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## Plainville Chamber of Commerce

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20-30 years. Congratulations for this well deserved recognition. Please see page 31 for additional photos and stories of the *Volunteer of the Year Award*, *Clive Lemasurier* and *Employee of the Year*, *Sarah Kazimierczak* of *Farmington Bank*.

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## AARP Announces Volunteer of the Year



Jack Cassidy was named Volunteer of the Year by AARP Chapter 4146. Shown above is Sally Miller, Vice President presenting award to Marie Cassidy his wife. She accepted the award on Jack's behalf.  
*Photos by: Wendell Copeland*

## A.A.R.P. Chapter #4146 Annual Bake Sale at Gnazzo's



Members pictured above from left to right are Helen Marnelli, Barbara Cichon, Sally Miller and Roseanna Garcia. The Chapter members wish to thank everyone who supported the Bake Sale and especially Ken and Keith Gnazzo.

## Plainville United Methodist Church Collects Food at Gnazzo's Food Center

## James Larkin Provides Musical Entertainment at AARP Meeting



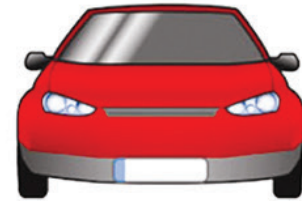
Program Chairman, Carol Perry pictured with entertainer James Larkin and Sally Miller Vice President of the Chapter. Meetings are held at the Dance Hall, on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m.



Shown above, volunteers help during a recent "Fill A Truck" food drive sponsored by the Plainville United Methodist Church. All donations are distributed to Plainville Food Pantry.

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{jean raves}

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{Sophie faves}

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{jack raves}

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## Robert E. Lee, Town Manager Report to: Town Council ~ April 1

### Ordinances

- The Town Attorney has reviewed several Ordinances that were submitted from the Ordinance Review Sub-committee.
- Ten Ordinances require some re-formatting to have them be consistent with most other Ordinances. The re-formatted Ordinances do not require a public hearing since no language changes are being recommended. The Ordinances needing reformatting are: Code of Ethics (amended 2005); Ordinance Regarding Land Acquisition Trust Fund (2005); Ordinance Regarding Encumbrances (2012); Ordinance Regarding Justices of the Peace (1996); An Ordinance Establishing an Insurance Commission (amended 1972); Ordinance Establishing the Plainville Inlands Wetlands Commission (amended 1975); Ordinance Regarding Berner Swimming Pool Trust Fund (1993); An Ordinance Providing for Alternate Members of the Town Planning & Zoning Commission (1963); Ordinance Establishing a Conservation Commission (amended 2004); and an Ordinance Designating the Planning and Zoning Commission as the Towns' Aquifer Protection Agency (1994).
- There is one Ordinance that is being recommended for repeal. That is the Ordinance Authorizing the Formation of a Housing Partnership (1989). The Housing Partnership was formed with the development of Cassidy Commons in 1989. The work of the Partnership was later transferred to the Housing Authority. There is not a need to have this Ordinance in place.
- It is recommended that the Town Council add under New Business to have a public hearing before the April 15th meeting to repeal this Ordinance.

### Budget Hearing - April 9, 2013

Town Council's Proposed FY14 General Government and Board of Education Budgets

- The Town Council will be holding a public hearing to hear citizen comments on their recommended budget for FY14 on Tuesday, April 9th beginning at 7:00 pm in the Town Council Chambers. The proposed budget would increase overall spending by 1.21%. After the public hearing the Town Council will meet to set the final recommended budget that will be submitted to the all-day vote which will be held on Tuesday, April 30th.

### Valley Water Systems Land Conveyance

- Valley Water Systems, Inc. is willing to convey its interest in three parcels of property to the Town. The first piece is located south of Northwest Drive surrounded on three sides by the airport site. The second parcel adjoins the first parcel and involves any interest that Valley Water may have acquired by virtue of the abandonment of a portion of Johnson Avenue. The third piece is any interest in Northwest Drive that Valley Water may have an interest in.
- Valley Water will retain an easement for its existing water mains within the second and third pieces.

- Valley Water will convey the land at no cost to the Town. The first piece is assessed for \$4,620 by the Town Assessor and the tax bill for the current year amounts to \$142.71. There is no assessment or tax on the other two parcels.
- If the Town Council wishes to accept the offer, the next step would be to refer it to the Planning & Zoning Commission pursuant to 8-24 of the CT General Statutes. The P&Z will then determine whether the offer is in conformance with the Towns' Plan of Conservation & Development.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the referral to P&Z.

### Military Leave – Annual Review

- In 2003 the Town Council adopted a "Military Leave Policy for Town of Plainville Employees" to be reviewed on an annual basis. During the last year no Town employees were subject to the military leave policy. Town staff is recommending no changes to the current policy.

## Sweeping Operation Spring Clean-up

*By: Dominick Moschini, Supt. of Roadways*

The sweeping of Town streets by the Roadways Department began April 8, 2013 and will continue until the operation is complete.

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## Town of Plainville On-Demand Bulk Pickup Policy

Residents can request one bulk pickup per calendar year free of charge for large items that do not fit in normal rubbish collection. For a list of acceptable bulk items and restrictions, please refer to the Public Works Department page on the Town of Plainville website, [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com).

Bulk collection will take place on Mondays during the following periods: April 15 through June 24, 2013 and September 9 through October 28, 2013. Eligible residents must call Latella Rubbish Removal at 1-800-215-2835 to schedule a pickup. When calling, you will need to provide your name, address, phone number and a description of the items to be collected. Calls placed by 3:00pm Friday can be scheduled for collection on Monday. **\*\*Please Note:** pickups for multi-family residents (2-5 units) must be scheduled by property owners/landlords. Bulk items should not be placed curbside more than 24 hours before your scheduled pickup. Bulk items must not block or create a safety concern for sidewalks.

## TOWN OF PLAINVILLE HAPPENINGS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING of April 1

*By: Shirley Osle, Assistant Town Manager*

- Stephanie Soucy, Plainville Senior Center Outreach Coordinator, held Coffee with a Social Worker, at the Center.
- The Plainville Senior Center and Youth Services co-hosted a program about the unique challenges of raising a grandchild or relative held at the Plainville Senior Center. The grandparents' program provides caregivers an opportunity to share information and support on issues related to childrearing. Funding for this program was made possible by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging.
- The Caregiving Connections Meetings are held at the Senior Center. Caregivers of all ages are welcome to join the group and share their caregiving concerns and successes. Call Bette at the Senior Center for more information.
- Programs the Senior Center is offered in April were:
  - Aging In Place (Staying in one's home as long as possible).
  - Mature Driver Screening Program, free confidential one-hour assessment of one's safe driving abilities.
  - Coffee with the Town Manager, Robert E. Lee at the Senior Center for a chat about Plainville and the proposed FY14 budget.
  - Plainville High School's Interact Club is hosting a 50's themed Swinging Senior Prom. A DJ will provide music, and a performance by the High School Jazz band. There were appetizers, dinner and dancing.
  - The Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development sponsored its 2nd annual Community Business Breakfast at Plainville High School. The purpose of the breakfast is to connect local businesses and community organizations with youth by highlighting programs could benefit from the connection in various ways including career exploration, mentoring, tutoring, donating supplies or funds, and other ways. Roberta Brown was the co-ordinator.
  - Sweeping of Town streets and lots by the Town Roadways Department will began April 8, 2013 and will continue until the operation is complete. We will be starting in the Central and West Main Street areas. Questions may be directed to the Public Works Administration Department during regular business hours at 860-793-0221 x208.

\* Note: The above report reflects the announced activities and dates that had taken place in the month of April.

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### From the Desks of . . . .

**Mark DeVoe, Director of Planning and Economic Development**  
**Val Dumais, Chairman, Plainville Economic Development Agency**

**Melninkaitis Project** – You may have noticed ongoing construction on the Melninkaitis property located at 59 Whiting Street. The project was originally approved in 2005 and we are very pleased that work has started on this last building. It should be noted that work is being undertaken without the benefit of “signed” tenants. We hope that the location and the charm of the building and site will create interest.

**International Institute of Cosmetology--**  
 The owners of the Institute have purchased a vacant and blighted property directly adjacent to their existing facility (67 Whiting Street). They are currently considering demolishing the building. The building was most recently used as an eight family dwelling. A lack of repairs and maintenance in recent years has rendered the building unsuitable for any use. It is not yet known what type of project will develop but if the work done at the Institute is any indication, we can expect good things.

**Existing Tax Fixing Agreements** – Trico Property Management has executed their Memorandum of Understanding for their proposed improvements on Robert Jackson Way. The Agreement has since been signed by the Town Manager and the facility is under construction.

**Phoenix Soil** – A public informational hearing was held by DEEP at the Plainville High School. At the hearing, Phoenix Officials offered a presentation similar to that given at the Plainville Public Library several months ago. DEEP officials detailed their review process and then invited citizen comment. The comments received were both pro and con. DEEP will receive written comments from April 11 through May 11th, after which time, a permit may be issued.

**Firestone Complete Auto Care Center --** Work continues at a good pace and the facility is still slated for a fall, 2013 grand opening.

**Connecticut Commons (DDR)** Connecticut Commons' application for a new entrance and additional signage within the building that currently houses Famous Footwear was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning and Zoning Commission, paving the way for reconfigured storefronts with opportunities for several new tenants including Ulta and Five Below. More are under consideration.

**Debra Guerrette CCMC, Revenue Collector**  
**TAX AND ASSESSING DEPARTMENT**  
**SECOND INSTALLMENT**  
**SEWER USER BILLS DUE**

Sewer user bills were mailed on October 31, 2012. Bills are payable in two installments, the first was due November 1, 2012 and the second on May 1, 2013. The Taxpayer had the option of paying their sewer bill in full, or in two installments. If the taxpayer chose to pay their bill in two installments a payment is due by May 1, 2013. No bills are mailed for the MAY installment.

Regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Payments on current bills made at the office window will be accepted without interest through the close of business on MONDAY JUNE 3, 2013. Payments can be made by using our payment drop box located between the stairs in the back of the building or the payment box in the hall in front of the Tax & Assessing Office. Credit card payments [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) or (800) 2PAYTAX enter jurisdiction code 1738. A convenience fee will be charged to the taxpayer. Credit card payments are accepted at the office however a convenience fee is charged to the taxpayer. The Fee for using a visa debit is \$3.95. E check is also available you can visit [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com) and click on pay with electronic check the cost for this option is \$3.00. Payments made on current bills by mail and postmarked no later than JUNE 3, 2013 will also be accepted without interest. Under Connecticut State Statute (Secs. 7-258 and 12-144b) all delinquent sewer fees on a specific property must be paid in full before any payment may be applied to the current bill. Current MAY 1 installments not paid in full by JUNE 3, 2013, either in person or by mail, will be charged interest at the rate of 3% on the unpaid balance during JUNE and an additional 1-1/2% per month thereafter until paid in full.

If you are a new homeowner and do not receive a sewer bill please notify the office. Non receipt of the bill will not invalidate the interest per state statutes. Phone: 860-793-0221, Ext. 239, 240, 244, 245

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*Buddhist proverb*

**JANE BUDEN, TOWN ASSESSOR**  
**FOR THE ELDERLY/DISABLED**  
**HOMEOWNERS PROGRAM**

The Town of Plainville Assessor's Office reminds Homeowners who are currently on the Elderly/Disabled Homeowners program and have received a letter from the Assessor informing them that they must file an application this year must contact the Assessors office as soon as possible so there will be no interruption in their benefits. Homeowners currently on the Elderly/Disabled Homeowners Program have until May 15, 2013 to file their application. Income requirements for this year's program are for single people \$ 33,500, and married couples \$ 40,900.

This program is currently open to new applicants also. Anyone over 65 years of age and/or disabled prior to December 31, 2012, with income within the limits listed above can contact the Assessor's Office to make an appointment prior to May 15, 2013.

Forms to apply for this benefit must be completed at the Assessor's Office at the Municipal Center. Please call for an appointment at 793-0221 between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday; 9:00 am and 6:00 pm on Thursday; and 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Friday.

The Town of Plainville Assessor's Office has announced that it will begin to make appointments to take applications for the Renters Rebate Program for the elderly and disabled renters beginning May 1, 2013. Income requirements for the Renters Rebate: are for single people \$33,500 and married couples \$ 40,900. Qualifications for the above renter's benefits are:

Applicants must have been 65 years old prior to December 31, 2012 or have a 100 percent disability rating from the Social Security Administration. Applicants must have been a resident of Connecticut for any one year.

Persons filing must provide a copy of their 2012 income tax return, or if not required to file a return must supply copies of their source of income and the amounts, and proof of Social Security benefits collected for 2012.

Renter applicants must also have receipts for their rent from 2012 and all utility receipts for 2012.

You must call the Assessor's Office for an appointment at 793 0221 ext 244.

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**From the Desk of:***William Buden, Recycling Coordinator***Hazardous Waste  
Collection Day****Saturday, May 4, 2013**

a regional household hazardous waste collection day will be conducted from

**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

at the Roadways Facility on Granger Lane.

This is the nineteenth (19th) year this event is being conducted by TROC (Tunxis Recycling Operating Committee) and was created to promote increased opportunities for residents to properly dispose of their household products. It is important that residents clearly understand that many commonly purchased household products for in home, office, yard/gardens, and workshops do have a risk with improper use and disposal.

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

**TOWN OF PLAINVILLE****ROAD CLOSURE**

Construction began on March 18, 2013 to replace the Stillwell Drive Bridge over the Quinnipiac River. Detour routes have been established for vehicle traffic. The bridge is expected to remain closed until September 2013. Please note this schedule is subject to change due to weather or construction delays. Updates will be posted on the Town of Plainville home page at [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com).

Questions regarding the project should be directed to John R. Bossi, Director of Technical Services at 860-793-0221 x 220.

**Federal Safe Routes to  
School Program**

The Town of Plainville has announced it proposes to construct street improvements under this program. The proposed construction activities involve a roadway median on Northwest Drive in the vicinity of the Middle School of Plainville and Toffolon Elementary School, building speed humps with elevated textured cross walks and installation of sidewalk improvements. The engineer estimates will be approximately \$450,000.00. It is anticipated the Federal Highway Administration will provide 100% of the construction costs up to a maximum limit as determined by that Agency.

