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Nico Fasold Named the 2014 Youth Engagement Innovation Award



Nico's Award was presented at Make-A-Wish Gala held at the Mohegan Sun. This year *Nico's Lemonade Stand* will be July 18th from 10-2. As always, at 109 Northwest Drive. in Plainville.

Budget PASSES!



Results announced by Carol Skultety, *Town Clerk*. Looking on is Jean Lombardo, *Democrat Registrar*, and Beth Gasparini, *Republican Registrar*. **837 Ballots Cast = 8% of Registered Voters**

TOWN: 632 YES / 200 NO

BOARD OF EDUCATION: 605 YES / 217 NO

Take a peek....



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Annual Easter Egg Hunt



The Faith Bible Church had its annual Easter Egg Hunt, April 4, 2015 at 168 Unionville Ave in Plainville. Director Abby Deschaine said over 125 children attended and over 2000 eggs with candy were given out. The story of the empty egg represented the empty tomb, and children learned the message that Jesus is Alive by making a bracelet.

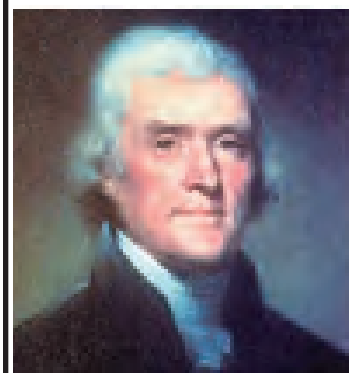
There were crafts, face painting, snacks, pictures with the easter bunny, food, and children going wild gathering easter eggs. Overall, the event went well and was very successful.



Rev. Dr. Jim Caron, Pastor of Faith Bible Church
168 Unionville Ave. @ Northwest Drive, Plainville, CT 06062
860-747-5209 Church Web address: www.faithbiblect.com

UBI Announces Newest Board of Director

UBI Federal Credit Union is pleased to announce the recent appointment of Mr. Howard Schmedler to its Board of Directors. Mr. Schmedler is a lifelong resident of Bristol. He has previously worked as an officer at both Bristol Savings Bank and Webster Bank for a total of 47 years. He has served on many boards including: American Red Cross, Sun Valley Camping, and the UBI Supervisory Committee. Howard Schmedler was an officer of the Bristol Mum Festival, and the Mayor's Market task force. His work experience, dedication and community involvement make him a valuable addition to the UBI team. Congratulations Howard!



Thomas Jefferson's Corner

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government." --



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Dates to Remember**MAY**

7th- National Day of Prayer

8th-V-E Day (1945)

10th-Mother's Day

16th- Armed Forces Day

25th-Memorial Day

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

{**Maria raves**}

I shopped around for a car. Being a single woman with very little knowledge about what to look for in a car, I told a friend and she advised me to call Crowley Ford Lincoln in Plainville. She said ask for Sales Manager, Jim. I compared prices he gave me and I could not do better at any other dealer. I love my Lincoln and I am a Ken Crowley "Happy Customer"

{**Barbara Faves**}

I live in Farmington and read the Hometown Connection. I needed some work on my car and read about Mike's Auto Service. "Just good old fashioned service," I said sure...those days are gone forever. I was wrong, it was the best thing I have done. Stop in & see for yourself.

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

Phone 860-747-4119 ~ Thank you!!

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

Town Council Meeting
April 6, 2015

Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Study

- The State has approved a grant to perform a corridor study for the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail through Plainville. The grant will recommend the best route for the trail through the town. The \$250,000 grant will be administered and coordinated by the Capital Region Council of Governments.
- The first step in the process is to engage a consultant. Plainville and Southington will have representatives participating in the process. The study is expected to take between 12-18 months.

Road Bond Discussion

- A proposed Ordinance that would appropriate \$5M for road improvements has been submitted for consideration. The Ordinance would authorize the issue of bonds and notes in the amount of \$5M to repave various roads throughout the Town.
- It is expected that the appropriation, if

approved, would be spent over a five-year period beginning this summer. There is an item under New Business that would establish a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance at the April 20th Town Council meeting.

Old Linden Street School Update

- On March 26th a meeting was held at Linden Street School to discuss the plans for Old Linden. Approximately 75 people attended with a good number of them currently living in the immediate vicinity of the school. Some expressed concern about the current traffic problems in the neighborhood caused by the existing school operation.
- The great majority in attendance, when asked, were in favor of taking down the building. They were also very supportive of the proposal to construct a small park in its place preserving some of the features of the old school. They felt that this was the only rational solution for a building that has no available parking and is attached to an existing elementary school. They also believe that increasing the student

drop-off area will help to alleviate the traffic issue that currently exists.

- A tour of Old Linden will be held on Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. Anyone who would like to see the inside of the building is invited to come to the school that morning. Renderings of the proposed park will also be available for viewing as well.

Snow Removal Budget Update

- As a result of the numerous winter storms the snow removal line items are over budget by approximately \$119,000. There have been some savings in the equipment repair and maintenance line items by little over \$12,000. There are two revenue line items that have come in higher than budgeted which could be used to cover the overages in the snow removal budget. They are building permits (\$76,000) and miscellaneous revenues (\$55,000). Transfers and additional appropriation recommendations will be submitted to the Town Council in June.

TOWN OF PLAINVILLE HAPPENINGS April 6, 2015

By Shirley Osle,

Assistant Town Manager

- The sweeping of Town streets by the Roadways Department began April 13, 2015 and will continue until the operation is complete. Please do not pile LEAVES or YARD WASTE into the street. Leaves will not be picked up at curbside. Residents are able to bring leaves only (NO GRASS CLIPPINGS) to the Transfer Station on Saturdays between 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM free of charge beginning April 4th. If you have any questions, please call the Department of Physical Services at 860-793-0221 ext 208, Monday thru Wednesday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Thursday, 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM and Friday, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM.
- **The Town remains dedicated to keeping residents in their homes. Homeowners who are veterans, or disabled, or blind, or elderly may apply for an additional amount of exemption from property tax or rent rebate via an application process. Application deadlines: Property Tax Relief Program deadline: 5/15, Rent Rebate deadline: 10/1, Veterans Property Tax Exemption: file by 10/1.**

Details on page 5

- The Senior Center's 40th Anniversary Open House was on Saturday, April 11th, from 2 PM – 4PM. It featured displays from the art, photography, fitness class, craft classes, foreign language classes and more. Tours and refreshments were provided and the event was open to the public. **More on Page 32**
- The Senior Center has several other upcoming events, including dental clinics, a Musical Cabaret presented by Soprano Dr. Christi McLain and her students from the Hartt School Community Division, a Disco Dance party featuring refreshments, and a new group aimed at improving one's communication skills. More Sr. news Page 7
- United Ways 13th Annual Community Builders' Reception was on April 9, 5:15pm at the DoubleTree in Bristol where Lynn Davis and Roberta Brown received recognition for their work on the Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development.
- **The Plainville Family Resource Network, Plainville Early Learning Center, and Family Fest Committee are in the process of planning the 2nd Annual Plainville Family Fest to be held outside at Plainville High School on May 30th from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. This is an opportunity for community/school organizations and businesses to highlight what they offer, while**

celebrating children by facilitating a free activity for children to engage in.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will be entertaining a text amendment that staff has been working on for nearly one and half years. The amendment, if approved, would incorporate a new Redevelopment Design District concept into the zoning regulations. This amendment is being considered to permit redevelopment of vacant, underutilized and/or contaminated Industrial property and buildings. Under the new regulatory concept, such an industrial property can be combined with adjacent lands, but at its core, it must qualify as a development challenged property. The proposed regulation would allow mixed use commercial/residential development with required on-site parking. Residential densities have been increased to entice development on otherwise economically stagnant property. One highlight of the regulation is that for the first time, the Commission is considering strict design regulations that will permit them to review potential applications with a critical eye to insure conformity with the neighborhood and aesthetics. Anyone seeking to learn more about the regulation should visit the Planning and Zoning Commission section of the Town's website. There, you can click on Planning and Zoning news and follow a link to the proposed regulation. A public hearing has been set to consider the new regulation on April 14, 2015.

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Tax Benefits For Elderly & Disabled Homeowners

Elderly and Disabled Homeowners are reminded by Town Assessor Jane Dickman Buden that they have until May 15, 2015 to file for benefits for homeowners for the 2014 Grand List Year.

Income limits for homeowners are; for a Single Person, not to exceed \$34,600 and for a Married Couple, not to exceed \$42,200.

The Town of Plainville is currently sponsoring a local option elderly program. Income requirements of this program are \$41,900 for a single person and \$47,300 for a married couple. Applicants must meet all other requirements of the State program.

Qualifications for the above benefits are:

Applicants must have been 65 years old prior to December 31, 2014 or have a 100 percent disability rating from the Social Security Administration or be the widow/widower age 50 or over of a previously approved applicant.

Persons filing must provide a copy of their 2014 income tax return or if not required to file a return,

must supply copies of their sources of income and the amounts. Proof of Social Security benefits (1099) collected for 2014 is also needed.

The Town of Plainville also has a local option tax freeze program. Applicants must be 70 years of age or older and must meet certain income and asset requirements. Anyone interested in finding out more about this program should contact the Assessor's Office.

Applications for additional Veterans are also being taken. The Veteran must meet the above qualifications (with the exception of age) as well as have his/her DD214 on file with the Town Clerk by October 1st. Veteran must meet the ninety day qualifications for wartime as set fourth in Connecticut General Statute 27-103.

The Town also has a local option Veterans program. Income requirements of this program are \$41,900 for a single person and \$47,300 for a married couple. Local option benefit amount is 6000 assessment dollars.

Forms to apply for any benefit must be completed at the Assessor's Office at the Municipal Center. Please call for an appointment at 793-0221, ext. 244, between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and 9:00am and 6:00pm Thursday.

Ask the Brayne...

Q. When will the Norton Park Pool open?

A. *Sunday, June 7th and will be open until August 15th daily 1 to 8 pm. See Town Happenings, page 10 for more details. The pool at Norton Park is the Berner Pool.*

Q.I. attended the Rotary Penny Sale with my family and do you know just how many years the members have been holding the sale? It was so well organized and the gifts were plentiful. I certainly will attend next year.

A. *The first Penny Sale was held on April 12th, 1975, that is 40 years. The club was founded in 1955. The Rotary Club welcomes new members contact Guy Doyon 860-793-4113.*

To submit questions:

Call 860-747-4119, E-mail hmtnn@aol.com, write to Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman St, Plainville, CT 06062 or drop them at the office. Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of each month. Thank you for the above questions. Keep them coming!!

From the Desk of: State Senator Henre Martin, 31st District

Like many of you, I was very disappointed to learn that the governor's proposed budget calls for the total elimination of state funding for the Connecticut Honor Guard.

State funds are currently used to support military honors at funerals.

Those honors include the playing of "Taps" and rifle teams which discharge graveside salutes.

We should not eliminate state funding for final honors for our vets.

A rally was at NOON on Wednesday, April 15th at the State Capitol. Thank you to all that attended.

If you couldn't attend, please feel free to contact my office with comments or questions.

TOWN OF PLAINVILLE TO HOST HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

On May 2, 2015, residents of member towns in the Tunxis Recycling region will have the opportunity to bring Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) to the Tunxis Recycling Household Hazardous Waste Collection, sponsored by the Town and the Bristol Facility Policy Board.

On May 2 a collection event will be held at the Plainville Roadways Garage, on 23 Granger Lane, off of Route 177, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town Manager Robert E. Lee said, "We are pleased that Plainville and our new regional group, the Bristol Facility Policy Board, are still able to perform this service at a time when state and local budgets are seeing drastic cuts and reductions in services. It is especially rewarding to offer this opportunity without charging fees to the participants, and thanks to our regional planning initiatives, there is no cost to the Town of Plainville."

Residents of Plainville, Berlin, Bristol, Burlington, Meriden, New Britain, Plymouth, Prospect, Southington and Wolcott may bring their household hazardous waste to the collection site free of charge. Identification will be required as proof of residency. No waste from businesses will be accepted.

Residents who are unable to participate should be aware that permanent locations now accept some unwanted household paints for recycling. Participating paint retailers partner with the new PaintCare™ recycling program. While the Plainville HHW event handles household hazardous materials including paint, residents are also able to drop off used paint during business hours through the PaintCare™ program (visit their website to find participating retailers – www.paintcare.org)

Items to be accepted include:

pesticides and poisons, herbicides and weedkiller, paint, paint thinners, varnish, rechargeable batteries, automotive batteries and lubricants, antifreeze, waste oil, gasoline, kerosene, hobby and photographic chemicals, pool chemicals, household cleaners and disinfectants, fertilizers, fluorescent bulbs and mercury-containing thermostats.

Items cannot be accepted include:

medical waste, medicines & drugs, smoke detectors, tires, propane tanks, computers and electronic equipment, appliances, bulky waste, explosives, fire extinguishers, empty containers -- and waste from any businesses.

Policy Board Executive Director Mark Bobman noted, "Our fund balance for the program remains healthy, and the organization is well-positioned to continue to offer this service to member towns. Since the HHW program began in 1994, over 45,000 participants have brought materials to one of the many collections offered throughout the region. We've had many calls from residents about these events, and we hope to continue to provide this important service. If residents have concerns about specific materials or quantities we can accept, please call us for more information."

