voice, but Homer's crooning in unison. "In other words," Homer, "[we] love you."

His family was received friends at the Bailey Funeral Home. In honor of his giving heart, donations in memorial can be made to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, <http://plainvillefoodpantry.org>. The family encourages all to wear a splash of red in remembrance of Homer, because had you asked his favorite color, he would have declared, "I like red no matter what color it is."



~ Sarah "Sally" B. Chadwick ~



92, passed away at Apple Valley Rehab in Plainville, CT on Monday December 31, 2018. She was born in Keene, NH on April 15, 1926, the daughter of the late Frank and Bertha (Guild) Barker. Sally grew up and attended schools in Keene, NH. She received her undergraduate degree

from the University of New Hampshire, where she also made some special life-long friends.

Following graduation, Sally headed to New Haven, CT to work in a research lab at Yale New Haven Hospital. There she met her future husband, who was a student at Yale School of Divinity. On June 18, 1949, Sally married Rev Gilbert A. Chadwick, a union that lasted for 62 years until Mr. Chadwick's death in March 2012.

Together, they first settled in Plainville, CT to raise their three children. Sally enjoyed her involvement in many civic and church organizations. The family moved to Rye, NY in the early 1970's where Sally enjoyed her position in a local hospital working in the pharmacy department. In 1977, Sally and Gil returned to Keene, NH and made their home alongside Sally's Mother's house so they could care for her and eventually retire in the place they both loved best.

Sally loved to garden and had beautiful gardens annually of both flowers and many varieties of vegetables. She enjoyed nature and could identify most birds by their song. She enjoyed the study of genealogy and researched our lineage never using a computer or DNA, but by visiting libraries and cemeteries to trace the history. Her methods succeeded in providing us with information going back one thousand years. She was also very interested in studying the Civil War and all history. She was a remarkable resource for any questions we had. She and Gil enjoyed traveling to interesting places when they could.

Sally is survived by two daughters, Carol Phelps and her husband Fred of Maryland and Sara Zdunczyk and her husband Frank of Plainville, and one son, Allen Chadwick and his wife Bonnie of Bristol. Also, surviving are seven grandchildren, Megan and her husband Jon Day, Mary Sysko, Patrick McAuliffe and his wife Melissa all of Maryland. Ryan Zdunczyk and his wife Dana of Southington, CT, Corey Zdunczyk and his wife Joni of Madison, CT, Tracey Chadwick of Torrington, CT, and Kevin Chadwick of Watertown, CT. She leaves behind six precious Great Grandchildren, Daniel, Katherine, Stellan, Connor, Mario, and Logan.

There will be a memorial service for Sarah Chadwick at the Plainville Congregational Church, 130 West Main Street on Saturday March 30th at 3:30 PM. Burial will take place in NH at a later date. The family wishes to thank the wonderful nurses and staff at Apple Valley Rehab for their terrific care of our dear mother.

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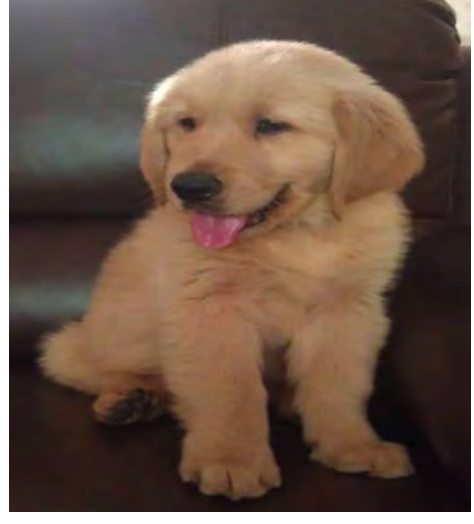
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By: Jeannette Hinkson

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