The Town of Plainville and State of Connecticut Department of Transportation want to keep the public informed and involved when such projects are undertaken. It is important that the community share its concerns to assist in the project's development.

**The Town will host an informational meeting on May 7, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers room 304 of the Municipal Center.** Any person needing special assistance to attend call DTS at 860-793-0221 ext. 208 five days before the meeting. If you believe this project may affect you, you are encouraged to attend or submit written comments. For more information contact Plainville's Engineering Department, John Bossi at 860-793-0221 ext. 220.

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The State of CT has renewed its commitment to the EXP loan and grant program in an effort to help small businesses and create jobs. We are pleased to announce that Sun Coffee Roasters of Plainville has received assistance in the form of a Job Creation Loan (some of which can be forgiven if hiring targets are achieved) and a Job Creation Matching Grant. A recent event to commemorate the loan package was attended by Governor Malloy and Representative Boukus as well DECD Commissioner Catherine Smith.

Sun Coffee Roasters is a fair trade coffee processing and distribution company that targets primarily Central and South American growers. They are to be commended for their progressive business practices such as the establishment of village housing, health services and marketing assistance for local growers. Some of you may have smelled the delicious aroma of fresh roasted coffee as you passed by their facilities at 45 Northwest Drive.

Details were not disclosed, but the upshot is that these funds are available for business expansion where new employees figure into business plans. Program information is available on the DECD website at: <http://www.ct.gov/ecd/site/default.asp> under "Small Business Express"

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**Mark DeVoe, AICP, Director  
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## Ordinance Providing Abatements on Residential Property Taxes

Town of Plainville owner-occupied households may be eligible for abatement of property taxes if those taxes exceed 8% of the total annual combined income of all members of the household. The "Ordinance Providing Abatement (deferral) of Residential Property Taxes for Persons of Limited Income" went into effect November 2011. The following criteria must be met to be eligible:

- The residential dwelling is occupied by the owner/owners;
- The dwelling is the primary place of residence;
- Supporting documentation will be provided for all sources of total/gross income from all members residing in the household
- An application is submitted to the Town Manager's Office by May 31st of each year

If eligible, the real estate property tax will be capped at 8% of income with the remaining balance to be payable at a future time at a rate of 5% simple interest. "This Ordinance allows people who cannot currently afford to pay their property tax bill to defer a portion of their payment to a future time while substantially reducing the delinquent interest charge of 18% that is levied on those taxpayers not part of this program" stated Town Manager Robert Lee. Residents interested in applying for the abatement may obtain an application from the Town Manager's Office, Plainville Municipal Center, One Central Square, Plainville, Monday thru Wednesday, 8am-4pm; Thursday 8am-7pm; Friday 8am-noon. The entire Ordinance (ordinance #95) can be viewed online at [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com) or in the Town Manager's Office.

## Plainville Community Fund

The Plainville Community Fund ,Chairperson Dolly Chamberlin is pleased to announce that the Plainville Republican Town Committee's "Taste of Plainville" will be donating a portion of the proceeds to the Community Fund.

The committee welcomed the offer as they begin this years "Fund Raiser Drive".

All of the committee's funds are used to support only Plainville organizations. The grants have been given to Boy's Scouts, P.H.S. Blue Dolphins Swim team Score Board, Plainville Food Pantry, Nutmeg Big Brothers-Big Sister, PARC, Adult & Contining Education, Positive Youth Develment, Cub Scouts,St. Philips House, Project Gradution, Wheeler Clinic and Middle School, this are but a few. This years Grants will be announced next month.

## GE Celebrates the Grand Opening of its New Product Innovation Center and Launches the 2013 Odyssey Tour

On May 3, GE's Industrial Solutions business, headquartered in Plainville, Conn., will celebrate the grand opening of its \$1.5 million, 17,000 square foot New Product Innovation (NPI) Center. The Center features a team room, machine shop, product tear down area and pilot-run production area that will enable GE engineers to design, develop and deliver new products faster than ever before.

In celebration of the Center opening, GE will host students from Plainville High School and University High School for Science and Engineering to compete in a challenge designed to further peak their interest in applied science and engineering. With just a few simple materials, teams of students paired with a GE engineer, will design and build mini-sailboats to race by suspending their competing "boats" from a monofilament line and propelling the models only by the wind from a floor fan.

After the competition, Hartford's University High School for Science and Engineering students will demonstrate the abilities of a robot they built earlier this year, under the guidance of GE engineers, for the FIRST® Robotics Competition. GE employees and media are invited to watch as the robot performs amazing feats including structure climbing and targeted Frisbee throwing.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear from Paul Singer, senior executive of engineering at Industrial Solutions, who will officially introduce the new NPI Center with a brief overview of the facility capabilities and technology vision for GE's Industrial Solutions business.

Finally, all are invited to a complimentary nautical-themed lunch and to tour the completely renovated Odyssey Tour trailer, a traveling road show featuring the latest in advanced GE EntelliGuard® circuit breakers, Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) system, Entellisys 5.0 low voltage switchgear and more

## Cut-A-Thon & Bake Sale Sunday, May 5th, 2013

Silvana's Day Spa & Salon (at 102 East Main Street in Bristol (860) 589-7249) is participating in a city-wide Cut-A-Thon & Bake Sale with other Salons around Bristol. From 10am-3pm people will be able to come in and get a haircut for a Donation of at least \$10. (Orange bracelets will also be for sale for \$3.00)

All the proceeds from this event will go to a medical fund to help Julie Roche who is fighting Leukemia. Julie is a hardworking and outgoing ICU nurse at Bristol Hospital who has recently been diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome, an aggressive type of leukemia. Medical treatments are extremely expensive, and Julie will probably be out of work for over a year.

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## The times, they are a changin' ... or are they?

You know, history is really very boring. Americans are so busy just keeping up with our day-to-day pressures, what happened many years ago seems unimportant in this fast-paced, high-tech time in America.

Not so. The Americans of the 1770s were just as busy and even more pressured; they were about to fight a king and one of the most powerful countries on the planet and form a new and revolutionary government, a government of the people. They gave blood and treasure to topple a government of subjugation and tyranny.

The people wanted guaranteed rights, written and enumerated, not inferred and most certainly not privileges granted by a central government. They wanted to know what the government was not allowed to do. The Revolutionary War was triggered by the British attempting to disarm the American colonists. The founders put in writing the right to own and bear arms, and the people demanded the Government assure them it was an inalienable right, and could not be taken away.

If the people, a majority of whom wanted to change a "right," they would have to as a people. The people would have to agree on a new constitutional amendment — a new amendment, a new law. The Prohibition of alcohol was such an exercise.

The people made the sale

### A POINT TO PONDER



Phil Mikan

and use of alcohol illegal. Twelve years later, another amendment made it legal. Prohibition was a disaster. It made Americans lawbreakers, and the country ignored the law and bought booze off market, from gangsters. It was an example of a few able to control the many. The people ignored the law, and the government

saw itself being minimized. The people won and a bad law was rejected, but the government put lots of strings and taxes on the sale and use of alcohol, so, in reality, the government won big.

Connecticut lawmakers have treated the 2nd Amendment to our Constitution as if it were a government-granted privilege rather than a guaranteed right. They have infringed on something we hold sacred — a guaranteed right. They have done it under the guise of protecting the people and pretended they have the right to make such laws. That's what the revolution tried to stop.

The times aren't so different, are they?

A point to ponder.

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## Where are those iconic joints of yesteryear?

By RICK WHELAN

Do teenagers today still have "hangouts"? You know the kind I mean! Shady out-of-the-way joints with an ancient soda fountain, black-leather-jacketed Future Convicts of America gathered around pinball machines exploding with five-thousand-point bonuses and rickety booths at the back that are scarred by a zillion initials carved into the darkly stained wood.

As I was pondering this question recently, that smart-mouthed little wise-ass who dwells inside my head answered my question. "No, dummy! Because it's not 1958 anymore!"

Oh, I suppose young people today still do have hangouts ... but I'm sure they have specialty coffees served by baristas with attitude. And oh yeah ... WiFi!

The hangout of my youth was called The Palace of Sweets. It was a dingy little hole-in-the-wall in one of the office blocks in the small Connecticut town where I grew up.

The Sweets, as it was known, was owned and operated by a Greek guy named Nick.

Nick's son (also named Nick) was some kind of math genius who taught at a big prestigious university. But sometimes Nick Jr. would come home on school vacations and tend the counter at the Sweets so Nick Sr. could take a break.

One time I went into the Sweets to buy a stick of bubble gum. I handed Nick Jr. my two cents ... and he proceeded to give me 98 cents in change. Obviously most of his formidable brainpower was being occupied by solving some advanced logarithmic equa-

tion and what was left over wasn't up to the task of making change.

There was another hangout of my youth that I would frequent. This one was located in the neighbouring town of New Britain.

On Saturday mornings I would hop on the bus and head for New Britain (or as the locals often called it, New Britsky, due to its large Polish population) for my weekly music lesson.

After the lesson, I would proceed to a place called Capitol Lunch. Cappy's (as it was called by

On Saturday mornings I would hop on the bus and head for New Britain (or as the locals often called it, New Britsky, due to its large Polish population) ...

the regulars) wasn't as threatening as the Sweets. For one thing, it was (and still is!) a very popular restaurant that served Connecticut's famous Martin Rosol hot dogs, topped with Cappy's own homemade meat sauce — not like chili sauce at all ... but rather a clove-infused meaty meat sauce!

Cappy's started life as a shoe-shine parlour. When business was slow, the owners decided to offer their clients hot dogs while they waited for their shines.

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Cappy's has moved a number of times over the years to accommodate its growing clientele ... but the place I remember featured

a big picture window where you could look in and salivate over several hundred hot dogs being grilled prior to their meat-sauce baptismal.

So on those long-ago Saturday mornings I'd order myself a couple of Cappy's dogs and maybe a root beer. This combination would start a fire in my stomach that would last until the next Saturday when I'd fuel up again!

There goes that little brat inside my head again: "Listen to this guy, waxing sentimental over Martin Rosol hot dogs with Cappy's special meat sauce. Why, if he were to consume just one teaspoonful of that meat sauce today, he'd have heartburn for a month!"

I have to admit, given how my digestive powers have decreased over the years, that little voice might have a valid point.

Note to self: You can't go home again. But if you do ... lay off the meat sauce!

*Rick Whelan, who grew up in Plainville, was an actor for 15 years before he became a playwright and journalist. During his acting days, he starred as Charlie Brown in the national company of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" (he ended up marrying Lucy!) and he was a company member of the Stratford Shakespeare Festival for four seasons. His plays have also been produced at the Actors' Theatre of Louisville, Canada's National Arts Centre, Vancouver's New Play Centre and Lunchbox Theatre in Calgary, Alberta. He writes a weekly column for the Sun Media newspaper chain in Canada and has appeared in The New York Times and the Toronto Star.*

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By: Gene

## Obituary:

### Born 1776 - Died 2012

Due to current economical conditions, the light down the end of the tunnel has been turned off.

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46 millions on food stamps, if government collapses...forget it.

Are your social security checks now being called Federal Benefit payment/entitlement?

So is the country with largest oil supply and the world's largest oil production, could this be a SCAM? That's a contradiction to say the least!!!!

Who said he was ready for the next step, in spite of enough evidence to the contrary?

"SHE" took 12 school friends, 2 jets, and 25 Secret Service men to Oaxaca, Mexico. This trip cost more than most Americans make in their entire lifetime. Organizing for American is B.H.O. - Civilian National Security Force (501) (4) lobby?

**"I do think there are certain times we should infringe on your freedoms" Mayor Mike Bloomberg (NY) on NBC**

Beware of I.C.L.E.I pronounced (Ick-ly) International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (Agenda 21)

**Who are these people?** Afif Alikhan - Rachard Hussain - Mohammed Elibiary - Siam Al Marayati - Eboo Patel - Joe Biden - Imam Mohamed Magid...

**Rather scary with strong influence over U.S. Policy!**

Statements being made, **"Your children don't belong to you, they belong to us."** Did I hear right?

Dr. B. Carlson: We are not all brain surgeons. (But he really is).

Maggie Thatcher (The Best) R.I.P.

"In 1959, the Connecticut General Assembly voted to adopt the "Constitution State" as our official nickname. In 2013, we may lose the right to honestly use that name. We can always revert to the other nickname; the "Nutmeg State"... At least part of it will be true." (Record Journal April 5, 2013 Letter to the Editor)

**"I'll leave you with one thought "A great civilization cannot be conquered from without, until it has destroyed itself from within." (W. Durant)**

# FROM MY BALCONY

By: Jeannette Hinkson

OK, raise your hand if you've had enough! We have all watched as our lawmakers, the people we have elected to run the country, can't decide on the simplest of things. They are trying to figure out the budget, immigration, gun control and a bunch of other things like food stamps and health care. Simple: If you want it, get a job and pay for it yourself. That is what the majority of us do! It makes me angry to stand in line at the supermarket and watch as someone purchases a forty-five dollar birthday cake for a child and pays for it with a welfare card. How about a box of cake mix and a can of frosting? Our budget is so out of whack, the working class can't afford to pay their bills, yet Washington wants more and more of our money. Just this past week we found how thankful a family of immigrants, from Russia, were when their children planted bombs along the route of the Boston Marathon killing and maiming dozens of innocent people. It is my understanding when the United States grants someone political asylum, they are instantly eligible for welfare. Isn't that wonderful....The mother of these boys is a thief, and it is reported she recently shoplifted goods from a store. America welcomed this family, gave a scholarship to one of these boys so he could study medicine, and he and his brother thanked their new country by killing and maiming fellow Americans. Family members said these boys didn't plant these bombs and were framed. Of course, they didn't say why they ran from the police throwing bombs at law enforcement as they fled in a stolen car. One brother is dead; hopefully, authorities will rigidly interrogate the other one and then terminate him. And while they are at it, why not deport the mother and the rest of her flock. Let us talk of gun control. As one person said, "I bet the guy who had his car hijacked by these two brothers wished he had a gun. I think he would have been hailed as a national hero. Question: The two brothers used a gun to shoot two police officers...killing one. Did they have a gun permit, and did anyone do a background check on them? According to news reports a foreign country told our government to watch the older brother. What happened? Who in government dropped the ball? These two brothers killed and maimed people with nail and BB-filled pressure cookers. (Now, as a woman that really doesn't like to cook, I think they should ban the sale of pressure cookers.) **FACT: YOU DON'T NEED A GUN TO KILL!** I don't know how those we elect can get anything done. If the Democrats vote yes, the Republicans vote no. If the Republicans vote yes, the Democrats vote no. I hope they have two elevators in Washington, one for Democrats and one for Republicans, because if the Republicans push the button to go up, the Democrats will push the button to go down. Just think how long they can get stuck in what they might call a bipartisan elevator. The people of Boston all worked together to find those responsible for the horrific days of TERROR perpetrated by these killers. No one said the Republicans wanted it this way, or the Democrats wanted it done another way. Everyone worked together and got the job done. A great job was done by all the law enforcement agencies that worked together during such stressful times. They should all be commended and hailed as heroes. I wish everyone could work together as well; it is the little guy that ends up paying the all the bills, while the Republicans and Democrats decide if they want to go up or down.