Bristol Facility Policy Board is a Bristol-based recycling agency that has been working with its member communities since 1990 to promote recycling and waste reduction.

Residents with questions regarding the household hazardous waste collections should call the public works department in their respective communities, or contact the Policy Board office at (860) 585-0419, or visit the web site, www.tunxisrecycling.org.

UNABLE TO ATTEND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS?

If you have an issue you would like to discuss with the Council or a Councilor, just call 860-793-0221 ext. 205. Leave your name and phone number and ask for a Councilor to contact you.

They are here to serve you!

From the Desk of: Dominick Moschini, Superintendent of Roadways

Transfer Station

The Transfer Station on Granger Lane opened for the season on April 4th.

The hours of operation are:

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Plainville residents must show identification. There is a fee for disposal. If you have any questions, please call Public Works at 860-793-0221 ext 208 from 8:00AM to 4:00 PM Monday thru Wednesday, Thursday, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM & Friday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

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*Sno-White Staff Wishes All....
A Happy Mother's Day*



To the Editor,

On Apr. 15, it was an honor for me to stand with veterans and Democrat and Republican legislators on the steps of the State Capitol to rally in support of state funding for the Connecticut Honor Guard.

The state funding for the Connecticut Honor Guard was eliminated in the governor's proposed budget.

These funds currently allow for the sounding of "Taps" at veterans' funerals and rifle salutes.

I believe we will prevail in our fight to restore this funding.

To help us, or to ask any questions about this issue, please feel free to contact me at Henri. Martin@cga.ct.gov or 860 240-0022.

Sincerely, Henri Martin

State Senator representing Bristol, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth and Thomaston.

www.senatorhenrimartin.com

Letter to the Editor:

The idea of a park on the site of the Old Linden Street School is a wonderful idea.

I attended Linden Street School from kindergarten to the eighth grade and I have tremendous memories of it.

Especially Miss Lane my old eighth grade math teacher and she was old. Teachers could not be married in those days. I really learned math in her class and I have always used Miss Lane's technologies throughout my life.

I will be the first to sit on a bench, under a Linden Tree when the park is installed and reminisce.

"A wonderful, tremendous idea."

Mary Ziccardi

Letter to Editor:

VOTER APATHY

Whether it's at the national, state or local level, apathy is deeply imbedded in our political system. What type of political chaos will it take to wake us up and renew our belief in our democratic system? What will it take to make us realize that every legal American citizen should be at the polls voting?

The greatest generation is leaving us at an accelerating rate. They've seen the worst and also the best that America offers. However, their mission isn't over, they can still set an example by voting at the polls.

We have a moral majority content to sit in the church pews and avoid voting at the polls because the Bible says the world will get worse and worse at the end times. The Bible also says "occupy until that time is at hand", that means to take part in all facets of this life, to include voting at the polls!

Being retired myself allows me to speak on behalf of our senior citizens. Yes! We've worked hard and earned our retirement, but we shouldn't become shut-ins and allow the world to go to hell in a hand basket. We need to get to the polls and vote!

Of the 10,592 registered voters here in Plainville only 26% of our citizens voted. The two previous elections had the same results, 26%. How apathetic and pathetic is that? Or don't you care!

We need an independent voice on the town council that will represent the citizens and try to reign in both the democrats and republicans.

Remember the referendum vote and how the citizens' vote was totally ignored. Remember when you elect your town council, NOT the town council. Let's get galvanized and do what's right - VOTE!! To the faithful voters, I say this: "Thank You" and God bless you for staying the course.

A concerned citizen, Albert Deshaies

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Staff of the Hometown Connection,
Thank you so much for the pages you dedicated to the "Sweet Affair" PHS Senior Fundraiser in the April paper. The pictures and write ups were awesome. Thanks for coming and we hope to see you next year!!

Sincerely, Joan Lepore-Hushin and the whole "Sweet Affair" Committee

Letter to the Editor:

Chairman Labriola Reacts to Senator Rubio's Announcement

"I admire Senator Rubio's enthusiasm and passion for leading America in a new direction," "Hillary Clinton's announcement kicked off the Democrat Party's coronation for the Obama third term. Senator Rubio's announcement makes it clear Republicans will offer voters fresh faces, renewed vigor, and new ideas based on conservative principles."

"I urge Connecticut Republicans to get involved in the presidential nominating process." "I look forward to welcoming other candidates to the race for President in the coming weeks and months."

"After eight long years of the failed policies of Barack Obama, Americans are eager to choose a new President. The Republican Party is blessed to have so many impressive candidates seeking to become President."

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“Young at Heart” Sr. Center News

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

An AARP Smart Driver Course will be held at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, on Tuesday, June 16 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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

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

MARCH 2015 BOWLERS OF THE MONTH

The Plainville Senior Center Bowling League announced that Judy Duval, Shirley Hotchkiss and Frank Robinson won the title of Bowlers of the Month for March 2015. The league meets at Laurel Lanes, 136 New Britain Avenue, Plainville, on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$9.00 per person, per week and includes three games of bowling, open bowling discount card, automatic scoring, and free weekly beverage.

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

DENTAL CLINIC BACK AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Community Health Center, Inc. will provide a dental clinic at Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, on August 19, August 20 and August 21. Appointments must be made through the Community Health Center, contact Melissa directly at 860-983-2990. A registered dental hygienist will provide a dental hygiene exam, dental cleaning, sealants and x-rays when appropriate. The cost is \$30.00 for individuals without insurance. Help in paying for the dental clinic (scholarships) may be available for Plainville individuals over age 60, with a monthly income below \$1,429 (single) or \$1,925 (married). For scholarship information contact Stephanie or Ronda at the Senior Center. Funding for scholarships is made possible, in part, by a grant through the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

The Plainville Senior Center is pleased to welcome Attorney Marilyn Denny, of Greater Hartford Legal Services, will review and explain Power of Attorney forms and Health Care Directives, on Monday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. Individuals (60 and over) are given an opportunity to indicate if they would like to have one or both of these documents prepared for them. If so, they receive a packet that facilitates the process of gathering the information that is required. Once this packet is returned to Legal Aid, the forms are prepared and Attorney Denny will return to the Senior Center at a later date to execute the documents. This program is provided at no cost. Call the Senior Center to sign-up.

SKIN CANCER SCREENINGS

APRN Georgia Sterpka will be performing Skin Cancer screenings at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, on Tuesdays, May 26 and June 2. You must be a member of the Senior Center to sign-up. Beginning at 1:00 p.m. on both days Georgia will be conducting 10 minute screenings, available by appointment only! Call the Center to make an appointment, 860-747-5728

THE “NOT SO” EMPTY NEST 7TH ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN CONFERENCE

The 7th Annual Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Conference will be held at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street on, Tuesday, May 19; 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Open to grandparents raising children of any age birth to high school including grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Join Christopher Montes, Clinical Psychotherapist, Certified Psychologist and Family Therapist in an interactive discussion that will include information on parenting styles, discipline, and special concerns such as attachment, grief, loss, and incarceration of a family member. Participants will also have an opportunity to explore different avenues of support including dental programs, legal issues, financial assistance, internet safety and much more. A buffet style complimentary lunch will be served, following “Stress Relieving Techniques” presented by Mare Dibenigno from the Vital Life Center and plenty of free raffles. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728 to sign-up.

The “Not So” Empty Nest Conference is co-sponsored by the Farmington Community Services, Plainville Senior Center and Youth Services and Southington Youth Services. Funded in part by Title III of the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. and the Connecticut Department of Social Services, State Unit on Aging.

CAREGIVING CONNECTIONS

Spring will be in full swing when the Caregiving Connections group is meeting this month on Tuesday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m. Even though the seasons change the responsibilities of caregiving remain the same. Come refresh yourself in the company of friends who truly understand the stresses and challenges of 24/7 caregiving. Please call Bette at the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, with any questions. Caregivers from all towns are welcome.

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City woman lauded by Special Olympics

By PAUL ANGILLY
STAFF WRITER

SOUTHINGTON — Since the early 1980s, New Britain's Elaine Cocores has been a dedicated volunteer with the Special Olympics program, serving as the Mid-State regional coordinator for the past quarter century.

With all the service, Special Olympics Connecticut decided it was time to give her some well-deserved recognition, honoring her with one of its Unsung Hero Awards during its annual Hall of Fame Dinner this past Wednesday at the Aqua Turf Club. The Unsung Hero Awards are presented to "volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes for Special Olympics Connecticut with no expectation of recognition or reward."

Cocores said when she first got the letter notifying her of the award, she questioned if it was for real. But it was, as she was nominated by a member of the state office.

"I never thought anything like this would happen," she said.

It was no small gathering that

honored her achievements, either, as more than 700 volunteers, athletes, friends and family were present for the dinner.

"It was great," Cocores said. "It felt like being at home with family and friends."

Guest emcee Brad Field, chief meteorologist for NBC Connecticut, introduced Cocores and explained the reasons for her selection.

"The local coordinator is the heart of a program, and this role requires some extraordinary skills," he noted. "Elaine has to make sure she is aware of all upcoming events, takes care of the paperwork, recruits volunteers, helps with fund-raising and many other tasks."

Cocores also coaches bowling and aquatics events, he said.

"She's admired and respected by the families and athletes in her program," Field said. "If you've ever attended a Special Olympics event, you've seen Elaine cheering on the athletes, organizing the teams, making sure everyone is taken care of. Safety of the athletes is first and foremost in her book."

Field continued, "Elaine has done all this, never looking for any recognition. She truly enjoys being a part of the Mid-State program and Special Olympics Connecticut. Elaine is dedicated and truly committed to the mission of Special Olympics. For these qualities, she's a great choice to receive this award."

Like pretty much all of the volunteers who work with Special Olympics, Cocores seems to get just as much out of the activity as any of the athletes.

"It keeps me busy," she said, noting it was a good excuse to not sit around the house.

But she said the best part is being around the athletes and witnessing their accomplishments.

"They're great to be around," Cocores said. "You meet a lot of neat people doing this."

One of her personal highlights was being chosen in 1991 to go to the Special Olympics World Games in Minnesota as part of Connecticut's team.

"That's when I really got more into it," she said.

Special Olympics Connecticut



Special Olympics Connecticut
New Britain's Elaine Cocores receives the Unsung Hero Award Thursday.

provides year-round sports training and competitions for more than 14,000 athletes (individuals with intellectual disabilities) and Unified Partners (individuals without intellectual disabilities who are the athletes' teammates).

Special Olympics offers 27 Olympic-type sports and hosts four state games annually, among other competitions.

The state games include Summer Games, Winter Games, the Fall Sports Festival and the Holiday Sports Classic. Athletes also have opportunities to compete globally at Special Olympics' USA and World Games.

Paul Angilly can be reached at (860) 973-1800, or pangilly@bristolpress.com

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Life With Wanda



Things that happen to me this week that aren't that funny, in my book.


The needle on my gas indicator was reading empty but I knew I could make it to the nearest gas station but when I coasted in there were signs on all the pumps that read, out of gas. By the time I got to the next station my car stopped and I rolled into their driveway and had to get a bottle from the trash to get enough gas to get to the pump. I then went to the grocery store and as I was pulling into a parking space a woman from the other side pulled through, so she wouldn't have to back out of that space, and by the time I drove around the aisle someone else had taken the space she had left. On the way home a young man, with his radio blasting, passed me on a double yellow line, cut me off and gave me the finger. At the next light I pulled alongside, opened my window and turned my radio up full blast that was playing Frank Sinatra's, New York -New York. He gave me that look and laughed. For some reason my window wouldn't go up and before I got home it started to snow and it was April 23rd. I think I'm going to take a nap. I'll give it a go again tomorrow. *How was our week?*

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From My Balcony

By Jeannette Hinkson

I love bumper stickers, they tell you so much about the driver of the car and how he or she feels about what is going on around him or if he or she is even aware of world happenings. I saw one the other day that read, "Who cares where Obama came from the problem is where he is now." Now I would like to see one that reads, "What difference does it make what Hillary screwed up in the past, it's what she can screw up in the future." If you watch the Bill O'Reilly show on the Fox network they have a segment called Waters World where a reporter, by the name of Waters, goes out on the street and asks questions on various subjects, like who is the vice President, who did we fight in the Civil War, who did we fight in WWII and even who won some of these wars? These are questions that anyone over the age of forty had to learn in school and you will not believe the stupid answers young people give. Are we not teaching any history in schools today? These same people can tell you the names of every rap singer, what song that is out there, how to operate every cell phone and what the latest electronic gadget is coming onto the market. What will happen to this country when those that care about it are gone? When everyone doesn't even know who the Vice President is, do we have a problem or what? I would love to have some of these questions asked of teachers that are teaching the children today. You are about to enter the year of campaigns and you will be bombarded, from every side, with calls, mail and speeches feeding you every lie that the politicians can shove down your throat. Do your own research and vote, vote for someone who will get this country out of this mess. Don't vote for someone that is handsome, pretty, is of your political party or has been in office screwing up what is left of our country. Don't you think it is about time to clean house? As Forest Gump would say, "That's all I have to say about that."