~ Mad as a Wet Hen ~  
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My name is Leesha,

I'm mad as a wet hen because the powers that be in Plainville have decided my sisters and I are not good citizens. Shame on you Plainville for being so closed minded! Keeping backyard hens has become popular all over the country. We are very good pets, lay delicious eggs and provide nitrogen rich fertilizer for the garden.

Our pet, Roberta, has found us a good home on a small farm not far from here. It will not be the same. We will sorely miss her and all of our friends in the neighborhood. All we can say now is THANK YOU to our many friends who came to the zoning meeting to support us.

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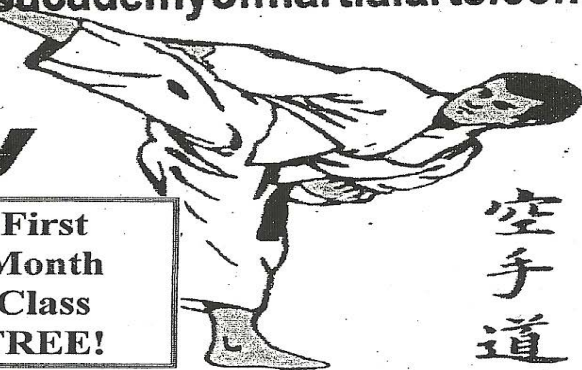
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## Life With Wanda



As anyone who is over sixty-five can attest to, you just can't live on Social Security. I decided to find a job so I might be able to afford those luxuries I have become used to; such as, eating, having electricity, and even putting gas in my car. I asked around our little town, and there didn't seem to be any job openings no matter where I went. It

was during a chance meeting I learned of a job helping out with some new puppies. The owner of the kennel had a medical emergency and would be laid up for several months. Hey, I figured I could handle that job. I love little puppies, so I took the job. I found there weren't just a few puppies, there were nineteen and two mothers to care for as well. Oh, I figured nineteen puppies...I couldn't wait, and I dove right in on the early morning shift at 6 AM. This is when the little darlings were just waking up and wanting their breakfast. The first two weeks were a snap; the two mothers fed the pups and even cleaned them. After they had eaten I changed their bedding and hugged each and every one of them so they would get used to human contact. I was elated when at three weeks these little beauties found their legs and began to wobble around their pen. The mothers didn't feed them as much, and I started feeding them some softened puppy food. Of course, the mothers didn't clean up after them as much either, so changing their pens became harder and harder, and at four weeks the cleaning and feeding was almost impossible to keep up with. I decided perhaps I should have gotten a job as a greeter at Wal-Mart. Little did I know but the worst was yet to come! When the pups were between five and six weeks, the morning shift moved to 4 AM. When you entered the kennel at that time of the morning, you found a world of yelping, leaping balls of fur. This I could take, but do you know how much puppy poop nineteen puppies can produce? The puppy poop wasn't the only problem; in between the piles of poop were little rivers of puppy pee that ran into piles of puppy poop. When trying to pick up these little piles, that weren't so little anymore, the puppies thought it was some type of game, so they ran and slid through pile after pile like they were on sheets of ice. Have you ever had to wash nineteen puppies that were covered with something you never want to handle or smell for that matter? I had no idea puppy poop could fly, but fly it did. Puppy shampoo worked well for my hair, as well. Thank heaven, the puppies all found homes and after eight weeks the new owners left with their little bundle of fur in tow. Many owners remarked, "Don't you feel sad seeing them go?" "A little," I said. But, as I waved good-bye, I whispered (*oh so softly*) under my breath, "Hell, no!" Don't be surprised if you see me at the door at Wal-Mart!

## AAA Speaks Out:

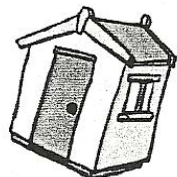
### Preparing Vehicles for Summer Road Trips

Believe it or not, the busy summer travel season is nearly upon us. That means tens of millions of Americans will be hitting the road for Memorial Day weekend and beyond. AAA encourages drivers plan ahead and conduct a quick inspection of their vehicle to help ensure trouble-free road trips.

"Many travelers overlook the possibility of car trouble or breaking down on the side of the road before leaving for a trip," said AAA Automotive Services Manager Stuart Willson. "However, taking 30 minutes to prepare a vehicle can help drivers avoid breakdowns and other car problems that can interrupt a vacation."

AAA offers the following summer vehicle maintenance tips:

- Check fluid levels. Clean headlights, change the oil, replace windshield wiper blades and make sure fluids are filled to the appropriate levels.
  - Check tire pressure and tire tread. Tire care is critical to your vehicle's performance and more importantly to your safety. AAA recommends taking five minutes every month to check your tires, including the spare. Make sure they are inflated to the pressure prescribed by the vehicle manufacturer— usually found in the driver's door jamb. If you think you may have a tire problem or are unsure about the condition of your tires, consult a professional as soon as possible.
  - Inspect the vehicle's battery. Battery problems are common as the summer heat intensifies. Car battery terminals should be secure and free of corrosion. The average life of a battery is 3-5 years, but driving conditions, climate, and lack of care and maintenance can shorten a battery's lifespan. Since the inception of the AAA Mobile Battery Program, AAA/CAA clubs have tested more than 22 million batteries at the roadside, resulting in more than 7.5 million defective batteries being replaced on the scene.
  - Have vehicles inspected by a professional. Drivers should visit a repair facility to ensure their cars are ready for long travels. Consumers can visit one of AAA's more than 8,000 Approved Auto Repair facilities for an inspection. To find an approved auto repair shop, visit [AAA.com/repair](http://AAA.com/repair).
  - Be prepared in case of an emergency. Drivers should carry emergency supplies, such as a car care kit with jumper cables, a tire pressure gauge, flashlight, hazard signs, snacks, water and a charged cell phone.
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The breakfast was held at the Plainville High School Cafeteria last month. Members of the committee are: Roberta Brown-Youth Services, Lynn Davis-Communications & Energy Specialist, Maureen Brummett, Ed.D-Assistant Superintendent, Betty Boukus-State Representative, Nancy Gennett-Community Member, Chris Roy-YMCA, Mitch Underwood- Boy Scouts of America, Donna Osuch-United Way, Robert Lee-Town Manager, Debra Racine Vazquez-WISH, Inc, Paula Eshoo-Principal Linden Street, Lynn Logoyke- Principle Toffolon, Catherine Frayler-Principal Wheeler, Matthew Guarino-Principal Middle School, Steven LePage-Principal Plainville High and Jonathan Coe-Assistant Principal Plainville High.

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**Next Ladies Night: Tuesday, June 18th 2013**

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**Thursday**

**Men's Night**

**June 20th, 2013**



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## Jacob Masco & Lissa Little Earn "Students Rock Award"



Plainville High School students Lissa Little and Jacob Masco have been named recipients of the first semester "Students Rock Award" recognizing their outstanding contributions to Plainville High School.

In seeking a way to honor students who "do the right thing every day," the Plainville High School Mentoring Committee, comprised of high school faculty members and led by fellow faculty members Anna Norland and Maria Colangelo, created the Students Rock Award during the 2009-10 school year. According to the nomination guidelines created by the committee, students to be considered for the award must assume responsibility for their behavior, contribute to the school and community, and appreciate the benefits of a physically, emotionally and socially healthy lifestyle. "Jake and Lissa exemplify the typical Plainville High student - conscientious and kind. Young people, like Jake and Lissa, give us all hope for a bright future. It is a sincere pleasure to honor them with the Students Rock Award," said Colangelo.

Lissa Little, a junior, was nominated by Plainville High School faculty member Lena Pietri and Principal Steven LePage. Jacob Masco, a sophomore was nominated by high school faculty members Jennifer Jambard, TJ Riccardo, and Cindy Birdsall.

Little, Masco, and their families were honored on March 19 at a high school faculty meeting.

"Lissa and Jacob epitomize this award in that they demonstrate how best to leave others and places better for having known them. That is what makes Plainville High School a phenomenal place to teach and learn," said Norland. "I am honored and blessed to be a part of this community."

"This award is truly one of my favorite acknowledgments of positive student achievement. It is awarded to only four students per year who do the right things and who demonstrate positive character by showing care, respect and concern for others. We have many students who demonstrate these positive qualities, but Jacob and Lissa are certainly two fine representatives of these traits we hope to instill in all students," noted Plainville High School Principal, Steven LePage.

## Linden Pre-School Program Hosts "Bubble-ology"



Each year the Preschool Program at Linden plans activities in which parents can participate in training, discussions, and fun activities to experience with their children. This year, participants enjoyed a program entitled "Bubble-ology" brought to Linden from the CT Science Center. Science Center staff members provided an overview of the "science" behind bubbles and then assisted with a variety of bubble related hands on activities enjoyed by the preschoolers and their families!

## Dr. Seuss Visits Toffolon and Linden Schools



The Plainville Community Schools' Reading Partners Programs at Linden Street School and Louis Toffolon School recently celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday with a number of "guest readers".

(Center top) Reading Partners Program at Linden Street School. Linden Principal Paula Eshoo.

(Center left) Plainville Community Schools' Office Professional Tina Gryguc were guest readers on March 26th to help celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday.

(Center right) Reading Partners Program at Louis Toffolon School. Toffolon Office Para professional Jeanne Cunningham, serve as guest readers for the Reading Partners Program at Toffolon, on March 27th, to help celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday.

## Plainville Schools Volunteers of the Year



left to right: Steven LePage, Robert Varano,  
Susan Varano, John Zadnik

Plainville Community Schools' volunteers Robert and Susan Varano were honored by the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) at their Volunteer Banquet held at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington on March 12th. CAS celebrates this event annually to publicly acknowledge the work of parents and other volunteers for their contributions to schools across the state. Over 600 participants from 100 elementary, middle, and high schools were present at the recognition event.

Honorees were presented with certificates and corsages to commemorate their service. Additionally each school has a plaque with the volunteers' names for display in their building. Plainville High School Principal Steven LePage and Athletic Director John Zadnik attended the event with Mr. and Mrs. Varano. LePage serves on the CAS Volunteer Recognition Committee.

"Mrs. Susan and Mr. Robert Varano have dedicated countless hours of time to the students, athletes, and town of Plainville. For the past 15 years, they have unselfishly volunteered to run the concession stands for every sport, every season. They organize every aspect of these vital fundraising and hospitality services and never look for anything in return. In addition to their dedication to concessions, they have remained active members and officers of the Athletic Backers Club, even though their youngest child graduated five years ago. Their service to student-athletes, to PTOs, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and the PARC Association through countless fundraiser events and activities has been impressive and sincerely appreciated. These parents and Plainville residents represent the best of Plainville, through selflessness, volunteerism, dedication, and service to others," said LePage.

## Rosa Perez Named PHS Assistant Principal

Mrs. Rosa Pérez, currently an assistant principal at Suffield High School, has been named assistant principal at Plainville High School, according to Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Kitching. Pérez will replace current Assistant Principal Kathy Carter, who will retire this year. "Rosa Pérez has impressed everyone she has met here in Plainville, including a group of our students. We are so pleased to be bringing such a high quality educational leader to the High School. She will be a great fit to the team," stated Kitching.

**Middle School of Plainville Trimester 2  
Student Caitlin Barker Grade 6 Received High Honors!!**

*I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag...*



## Wheeler Elementary School Hosts Invention Convention



The twelfth annual Wheeler Elementary School Invention Convention was held on March 20th. Each year all fourth graders at Wheeler are taught the process of invention during the month of January. Students think of an everyday problem or “something that bugs them.” The process then involves brainstorming multiple ways to solve the problem. The solution becomes the invention, and the students present their inventions (or improvements on items that already exist) in a science fair format. Several students are selected to represent the school at the state-wide invention convention with other students in grades K-8 from over 100 schools in Connecticut at UCONN on May 4th. The following presenters will represent Wheeler School: Daniel Emmendorfer- Rim Cap, Nanci Gutierrez- The Wallet Bracelet, Jacen Dupree- Tuna Cat Scratcher, Olivia Unwin- K.i.d.s Pack, Elijah Freschette- Lincoln’s Hat, and Anthony Lestini- The Pencil Saver.

## PHS Students Attend Financial Reality Fair

On Tuesday, March 26, Plainville High School faculty members Brian Edge and Steven Michaud accompanied 35 juniors and seniors to Central Connecticut State University to attend a Financial Reality Fair. The Fair, sponsored by the Connecticut Credit Unions, is a 2 ½ hour, hands-on experience in which students, after identifying their career choice and starting salaries, are provided a budget sheet requiring them to live within their monthly salary while paying for basics such as housing, utilities, transportation, clothing, and food, and some not so basics, such as entertainment and travel.

Throughout the day’s activities, there are temptations for additional spending and students must learn to balance their “wants and needs” to potentially live on their own. After students visited various booths covering components of independent living, they balanced their budgets, and sat down with a financial counselor to review their respective standings. The Fair was a unique opportunity for each student to experience some of the financial challenges they will face when they start life on their own.



## Toffolon Elementary Students Display Pinwheels of Promises

Louis Toffolon Elementary School students participated in a culminating activity to represent their commitment to being respectful of each other. As part of the school climate and anti-bullying initiatives, students participated in Steps to Respect lessons. Pinwheels of Promises was their opportunity to represent their promises to improve the school climate and foster an accepting environment at Toffolon. Pinwheels were displayed on Northwest Drive for students, faculty, staff, and the community to enjoy.



This year, for the first time, students at the Middle School of Plainville were able to join a VEX Robotics club! Technology Education instructor Kim Coyle, received a grant from the national Technology Student Association (TSA) for \$1,200 which provided funding for the robotic kit necessary to compete. The Middle School students met in Mrs. Coyle’s room over several weeks to design, build, and program their robot to complete a series of tasks on a predetermined playing field. On Feb 18th, nine students from the Middle School travelled to Manchester High School to compete in the CTEEA Southern New England Regional VEX Championship in Manchester, CT. After six rounds of competition, the Middle School of Plainville team placed 24th out of 67 teams. On March 28th, the same students travelled to RHAM High School in Hebron, Connecticut to participate in the annual TSA conference and VEX competition. With a redesigned robot, the students competed against 24 middle and high school teams and placed 20th out of the 24 schools.

According to Mrs. Coyle, “For the first time competing in these venues, the students did very well and took away an abundance of knowledge on engineering and design. I think we had a very successful first season!”

## MIDDLE SCHOOL RECEIVES CAS RECOGNITION

The Middle School of Plainville was recognized by the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) for Exemplary School Climate. The award was presented at the Middle School on April 22. “We have all worked very diligently to create a welcoming, supportive, positive learning environment at MSP. Receiving this award is immensely satisfying after all our hard work. MSP is truly a Great Place to Learn!” noted Middle School of Plainville Principal, Matthew Guarino.

*of The United States of America...*



# PHS Spring Sports



## Boys Outdoor Track

## Girls Outdoor Track



**Seniors:**  
 Ryan Acey  
 George Anastasas  
 Austin Cameron  
 Dustin Corriveau  
 Spencer Davis  
 Dom D'Onofrio  
 Nick Evangelista  
 Malik Gordon  
 Nick Hill  
 Eddie Lee

**Sophmores:**  
 Omar Abdelsame  
 Julius Brown  
 Dante Correa  
 Nino Freitas  
 Devon Hrywniak  
 Alex Kane  
 Nick Lestin  
 Quentin Lux  
 Dylan Martin  
 Pheonix Pothitay

**Juniors:**  
 Nick Boutin  
 Alec Maisonet  
 Quinton Reberio  
 Andrew Rottier

**Freshman:**  
 Jake San Juan  
 Ryan Sifuentes  
 Rochye Simmons  
 Brendan West  
 Gabe Yawin  
 Dan Costantini  
 Payton Manente  
 Greg Sileo  
 Jacob Wheaton

**Seniors:**  
 Paige Casey  
 Isabella D'Onofrio  
 Jen Fargo  
 Kelsey Fithian-Giantonio  
 Brianna Franceschini  
 Jennifer Heslin  
 Erica Mikulak  
 Lilia Miller  
 Marissa Schilling  
 Kelly Slabinski

**Juniors:**  
 Nikky-Ann Duncan  
 Shea Echols  
 Dajah Jackson  
 Justyce King  
 Morgan Lacombe  
 April Lemanski  
 Meghan Liquidoli  
 Paige Pratt

**Sophmores:**  
 Delaney Russell  
 Melkesha Smith  
 Gabrielle Taylor  
 Michelle Thibodeau  
 Kamila Zalewski  
 Stephany Barbagallo  
 Meagan Cameron  
 Megan Delena  
 Brittany Ferro  
 Hannah Marsh

**Freshman:**  
 Natalia Ramirez  
 Tyrah Green  
 Michelle Grenier  
 Erika Kane  
 Yamilex Lopez  
 Mariah McCarty  
 Sydney McGough  
 Elizabeth Tata  
 Natalia Zajackowski

## Girls Tennis

## Golf



**Seniors:**  
 Cassie Dagata  
 Meghan Daniels  
 Natalia Kacprzyk  
 Chloe Lamarre  
 Rebecca Lauzier

**Juniors:**  
 Ashley Nalewajek  
 Giovanna Rossetti  
 Alicia Sliwka

**Sophmores:**  
 Sarah Abdelsame  
 Nurcan Aykit

**Freshman:**  
 Aleksandra Adamczyk  
 Agata Baltyn  
 Emily Duda  
 Emilia Filipkowska  
 Olivia Burns  
 Isabella Fil  
 Jaline Irate  
 Summer Jackson  
 Nicole Pabisiak  
 Kristina Petit

**Seniors:**  
 Emma Carpenter  
 Joseph Catanzaro  
 Michael Costantini  
 Richard Hanson  
 Alex Lawson  
 Amanda Perreault

**Juniors:**  
 Eric Daesener  
 Nicholas Lea

**Sophmores:**  
 Nick D'Amnico  
 Kyle Knapp  
 Jacob Masco  
 Patrick Taylor

**Freshman:**  
 Avery Keller  
 Peter Lawson  
 Jacob Nilson  
 Tessa Perreault  
 Taylor Rogers  
 Jarod Romankiw  
 Jacob Vicinus

## Baseball

## Softball



**Seniors:**  
 Dean DeMartinis  
 Marc DeMartinis  
 Brian Dostaler  
 Tyler Favreau  
 Damian Kempf  
 Tyler Pina  
 Matthew Thomas

**Juniors:**  
 Cody Charneski  
 Matthew Monteleone  
 Shane Pugliese  
 Matthew Sauvron

**Sophmores:**  
 Colin Cassidy  
 Andre DeGregorio  
 Dylan Fusco  
 Bret Lech

**Freshman:**  
 Sam Lindgren  
 Marc Milo  
 Justin Plourde  
 Brett Snowden  
 Michael Adams  
 Jalen Benoit  
 Cameron  
 Bielawski  
 Joseph Chacho

**Freshman:**  
 Nick Cyr  
 Ryan Gorham  
 Jon Lindgren  
 Mark Muller  
 Jared Sgroi  
 Ryan Sgroi  
 Greg Sileo  
 Jacob Somers  
 Timothy Sullivan  
 Alex Zelasko

**Seniors:**  
 Cheyenne Dalke  
 Kathryn Dressel  
 Jacqueline Wuchert

**Juniors:**  
 Danielle Angelillo  
 Shayla Beausoleil

**Sophmores:**  
 Brittany Brown  
 Julia Davidson  
 Sarah Ercoli  
 Cedra Grajewski  
 Jessica Hillburn  
 Arielle Lozefski  
 Alexis Ruscito

**Freshman:**  
 Elisabeth Bernier  
 Annie Clement  
 Gina D'Amico  
 Katie Geddes  
 Madison Richardson  
 Kaylee Roux  
 Jaylyn Sierra



Ashley Nalewajek, PHS Junior & Tennis player has joined the Hometown Connection Staff as our High School Reporter. To contact Ashley with any school activities you'd like to see in the paper please call: 860-747-4119

Note: Pictures were taken and layout of this page was created by Ashley herself.

Great Job Ashley!  
 ~Glad to have you on Board~



## Ask the Brayne

**Q.** *What is the Difference between an Amber alert and a Silver Alert?*

**A.** "Silver Alert" or "Senior Alert" programs help identify and locate missing seniors with cognitive impairments. **Modeled after the federal Amber Alert system for abducted children**, Silver Alert programs create an emergency notification system in which law enforcement agencies broadcast local, regional, or statewide public alerts for missing seniors and other individuals with cognitive impairments, including Alzheimer's disease. Broadcasts may be issued using radio, television, and electronic highway signs. We found 13 states with Silver Alert programs. In addition, the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed legislation to establish a national, coordinated Silver Alert system that includes federal grants to develop and enhance state programs (H.R. 6064). The U.S. Senate failed to act on a similar bill (S. 3579). Legislation may be reintroduced during the next congressional session. Program requirements and processes vary across states, but generally an individual must be at least 60 years old and have Alzheimer's disease or some other verifiable cognitive impairment, and a local law enforcement agency must determine that his or her disappearance poses a serious risk to the person's health and safety. These programs generally cost little or no money because they are integrated into states' established **Amber Alert systems**. Because these programs are relatively new, states did not have any formal data on best practices or program effectiveness. Responding states identified program scope, funding, training, and increased law enforcement burden as critical factors to program success.

**Q:** What causes sinkholes?

**A:** I am quoting partial information I found on-line through a couple of Google searches for your answer. According to <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/mar/04/what-causes-sinkholes-florida-man>:

Natural sinkholes – as opposed to man made tunnel or cave collapses – occur when acidic rainwater seeps down through surface soil and sediment, eventually reaching a soluble bedrock such as sandstone, chalk, salt or gypsum, or (most commonly) a carbonate rock such as limestone beneath. In a process that can last hundreds, sometimes thousands of years, the water gradually dissolves small parts of the rock, enlarging its natural fissures and joints and creating cavities beneath.

As the process continues, the loose, unconsolidated soil and sand above is gradually washed into these cracks and voids. Depending on how thick and strong that top layer is (sand will not last long; clay can hold out for millennia), and how close to the surface the void beneath is, the land may be able to sustain its own weight – and that of whatever we build on top of it. But as the holes grow, there will come a day when the surface layer will simply give way.

And according to Yahoo News, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection says that sinkholes in Florida are caused by the state's porous geological bedrock. They describe how a sinkhole might appear due to environmental conditions:

"As acidic rainwater filters into the ground, it dissolves the rock, causing erosion that can lead to underground caverns, which cause sinkholes when they collapse. Other subterranean events can cause holes, depressions or subsidence of the land surface that may mimic sinkhole activity, including collapsed or broken sewers or even buried rubbish and other debris."

*Please submit any questions for June Issue by: May 15th*

*To submit questions: Call 860-747-4119, E-mail [hmtnn@comcast.net](mailto:hmtnn@comcast.net), or write to Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman Street, Plainville, CT 06062 or drop them at the office. Deadline for submitting questions and/or articles is the 15th of each month. Thank you for the above questions. Keep them coming!!*

## Thanks, Bill Brayne

### Welcome!

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On the 10th day of July, 1997 the Plainville Community News, Inc. (Printers of The Plainville Hometown Connection) was incorporated and qualified as an exempt organization under section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

You have been a much appreciated "Friend/Reader/Sponsor of the Plainville Hometown Connection" and we wish to continue to serve the Town of Plainville citizens with our monthly all volunteer paper. Our expenses like yours have been going higher and higher. We also had to purchase a new program to produce the paper; the printer of our paper needs it done all electronically, no more cutting and waxing like we had been doing for the last 15 years.

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After you give to your favorite charity and your place of worship, please consider the Plainville Community News, Inc.

Thank you for taking time to read this request and being part of the Plainville Hometown Connection. Thinking about joining our team of volunteers, we meet on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. at our office or call 860-747-4119 for details about our operation.

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## Best Actress Award Movie at Library

The movie that won the "Best Actress" Academy Award this year will be shown at the Plainville Public Library on **Thursday, May 9 at 2:30 p.m.** Jennifer Lawrence won the award for her role in "Silver Linings Playbook".

Life doesn't always go according to plan. Pat Solatano (Bradley Cooper) has lost everything -- his house, his job, and his wife. He now finds himself living back with his mother (Jacki Weaver) and father (Robert DeNiro) after spending eight months in a state institution on a plea bargain. Pat is determined to rebuild his life, remain positive and reunite with his wife, despite the challenging circumstances of their separation. All Pat's parents want is for him to get back on his feet-and to share their family's obsession with the Philadelphia Eagles football team. When Pat meets Tiffany (Jennifer Lawrence), a mysterious girl with problems of her own, things get complicated. Tiffany offers to help Pat reconnect with his wife, but only if he'll do something very important for her in return. As their deal plays out, an unexpected bond begins to form between them, and silver linings appear in both of their lives.

The film is part of a series sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Admission is free.

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*Submitted by: Barbara Wallace*

## Best Selling Novel Topic of Discussion

*By: Peter Chase, Library Director*

A charming novel from the New York Times Best Sellers list will be the next topic of the Friends of the Plainville Public Library book discussion group. "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by first time novelist, Helen Simonson, got wonderful reviews.

Major Ernest Pettigrew (retired) leads a quiet life in the village of St. Mary, England, until his brother's death sparks an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village. But will their relationship survive in a society that considers Ali a foreigner?

**The program will be held on Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the library. It is free, extra copies of the book are available at the library and new members to the group are always welcomed.**

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In her naturally humorous and upbeat manner, The English Lady will teach how each of us can oxygenate our environment and feed our souls in a co-creative and symbiotic relationship with the Earth. She will teach not only how to create a beautiful garden that flourishes but more importantly how to maintain it organically and without the use of harmful poisons. But even closer to her heart, The English Lady will discuss ways in which we can, through our garden's living spirit, become grounded in our bodies, inspired to reach beyond them, and connect at a deeper level of our beings with the meaning and purpose of Mother Nature and her changing seasons.

The English Lady recognizes that now, more than any other time in our history, people need to make conscious choices about their health, lifestyle, and homes. This is imperative not only for mankind, but our planet as well. "We are inexorably entwined with the earth" she says. "People need to know that even the smallest gesture of a garden has positive affects and rewards on the environment."