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TOWN OF PLAINVILLE HAPPENINGS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF April 20

By Shirley Osle

Assistant Town Manager

- On May 2nd, a hazardous-waste collection event will be held at the Plainville Roadways Garage, on 23 Granger Lane, off of Route 177, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The Town Meeting Budget vote will be held Tuesday, April 28 at the Plainville Fire House between the hours of 6am and 8pm. All registered voters are eligible to vote along with owners of property assessed for \$1,000 or more. You will be asked to present a photo ID before being handed a ballot.
- June is the month to register all dogs. Please check the rabies expiration date and make an appointment with your vet if necessary. Dogs with June expiration dates will be asked to be revaccinated. If you no longer have your dog please notify the Town Clerk's office and the name will be removed.
- The Recreation Department reports that registration starts Wednesday May 14th with Saturday registration on May 17th 10:00 to 12:00. The Berner Pool will open Sat/Sun June 7th – Aug 16th ; 1 – 8 p.m. Mon. – Fri. June

9th – 17th ; 2-8:00 p.m. Daily from June 18th – Aug. 15th 1-8:00 p.m. post season Sat. Aug. 16th to Aug. 23 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

- The Town and Fire Marshal Office have partnered with the American Red Cross to provide the following:
 - 10 year life battery operated smoke detectors free of charge to any Plainville resident that needs them regardless of income. Target groups will be one and two family homes.
 - Free installation of the smoke detectors currently scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 2015.
 - Call the Fire Marshal at (860) 793-0221, ext. 218 with your name, address, phone number, and what kind of house you have to be placed the list.
- The Economic Development Office continues to work with CRCOG, the Farmington Valley Trails Council and the Plainville Greenway Alliance to develop an alternate multi-use trail alignment through Plainville. The Office hopes to advertise for experienced consultants to assist with this effort in several weeks.
- Youth Services is hosting a "Parenting in the Digital Age" program. This free workshop will take place on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at the Middle School of Plainville, 150 Northwest Drive. Contact Tina Gryguc at the Plainville Board of Education to register, (860) 793-3210, ext. 206 or gryguc@plainvilleschools.

org no later than May 8th. Babysitting will be provided and light refreshments will be served.

- The Senior Center is hosting dental clinics on August 19th, 20th, and 21. Cost is \$30.00 without insurance. Scholarships available. Call Melissa at the Community Health Center to make appointments, (860) 983-2990.
- There will be an AARP Driver Safety program at the Senior Center on Tuesday, June 16th, from 9:30-am to 1:30pm. This event is open to the public. \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for all others. Sign-up begins at the center on May 7th for members and May 14 for non-members.
- APRN Georgia Sterpka will be holding 10-minute Skin Cancer Screenings for Senior Center members on May 26th and June 2nd. By appointment only – call the center to make one. Space is limited.
- Attorney Marilyn Denny from Greater Hartford Legal Services will review and explain Power of Attorney Forms and Health Care Directives at the Senior Center on Monday, May 4th at 10am. This event is free and open to the public. Call the center to sign-up.
- Do you have questions about Medicare, Medicaid, housing options, Alzheimer's help, caregiving or home care? Stop by Stephanie Soucy's office at the Senior Center on April 27th between 12:30-1:30pm.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'm one of the 80 men you might know as the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders. We are the men that did the unthinkable — we launched Army bombers from an aircraft carrier over enemy territory to show the Imperial Japanese military they were not invincible. Just four months after Pearl Harbor, no one ever thought this was possible. I heard someone say it was similar in today's world to flying a B-2 bomber off an aircraft carrier.

Most of us crash landed or bailed out of our planes in China or along the coast. One plane landed in Russia, where its crew was interned for two years before escaping. Three Raiders were killed while bailing from their planes. Eight were captured by the Japanese — three were later executed, while another died in captivity.

Doolittle Raiders

I'm 99 years old as I write this email and I'm one of only three surviving Raiders. I'm worried about how history will remember our mission, but I'm more worried about how few Americans will remember my fellow Raiders and the impact that their lives had on the rest of the world.

The general story of the Doolittle Raid has been told in books and movies, but nothing has been told about the men themselves: what they did as young men, how they lived their lives, and how the momentous

event impacted them. The American Veterans Center came to me to put together a documentary to tell the Raiders' story and I was thrilled that someone would finally tell this story!

The documentary will briefly retell the story of the planning, carrying-out, and the aftermath of the Raid. It is important to remind viewers why striking the Japanese Home Islands was so important to our national morale and to the battle in the Pacific.

This documentary, however, is mostly about the men as individuals. It's about their personal experiences on the day of the Raid and in the days and the years after. This is also about life after the war, including the relationship that we shared and the circumstances that tied us together forever.

The American Veterans Center is partnering with Emmy-winning producer Tim Gray to create this documentary and has filmed interviews with me and the few surviving Raiders. The AVC is footing the bill for the film, but it's going to cost nearly \$10,000 to finish editing the program.

I don't know how many years I have on God's green Earth, but I do know that I want to watch this documentary just once with my children and grandchildren to show them the impact that those Raiders had on me and on the rest of the country. I hope that the families of the other Raiders who are no longer with us will watch the film and see just how important their fathers and grandfathers were to this nation.

The American Veterans Center hopes to have the film completed by this summer. This is so important to me and I believe it is important for all Americans to see. I hope you will consider helping.

Warmest regards, R. E. Cole

Lt. Col. Richard E. Cole, Jimmy Doolittle's Co-Pilot
Member of the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders

P.S. – Please consider giving a gift of \$25, \$42 (the year of the Raid), \$150 or whatever you can help support this great film. If you send \$42, I'll send you an advanced copy of the DVD as soon as it's ready. If you send \$150, I'll send you a collectors print that I personally signed.

I plan to spend the rest of my time here to ensuring that no American forgets the men of the Doolittle Raid.

Donations made to the American Veterans Center are tax-deductible. The American veterans Center is a project of The American Studies Center, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational foundation.

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ALFRED JOHNSON 'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

BY: SALLY MILLER

The day was cold, damp and dreary. It had begun to drizzle and snow but the warmth within Nocchi's was dialed high. The warmth came from the good wishes being given to Alfred Johnson on his 100th birthday. Al showed up to his party with his only child Gary. Gary and his wife Emelita had flown in from California for this momentous occasion. Looking around the room, there were tables of family and friends greeting each other and telling stories about "Uncle Al". There were cousins and nieces, great nieces and nephews right down to great, great, great nieces and nephews and cousins. He spoke of his wife Bertha Johnson and he shared the story about how they met. Stories were told of how he and Bertha had a garden for many years and mostly ate the food from that garden. He contributed the garden as adding to his long life.



Betty Boukus read a proclamation from the State of Connecticut and a letter of congratulations from President Obama was read.

A good time was had by all and we wished him a happy birthday and told him that we would see him on his 101st!!!!

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Schools in Review

PHS "Mentor Fun Night"



Volunteer mentors and student mentees in the Plainville school district recently gathered to celebrate the annual "Mentor Fun Night" held at Plainville High School. This year's event included many games of bingo with prizes, organized by Volunteer Coordinator Sue Bradley. Mentor Fun Night is an event that brings together the mentors and mentees to enjoy an evening of "fun" outside of their regular school visits, and provides an opportunity for student mentees and their families to visit with the volunteer mentors.



Student Art Displayed at New Britain Museum

Student art work from Plainville Community Schools was on display at the New Britain Museum of American Art from April 14-19 with an opening reception on Tuesday, April 14 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The selected student work is from the three elementary schools, the middle school and the high school. The art show is being sponsored by the Elizabeth Norton Trust Fund and the Plainville Community Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation.

Poetry With Principal Paula Eshoo



Linden Street School Principal Paula Eshoo enjoyed reading poetry with students in Melissa Tynik's third grade class as part of the "Linden Lunacy Challenge," which focused on engaging students and staff positively in school during the month of March.



MSP Raises Pennies for Patients

The Middle School of Plainville's Friends of Rachel Club recently dedicated a month to raise money for Pennies for Patients - a program sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This year, the Middle School community worked together by participating in Penny Wars by grade level, purchasing candy grams for Valentine's Day, attending a school dance, donating to wear jeans or a hat on a specified day, and more. As a result, the Middle School donated \$1950.00 to the Connecticut Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for Pennies for Patients.

BOE Members Attend CABE's "Day On The Hill"

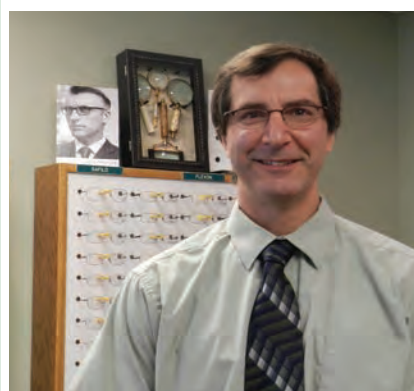
On Wednesday, March 25th, Plainville Board of Education members Andrea Saunders, Laurie Peterson, and Becky Tyrrell, together with Plainville High School students Jacob Masco and Sydney McGough, and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeffrey Kitching, attended the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education's (CABE) annual "Day in which they, along with principals, superintendents, school board members, parents and other students from across the state, convened to voice their opinions and meet with legislators regarding education in Connecticut.

The event began with a briefing of issues at The Bushnell's Autorino Great Hall, including the governor's proposed budget and its effect on local schools districts, with CABE and the legislative leadership. Remarks were made by Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Senator Beth Bye, Senator Toni Boucher, Senator Gayle Slossberg, and Representative Andy Fleischmann. Senator Bye also received the Distinguished Legislator Award.

Students, principals, superintendents, school board members, parents, and other attendees then "marched to the Hill" to visit one-on-one with their legislators at the State Legislative Office Building.

"In addition to being a valuable resource for our Board of Education, CABE also helps us lobby for important educational issues at the State Capitol. The Day on the Hill is a great opportunity for Board members and interested students to educate themselves on the issues facing public education," said Kitching.

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2015 MEMORIAL WALL OF HONOR INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Plainville Board of Education and the Plainville Community Schools' Naming Committee held an induction ceremony on April 13, 2015 at Plainville High School for the Memorial Wall of Honor, according to Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeffrey Kitching.

The ceremony, honoring inductees in memoriam Frank D. Steffany and Walter J. Majsak, was held at the Memorial Wall of Honor in the east corridor outside of the Plainville High School pool. The ceremony was at 6:00PM, with a reception following immediately after in the Plainville High School cafeteria. Superintendent Kitching shown at left



Mr. Majsak was a life-long resident of Plainville, graduating from Plainville High School in 1944. He served as a member and past Chair of the Plainville Board of Education for 27 years and served on the Democratic Town Committee from 1948 until his death in 2012. He was on the Building and Grounds Committees for the Wheeler School, Trask School and Toffolon School renovations. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army for four years. In addition he was a benefactor and friend to the Plainville Choral Society, YMCA, Rotary Club of Plainville, where he served as past President, and the Plainville Historical Society. He served on various parish committees for Our Lady of Mercy Church, and was a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Additionally he was a member of AARP Chapter 4146 where he served as statewide People and Representative Specialist. Mr. Majsak was employed as a salesman by the Torrington Plumbing and Hearing Company of Waterbury, retiring in 2002.

Mr. Steffany served as a member and Chair of the Plainville School Building Committee providing 20+ years of service including oversight of the addition to Plainville Junior High School, additions to the three elementary schools, Plainville High School 1970s addition of the pool and fields, building of the Plainville Municipal Center and building of the new Plainville Fire Department. He was a Marine, proudly serving his country in World War II, and was a member of the VFW Post 574. In addition, he was a member of the Town softball team, and was a local self-employed building contractor from 1960-1987.

Mr. Steffany's family shown in photo above left.



Mr. Majsak's family shown over to the right of the Steffany family.

Plainville Board of Education Entertained by: Students at "Board Appreciation Night"



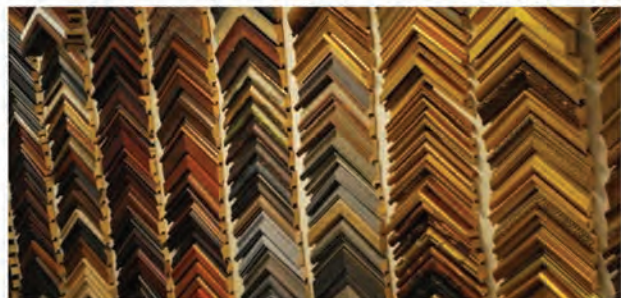
As part of the Board Appreciation events at the April 13 Plainville Board of Education meeting, a group of Louis Toffolon Elementary School pre-kindergarten students led the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition, musical performances were provided by students from the Toffolon Jazz Band, the Linden Chorus, and Wheeler fourth grader Jaylen Thigpen, who performed a rap number.



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Established in 1989, The Tomasso Nature Park was given to the Town of Plainville by Tomasso Brothers. The Park was established as a wetland mitigation area for the wetland lost in the reconstruction and expansion of the runway at Robertson Airport.

Weekly narrated tour information and individuals with special needs and group tours may be arranged by calling Art Marinio at 860-628-1386 or the Plainville Recreation Department at 860-747-6022.

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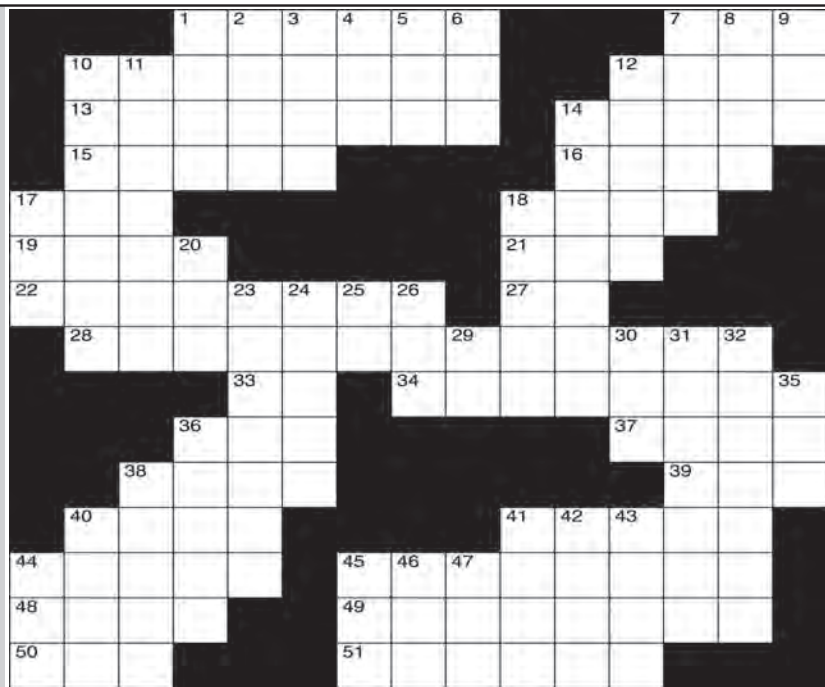
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Quincy Market/Boston

The Plainville Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Boston on Saturday, May 30th.

The bus departs from the Municipal Center at 8:00 a.m. and leaves Boston at 7:00 p.m. The bus will drop off and pick up in the Quincy Market area where participants will be free to pursue their own interests. Participants interested in visiting The John F. Kennedy Library & Museum will be transported to the Museum and returned to Quincy Market. Please call the Recreation Department at 860-747-6022 or reserve in person at the Recreation Office, 50 Whiting St.

PROGRESSO



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. SLAVONIC LANGUAGE
 - 7. SOLID WATER
 - 10. SUPPLY WITH NOTES
 - 12. EDIBLE BIVALVE
 - 13. FIELD GAME
 - 14. YELLOW EDIBLE INDIAN FRUITS
 - 15. LUBRICANT THAT PROTECTS BODY SURFACES
 - 16. CANADIAN FLYERS
 - 17. TOOK A SEAT
 - 18. ANTHRACITE
 - 19. CUCKOOS
 - 21. VIETNAMESE CURRENCY UNIT
 - 22. SUBJECT TO PAYMENT ON DEMAND
 - 27. OPPOSITE OF BC
 - 28. THE DISTANCE AROUND AN OBJECT
 - 33. BLOOD TYPE
 - 34. EXPRESSING GRATITUDE
 - 36. BRIDGE-BUILDING DEGREE
 - 37. RIBOSOMAL RIBONUCLEIC ACID
 - 38. FIBER FROM THE OUTER HUSK OF A COCONUT
 - 39. GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL
 - 40. THE LARGEST ISLAND IN THE WEST INDIES
 - 41. VEGETATION CONSISTING OF STUNTED TREES OR BUSHES
 - 44. SUPPORT TRESTLES
 - 45. SINGLE RAIL SYSTEM
 - 48. CALL UPON IN SUPPLICATION
 - 49. SMALL COMPARTMENT
 - 50. LAIR
 - 51. UNPLEASANT NAGGING WOMEN
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. COLLEGE CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION
 - 2. "FULL HOUSE" ACTRESS LOUGHLIN
 - 3. EGYPTIAN SUN GOD
 - 4. VESSEL OR DUCT
 - 5. BELONGING TO A THING
 - 6. AFTER B
 - 7. REFERS TO END OF SMALL INTESTINE
 - 8. BABY COW
 - 9. RIVER OF MEMMERT GERMANY
 - 10. FARMER'S CALENDAR
 - 11. SPIRAL SHELLLED CEPHALOPODS
 - 12. SOURCE OF CHOCOLATE
 - 14. DIVERSIFY
 - 17. A BAGLIKE STRUCTURE IN A PLANT OR ANIMAL
 - 18. FRESHWATER & LIME STONE GREEN ALGAE
 - 20. SINGLE LENS REFLEX
 - 23. GUM ARABICS
 - 24. AUSTRIAN PHILOSOPHER MARTIN
 - 25. MALTESE POUND
 - 26. AN IMMATURE NEWT
 - 29. POPULAR CANADIAN STATEMENT
 - 30. NORWEGIAN MONETARY UNIT (ABBR.)
 - 31. A JOURNEY AROUND A COURSE
 - 32. CONFER A NOBILITY TITLE UPON
 - 35. IDLE TALK
 - 36. BRITISH POLICEMAN
 - 38. A CITIZEN OF HAVANA
 - 40. HIGHLY GLAZED FINISH
 - 41. A PORTION OF
 - 42. SQUAD
 - 43. BETRAYERS
 - 44. BARRELS PER DAY (ABBR.)
 - 45. MARRIED WOMAN
 - 46. EXPRESS DELIGHT
 - 47. NEITHER

Answer on page 38

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

**GFWC/The Woman's Club of Plainville
Annual Tea and Fashion Show
Saturday, May 2, 2015
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.,
Faith Bible Church
168 Unionville Ave**

The ticket price is \$20.00 per person and during the event there will be raffle prizes.

We are a nonprofit organization and our mission includes promoting education, working on behalf of the elderly and people with disabilities, providing scholarships, and advocating for issues of concern to women – just to name a few. All proceeds from this event help us to fund all of our community projects.

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On behalf of J. Timothy's, and the Golf Committee we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your past support and hope that you will join us again as we celebrate the 24th Annual J. Timothy's Golf Classic with another fun day of golf, great food and raffle prizes.

Last years event was a great success! Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate in our Community.

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Saturday, May 30

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There will also be assorted breads and
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Who Said This

1. "We're going to take things away from you on behalf of common good"

a. Marx-b. Stalin-c. Hitler-d. Obama-e. None of these
2. "It's time for new beginning, for and end to government of the few, by the few, for the few, and replace it with shared responsibility, for shared prosperity."

a. Lenin-b. Mussolini-c. Idi Amin-d. Obama-e. None of these.

3. "We just can't let business as usual go on, and that means something has to be taken away from some people."

a. N. Khrushchev-b. Joseph Goebbels-c. Boris Yeltsin-d. Obama-e. None of them

4. "We have to build up political consensus and that requires people to give up a little of their own...In order to keep this common ground."

a. Mao Tse Tung-b. Hugo Chavez-c. Kim Jong U-d. Obama-e. None of these

5. "I certainly think the free market has failed."

a. Karl Marx-b. Lenin-c. Molotov-d. Obama-e. None of these.

(See answers on page 30)

2015 May Bulletin Board~Plainville Community Schools

Here are some upcoming events going on in the Plainville Community Schools for May and June:

May 1: Townwide Art Show Opening	5:30 PM	Plainville Library
May 6: Volunteer Recognition Dinner	6-8:30 PM	PHS Cafeteria
May 14: PHS Spring Concert	7:30 PM	PHS Auditorium
May 16: PHS Drive One for your School	8 AM-4 PM	PHS Front Parking Lot
May 16: Junior Prom	6 PM	Tunxis Plantation
May 19: Super Senior Banquet	7 PM	Aqua Turf
May 21: National Honor Society Induction	7 PM	PHS Auditorium
May 26: Be the Change Awards	7 PM	PHS Library
May 27: Rotary Scholarship Dinner	TBD	TBD
May 29: Spring Play	7 PM	PHS Cafeteria
May 30: Spring Play	Noon & 7 PM	PHS Cafeteria
May 31: Spring Play	Noon	PHS Cafeteria
June 3: Senior Sports Banquet	6-9 PM	Aqua Turf
June 10: Chamber Scholarship Breakfast	TBD	50 West
June 11: Adult Education Graduation	7 PM	PHS Auditorium
June 13: Senior Prom	7 PM	Aqua Turf
June 16: Night of Excellence	7 PM	PHS Auditorium
June 18: GRADUATION (meet@6:30pm)	7PM	PTBD

The next meeting of the Community Turf Committee will be held Thursday, May 14, 6:00 PM in the PHS Library. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the bids and make a final decision on a contractor to recommend for the project.

That's the news for now. See you in June! Andrea Saunders, Chairman Board of Education

LIVING HEALTHY CHEMICAL FREE

Hershey's Chocolate Kiss of Death

Donna Ziccardi

.....ummm, Chocolate. I LOVE chocolate! As a child my favorite was the Snicker's Bar. Snickers had a taste of it's own. Then at the end of grade school came "Chunky". Chunky had a taste of it's own too. Melt in your mouth. Creamy. Smooth. And BIG! Remember how big they were? What happened?

Well, progress happened. Greed happened. Let's make this product for less, change the formula, no one will notice, good for the "bottom line". Let's replace real food ingredients with alternative chemicals. And Monsanto happened with their unnecessary pesticides and Genetically Modified Franken Foods. There are too many studies out now showing that GMO food and ingredients contribute to the cause of cancer, as well as other diseases. The World Health Organization has proclaimed glyphosate, the main ingredient in Round Up, most likely to cause cancer. The pesticide Roundup is sprayed on crops and absorbed into the food you eat, unless you purchase "organic".

If Round Up and Genetically Modified Foods are so harmful, why are they still on the market for people to purchase? GOOD question! WHY, indeed? It all comes down to Buyer Beware. Do not assume that if it is sold in stores, it must be safe to eat and use.

But times, they are a changing. People are becoming educated, informed and if our elected officials will not look out for OUR best interest...we will take our power back at the check out counter. Consumer Power!!! People are not going to purchase this crap anymore, causing stocks to drop and forcing companies to change their tune, get honest and remove the toxic ingredients that are contributing to the ills of this nation.

And this is just what happened to Hershey's Chocolate. Last year while the people of California were trying to get Proposition 37 passed, which would require GMO foods to be labeled, The Hershey's Company contributed \$519,000 to defeat Proposition 37 and Monsanto, the world's largest biotech seed company, spent \$8.1 MILLION to defeat this proposition, preventing the consumer from their RIGHT to know what is in their food. If Genetically Modified Food is so safe for people to eat, why do Monsanto and the food companies that offer it spend millions of dollars to prevent "GMO" from appearing on the label? Are they hiding something? Are they guilty of something? Are they ashamed of something? Or are they afraid people will not purchase their product?

Getting back to the Hershey's Kiss. It is made with mostly all GMO ingredients. But Hershey's manufactures a GMO FREE chocolate to be sold in Europe. Why? Why does Hershey's put genetically modified ingredients in the candy sold in the United States, but they make special GMO Free candy to be sold in Europe? Because the people in Europe do not consider genetically modified foods to be safe. In the European Union there are restrictions and outright bans on the sale and production of genetically modified food.

Two years ago, concerned and educated consumers voiced their displeasure to Hershey's by giving them an ultimatum. You either offer Americans the same GMO Free candy that you sell in Europe or we will no longer purchase your product. Hershey's received tens of thousands of Facebook posts, emails and telephone calls from consumers urging them to remove the GMO ingredients in their candy due to concerns over health issues and environmental degradation.

At the end of 2014, feeling the pressure of public opinion, Hershey's promised to phase out toxic high fructose corn syrup, only. Keeping one step ahead of this deception, consumers urged Hershey's not to use any form of GMO sugar such as GMO sugar beets. Consumers demanded that Hershey's go non GMO on all it's ingredients and get a third party verification for non GMO ingredients such as The Non-GMO Project Verified Seal. This includes sourcing

milk from cows that are not feed GMO grass or grain. Hershey's was urged to forego any synthetic biological ingredient, starting with vanilla. In other words, Hershey's was urged to go back to using the natural ingredients of days gone by.

Hershey's must have done it's homework and found that consumers were jumping ship and purchasing organic and non GMO Verified candy, because on February 23, 2015, Hershey's Chocolate released a statement that it "will feature a lineup of simple ingredients, and transition some of it's most popular chocolate brands, including Hershey's Chocolate Kiss and Hershey's milk chocolate bars to be GMO free by the end of this year.

Another David and Goliath story....I just love them. And it is not just Hershey's that is following the money. Kraft Foods just announced that due to competition with Annie's Organic Macaroni and Cheese, Kraft will be removing the dyes and preservatives from it's product. Needless to say, Kraft decided to make this change after noticing a shift of preference towards Organic Foods.

And General Mills is also feeling the heat. After reviewing their drop in sales for the 6th straight quarter, it decided to offer Americans GMO free Cheerios, but only for it's Original Cheerios. General Mills has been selling GMO free cereal in Europe for years, for the same reason why Hershey's has. Europeans prefer non GMO food.

It seems that Monsanto's multi million dollar campaign to stop the labeling of Genetically Modified foods is losing ground. The American consumer is winning the labeling wars by getting food manufacturers to remove the toxic ingredients engineered in laboratories and replacing them with "real" food that naturally occurs in nature.