**Selling tickets for Non-members at \$5.00.**

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact:

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**May 11—Saturday, 12-4pm .**

This event is a fundraiser for the Plainville Food Pantry (requested entrance donation), household paper goods, toiletries, non-perishable food items requested) with a **FREE Raffle!** ( From all the vendors)

Vendors include a bookstore with \$2 CD's & NEW books, Poor Me Tea samples, Massage, Rocks & Minerals, Organic Tea, Sayna B and the Pickle Gluten Free bakery, Crafters, Jewelers, Drumming, Healers, Tarot, Wellness products, Tai Chi, Yoga, Hypnosis, Astrology, and more.....This event is open to the public with local farmers and organic foods, beverages, and demonstrations. We will have complimentary services, Health Evaluations, demonstrations, Wellness Product Demonstrations, Reiki, and more. For more information call Shirley Bloethe (860.989.0033 cell) Vendor space is still available. It comprises of a rectangular (approx. 2'X6') table with chairs in a large open space room for \$50. Set up is from 10am-11am

## May Dates to Remember:

- National Day of Prayer--Tues. 2nd
- Kentucky Derby Day--Sat. 4th
- Orthodox Easter--Sun. May 12th
- Cinco de Mayo--Sun. 5th
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- Memorial Day (observed)-Mon. 27th
- Memorial Day Thur.--30th

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## Wheeler to Host Informational Session for Prospective Foster Parents

May 18, 12-2 pm, 88 East Street, Plainville  
 Wheeler Clinic will offer an informational session for prospective foster parents. This no-obligation event provides information about Wheeler's foster care program. For more information, call 860.793.7277, or email: fostercareprograms@wheelerclinic.org.

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**"Come and Help Update Zoning"**  
 I have been following Roberta Lalamas journey with her chickens for a while now. It seems that Plainville is the only town forbidding chickens unless you have 2 acres of land. Well, doesn't that seem silly seeing that rarely anyone owns that much land in Plainville. All the surrounding towns, Southington, New Britain, Bristol and Farmington can all have backyard chickens and have fresh eggs. There is a petition going around to change the regulation in zoning and I have signed it and have actually taken some and got signatures myself. There will be a meeting at town hall April 23rd. Anyone interested please come and help us update this zoning regulation. **Diana Doughty**

## Lifelong Learning Association May Meeting

*By: Elaine Wyzga*

Heidi Martin has an exciting story of providing dental care to the Masaii people in Kenya, Africa. She and a group of ten hygienists volunteered to provide treatment and education for the Masaii. Her journey included the wonderful sites of Africa which she will share on May 20 at 1:00pm at the Plainville Public Library.

Come and join us, everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served and there is a \$3.00 admission fee for guests and non-members. For further information, please call (860)747-1492.

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In the event of an electrical power outage, Plainville residents with health risks and no other alternative, should call the Plainville Police Department at 860-747-1616. Neither the Police Department nor the Senior Center will call them.

The Connecticut Light and Power Company, not the Police Department, should be called to report a power outage or to inquire when the power will be back on. The Connecticut Light and Power Company can be reached at 860-947-2000, option #1. In a true emergency, call 9-1-1.

### SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

The public may sign-up for trips seven days after a trip is made available to Senior Center members. Sign-ups, held at the Plainville Senior Center Monday through Friday, are between 9:15 a.m. and 12:00 noon only. Payment is due at the time of sign-up.

The Senior Center is offering a trip on a Charles Riverboat Cruise and lunch at the Cheesecake Factory on Thursday, May 23. The cost is \$75.00 and includes transportation, cruise, lunch, sightseeing and gratuities.

The Senior Center is offering a 3-day trip to Cape May, May 29-31. The cost is \$405.00 per person and includes deluxe motor coach transportation, 2 nights lodging at the Grand Hotel in Cape May, hotel room tax and baggage handling, 4-meals (two full breakfast and two great dinners), meal taxes and waiter's gratuities, a cocktail party at the Grand Hotel, Cape May sightseeing, including all admissions, cash bonus at Atlantic City Casino on the Boardwalk, a full time tour escort and tips for tour escort and bus driver. There is optional trip insurance that can be purchased. A complete itinerary is available at the front desk.

The Senior Center is offering a trip to "Savor the Flavor" in Providence, RI on Thursday, May 16. The cost is \$73.00 per person and includes transportation, lunch, sightseeing, attractions and driver gratuity. The highlights will include Scialo's Bakery, lunch at Geppetto's Pizzeria, shopping at Venda Ravioli Emporium, and a riding tour of Providence, with a local step-on guide.

The Senior Center is offering a trip to the Stageloft Theater in Sturbridge, MA, to see Fiddler on the Roof on Sunday, June 23. The cost is \$74.00 per person and includes transportation, lunch at the Salem Cross Inn and show.

The Senior Center is offering a trip to Tanglewood, featuring the Boston Pops Orchestra with Keith Lockhart, Conductor, and special guest Vince Gill, on Sunday, July 7. The cost is \$110.00 per person and includes transportation, lunch at Cork 'N Hearth Restaurant

The Senior Center is offering a trip to the Delaney House in Holyoke, MA, for All-You-Can-Eat Lobster and Comedy Show, on Friday, July 12. The cost is \$89.00 per person and includes transportation, lunch, comedy show, reserved shed tickets and gratuities.

The Senior Center is offering a trip to the Western Frontier, August 20-29, featuring Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone and the Badlands. The cost ranges between \$3,135 and \$4,035 per person. There is optional trip insurance available for an additional cost. A complete itinerary is available at the Senior Center.

### OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLUB

There are many exciting trips planned for the outdoor adventure club. For more information about the club, contact the Plainville Senior Center.

### THE PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER IS COLLECTING CELL PHONES AND SMALL ELECTRONICS

The Plainville Senior Center has expanded its collaboration with Cellular Recycler to make the most of not only used cell phones, but also laptops, cameras, iPOD players and video game consoles. Don't throw your old electronics away, donate them to the Senior Center and raise money for the Dial-A-Ride program. Please bring used cell phones and small electronic donations to the Senior Center front desk.

### CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Plainville Senior Center Members are invited to the Center on Mondays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. for a friendly, lively discussion of local, state, and national current events. Call the Center, 747-5728, to register for this program.

### iPAD PROGRAM

The Plainville Senior Center is offering a program on Thursday, May 2, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. to address all those iPad questions that people have. Steve Matrianni, PhD, will introduce the iPad, how it works, simple operations, how to connect to a wireless network and what can be done with an iPad.

Following Steve's presentation, some iPad users will talk about what they do with the iPad in the "real world." People in all stages of life use iPads, and they will talk about how they use their iPads to keep organized, to keep in contact with loved ones, and for fun. Call the Senior Center to register for this free program.

### LIVING WILLS, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND HEALTH CARE DECISIONS

Attorney Marilyn Denny of the Greater Hartford Legal Aid, Inc. will speak at the Senior Center on Tuesday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m. Attorney Denny will talk about the rights and choices patients have regarding access to information related to their medical conditions and the ability to make their own medical decisions. She will explain advance directives, living wills, health care agent, attorney-in-fact for health care decisions and health care power of attorney. Call the Senior Center to register for this free program.

### COFFEE WITH A SOCIAL WORKER AT THE PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Stephanie Soucy, Plainville Senior Center Outreach Coordinator, will hold Coffee with a Social Worker, at the Center on Mondays, May 6 and 20 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Stephanie will be available to answer questions about Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Part D, Medicare Savings Program, Housing Options, Alzheimer's Help, Caregiving, Homecare etc. No registration is necessary for these one-on-one meetings. This program is open to Plainville Senior Center Members who are residents of Plainville. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, for more information.

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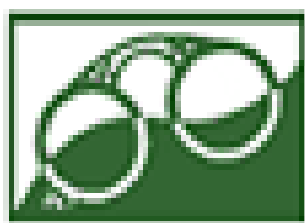
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## Flowers are Blooming – How About You?

*By: Linda Coveney, Certified Health Coach, AADP*

After what seemed like a never-ending winter, it is very exciting to see the beautiful flowers emerge, feel the warm air on our skin and enjoy longer days to take walks, to run or to engage in your favorite sport.

With graduation parties, showers, weddings and summer right around the corner, perhaps you feel like you are blooming a little bit too much in all the wrong places and don't know what to do.

### 1. Get off your Duff! Sitting has Become the Smoking of our Generation

This is what Nilofer Merchant told the audience at a recent TED talk. He went on to say that "People spend 9.3 hours per day on their derrieres, eclipsing even the 7.7 hours they spend sleeping. Their sedentary lifestyles contribute 10 percent of the risk of breast and colon cancer, 6 percent of the risk of heart disease, and 7 percent of the risk of type 2 diabetes."

If you spend most of your day on the computer, consider trading your sitting workstation for a standing workshop. This is a frequent request by employees in order to relieve back pain and to engage the core and butt. Because you are already standing, you will be more likely to move around.

### 2. Shake that Booty – It is Time to Spring into Action!

The benefits of exercise include having more energy, reducing stress, sleeping better, reducing the risks of chronic disease and lowering cholesterol. Why wouldn't you want those benefits?

The simplest thing you can do is to Walk. It's free; you will absorb some Vitamin D from the sun, get some curb appeal ideas and perhaps meet a friend along the way. If you see my English Springer Spaniel, Cooper pulling me down the road, be sure to say Hi! There are numerous simple ways to incorporate exercise into your routine. Park at the far end of a parking lot and briskly walk to the store. Stop eating at your desk and take walk at lunch.

If good health is important to you, you will find a way. Consider those activities that currently take up your time that have little or no value and trade up to make a better choice for your good health.

There are various points of view about just how much exercise is enough. A lot depends of your current lifestyle and health. Do try to Step it Up. If you are walking 15 minutes a day, up this to 30 minutes. If you are like weight training, perhaps you want to mix in some yoga to improve flexibility and balance. If you are doing nothing, then just do something. – for at least 20 minutes 3-4 times per week to start.

Drink plenty of water to hydrate your body after exercising!

### 3. Make Exercise your New Habit - Move every 90 Minutes!

I recently read another article that talks about the importance of moving every 90 minutes. The trick is to set a timer for 90 minutes and then find something to do that will get your heart rate up while contracting and relaxing your muscles.

According to the research, "During the day we move from a state of alertness into physiological fatigue approximately every 90 minutes. Our bodies regularly tell us to take a break, but we often override these signals and instead fill ourselves up with caffeine or sugar."

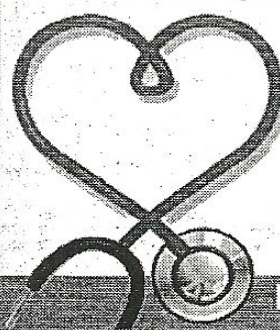
As it turns out, working in 90-minute intervals turns out to be a prescription for maximizing productivity. Not only will you benefit from moving the body, improving metabolism and working off calories, but at the end of the day you will actually get more done.

So, no excuses. Get out there! Tend to your blooming flowers and you will be thankful for a smaller waistline and improved strength and flexibility and be ready for whatever fun events await you.

## Happy Memorial Day!!!

I would also like to wish everyone a very Happy and Safe Memorial Day. Remember all those that have served or are currently serving to keep us safe and preserve our freedom.

*Linda Coveney is an AADP Certified Health Coach who provides one-one coaching and group wellness programs. She can help you set up wellness programs that are sustainable and deliver results for both the employer and employee. You can reach her through [www.healthy-behaviors.com](http://www.healthy-behaviors.com) or [lindacoveney@healthy-behaviors.com](mailto:lindacoveney@healthy-behaviors.com). Let her know what topics you would like to hear about in the next newsletter.*



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## What About Windows 8

Microsoft is always evolving its software. Late last year it made some big changes to its newest version of Windows called, appropriately, Windows 8. Most new computers that are out there come with Windows 8 pre-installed. Here is a quick overview.

Windows 8 is a new version of Windows that replaces Windows 7, which replaced Windows Vista, which replaced Windows XP. With the growing popularity of touch screen devices like tablets and smart phones, Microsoft decided that we need to have a new interface that makes it easier to use on a touch screen tablet or computer. The new interface is great. If you are familiar with Windows Phone, you'll see many similarities. Just like smartphones have app stores or a play store, Windows now includes its own app store with apps that work like the ones on smartphones, but are designed for Windows.

When you start your computer you will see a new start screen. The start screen replaces the Start menu from previous versions. It contains a series of tiles that include a group of built in apps as well as the apps you buy from the Windows App store. Many of these tiles are called "live" tiles. Live tiles show current information for you to view at a glance. For instance, the weather app will show the current weather. The Mail app will summarize the most recent emails. The news app will show the top stories in the news. Tiles can be grouped and resized to fit your needs.

In addition to the app environment, the old Windows desktop you are familiar with is still there. Most programs that worked in Windows 7 and Vista will work fine in Windows 8. Older programs made for Windows XP or older likely will not work, though with some effort, may be able to install. Installed programs will put tiles on the start screen for you.

Since the old start menu is gone, items like the control panel, search, and shutdown/restart are in new locations. The corners of your screen are areas you point your mouse at to see additional features. Moving your mouse to the lower left corner and clicking opens the start screen. Right clicking in the lower left corner opens a menu of control panel items you can open. Mousing over to the top right corner opens the "charms" bar. The charms bar includes search, share, start screen, devices and settings.

The search tool is a very helpful way to find what you need in Windows, or in individual apps. From the start screen, you can simply start typing and the search will automatically start finding what you need. You can click on any app listed and search that app specifically.

These are just some of the new features and functionality in Windows 8. Now, what do I think of it? Well, Windows 8 is a very good version of Windows. It is stable and secure and runs all of the programs that work on my old computer. It takes some getting used to, but after a short time, anyone can become comfortable with it.

The trouble with Windows 8 is that it is designed for touch screen devices. It can be uncomfortable to operate on older computers with no touch capability. I recommend generally that if your computer is running Windows Vista or older, it may be time to upgrade to a new computer. If you're running Windows 7, stick with it. Windows 7 is, in my opinion, the best version of Windows ever made and there is no need to upgrade it to Windows 8.

If you are buying a new computer, I suggest finding one with touch screen capability. Many new laptops have touch screens. There are some really nice all-in-one computers with touch screens up to 27" or more that are excellent for Windows 8.

One other note, There is a variation of Windows 8 called Windows 8 RT. This version of Windows is installed only on tablet devices. It works just the same, but can only run apps from the app store. It cannot run regular Windows programs like iTunes. Keep that in mind when choosing your new computer. As always, if you have any questions about this column or ideas for future columns, please send along an email to jim.phc@gmail.com.

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**More About Liz.....**

*By: Mary Ziccardi*

In the March issue of the Hometown Connection I wrote about my friend Liz. We grew up in the White Oak section of town and went to school together from Kindergarten through High School graduation in 1944. We are still friends.

I wrote of her fall and broken hip and now she will be in the convalescent home for the remainder of her life.

I wrote many things about this extra ordinary person and asked that the readers of this column surprise Liz by sending cards and notes.

I want to thank all the thoughtful persons that did send cards, I have seen them myself and each looked as if it had been hand picked, especially for her, Every card was different and beautiful plus all had hand written messages.

Liz was totally surprised, Needless to say they made her happy and the mail lady said, "My, you have many friends"

The cards are mounted on her wall for all to see and she looks at them from her bed or wheel chair.

We never know how an act of kindness can affect another. Usually it only takes a minute or two and the results are lasting. It has a rebounding affect on us as well.

Thank you for the response!!!

*P.S. And Thank You, Lesley for the beautiful flowers. You went above and beyond.*

**Golfers Needed for PARC/Frederick-Franklin Charity Golf Classic Fundraiser**

PARC, INC of Plainville is a "Family Centered Services for People with Developmental Disabilities" and Frederick Franklin Masonic Lodge # 14 of Plainville will be hosting this year's Charity Golf Classic Fundraiser, to be held Saturday May 18th, 2013.

The Hawk's Landing Country Club in Southington will be the venue for an 18-hole scramble format. Entrants will be treated to an early continental breakfast, snack bag/draft beer at the 9th hole, and a buffet lunch catered by Gnazzo's Food Center of Plainville following the play. The event will be capped off with silent auction, awards presentations and door prizes.

"We're delighted to be collaborating with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Plainville and would like to encourage golfers everywhere to come out and join us for a great day of play," said Frank Robinson, PARC's President.

Individuals or foursomes will be welcomed at \$135 per golfer, which includes greens fees for 18 holes with shared cart, use of the driving range, door prize ticket, and three refreshment breaks, continental breakfast, healthy snack and buffet provided by Gnazzo's Catering. Registration begins at 7:30 am. The start will be shotgun beginning at 8:30 am. All proceeds from this tournament will benefit PARC's healthy living programs and Fredrick-Franklin's college scholarship fund.

Anyone looking to golf, sponsor the event or donate door prizes to this worthy charity event should contact Linda Garcia, PARC's Executive Director 860-747-0316.

For more information please contact: Linda Garcia, PARC, INC. 860-747-0316

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Or Michael Kelley, Frederick Franklin Lodge #14 makmagic@gmail.com,

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**Letter to the Editor.....March 1, 1872**

*From the Charlie Weldon Book*

Plainville manufacturers contemplate organizing a new knitting company and building a factory in the Spring at White Oaks. This place is chosen in order to place the New Britain Branch of the C.W.R.R.

An enterprize of this sort ought to meet with excellent success. It's progress will be watched with deep interest.

*Thank You, Charlie Weldon*

**Letter to the Editor.....May 1, 2013**

Our nation is following all the states of Europe on its way to bankruptcy. Unfortunately too many of our fellow citizens seem to be unaware of the negative legacy we're leaving our "children" and grandchildren as Pres. Obama now must borrow over 30 cents of every dollar he spends. Right-thinking citizens who have fully recognized the disaster awaiting us unfortunately are too few in number to right our sinking ship. The most outspoken organization in attempting to warn the well-meaning but unaware populace is undoubtedly the much-maligned Tea Party.

Perhaps these words are nothing more than simply "preaching to the choir" for those who won't read these thoughts are those who most need to do so.

At 80 I may not live to witness the debacle, but surely we cannot continue on the course we're headed. We who recognize the situation must spread the word, to all those unaware. We owe it to our "kids".

May we all fully appreciate the Plainville Community News (publisher of the Hometown Connection") for its patriotic publishing policy! Ronald Jones

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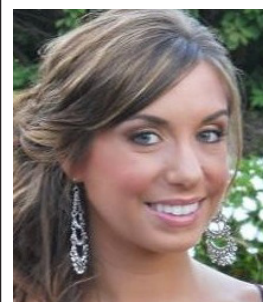


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Ms. Spitz is a recent graduate of Central Connecticut State University. Her education, coupled with her dynamic personality and keen interpersonal skills, make her a valuable addition to the UBI Team.

“This industry seeks fresh, new ideas and younger members backed by a strong organization,” said Spitz. “With my knowledge of the field, determination and creativity, I look forward to bringing about positive change.” Spitz went on to say that she is thrilled to be a part of the UBI team.

In addition to being dedicated to her work, Ms. Spitz spends her free time running in local road races, and enjoys cooking and entertaining. The inspirational quote from an anonymous author, “I can go anywhere with the courage in my heart and the strength in my feet,” is one that she incorporates into every aspect of her life, whether running a road race or taking on new challenges.

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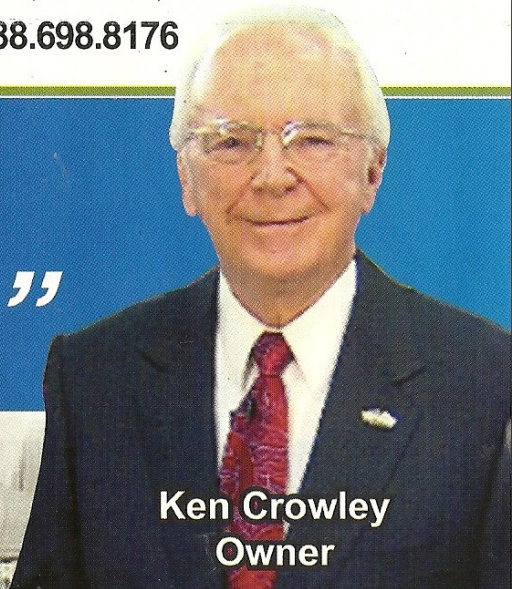
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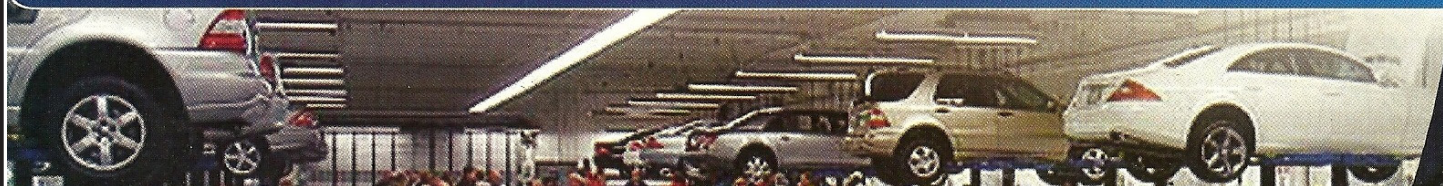
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Fashion Show Mistress of Ceremony Bonie Carilli ~ Adult Fashions Provided By: dressbarn, 683 Farmington Ave., Bristol Fashion Coordinators: Liane Wuthrich & Peggy Godbout



Fashion Show Models were: Barbara Birkett, Melissa Macri, Laura Perun, Lisa Roberge, Hilda Stifel, Lynn Szach, Barbara Wallace, Audrey Zack and Helen Williams (Helen's attire courtesy of Plainville Historical Society)

The Afternoon Tea Dress that Helen modeled was an original 1913 fashion. The Plainville Woman's Club is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year 2013. Pictured above is long time member Helen in the 1913 dress and new member Lisa Roberge in a 2013 Tea dress. That was the highlight of the afternoon.

A special thanks to committee members, table sponsors, raffle gift donors, "dressbarn" the Faith Bible Church and everyone that attended the Fashion Show and Tea.



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**Dandelions**

By Roberta Lalama

Flower or weed?

Love them or hate them?

We will never be rid of them for better or worse.

I am one who loves them for many reasons.

They show their cheery yellow faces early in the spring. Life does go on!

As children we would pick the blossoms and braid them as tiaras. The stems we would split to make curls. Yuck, the juice was bitter, but that did not stop us.

When they turned to fluff, we would torture each other by blowing it in our faces. We all survived and inadvertently spread the seeds for another season of good fun.

Our Mom send us out to gather the blossoms which she made into dandelion wine.

We were too young to be allowed to taste it, but I have heard it was quite delicious.

We were also charged with harvesting the leaves for salad. That we were allowed to eat. It was a summer staple at our table. Dressed with bacon grease and garnished with boiled eggs & all manner of fresh vegetables from Grandpa's garden it was wonderful!

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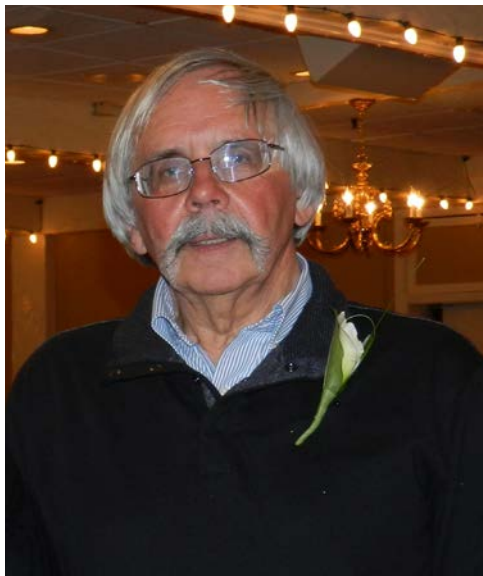
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**“EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR”**  
~ Sarah Kazimierzak ~

Sarah, a young wife and mother of 6 year old twins and a Plainville resident not only delivers exceptional customer service to Farmington Bank customers, but is also active in the community.

Sarah is a "Daisy Troop" leader in Plainville, she utilizes community events to involve her troop members including the "Penny Sale" held in April at the Plainville High School, in which the Daisy Troop donated their time during the raffle.

Sarah also took part as a volunteer with "Junior Achievement" as an instructor of CT elementary school, where she taught the class about how a community works, financially. These are only examples of how Sarah donates her time and effort to lead youngsters by example within the community.

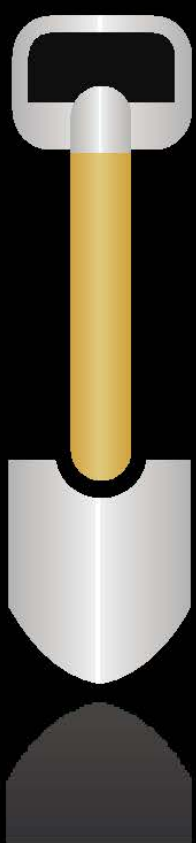


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## SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

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

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

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

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

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



**Attorney Thomas A. Wurz**

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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### Plainville Lions Club Honors 50 Year Member



Paul Spielman was honored recently at a Plainville Lions Club meeting, he has been a member of the local club for 50 years. The dinner meeting was held at the Oasis Restaurant.

The members hold their annual Pancake Breakfast at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center. The breakfast is the club's main fundraiser and has been for the last 55 years.

Pictured with Paul (center) is Vern Tompkins, President and Don Dickinson, Secretary.



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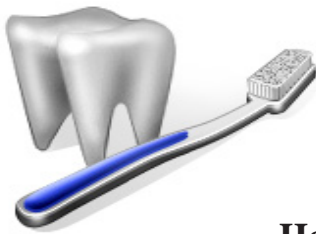


Sally Miller

When I think of Mother's Day I think of days with my Mom and Grandma. Some spring and summer mornings, we three generations would work in the garden and then sit in the yard and enjoy spring time. Gram's favorite area was the lily of the valley garden. She would have me pick one and enjoy the faint sweetness that it emanated. I would place the bells against my face and feel its coolness. Mom's favorite was the sunshine yellow daffodils and the pansies. She would point out the wonderful little faces on the pansies turned toward us and mom would say, "Their beautiful faces are saying look at me, look at me". We sat under trees filled with pink, white and red colors as if the branches were hair and decorated with brightly colored ribbons. The yard was filled with purple and pink hyacinths which wore the most fragrant of perfumes that tickled our noses. Eventually an orchestra would begin of squirrels snapping branches as they scurried around and the brilliantly red cardinals in their elegance sang as if in an opera in Milan. The robins flitted from tree to tree with their red breasts thrust forward as if proud of who they were. Signs of spring appeared as the dogwood tree turned pink and white against its chocolate colored branches. The whirr of bees looking for nectar buzzed around and an occasional butterfly would glide by on soft morning breezes. Mom was so fascinated with their stained glass like wings that we would sit quietly and watch in admiration as they joined the group of bees hovered over tulips the color of shiny red apples. Wrens and sparrows held conversations while perched near pussy willows that had soft little pods. These awesome women continued to teach me by example as the sweet shrill of blue jays in their bluish majestic flew in the distance. A variety of birds busily flew to and fro with twigs in their mouths as they began building a community as the community of these dedicated, wonderful mothers continued to spend time and teach this young girl to appreciate these wonderful treasures of life.

The two women and little girl would sit, enjoying each other's presence and being oh so grateful for the wonderland we shared. Now as I walk through my garden and smell the hyacinths, see the robins, delight at the daffodils, and watch the trees shake their locks in the wind, I remember and I say, "Happy Mother's Day ladies, thanks for showing me that wonderful world."

This article brought to you in the interest of better....



# Dental Health

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

## How Porcelain Veneers Can Restore Good Oral Health

You may be familiar with the remarkable aesthetic transformations that can be realized with porcelain veneers. Perhaps you have even considered undergoing a smile makeover with porcelain veneers, with images in your mind of the flawless smile that could be yours. Indeed, porcelain veneers are among the most popular of all cosmetic dentistry procedures for good reason. They look natural and make even the most worn and faded smiles look absolutely brilliant.

Did you know, however, that porcelain veneers can also be used to correct certain orthodontic issues? That's right – not only do porcelain veneers improve the aesthetics of the mouth, but they can also be used to improve your oral health. For the right candidates, "instant orthodontics" with porcelain veneers may even allow them to avoid long-term orthodontic treatment with metal braces.

Dr. David Edelson has helped many of his patients achieve the healthy, beautiful smiles they desire through instant orthodontics with porcelain veneers. Are you a good candidate for this treatment? The best way to find out is to schedule a consultation at the cosmetic dentistry practice of Dr. Edelson today.