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TEA PARTY PATRIOTS

by Gene

"WAKE UP AMERICA"

The oceans and the earth are moving all the time; elevators will still go up and down. We should not be a nation that picks winners and losers. Are we going to pick an American Idol? Keep your powder dry for the 2016 election! Do we have to have a preordained candidate?

Concerned persons suggest that unless there is an awakening, America's Republic will continue being transformed (*The President said he will transform America*).

The Tea Party group said we have to be vigilant of Government control and adhere to "Natural Law" - some inside Republicans (*RINO's*) and the Obama Administration will try to circumvent the constitution.

"If we ever forget that we're on nation under God then we will be a nation gone under." (Ronald Reagan)

COMMON CORE:

HEME TO REWRITE EDUCATION

If something is not done soon, the vast majority of American K-12 school children will be taught using dubious federally backed national education "standards" that have come under fire from across the political spectrum. America's Kids, as well as their parents, will also be monitored and tracked in unprecedented ways from early childhood into the work-force. Opposition is growing by leaps and bounds, but government officials are not yet backing down.

The controversial "standards" scheme known informally as "Common Core" is being foisted on state governments all across the country with a combination of taxpayer funded bribes, outright deception, and federal bludgeoning. Despite America's long traditions of local governance and separation of powers, the Obama administration and its establishment allies in both parties are determined to get standards rolled out nationwide.

"Today we need....Citizens who are not only prepared to take arms but citizens who regard the preservation of freedom as the basic purpose of their daily life and who are willing to consciously work and sacrifice for that freedom." (John F. Kennedy)

NOTE: Please be advised the Roadside Tea Party Ralliers are meeting twice a month this year...(the first and third Tuesdays)... in front of Starbucks/Dennys, Rt. 10 in Southington. Please Join Us!

SCRATCH and PECK

By: LEESHA

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Unfortunately today these words often have a negative connotation. It is what judges sentence celebrities and "no goodniks" do to keep them out of jail, even if they deserve to be locked up and away from the community. Frankly, I do not want miscreants to be serving in my community under duress.

Fortunately, others have a more altruistic, unselfish purpose in community service. In the simplest, most basic sense, it is to see to the welfare of a neighbor who may be in need. Whether it is in helping to rake their leaves and shovel their snow, provide a ride to the grocery, drug store or doctor. Some do this individually, others through organizations.

Plainville has many good hearted people who volunteer to help.

The Lions and Rotary clubs support the community in many ways.

The Plainville Community Fund begun in 2006 has donated many thousands of dollars to not for profit groups to be used in a myriad of ways. The funds are raised through participation in local events and administered by a board.

The Food Pantry is a well known fixture in town. From its start in distributing food for humans it has expanded to an animal food pantry as well. It also now provides clothing, household items and toys.

Several churches in town have out reach programs. Including the 7th Da Adventists (food), the Congregational Church (thrift shop), the United Methodist Church (sponsors a boy scout troop and American Red Cross Blood Drives)

Gnazzo's Market is famous for a gathering spot for fund raising in their lobby and their generous donations to good causes of all kinds.

The Chamber of Commerce has an annual golf outing, the proceeds from which go to college scholarships, support for the Live Strong program at the YMCA for cancer survivors to improve their physical and mental health.

The Plainville Wind Ensemble gives free concerts in the park in the summer, plays at the Library at Christmas time and recently held a full performance at the high school to aid our Animal Control Officer.

The Art League and the Amateur Art Group invite a venue to a wide variety of artists to show their work at annual shows. These all are a huge bonus to our citizens who appreciate music and beauty.

The Historical Society maintains an on going mission to preserve and spread our past with almost monthly programs of interest and access to the Museum. A special feature is the yearly tour for third graders. What a great age to be educated and entertained by well informed docents. The questions they ask and perceptions they have are hilarious.

There are several veterans who volunteer every Monday evening at the Municipal Center for the American Legion Soldiers, Sailors and Marine Fund. It is an outstanding program open to veterans of all of our wars. They are aided on a case by case basis.

Except for a paid staff at the top of the Totem Pole our fire fighters are volunteers. They are paid a small stipend for answering calls, yet they go above and beyond what is required of them. Imagine being awoken in the dead of night, in all kinds of weather to save lives and homes for no reason other than a feeling of duty and a privilege to serve?

The high school requires ten hours of community service in order to graduate over the course of four years. The Counseling office has many options open to the students to chose from according to their likes and desires. They may volunteer their service at the YMCA, the library or any number of other places. Peter Chase has a high regard for those that come to the library. According to him, many return long after they have fulfilled their service. Even the Elementary school students participate in their small way by caroling at nursing homes at Christmas and tending to the gardens at their schools in season. What an excellent way to guide younsters in a positive way to future responsibility.

I know I have missed many others and I sincerely apologize for the oversight. If you would like to be recognized for your valuable efforts, please contact me through the Hometown Connection. Let me thank all of you for your good works in our town. All of your special interests and talents which you so freely share should be duly noted and appreciated.

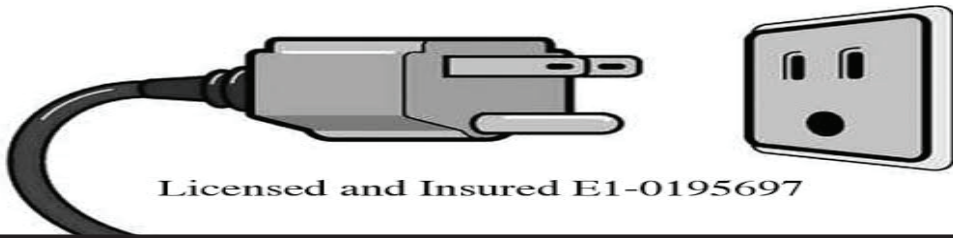
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American Sniper, Audie Murphy, Sgt. York and the Hollywood Bio-pic

By Francis Rexford Cooley

The success of American Sniper took Hollywood by surprise. With North American box office gross receipts over \$330 million and world-wide box office gross receipts over a half a billion dollars American Sniper has reached a level of success usually reserved for big-budget special effects laden Hollywood epics. Though the Clint Eastwood directed film has both its proponents and detractors amongst the critics American Sniper is often being compared with films on the Vietnam War. Critics like Matt Taibbi have attempted to place American Sniper in context with fictional films dealing with war and its impact like Deer Hunter, Coming Home, and even Forest Gump. A more apt context for Clint Eastwood's biopic of Navy Seal Chris Kyle's experiences would be previous attempts by Hollywood to examine prior American war heroes: Alvin York with Sergeant York in 1941 and Audie Murphy with To Hell and Back in 1955.

Sergeant York, directed by Howard Hawks, starred Gary Cooper as Sgt. Alvin C. York. York won the Medal of Honor for his actions during World War

I in October 1918. York with seven men under his command put a German machine gun position out of action and captured 132 German soldiers allowing the U.S. 328th Infantry Regiment to capture the strategic Decauville railroad. York became a national hero when The Saturday Evening Post published an article about his actions the following April.

Howard Hawk's biopic of York, based on the sergeant's own diary, followed York's journey from the backwoods of Appalachia to a religious conscientious objector to reluctant warrior and American war hero. Star Garry Cooper's understated acting style and common man appeal as York resonated with the American public. A public well aware of the tragedy of the Second World War unfolding across Europe and likelihood of future United States involvement in the war made Sergeant York Hollywood's biggest grossing film of that year.

To Hell and Back co-written by Audie Murphy and starring him as himself was based on Murphy's experiences as America's most decorated combat soldier of the Second World War. Like Alvin York, Murphy was awarded the Medal of Honor along with numerous other awards and decorations. Murphy served in the 3rd Infantry Division entering service as a private and eventually being made a 2nd Lieutenant through a "battle field" commission. In his three years as a combat soldier Murphy fought in nine major campaigns and was credited with killing

over 240 enemy combatants. A Life magazine cover appearance and story on Murphy in July 1945 brought Murphy to the attention of Hollywood. After a few years of struggling to make it as a film actor Murphy earned his first starring role in 1949 which coincided with the release of his autobiography, To Hell and Back, which would be optioned by Universal Pictures and star Murphy. To Hell and Back told of Murphy's war experiences and became Universal's highest grossing film until Jaws.

Though both Alvin York and Audie Murphy were decorated war heroes their transitions back to civilian life had difficulties. While York focused his public persona upon "charitable and civic causes" Murphy became an early advocate of the problems returning veterans had with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or what his generation had called "battle fatigue." Murphy attempted to get a sequel "To Hell and Back" made, "The Way Back," dealing with the issues he faced in returning to civilian life after the war but was unable to secure financing. American Sniper openly deals with the stresses Chris Kyle's multiple deployments brought upon himself, his wife, their marriage, and family life. In doing so American Sniper takes the experience of the American soldier to "Hell and Back" and allows the public at large to understand and respect the cost soldiers like Chris Kyle, Alvin York, Audie Murphy, and their brothers in arms have carried home from all of America's wars.

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Helen Bergenty, Chairman of the committee announced that all meetings are open to the public and you are all welcome!

It is important that we volunteer our time to get involved to work for the betterment of our town, state and country. We are looking for candidates for the upcoming municipal elections.

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How livable is your city, town or neighborhood? Will it continue to have everything you need to live comfortably and remain independent as you age? AARP's Public Policy Institute set out to help answer those questions when they developed the new AARP Livability Index. The online tool is a first of its kind resource that allows individuals to determine how well their communities are meeting their current and future needs. Anyone can use the tool, including residents, policy makers and the private sector, to measure how their location - down to the neighborhood level - rates across a wide range of metrics that reflect user friendliness, and customize their search based on their own priorities.

According to AARP State Director, Nora Duncan, "The AARP Livability Index can be a powerful tool for local officials and others in adapting their cities so that residents of all ages can stay healthy and active."

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By: Linda Coveney, Certified Health Coach, AADP

Can we Talk?

By Linda Coveney, Integrative Nutrition Health Coach

By now, you know I often talk about eating a rainbow of colorful fruits and vegetables each day to stay healthy. This month, I'd like to focus on reducing stress so we can better absorb all those nutrients you are getting through your colorful healthy diet. Because Spring is finally here and we are enjoying all the beauty of nature, are excited to get outside and talk to our neighbors again, let's learn how to reduce stress by having more effective colorful communications.

Communication can often feel like this. I talk, you are multi-tasking – no one is happy or being heard. Or perhaps you are talking in a language I don't understand - and it's my native tongue, English. I say something that is coming from the heart and you are offended. We talk over one another and are only interested in our point of view. I could go on.

In addition to being an Integrative Nutrition Health Coach, I'm also a Licensed Insights ® Discovery Practitioner. I've been helping individuals and teams become more aware of their communication style and the styles of others so they can increase their personal and team effectiveness and enjoy the benefits of less stress. Let me tell you a little bit about this.

While we all are complex unique individuals, let's keep this simple by focusing on four (4) main personality styles and illustrate them through the use of what we call Color Energies:

The four color energies are Cool Blue, Earth Green, Sunshine Yellow and Fiery Red. The main behaviors of each color are:

Cool Blue - Driven by Logic, Details and is more Formal

Earth Green - Strives for Harmony, is Patient and Encouraging

Sunshine Yellow - Likes to be Involved, Persuasive and Focused on Possibilities

Fiery Red - Confident, Driven to Action, Competitive

Put all these styles together and you've got a powerful group of people who can accomplish anything... as long as they take the time to connect and adapt to one another in productive ways.

The trouble begins when people overuse their main style or don't take into consideration the communication needs of others. Here are a few examples:

"Fiery Red is looking for a decision to be made today. Earth Green feels there has not been enough discussion on the impact to the rest of the group and rushing will lead to problems in the future."

If they both just dig in their heels, eventually one may prevail. However, trust and respect can suffer which can jeopardize future collaboration.

"Likewise, the team is thinking about how to plan an upcoming event. Those with high sunshine yellow energy are focused on the flow, the collective fun and possibilities of what can fit into the agenda. People who lead with Cool Blue, on the other hand, are looking at the facts, time available and budget."

I'm sure you can see how frustrating these conversations can get. Each person's viewpoint represents their perception of how things should be. It's not personal. In each of these situations, it's important for each person to take a step back, value the perspective of the other and lean in a little to talk in the language of the other person. Now many times we do this, but if we are under stress, we tend to over rely on our main color energy and the strength of the color energy now becomes a weakness or blind spot for us.

The key to success and healthy behaviors is to have a good understanding of self, both strengths and weaknesses, and develop effective strategies for interaction that can help all of us to better respond to the demands of the environment

In the end, it's all about listening deeply to understand not only the words spoken but the intent behind the words. The skill is to not settle on middle ground, but collectively, find better ground so each person walks away feeling valued, considered and respected.

So what's a health coach doing talking about communication styles? Have you ever heard about a thing called Emotional Eating? Think back to the last argument or a frustrating meeting you attended. Did the stress from these less than optimal situations send you to the vending machine to get something gooey and sweet or salty and fatty? Fact is, stress impacts what we eat, how we eat and why we eat as well as the ability of our body to absorb the nutrients.

So, which color energy describes YOU the most? I say the most, because there is a piece of all the color energies inside all of us. Normally one style speaks the loudest. What conversations recently have sent you head first into a big fat donut? Is there a better way to handle this?