Porcelain veneers are strong, durable restorations that are customized to fit on top of the surfaces of teeth. Generally, they are used to conceal cosmetic flaws, such as chips, cracks, and discoloration. However, they can also be used to change the shape and length of teeth that are disproportional with the surrounding teeth in the mouth. For example, upper front teeth that are too short can be extended so that they meet with their counterparts on the lower jaw when the mouth is closed. Likewise, teeth that are separated by gaps can be widened so that they do not drift out of position. Such treatment helps to strengthen and improve the bite, one of the chief objectives of orthodontics.

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Dr. Nguyen graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas with a double major in Biology and Business Administration, graduated cum laude from the Goldman School of Dental Medicine at Boston University with a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree and then continued her training at the University of Connecticut Health Center's Advanced Education in General Dentistry program.

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## YMCA/PHS CLASS of 2013 PROJECT GRADUATION NEWS

The next meeting for the 2013 Plainville High School Project Graduation is **Wednesday, MAY 1st, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA.** Project Graduation is an all night alcohol and drug-free party, held for Plainville High School Seniors right after the graduation ceremony. The party is held at the YMCA the night of graduation and is filled with many fun activities. All junior and senior parents are invited to attend the meetings. If interested in helping, please contact **Doreen Corriveau at: 860-250-4443.**

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:  
Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

### USED CLOTHING/ITEM COLLECTION

Projecting Graduation will receive cash for every pound of used items we collect from **now until: MAY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

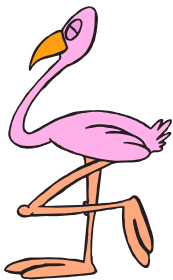
**We will be collecting:**

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- **Shoes, Belts, Handbags**
- **Linens** (bedding, curtains, towels)



**FINAL DROP OFF: MAY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013, from 8:00 am - 11:00 pm. in the YMCA lobby or call: Jen Slabinski at: 860-793-2803 to arrange for a pick-up.**

### LOOK OUT for Those Crazy Flying Flamingos!!



2013 YMCA Project Graduation is having a **"Flamingo Fundraiser."** With Spring FINALLY here don't be surprised if you see a **Pink Flamingo** on your lawn! If you are lucky enough to be **"flamingoed"**, simply follow the instructions on the envelope attached to the flamingo. This fundraiser gives everyone in our community a chance to get involved in a very worthwhile event!

### Mother's Day Flower Sale at the YMCA

Each year the Plainville YMCA holds an Annual **"FLOWER SALE"** for Mother's Day, with lots of beautiful hanging baskets from Zarrella Farms. Proceeds benefit the 2013 Project Graduation party so **COME ON DOWN ON MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> AND SHOW YOUR MOM HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HER WITH FLOWERS!!!!**



### Graduation Party Volunteers Needed! ~ THURSDAY, JUNE 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 ~

The **PHS Class of 2013 Graduation Day** is quickly approaching and Project Graduation Members have been busy all year long preparing for the graduate's big party at the YMCA. Many volunteers are needed to put this party together, from decorators to food helpers, to game organizers and everything in between. **If you're the parent of a PHS Senior or Junior this year, please consider getting involved in this exciting night! For more information how you can help, please contact: Doreen Corriveau at: 860-250-4443.**

## Letter to the Editor...

I belong to several Patriot organizations in Plainville/Southington area and have met many like-minded people in the Tea Party movement. Our members are well informed individuals that read local and statewide newspaper including internet news sites.

The Plainville Community Newspaper has interesting and informative articles from both sides of the political spectrum which have been topic of many discussions among our Patriot groups. I enjoy reading your newspaper especially the timely conservative articles written by Gene.

I appreciate your newspaper for including constitutional and conservative commentary in your monthly publication.

Keep up the good work! ~ Patriot Steve Bonin ~

## Government Waste

*By: Sen. Jason Welch*

Transparency in Government is often thrown about at the Capitol in Hartford. But it's the lack of transparency that I find hides some of the most egregious government waste.

A fine example was the state bond commission agenda item that was tabled at the last minute when it was uncovered a communist-led nonprofit in New Haven was poised to receive a significant amount of state money. The \$300,000 state bond was to refurbish the communist-led group's headquarters.

At the time my republican colleagues former Senator, Andrew Roraback and current State Representative, Sean Williams were the only two minority party members on the bond commission. Both spoke up and questioned this controversial item from the start.

The legislators were not attacking communists for being communists—they simply opposed the funding because communists are part of a political party. It is a basic principle that government shouldn't pay partisan expenses.

Once word got out that this bonding agenda item was actually being considered the public went into action. Taxpayers – especially the veterans groups – spoke out and rallied against this bond item. Many called the governor's office, and wrote letters to the editor and joined in a rally in front of the organization, waving flags and patriotic signs.

When the governor ultimately pulled the bond item from the agenda he stated it was because of the overwhelming and emotional plea of the veterans from around the state. This action proves that when people feel strongly about something and it is the will of the people one cannot be denied.

Without those public outcries, this item would have passed.

Another example of government waste is item #13 on the next State Bond Commission agenda. A vote is expected on April 26th. The Office of Legislative Management is requesting \$1,260,000 for improvements to infrastructure at the Legislative Office Building (LOB) and the State Capitol.

Those improvements I'm told include the upgrade of the public address system. I have heard the announcements on the public address system, it sounds fine to me. I understand replacement of the roofs on the LOB and garage stair towers and the replacement of a boiler and windows at the Capitol. But to spend money on a system that doesn't appear to be broken is irresponsible and disappointing.

In 2011, the majority party approved \$800,000 for a new vote tally scoreboard in the House. At the time governor Malloy, said the new technology will be beneficial and citizens deserve having votes of the House of Representatives properly recorded. Apparently votes in the House were failing to register there were random flashing lights on the board, and unexplainable slow-downs.

Instead of fixing the issues the legislative majority voted to spend the \$800,000 on a new board. I guess raising one's hand to signify a yes vote was out of the question? It would have been a temporary fix, but a free one in these tough economic times. It's up to legislators and the public to keep the administration honest.

To see the full April 26 Bond Agenda visit: [www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/Agenda\\_Apr26\\_2013.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/Agenda_Apr26_2013.pdf)

If you see government waste please, feel free to contact my office at 1-800-842-1421 or email me at [Senator.Welch@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Senator.Welch@cga.ct.gov)

*Senator Welch represents District 31 including the towns of Thomaston, Plainville, Plymouth, Bristol and Harwinton.*

## Plainville Recreation Dept.

Registration for summer programs is being held in the Recreation Office at 50 Whiting Street starting Wednesday, May 15. Saturday registration will be held on May 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The Recreation Office hours are Monday through Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Recreational programs for youth include: Mommy & Me Yoga all ages, Day Camp ages 7-11, Mini Camp ages 3 1/2 - 6, Tennis ages 8 & up, Basketball Clinic grades 4, 5 & 6, Tumble Time Gymnastics ages 1-6, Beginner Skateboarding ages 6-13,

Berner Pool Red Cross Swim Instruction ages 16 mos. & Up, (PCA) Parent & Child Aquatics ages 6 months – 5 years, Saturday American Red cross Learn to Swim ages 6 months & up, Jr. Lifeguarding ages 11-14, Summer Swim Team ages 4-18, Summer Synchro ages 5-16, and Girl's Sand Volleyball grades 5 to 8.

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Marc Douglas Acevedo ~



50, of Plainville, passed away at his home, surrounded by his family, on Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

Born in New Britain on April 20, 1962, he was the son of Margaret (Russell) Acevedo of Plainville, with whom he made his home, and Paul Acevedo, Sr. of New Britain. A longtime resident of Plainville, he attended local schools, and worked in the construction industry as a heavy equipment operator. Marc had a love for the outdoors, especially the ocean, and enjoyed going fishing and spending time with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed, leaving many cherished memories.

In addition to his parents, he leaves his sister and best friend, Susan Acevedo of Plainville, his brother, Paul Acevedo of Jacksonville, FL; his children, Brittany Acevedo of Plainville, Keanu Bush of Bristol. He also leaves his Aunt, Carole Dimock of Plainville, his sisters-in-law, Xaviera Acevedo of Jacksonville, FL and Lorrie Acevedo of Southington; and many dear friends, especially, Traci Moschini of Plainville; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his daughter, Ashley Nicole Acevedo.

Funeral services in celebration of Marc's life was held at the Redeemer's A.M.E. Zion Church, 110 Whiting St, Plainville. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Bailey Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www. Bailey-FuneralHome.com](http://www.Bailey-FuneralHome.com)

## ~ Edward "Ed" Charles Janelle, Jr. ~



54, of Bristol, passed away on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 with family by his side. Born in New Britain on February 17, 1959,



Ed was raised in Southington area where he attended local schools. He followed in the

footsteps of the many Military men in his family, enlisting in the U.S. Navy. He proudly served his country for three years receiving an honorable discharge in 1979, his patriotism always remained close to his heart. He served for a brief time on the Southington Fire Department, Company #1, and worked as an EMT in his earlier years. He was currently employed in the technology industry, working for Konica. Ed fulfilled his passion for helping others and riding his beloved Harley, he participated and helped organize countless charity rides throughout the state, forming a wide circle of friends. As a devoted father and grandfather, his family brought him the greatest joy. He will be missed dearly by his family and many friends, leaving many cherished memories and a legacy of humbleness and kindness towards others. He is survived by his mother, Virginia Janelle of Wilmington, NC; his father, Edward Janelle, Sr. and his wife, Betty of Southington; his adored children, Christina Janelle Harvey and Chris Redo of Plainville; Brandon Janelle and Victoria Janelle of Bristol, and Alicia Janelle of Southington; and his pride and joy, his granddaughter, Madison Glasper. He also leaves his sisters, Sandra Spano and her husband, Steve of Wilmington, NC and Karen Wilson and her husband, Kyle of Sewanee, GA; his nieces, Kristina, Jessica, Lindsey, and Jennifer; and several great-nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Ed's life was held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Ed's love for children's charities may be remembered with contributions to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Connecticut, 126 Monroe Turnpike, Trumbull, CT 06611 or [ct.wish.org](http://ct.wish.org).

## ~ Lynn K. (O'Brien) Feery ~



65, of Plainville, formerly of Meriden, passed away peacefully, with her daughters by her side, on Wednesday, March 27, 2013.

Born in Meriden on November 11, 1947, Lynn was one of two daughters to the late Joseph and Elizabeth "Betty" (Biesak) O'Brien. A 1965 graduate of Platt

High School, Lynn went on to work as a legal secretary for various attorneys for more than forty years, retiring in 2009. The matriarch of her family, she was proud of her Irish heritage and had a warm smile, hug, and kind word for everyone she met. She had a love for nature and especially flowers, and loved nothing more than being surrounded by her family and friends. A beautiful woman inside and out, she leaves a legacy of great strength, kindness, and love for her family, along with many cherished memories, and will be dearly missed.

She leaves her devoted daughters and sons-in-law, Heather and Chris Cibula of Bristol, Kristen and Brian St. John of Plainville, with whom she made her home and shared many happy times; and Trisha and Brian Lausier of Bristol; her granddaughters who were her pride and joy, Madison St. John and Olivia and Sage Cibula; and her nephew, Jon Christopoulos. She is now reunited with her sister who predeceased her, Joellen Christopoulos.

Funeral services in celebration of Lynn's life were held from Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Church, 33 Queen St, Bristol. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to VITAS Hospice at [www.vitas.com](http://www.vitas.com) in appreciation for their compassionate care shown to Lynn and her family. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.bailey-funeralhome.com](http://www.bailey-funeralhome.com)

## ~ John W. Gould ~



83, passed away unexpectedly on March 10, 2013. He is survived



by his wife for 57 years, Nancy (Betham) Gould, his son Stephen Gould;

and daughters Leslie and Susan Gould; his granddaughter Claire Gould, his sister Gertrude (Gould) LaCombe; niece Anita Butler and nephews; Marshall G. and Keith A. LaCombe; his brother-in-law George Lewis and nephew Peter Lewis and niece Amy Lewis.

John was born in Hartford in 1929 to Henry and Helen (Chute) Gould. He was a graduate of Plainville High School in 1947 and enjoyed attending class reunions and reuniting with his former classmates whenever they gathered. John graduated from Wesleyan University in 1953, where he was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. Following his U.S. Army military service in Europe he began a long career in real estate banking. Upon his retirement in the year 2000, he and his wife Nancy moved from Wayne, Pennsylvania back to Connecticut and purchased a home in Essex.

John was a gentleman, well known for his sense of style, his wit and his love of storytelling. He enjoyed traveling, bike riding, gardening, going to Essex Corinthian Yacht Club, and Monday nights at the Griswold Inn.

A private funeral service was held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Essex. Memorial donations may be made to the Essex Library, 33 West Ave., Essex, CT 06426. A Celebration of John's life was held in June at the Corinthian Yacht Club.

## ~ Kathleen (Graney) Maskery ~



68, a longtime resident of Plainville, and currently of Bristol, died Monday, March 25, 2013 at her home, surrounded by her family, after a long and courageous battle with emphysema and COPD. She was the beloved wife of 44 years of Thomas P. "Tom" Maskery.

Kathleen was born in New Britain on February 7, 1945, the

daughter of the late Thomas and Elsie (Duke) Graney. A 1963 graduate of Plainville High School, Kathleen spent her career in the office supply field, first with Plimpton's and later with the family owned Colonial Office Supply Co.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughters, Sheryl of Virginia and Dana at home; two brothers, Thomas of Florida and Robert of West Hartford; and her sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Tom Arcari of Plainville. She also leaves her daughter-in-law, Randi Schwartz Maskery of New Jersey, four grandchildren, and a great-grandson, as well as her brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Bonnie Maskery of Bristol and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Brian in March 2012, as well as her brothers, James and Francis and her loving sister, Maureen.

The Maskery family wishes to give special thanks to Dr. Jonathon Pendleton of Plainville and to the Interim Hospice staff, especially her nurse, Karen Hucken, for their loving care and attention. Words of remembrance were held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville, who assisted the family with arrangements.

## ~ William M. Susco ~



57, of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Monday, March 18, 2013.

Born in Southington on April 27, 1955, he was the son of the late Michael J. Susco and Anne (Kenney) Temple and stepson of the late Harold Temple. Raised in Plainville, he was a 1973 graduate of Plainville

High School, and went on to work in the manufacturing industry for many years at various businesses including Marlin Rockwell, Bristol Spring, and most recently West-Garde. Billy also had a love for cooking from a young age, working at the former Burt's Place, and in his true free spirit and laid-back lifestyle, moved to Florida for a short time. Here, he fulfilled his passion for fishing, cooking, and wearing shorts and Hawaiian shirts all year long, which he continued to do upon his return to Connecticut. A die-hard fan of the Red Sox and Miami Hurricanes, Billy enjoyed his life, living it on his own terms, and will be greatly missed by his family and many special friends.

He is survived by his brother, Christopher Temple and his wife, Kim; his sister-in-law, Lynette Susco; his stepbrother William Temple and his wife, Diana; and his stepsons, Jamie and Jason Bukowski. He also leaves his nieces and nephews, T.J. Susco and his wife, Arielle; Megan Susco-Wesoly and her husband, Marc; and Ryan and Cody Temple; and his great nephew Aiden Temple. He also leaves his uncle Don Norton, his aunt Maureen Wenner, and several cousins. He was predeceased by his brother Thomas Susco and his cousin Kenney Norton.

Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. To honor Billy's memory, the family requests that casual clothes be worn and Hawaiian shirts are welcome. Donations may be made to the Thomas J. Susco Memorial Scholarship, c/o Farmington Bank, 117 East Street, Plainville CT 06062 or a charity of their choice.

## ~ Conrad M. Thaxton ~



56, of New Britain, passed away with his family by his side, on Friday, March 22, 2013. He was the beloved husband of Darlene (Bear) Thaxton.

Born in New Britain on December 25, 1956, Conrad was one of six children to Yvonne (Lamontagne) Thaxton and the late Charles Thaxton. A lifelong resident of

New Britain, he attended local schools, and went on to work for Sterling Manufacturing for more than 32 years. Conrad centered his life around his family, with riding his motorcycle being his favorite pastime. A devoted husband and father, he leaves a legacy of hard work and love for his family and will be greatly missed.

In addition to his wife, Darlene, he leaves his children, Conrad Thaxton, Jr. and his wife, Amy of Thomaston, Sabrina Finch and her husband, Zack of CA, and Michael Thaxton of Farmington; his brother, Robert Thaxton of New Britain; his sisters, Faith Bear and her husband, Don of Plainville and Edith Paradis and her husband Paul of New Britain; eleven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Charles, Jr., and his sister, Marceline Gabbey.

A memorial service in celebration of Conrad's life was held at Bailey Funeral Home, Plainville.

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Mid Week Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 PM

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Plainville, CT 06062

Sunday School -10:00 am

Sunday Services

11:00 am & 6:00 pm

Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

## REFORMERS ~ UNANIMOUS ~

Friday 7:00 pm

For more information call 793-1155

([www.fbbc-ct.org](http://www.fbbc-ct.org))

Nutmeg TV Monday 5:00 p.m.

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*A Congregation of the  
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130 West Main Street Plainville, CT  
Phone 747-1901



### ALL WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Claire W. Bamberg Minister

#### Email:

[Congregational94686@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Congregational94686@sbcglobal.net)

#### Website:

[www.uccplainville.org](http://www.uccplainville.org)

### WORSHIP AND CHURCH SCHOOL

Every Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour: 11:15 a.m.

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
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of each month*

THE PLAINVILLE THRIFT SHOP

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10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon



## FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

168 Unionville Avenue  
Plainville, CT 06062

860-747-5209

Rev. Dr. Jim Caron, Pastor

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Tuesday Nights:

7:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

(Bible Study/Recreation Time)

"Book of Revelation"

Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month

6:00 p.m.

Ladies Group

Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

New Study: *Maturing in the Christian  
Faith: What is God like?*

Thursday Night Youth Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

New Study: *Maturing in the Christian  
Faith: A Look at Doctrine*

Elders Meeting: 2nd Saturday of each  
month at 9 a.m.

### OUR YOUTH PROGRAM

Teen Center opens every

Saturday Evenings 7 - 9:00 p.m.

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Prayer Line: 860-747-5011

(Call and leave your requests for prayer)

Call the church for info/questions

860-747-5209

Church Prayer Line (747-5011)

Call us for your requests (confidential)

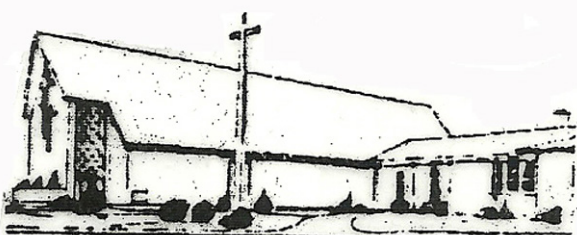
## Grace Lutheran Church

222 Farmington Ave.

Plainville, CT 06062

Phone: 747-5191

The Rev. Stephen Brisson, Pastor



Worship with Holy Communion  
every Sunday at 9:00 AM

Learning Hour for all ages  
following worship

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Visit us at [www.graceinplainville.org](http://www.graceinplainville.org)

Or better yet, join us on Sunday!

## Our Lady of Mercy Sharing Memories Program

Perhaps you have lived through the loss of a loved one and have not known quite how to express your loss in a meaningful way. Have you encountered other occasions such as a special anniversary, birthday or special event that an appropriate gift may have been difficult to find?

Our Lady of Mercy of Parish Community offers you a way to recognize these occasions through a Memorial Sharing Memories Program "Sharing Memories" makes available an alternate gesture of thoughtfulness for any occasion.

A donation to the "Sharing Memories" Fund will purchase those items needed for worship and devotion. Past donations have assisted in the purchase of Communion Patterns, Vestments and Concelebration Chalice. All donations go directly to the church. For more information, please call 860-747-6825.

# HOMETOWN RELIGIOUS DIRECTORY

## OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

94 Broad Street, Plainville, CT 06062  
Rev. John Brinsmade, Pastor  
Robert Berube, Deacon

### PARISH/CEMETERY OFFICE

19 S. Canal Street  
Office Hours: Mon. to Fri. 9 am to 4 pm

**Phone 860-747-6825**

**FAX 860-747-5407**

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**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 4:00 PM**

**SUNDAY 8:30 AM & 10:30 PM**

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**Confession Every Saturday at Noon**

**Mon. 25th 10 am-Tues. 26th 7 pm**

**& Wed. 4 pm**

**Weekday Liturgy**

**Monday to Saturday 8:00 am**

**No Mass on Wednesdays**

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### Parish Life Committee

**"All You Can Eat" Monthly Breakfast**

Held on the 2nd Sunday of the Month

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### Date For Confirmation

Archbishop Henry Mansell will confer the  
Sacrament of Confirmation on May 2, 2013  
at 7:00 pm in the context of the Mass.

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

115 West Main Street Plainville, CT 06062

**860-747-3109**

Priest:

The Reverend José Martinez

### WORSHIP

Sunday Mornings 10:00 am

Holy Communion & Nursery Care during the  
service followed by coffee hour in

The Parish Hall

Sacrament of Healing 2nd Sun of month

Children's Sermon 3rd Sun of month

**Holy Communion Thursdays**

**12:00pm**

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### OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday – Friday 9:00am -1:00pm

### PARISH PROGRAMS

**Food For Friends**

Wednesdays 3 to 6 PM

**Daughters of the King Chapter**

3rd Saturday of the month 9:30am

**Open Mic Night**

1st Wednesday of the month 7:00pm

### Twelve Step Programs

Every Tuesday NA 7:30pm

Every Thursday AA 7:30pm

Every Saturday Women's AA 9:00am

Every Sunday AA & NA 7:00pm

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## PLAINVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

56 Red Stone Hill,  
Plainville, Connecticut 06062

**REV. RUSSELL G. WALDMANN,  
PASTOR**

**Church (860)747-2328**

**Parsonage (860)747-2592**

**Email: plainvillunited@sbcglobal.net**

### MAY SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

CHURCH SCHOOL Pre-K to High School:

9:00 AM

WORSHIP TIME 10:00AM

#### REGULAR EVENTS

Tuesday Ladies.....Tuesdays, 9:30 AM

Boy Scouts.....Tuesdays, 7 PM

AA..... Sun., Mon. & Wed., 7 PM

Al-Anon..... Mondays, 7 PM

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

**ANNUAL HAM DINNER**

**WITH BAKE SALE:**

Saturday, May 4, 4:30 to 7 PM

**SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH**

**HOLY COMMUNION:**

Sunday, May 5, 10 AM

**"WOMEN OF FAITH":**

Lead Worship, Sunday, May 12, 10 AM

**MYF ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY**

**BAKE AUCTION:**

Sunday, May 12, Follows Worship

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**RETREAT @ PUMC:**

Saturday, May 18, 9:30 AM to 2 PM

**JOLLY BEGGARS CONCERT @ PUMC:**

Sunday, May 26, 4 PM

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:**

Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 29, 7 to 8:15 PM

**POTLUCK SUPPER AND FELLOWSHIP:**

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6 PM

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:**

Sundays, May 5, 12, 19, 26, Following Worship



## PLAINVILLE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

97 Broad Street  
Church Phone

**860-747-5867**

**Pastor 1-646-522-3471**

E-mail: plainvillesda@gmail.com

jacksonsg5@sbcglobal.net

Pastor Franklin Jackson

Saturday Morning

Bible School @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.

FREE lunch after service

Wednesday Evening

Family Prayer Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

*The Lord Jesus Christ loves you ...*

John 3:16

## NEW COVENANT APOSTOLIC CHURCH

139 New Britain Avenue  
P.O. Box 551  
Plainville, CT 06062

Suffragan Bishop- George M. Green, Pastor  
Elder Joseph Green, Associate Minister

**Phone 860-747-3128 Church**

**Residence & FAX 860-224-9409**

### ~ SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP~

SUNDAY: Sunday School @ 10:45 a.m.

Morning Worship @ 12:00 Noon

TUESDAY: Prayer & Deliverance-7:00pm

Bible Class @ 7:45 p.m.

THURSDAYS: 1st Evangelistic Service

2nd Pastor's Care

3rd Missionary Service

4th Men's Ministry

5th Youth Service

### MONTHLY SERVICES

1st Sunday – Fellowship Day

2nd Sunday – Family and Friend's Day

3rd Sunday – Building Fund Day

4th Sunday – Pastor's Care Day

5th Sunday - Communion & Youth Day

*We welcome everyone to our services.*

*Come, bring a friend and enjoy*

*Jesus with us.*

## REDEEMER'S A.M.C. ZION CHURCH

110 Whiting Street, Plainville, CT 06062

Rev. Elvin Clayton, Pastor

**Phone: 860-747-1808**

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday School 9:00-9:40 a.m.

Praise & Worship 9:45-10:00 a.m.

Church Service 10:00 a.m.

### BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m

### BOARD MEETINGS

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

Gladys Floyd Missionary Society

(2nd Sun after service)

Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)

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

Christian Education (3rd Tues) 7:00 p.m.

Men's Meeting (2nd/4th Sat) 9:30 a.m.

PEP (Every Sat) 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Trustee/Steward (2nd Sat of Aug., Oct., Dec.,

Feb. & Apr. at 9:30 a.m. and 2nd Mon. of

Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar. & May 16 6:30 p.m.

### CHOIR PRACTICE

Senior (Sat before 1st Sun) 5:00 p.m.

Jubilee (Sat before 2nd/4th Sun) 5:00 p.m.

Mass/Youth choirs

(Mon. after 1st/2nd Sun) 7:00 p.m.

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AH, SPRING ..... TIME TO EXERCISE



This is a big plus for us and for our dogs. When we "cocoon" during the winter, there's a tendency to gain a bit of weight on all out parts, which is not what any of us want. And of course, too much weight isn't healthy no matter how many legs you walk on!

We all (including our dogs) can agree that dieting isn't much fun, so why not try more exercise to burn those calories without as much dieting? Now that the weather is nicer, a brisk walk with your dog will burn calories for both of you and yet be an enjoyable time together. Remember the brisk part - this will do much more for you both than a stroll will!

If you aren't able to take brisk walks yourself, but have a fenced area, you can exercise your dog by throwing a ball or Frisbee for your dog to chase. Of course, if you have more than one dog, they often will play vigorously together, burning calories and having fun.

Let's not forget the hidden benefit of exercise for dogs. When dogs do not get enough exercise for their energy level, the excess energy often shows up as a behavior problem. Housetrained dogs may make "mistakes", but the most common problem in under exercised dogs is destructive behavior. Over and over we hear that a dog has started chewing everything in sight. When we start asking questions, we typically find that the dog is not getting as much exercise as he or she had before, or that the dog never got much exercise, and just finally reached his or her limit and the extra energy just spilled over into chewing. Chewing, by the way, is the main way dogs get rid of anxiety or extra energy.

OK, all you cats that thought you were being left alone on the subject of exercise - now it's your turn! We see enough plump cats to know you need exercise, too. Most cats don't go for walks the way dogs do, but some cats actually do enjoy going for a walk on a leash. If you want to try this, be sure to use a proper harness for safety, not just a collar.

Most cat exercise takes place indoors. Depending on your cat's interests, you can get many toys that will help a cat to get moving. There are swinging toys that hang from doorknobs, toys that are attached to bases and move randomly to catch a cat's attention, toys they can wrestle with and laser toys that let you move a light for them to chase. Playing with your cat will exercise your cat. Even small animals such as guinea pigs, hamsters, etc. can benefit from exercise. This can range from the traditional exercise wheel (sort of boring after a while, I would think) to exercise balls that allow your pets to roam around the house (but keep them away from stairs) to multi-level housing or climbing structures.

AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GET MOVING WITH MY DOGS!

# Pet Page

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Jane found this little cutie that took a liking to her and the feeling was mutual. The only assessment Jane could impose was a kiss on the chin.



## CAN WE TALK?

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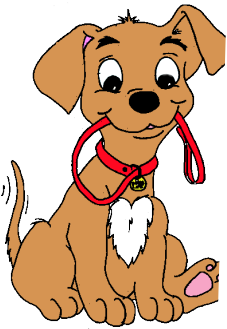
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