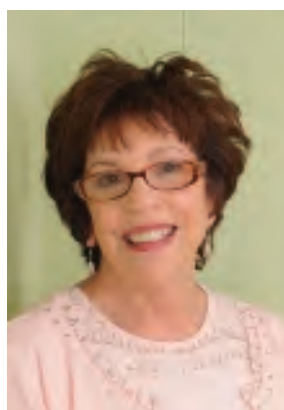
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I believe that Comcast, Cox, Time Warner, and other cable companies are doing their best to squeeze every penny out of its customers. They want to see how much they can get away with, and they are being deceptive in their practices. I've been increasingly frustrated paying my cable bill over the last several months. When I looked at my bill this month, it proclaimed "You saved \$30 this month with your Xfinity Services!" How can that be if my bill increased by \$28 over the last 8 months? In that time period none of my services have changed. In the last year they had two rate increases.

I have the HD Preferred Xf package. With it I get an expanded package of cable channels including the major sports league channels, a few extra science and discovery channels and one "premium" channel. I don't think anyone can call Starz a premium channel when virtually all of the movies on it have or are currently running on standard cable channels.

I also get my internet service from them. They tell me I get "up to" 30 Mbit downstream (receiving data) and 5 Mbit upstream (sending data), but in reality I typically get 12 down and 3 up.

The last time I called to complain about how much I was paying, they gave me a package that included telephone service. I did not want it. But they insisted that my bill would be lower if I bought the package deal that included phone service. I took the deal.

The first day I plugged phones into my phone service I received two calls from telemarketers. I averaged at least one a day until I unplugged the phones. I use my cell phone service.

Since I made that deal, my bill was steady for about a year. Then it started to creep up. A few dollars here. A few dollars there. I asked around to a few friends that also have cable service. One person told me they have the full package that includes all of the major premium channels. They pay \$20 less per month than I do. Another person I spoke to told me they have a package with fewer channels than I do with Comcast and they pay \$20 more than me. \$40 more than my friend with the works. In other words, they will take whatever they can get from you. However, I've heard many instances where folks call to cut their bill or cancel service and the "customer retention" department bends over backward to keep you as a customer.

Something is wrong here. What they do is not illegal. But I would venture to say that it is highly unethical. This is what happens when our government gives these companies a monopoly on cable service. There is competition from Frontier (phone lines) and Satellite services. However many people like me live in apartment complexes that do not allow satellites. An important factor for me is quality internet service. The only way to get consistent high quality internet service is through Comcast here in Plainville.

Fewer and fewer people watch television on standard definition format. Most folks watch TV in High Definition nowadays. Why do I have to pay for 150 standard definition channels? I never watch them. There are probably no more than a dozen channels I watch on a regular basis. Several of these channels are on different packages. So, in order to watch them, I'm forced to pay for packages that I don't want. In order to give up cable TV, I need to change my TV watching habits and give up some live TV including sports and other live events. For 30 years, I've been conditioned to be in front of the TV on time to watch my favorite show. Time for a change.

The world of On-Demand television has exploded over the past several years. Services like Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime bring most of the current TV shows and movies to your TV on your schedule. Networks like HBO are beginning to offer their networks directly over the internet bypassing cable. Beyond TV shows, the internet has more content than anyone can possibly watch. This content is getting better all of the time. My plan is to dump cable TV, keep internet service, maintain my subscriptions to Netflix and Amazon Prime, and get a good antenna to watch the local channels that are still available over the air.

I welcome your suggestions for new columns and questions about any columns I have written. Email me at jim.phc@gmail.com.

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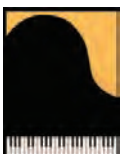
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MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE EASEMENTS

What happens when it is impossible to get onto a piece of property without crossing another property? When this arises there is a need for a private easement or right-of-way. But who is responsible for the maintenance of the pathway... the property owner that is boxed in or the property owner that has the easement in their property? Public Act No. 14-67, effective on October 1, 2014, has provided a straight forward outline for such maintenance issues.

The owner of any residential real property that benefits from an easement or right-of-way, the purpose of which is to provide access to such residential real property, shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining such easement or right-of-way in good repair and the cost of repairing or restoring any damaged portion of such easement or right-of-way. Such maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, the removal of snow from such easement or right-of-way. This is the language directly from the Public Act. The party that needs the easement has to pay for the maintenance. Seems to be pretty fair that the party who needs the easement maintains it.

When multiple parties need an easement or a right-of-way to get to their properties the Act says they split the cost based on the proportion of the benefit they receive. So, if one property only uses 20 feet of the easement and the other property uses 100 feet of say a 120 foot easement the maintenance cost is based on those figures. It would be unfair to split the maintenance 50/50 in that scenario. However, parties are free to contract a different split of the costs and that agreement will be controlling over the Act.

Easements and Rights-Of-Way are going to become more and more commonplace as people multiple and spaces get tighter. Especially in regions like New England where space is already at a premium. So when buying or selling be sure that you are aware of possible land rights.



Cheerleading 101

By Sally Miller

Years ago when my daughter was young, I attended a meeting at her school. The main topic of conversation was the fact that they could not find anyone to be in charge of the cheerleaders. I thought to myself, "How hard could this be?" We all waited for someone to volunteer and no one came forward. My daughter tugged on my sleeve and whined. She wanted me

to take it over. On the spur of the moment, I heard the word yes escape my lips.

When I got home, I almost had breakdown thinking about the consequences of my "yes". Fortunately, my best friend Dottie volunteered to help me with this task. I knew that the cheerleading team only had 8 to 10 children so I felt that it was all going to be OK.

Rehearsal was called and over 80 children showed up to practice in hopes that they would be chosen for the openings that we had. In the back of my mind, I heard a voice say, "You should have said no". We broke the children into groups of 15 each and taught them the moves. Some were going to the left when I moved right and others to the right when I said left. The first few rehearsals were a pure mess.

The week came to choose 8 – 10 out of the 80 children you had applied and practiced. My heart was sad. I knew some of these children would not make it even though they had such hope. I could only pick a tiny percentage of this huge group. It was the 1970's and almost all teams were cookie cutter teams. The cheerleaders on teams in the 60's and 70's all had blondish hair, bluish eyes, and were all about the same height and weight. I looked around at all of the girls in the room. There was a mixture of girls of every nationality in the world. Some were 5 feet high and some were close to 6 feet high. Some were 80 pounds and some 200 pounds. Several of the girls could not speak English well. I knew in my heart of hearts that most of these girls would NEVER be on any cheerleading team based on current guidelines.

The day finally came when I had to choose the final cheerleaders. Some of the school officials and town fathers were standing there with me and prodding me to make up my mind. I looked into the sea of anticipation, hope and fingers crossed and told all of the girls that they COULD ALL BE A CHEERLEADER. There was not a sound in the gym. There was dead silence. It seemed not to have sunk in that I had done this outrageous thing. I think one of the town fathers fainted. All of a sudden there was a roar. The girls ran down from the bleachers and danced around the gym. Some of the girls stood like statues-not believing what they heard. We now had more cheerleaders than football players. Some of the children could not afford the uniform and so I bought the material and my friend Dottie sewed for days on end. It was a labor of love. In the end it all worked out and for the first time, we had the bleachers filled with the parents of the 80ish cheerleaders, we sold out of hot dogs, popcorn and soda. We made money. At game time, each team took a quarter to cheer.

I vowed that if these girls never had anything positive in their lives, or were never chosen for anything, they could all say that they had been Bloomfield cheerleaders. I knew that I had finally gotten the chance to make a difference in the world and a difference in the lives of these young girls. I also knew that I would not be asked to do this ever again! To this very day, when I see how proud and happy these girls were, I smile as I remember that day in a Bloomfield school gym.



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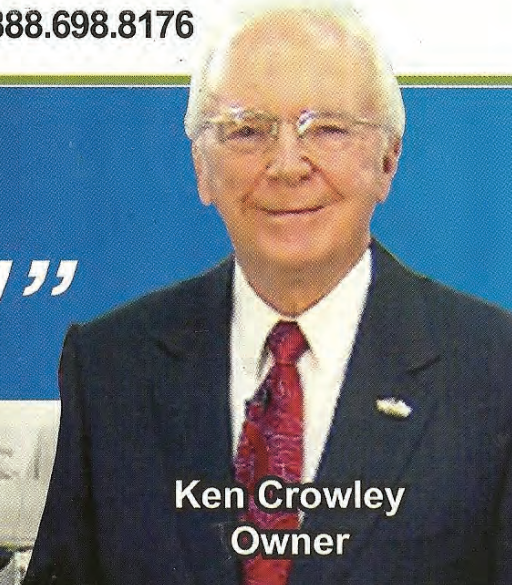
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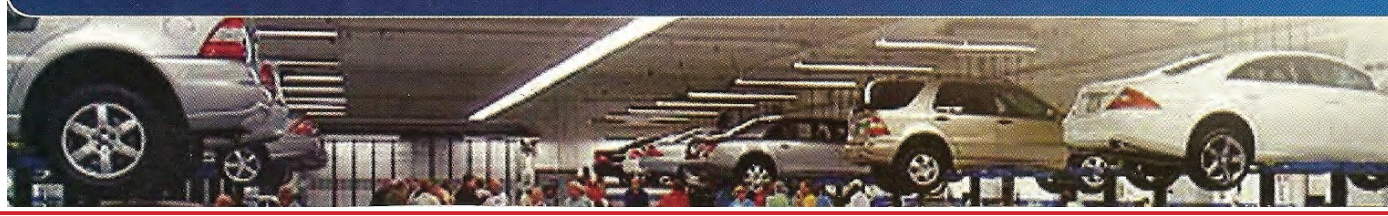
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This article brought to you in the interest of better.. By: David R. Edelson, D.M.D.



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See you next month!!



REPUBLICAN SEMINAR HELD IN ROCKY HILL



A seminar was held recently at the Rocky hill Community Center by the Connecticut Republican Party for area RTC chairmen and officers.

Laurie Peterson, secretary of the Plainville Republican Town Committee and Helen Bergenty, the chairman attended the seminar.

Pictured with them is Emma Sveen, Chairman of the State of

Connecticut College Republicans, she is a student at Wesleyan University. Emma has traveled to colleges throughout Connecticut and invites all college students in Plainville that are interested in securing more information about College Republicans in your school to contact her at phone 303-229-6672 or e-mail emnacfr@gmail.com

Helen Bergenty, Chairman of Plainville Republican Town Committee also invites you to attend our local RTC meetings that are held on the forth Wednesday of each month at the Municipal Center at 7 pm. You may want to start with becoming an Associate Member of the local RTC as well as becoming a member of State of Connecticut College Republicans.



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How Close Are We To The Lord's Coming? (part 3)

Last time we looked together at the two-fold purpose of the Gog-Magog war of Ezekiel 38 against Israel, namely, to take a spoil and a prey (Ezekiel 38:12). The Bible talks about other nation players in this Seven Year Tribulation Period that will attack Israel to try and wipe them off the face of the earth. Psalm 83:1-8 is one of those passages. Verse 6-7a mention the nations of Edom, Moab, Ammon.

These three places make up modern day Jordan. Verse 7 speaks of the Philistines. The Philistines dwelt in what is the modern day Gaza Strip where the terrorist group Hamas dwells. Verse 7 also speaks of Tyre. This is a place in modern day Lebanon where the terrorist group Hezbollah dwells. Verse 8 speaks of Assyria which was a place in modern day Iraq. So to put it all together we have the nations of Jordan, the Gaza Strip (Hamas), Lebanon and Iraq. What is the goal of the war of Psalm 83 in the latter days? The Psalmist tells us in verse 4

"They [these nations listed in verses 6-8) have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance." The leaders of ISIS have made it clear that their goal is to break down the walls of Jerusalem and destroy Israel. These nations are hostile towards Israel and are often in our news today. Iraq has been in the center of the news for some time because of the civil war that has taken place there in the last several years. The Islamic Sunni's have declared Iraq and Syria as their caliphate and thus they are known as IS (Islamic State) or ISIS (Islamic

State of Iraq and Syria). The goal of ISIS is to take control of Iraq, Syria, Kuwait, Jordan, Lebanon and Israel. These nations (Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon) are mentioned right here in Psalm 83. The world stage is being set for this prophecy to be fulfilled. But before this happens the rapture takes place.

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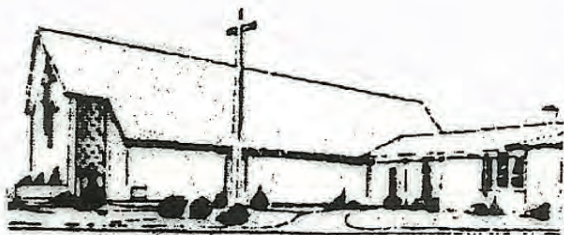
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3 MEDIUM ONIONS

2 large cloves garlic

4 tablespoons butter

6 cups chicken broth

1 cup heavy cream

Slice 3 zucchini, the pepper, and the onions. Mince the garlic. Saute' the vegetables in 3 tablespoons of butter over very low heat in a heavy pot. Cook, stirring often, about 10 minutes until vegetables are tender, but not browned. Stir in the chicken broth and simmer uncovered for 15 minutes. Thinly slice (do not peel) the remaining zucchini and saute' briefly in 1 tablespoon of butter until barely tender and still bright green (about 3 minutes). Stir and watch closely that it doesn't overcook and go mushy. Turn the sliced zucchini into a plate to cool quickly. Reserve.

Cool the soup slightly and puree it in a blender. Stir in the cream and sliced, cooked zucchini. Chill 24 hours.

Answers "Who Said This?"

- 1. None of these
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-----Dolly Parton

Plainville Chamber of Commerce Hosts 107th Awards Dinner and Annual Meeting

The Plainville Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Awards dinner and Annual meeting Tuesday April 14, 2015. This year's honorees included Employee of the Year - Tina Gryguc, Plainville Board of Education; Distinguished volunteer Award of the Plainville Community Food Pantry - Maggie Carlin, and Business of the Year Award - Display Craft.



Shown left to right: Tina Gryguc, Maggie Carlin and Rich Seigars

Tina Gryguc - Employee of the Year Plainville Board of Education

Tina has been with the Plainville School system for over 20 years. Nominated by Dr. Maureen Brummett, Tina currently works in the Administrative office of the district. Tina is described as "an extraordinarily skilled administrative assistant who goes out of her way to support everyone in our office and the entire district. Her work ethic is extraordinary, she does not hesitate to come in early or work late to insure project deadlines are met. Tina is a valuable asset to our organization and the entire Plainville Community."

Maggie Carlin - Distinguished Volunteer Award Plainville Community Food Pantry

Maggie started as a volunteer and currently serves on the Board of Directors as the President of the Plainville Food Pantry. Throughout her 29 years of serving the organization, Maggie has maintained her role as volunteer first. She is dedicated to the continued improvement of the Town of Plainville. Maggie has played a key role in major programs such as the Holiday Baskets and continues to be a valuable member of the team. Her leadership and enthusiasm for assisting others in crisis has been crucial to the growth of the Plainville Community Food Pantry.

Display Craft - Business of the Year

Rich Seigars, owner of Display Craft, has shown his generosity in many ways. While an active Chamber Board member, he has co-chaired the annual Golf Outing for the past few years. He has shared the cost of the putting contest and contributed to the giveaways. Not only has Display Craft donated the "State of the Town and "Shop Small" signs to the town he also credits his success to the dedicated, loyal employees that make his company thrive. Rich's generosity to the Chamber and the community set him apart from many.



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Photo left: Solidea Pitruzzello
Maureen Saverick

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Town of Plainville to Bolster Fire Prevention Efforts with FM Global Grant



The Town of Plainville has received a US \$2,000 fire prevention grant from FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers.

FM Global representatives presented the award on April 6, 2015 to Fire Marshal Larry A. Sutherland at the Municipal Center. The award will be used to assist with fire investigation and prefire planning to efficiently collect and track data related to local community buildings. The information will help the fire service respond in an emergency situation.

Because fire continues to be the leading cause of property damage worldwide, during the past 35 years FM Global has contributed millions of dollars in fire prevention grants to fire service organizations around the globe. Locally, the company has awarded grants to a number of Connecticut-based organizations.

"At FM Global, we strongly believe the majority of property damage is preventable, not inevitable," said Michael Spaziani, manager of the fire prevention grant program. "Far too often, inadequate budgets prevent those organizations working to prevent fire from being as proactive as they would like to be. With additional financial support, grant recipients are actively helping to improve property risk in the communities they serve."

Through its Fire Prevention Grant Program, FM Global awards grants quarterly to fire departments—as well as national, state, regional, local and community organizations worldwide—that best demonstrate a need for funding, where dollars can have the most demonstrable impact on preventing fire, or mitigating the damage it can quickly cause.

To learn more about FM Global's Fire Prevention Grant Program, please visit www.fmglobal.com/grants.

For nearly two centuries, many of the world's largest organizations have turned to FM Global to develop cost-effective property insurance and engineering solutions to protect their business operations from fire, natural disasters and other types of property risk. With clients in more than 130 countries, FM Global ranks #557 among FORTUNE magazine's largest companies in America and is rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best and AA (Very Strong) by Fitch Ratings. The company was named "World's Best Supply Chain Risk Insurance Provider" in 2014 by Global Finance magazine. Shown in photo (left to right) FM Global representative, Fire Marshal Larry Sutherland and Town Manager Robert E. Lee.

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Our Plainville Senior Center Is Celebrating it's 40th Anniversary

By **Wendell Copeland**



Why is Our Senior Center So Active?

It is because of its Director Shawn Cohen who has been with the Plainville Senior Center, since it began in 1975.

Through her many hours of hard work, we as seniors get to enjoy many forms of entertainment and classes. Art, painting, computer, ceramics, language and the Peak Center are just a few of the many activities available each week.

Shawn also runs select trips, from day trips to extended travel both here and abroad.

She also provides home care services, such as bus trips around town and Meals on Wheels for those seniors that are shut in..

Her cheer program for shut in seniors sends a volunteer out to wish them a "Happy Birthday" with a card and balloons. It makes the shut in so happy, that someone cares.

Shawn is an advocate with the town. Helping seniors with heating problems, taxes and so much more.

I am sure that the above mentioned are but a few of services provided by the Center. Our Plainville Senior Center is the BEST of ALL!!

THANKS TO DIRECTOR SHAWN COHEN AND HER ENTIRE STAFF!



AARP Chapter #4146



AARP members display the donations they collected at a recent meeting for the Veterans at VA hospitals in Connecticut.

Bristol RTC Lincoln Dinner~Guest Speaker Governor Paul R. LePage of Maine



Pictured with the Governor are (l to r) are State Senator Henri Martin, Plainville guests RTC members, Laurie Peterson, Bill Brayne, Helen Bergenty, Mrs. Janice Tompkins, Governor LePage, Deb Tompkins, Andrea Saunders and Danny Carrier.

Poets from Plainville

By Sally Miller



From Left to Right: Wendell Copeland, Joan McBain, Don Liljedahl, Diane Sperry, Carol Loiselle and MaryAnn Nessel, all members of the Plainville Senior Center, are shown at a reception to honor them. The reception was held at the Cromwell Town Hall on April 18, 2015. Their poems were selected to be printed in a book of poems after entered a poetry contest, sponsored by Altrusa International. Altrusa held the contest to encourage seniors to share their stories via poetry. Altrusa runs projects which focus on Literacy for all ages. The organization was established in 1956 and their projects change based on the needs of the community. They are based in Middletown, Connecticut. Missing from the picture is Ginnie Rollins.

Frederick-Franklin Masonic Lodge food drive for the Plainville Food Pantry Collection at Gnazzo's Food Center



Our Flag Day and Strawberry Fest is set for Saturday June 13th
 70 East Main Street, Plainville CT
Flag ceremony is at 2 pm
 with American Legion Color Guard and gun salute
 Presentation of birds of prey at 3 pm
The strawberry fest is at 5 pm \$10.00 donation
 (1 1/2 biscuits, fresh berries, & home made whipped cream)
 All proceeds to benefit local charities

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 was held on 3/26/15 at PHS

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**The Woman's Club of Plainville, Inc.
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c/o 19 Franklin Avenue
Plainville, CT 06062**

Any questions about the Flags on the Green Project or the Woman's Club, please call 860-287-2366

**Womens Club
of Plainville**



The Womens Club prepared and donated "Birthday Bags" to the Plainville Food Pantry. Pictured Left to Right are Lucky Powell, Susie Woerz, Food Pantry Director and Claire Stuart.



Easter Baskets were also prepared and donated by the Womens Club to the Girls at the Plainville Group Home. Pictured left to right are: Lucky Powell, Bonnie Carilli, Claire Stuart, Dorothy Stephenson and Laurie Davies.

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OBITUARIES

~ Robert W. Anderson ~



78, of Plainville, passed away on March 28, 2015.

Born in New Britain, he was the son of the late Walter A. and Ebba D. Anderson. He was a graduate of Plainville High School, Class of 1954 and served with Connecticut National Guard. Bob worked at First National Stores for almost 30 years, serving in

several locations as store manager for 20 years. He later joined the management team of Sussman's Supermarket and later Liquor Depot in New Britain before retiring in 2001.

Robert was a lifetime member of First Lutheran Church in New Britain and served as a Church council member. In later years, Bob was a Marshal and also, was very active in the Plainville Republican town Committee. He served several terms as a member of the Plainville Zoning Board and most recently, a member of the Plainville Board of Education. Plainville High School sports could always find Robert on the sidelines with lifetime wishes for success and achievement. For many years, Robert was very active as a coach and player in the recreational softball and Basketball leagues. There was no doubt that he was a devoted Red Sox supporter and an avid fan of UCONN Basketball teams.

Surviving is a brother, Allan Anderson and his wife Brenda of Cardiff by the Sea, CA; a nephew, Craig Anderson and his wife Gretchen of Alpharetta, GA; three nieces; Tenley Anderson of Nashville, TN; Gwendolyn Melich and her husband Garrett of Falls Church, VA; Christine Achen and her husband Sean of Longmont, CO; three grandnieces and a grandnephew, Caroline Anderson, Annika Melich, Sonja Achen and Jack Achen. Robert was predeceased by a grandniece, Ashley Anderson.

Funeral services were held at First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. Memorial donations may be made to First Lutheran Church. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting the family with the arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com.

~ Assunta (Ciccarelli) Aiezza ~

93 of Plainville, passed away peacefully Thursday March 12, 2015 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was the wife of the late Angelo R. Aiezza with whom she shared 66 years of marriage. Assunta Aiezza was born May 6, 1921 in Vitulazio, Italy, daughter of the late Michele and Antonina (Cioppa) Ciccarelli. Raised in Italy, Assunta came with her husband Angelo and 3 children to the United States in June of 1956 and settled in Plainville, where she and Angelo raised their children. She worked in the Plainville area most of her life helping to support her family. She was a selfless person, and after her retirement she volunteered for BESB taking visually impaired people to appointments and assisting them with shopping. She also supported a child in Africa for eighteen years through World Vision. She was an amazing cook who enjoyed hosting Sunday dinners for her family. She created an annual family tradition of canning tomatoes that lasted over 50 years which produced her most excellent sauce. Assunta was an avid gardener, who took such joy in producing beautiful vegetable and flower gardens which she shared with family and friends. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting and lovingly made scarfs, hats, and blankets for her grandchildren and family. She was a faithful parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy Church where she was a longtime communicant. Assuntamade pilgrimage to Lourdes in France and the Holy Land in Jerusalem. She and Angelo also made numerous trips back to Italy over the years, enjoying visits with family and friends.

She is survived by her children, John and his wife Christine of Noank, Michael and his wife Elisabet of Ellington, and Antonietta Daigle and her husband Paul of Broad Brook, her grandchildren Sue Cope and her husband Bob, Tom Aiezza, Jamie Kelley, Allison Kelley, and Kristina Landry, and her great grandson Parker Cope. She is also survived by her sister Maria DiRubba and her brother Vincenzo Ciccarelli, both in Italy. Assunta was predeceased by her infant son Michele, and 6 brothers and sisters, and her husband Angelo.

Bailey Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street, Plainville. Committal services will be held later this spring in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Mercy Church. To leave words of condolence please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com

~ Edward E. Cassinari ~



91, of Plainville, passed away surrounded by his family on Thursday, March 30, 2015.



He is now reunited with his beloved wife, Inez, who predeceased him in 2008. Born in Manchester, CT on July 1, 1923, he was the last surviving of five

children of the late Charles and Rose Cassinari.

As a young man, Ed began his 45 year career with Stanley Works, where he exhibited a strong work ethic from the start. Stanley quickly realized his potential to become a leader. He retired as a respected foreman and facilities manager in 1987. Ed proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during World War II with more than 20 combat missions in Europe as a member of a B-24 crew. He was honorably discharged in 1945. He and Inez settled in New Britain, and subsequently moved to Plainville, where they shared 65 years of marriage, and raised a loving family of three, which they both considered their greatest accomplishment. They enjoyed taking frequent trips to the beach, with a love for the ocean that has been passed on to their children and grandchildren. Ed was always learning; he was always curious about new things and was unafraid to tackle new challenges. He displayed an unparalleled love of his family and created a lifetime of precious memories. In gathering to celebrate Ed and Inez's 60th wedding anniversary, these words were shared by their children: "As we look back on our lives as your children, we remember parents who loved us unconditionally and always made sure we knew that nothing in their lives mattered more than us, which is the most precious gift you can give children. Loving and giving to your family simply came second nature to you both. The unconditional love you gave to your three children, you now share with your grandchildren and great grandchildren. Through the shining example of your lives, you have enriched ours, and we are forever grateful to you both.

Ed is survived by his children, Carol Gladis and her husband, Peter of Plainville; Suzanne Gingras and her husband, William of Plainville; and Edward C. Cassinari and his wife, Laurie of Farmington. He was lovingly called "Papa" by his grandchildren: Keith Emons and his wife Cathy, Leslie DeSousa and her husband Frank, Laurie Gibson and her husband Armand, Cynthia Gingras, and Lila and Sofia Cassinari; and by his great-grandchildren: Justin Emons, Caroline and Ryan DeSousa, and Katherine and Grace Gibson. And for the past 20 years he lovingly became "Papa" to Christopher, Michael, and Marie Gladis, and Paul Gladis and his wife, Vanesa, and their children, Arwen and Aidan. He was predeceased by his two brothers, Albert and Roger, and two sisters, Josephine and Blanche. He leaves many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services in celebration of Ed's life were held from Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal services with Military Honors followed at St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

*Death leaves a heartache
no one can heal,
love leaves a memory
no one can steal.*

~ Rose E. Dalpe ~



90, passed away peacefully at home on March 24, 2015. She was the wife of the late Leo Dalpe. She was a devoted mother to her 5 children, a loving grandmother to her 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren who brightened her life. She also leaves several close nieces and nephews. The Family would like to express a special

Thank You to Essie who was her care giver for the past year. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter. Po Box 96011, Washington, DC. 20090-6011 For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Dino W. Esposti ~



95, of Plainville, passed away on April 2, 2015. He was the husband of the late Gertrude (Hannan) Esposti. He was born on July 20, 1919 in Ivoryton, CT. Dino was predeceased by his parents, Augusto

and Vincenza (Borgogelli) Esposti of Ivoryton, his brother, Lino Esposti of Essex, and his daughter-in-law, Roxanne (Pucci) Esposti of Plainville.

During World War II, he served in the United States Army. Dino received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Teachers College of Connecticut (CCSU) in 1943. He received his Master of Education Degree and Sixth Year Degree from the University of Hartford. After teaching for several years, he was appointed principal in 1955 at Linden St. School in Plainville, CT. He retired 24 years later in 1979. In the following years, he worked at the Plainville Public Library and the Tunxis Community College Library. During his younger years, Dino worked briefly in radio, television, and more extensively in theater. He started golfing in 1937 and continued to play until 2008. He had the pleasure of achieving three holes-in-one. Besides golf, he enjoyed gardening and reading.

He is survived by three daughters and two sons: Ann (Esposti) and Richard Bucchi of Plainville, Gina (Esposti) and William Murphy of Bristol, Lynn (Esposti) and Jeffery LeClaire of Cheshire, Dean Esposti of Plainville and Mark Esposti and Lynn Beaudoin-Esposti of Farmington. He is also survived by: four grandchildren, Jessica (and Joseph) Cawley, Paul (and Serena) Bucchi, Kara (and Glenn) Formica, Patrick Murphy (and fiancé Jennifer Mathieu); three step-grandchildren, Jeffery Jr., Justin, and Jordan LeClaire; seven great-grandchildren, Kourtney and Jack Formica, Phineas, Elijah, Julian, and Me'Khari Sullivan, and Declan Cawley; and two sisters-in-law, Cathy Clement of Danbury, and Allene Esposti of Michigan; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Dino's recent caretakers - Cheryl, Susan, Chris, Denise, Noelle, John, Tommy, and Nancy for their compassion and dedication while caring for him during these past few years. Additional gratitude goes to Hospice Nurse, Shannon, for helping Dino during his final days. Dino was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville. In order to perpetuate his dedication to education, Dino donated his body to the University of Connecticut School Of Medicine. At his request, there will be no calling hours and no services. Dino wished for people to perform an act of kindness for a person in need. Memorial Donations may be made to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, Inc. at 54 South Canal St. Plainville, Ct. 06062

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OBITUARIES

~ Jean C. (LaSalle) Nelson ~



80, of Plainville, CT. formerly of Auburn, Grafton and Worcester, MA. died Tuesday March 24, 2015 at the Hospital of Central CT @New Britain General.

Jean was born in Worcester, MA. and was the daughter of the late Waldemar B. and Elsa C. (Carlson)

LaSalle. Jean graduated from Grafton High School class of 1952 and after graduation she held many jobs in insurance, catering, artwork and writing a monthly feature article in "Potpourri". She also was an Avon Representative for thirty years, a member of the Plainville Economic Development Committee, a member of Our Lady of Mercy Church, Plainville, CT. and the Republican Town Committee and served as registrar for political town and national elections for many years.

Jean is survived by her son Stephen F. Nelson of Plainville, CT., her brother James G. Kane of Somerville, MA. and her sister Anna Marie Kane, SSJ of Worcester, MA. and several cousins. Jean was predeceased by her husband Frederick H. Nelson, her brother Waldemar LaSalle, II., her step-mother Daisy LaSalle and step-father Walter J. Kane. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East St. Plainville, CT. 06062 or Sisters of St. Joseph, 577 Carew St. Springfield, MA. 01104.

A Celebration of Jean's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St. Plainville, CT. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in Moreland Cemetery, Paxton, MA. Service of comfort provided by the Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home, 764 Farmington Ave. New Britain, CT. To extend condolences to the Nelson Family or to share a memory of Jean, please visit shakerfuneralhome.com

~ Gary M. Pietrowicz ~



of Plainville passed away at the Hospital of Central Connecticut on April 9, 2015. He was 64 years old.

Gary was born on February 13, 1951 to parents, Chester Raymond Pietrowicz and Irene (Grib) Pietrowicz, and grew up in Newington, CT. Gary worked for over twenty years for Westinghouse Consolidated Industries. He enjoyed

fishing, hunting and woodworking, often building furniture and other crafts. Gary was a dedicated New York Yankees and New York Giants fan.

Gary is survived by his brother, Mark Pietrowicz of Unionville, CT; his son and daughter-in-law, Jeff Pietrowicz and Carol Robinson Pietrowicz and two granddaughters, Mckenzie and Aubrey Pietrowicz of Southington, CT; and his daughter, Stacey Pietrowicz, of Somerville, MA. He is preceded in death by his parents. At Gary's request, no formal services will be held. If you wish to honor Gary, please send donations to the American Cancer Society or visit www.cancer.org for more information.

~ Anthony V. Pipitone ~

84, of Plainville, passed away Sunday, April 9, 2015 at the Ledgecrest Health Care Center in Kensington. He was the beloved husband of Joan (DeHart) Pipitone.

He was born April 9, 1931 in Benoit, Wisconsin, the son of the late Anthony and Murial (Jacobson) Pipitone. He had retired from Dabko Industries in Bristol. Besides his wife he is survived by a son Nick Pipitone and his wife Rita of Bristol and daughter Lisa Chasse of Southington. He also leaves Carol Mentz of GA and Robert and Diane Barganier of Rocky Hill, Glen and Rose Barganier of Newington several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was predeceased by 2 sons, Donald and John Barganier. The family would like to thank the nursing staff of Ledgecrest Health Center for all the care and compassion given to Anthony while he was there.

The Funeral Service was held at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St. Southington. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Ledgecrest Health Care Center, 154 Kensington Rd. Kensington, CT 06037.

For online condolences and directions please visit: www.dellavecchiafh

~ Robert Scott Raymond ~



born August 31, 1972, died Thursday April 9, 2015. He was 42 years old.

Robert leaves his mother and stepfather Silvana and Gene Charette, father Robert Raymond, sister Tricia Maggio, grandmother Angela Raymond to join the Lord. Rob was an active member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church

and enjoyed attending church events throughout the country and was also a member of the Plainville Republican Town Committee. He enjoyed spending time with his cats, riding his bike, hiking, drawing and drafting, working out at the Y.M.C.A. and reading the newspaper. He was very caring and loved helping others, being known for bringing food to those in need. Rob had an independent spirit about him and overcame many adversities. We know Rob will find peace in the Lord. We are comforted knowing he is free from pain and suffering. Rob has forever touched our lives. Although we will miss him, we will always remember his sweet, caring, and thoughtful ways.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Robert's life was held on Saturday April 25, 2015 at Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. Donations can be made in Robert's honor to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, Inc., P.O. Box 233, 54 South Canal Street, Plainville, CT 06062. The Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville has care of arrangements. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Marcel R. Ouellette Sr. ~



66, of New Haven, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 23, 2015,

at the Connecticut Hospice, Branford with his family by his side.

He was the husband of eleven years to Midge Pacifico (Barone) Ouellette. Marcel was born in Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada on Jan. 31, 1949, son of the late Adelard and Jeanne Pelletier Ouellette. He served his country faithfully in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era and had worked as a carpenter for C.J. Fucci Construction for many years.

A hardworker since age 14, he was a member of the Laborers Union Local #455, enjoyed golfing, and was a NY Yankees, Montreal Canadians, Dallas Cowboys and NASCAR fan. Father of Marcel R. (Amy) Ouellette Jr. and step-father of Diana Martini and Paul Barone. Grandfather of Taylor and Olivia Ouellette, Brieana and Edward Martini Jr. Brother of Louise LaFerriere, Micheline Lawyea, Mona Landry, Suzanne Albert, Andre and Philip Ouellette, and the late Guy Ouellette. Brother-in-law of Larry LaFerriere, Clayton Lawyea, Rene Landry, Joyce and Karen Ouellette.

His funeral procession will leave the North Haven Funeral Home, 36 Washington Avenue, North Haven Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated in St. Therese Church, North Haven at 10 a.m. Interment with full military honors will follow in All Saints Cemetery, North Haven. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the CT Hospice, Inc., 100 Double Beach Rd., Branford, CT 06405

Heaven Needed Mom

*A beautiful garden now stands alone,
missing the one who nurtured it*

*But now she is gone,
Her flowers still bloom,
and the sun it still shines,
But the rain is like tear drops,
for the ones left behind.*

~ Miss you Mom ~

~ Carmen A. (Riera) Zalewski ~



79, of Bristol, formerly of Plainville, passed away Sunday April 5, 2015 at her home. She was the widow of Frederick D. Zalewski.

Mrs. Zalewski was born March 28, 1936 in New Britain, a daughter of the late Joseph and Frances (Madrid) Riera. She had worked at New Britain general Hospital as a Medical

Technician, retiring after 40 years of service. She was a loving, caring and giving mother, grandmother, sister and friend, who had a special gift of having people open up to her and feel comfortable. She especially adored her granddaughter Summer who she taught how to make Easter bread. She enjoyed traveling to the casinos with her sister Mary and baking cookies and traveling to Newport with her sister Eleanor. Mrs. Zalewski also volunteered in the 4th and 5th grade classes at Toffolon School in Plainville and was a member of the Plainville Senior Center and Our Lady of Mercy Church.

She leaves her son Mark Zalewski and his wife Jennifer of Plainville, her sisters, Frances Hall and her husband Greg of Hingham, MA, Mary Haburay and her husband Mike of Madison and Eleanor Porriello and her husband Nick of Higganum, her granddaughter, Summer and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Zalewski were held from the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville to Our Lady of Mercy Church for a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. There were no calling hours. If desired memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Michael A. Zommer ~



Respected local business entrepreneur Michael A. Zommer, whose fifth-generation business, Waste Material Trucking Company, helped modernize curbside trash collection in central Connecticut, has died at the age of 76.

Michael is survived by Linda (Sandino) Zommer, his beloved wife of 55 years, daughters, Michele Zommer of Southbury, and Melinda Zommer of Southington, son, Mark Zommer and Amanda Theriault of Farmington, daughter-in-law Maureen (Moore) Zommer, son-in-law Gregory Klein, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was predeceased by son Michael L. Zommer, who died from ALS in 2013. Michael was born in Hartford on Nov. 28, 1938, to the late Michael H. Zommer and Helen Zommer grew up in Plainville, and graduated from Goodwin Tech. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He is survived by his four sisters, Susan Cameron and husband Gary of Southington, Frances Krysiak and husband Alan of Plainville, and Janet Vandrilla and Linda Zommer, both of Plainville; and by five nieces and one nephew. In business, honesty and humility defined Michael and helped earn him a Lifetime Achievement Award from Plainville Rotary. In life, his greatest pleasures were golfing and quiet dinners with his wife, taking the kids waterskiing on Lake Winnepesaukee, and collecting antiques. Michael and Linda made Southington their home in 1968, and throughout his life he gave generously to the communities where he lived and worked.

Funeral services were held on from the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main Street to St. Dominic Church for a Mass. Burial was at St. Thomas Cemetery. For online condolences and directions visit www.dellavecchiafh.com



Ruth S. Hummel

1930-2015



Born in Greenfield Ma. 30 May 1930, long time Plainville resident Ruth Hummel died 4-4-2015 at the Ct. Hospice Branford after a long illness. Ruth was an activist, volunteer, and familiar face in Plainville for many decades. She was involved in many activities including but not limited to The Plainville Historical Society, Tomasso Nature Park, the restoration of the Farmington Canal, Hummelhouse Wildlife Rehab, and the research and promotion of many of Plainville's historic and natural features. Ruth was a sworn Conservation Constable, served as Town Historian, wrote for several area papers, hosted a show on Nutmeg TV, was a published author and successful businesswoman managing Flowers By Sharp first with her father Edward then with her husband Bob for over 50 years. She is survived by her son Mike, his wife Laura, 3 grandsons, 3 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. A volunteer to the end, Ruth donated her body to the Frank H. Netter School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University North Haven Ct. Plans for a celebration of Ruth's life will be announced at a later date.

HOW DO YOU LIVE YOUR DASH?

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

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For you never know how much time is left, that can still be rearranged.

If we could slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel.....and be less quick to anger, and show our appreciation more and love the people in our lives.... like we've never loved before if we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile.

Remembering that this special **DASH** might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your **DASH**?

Hummel and Canal go together like ...

By Ken DiMauro

The history, preservation and continued promotion of the old Farmington Canal have been a big part of Town Historian Ruth S. Hummel, who also founded the Plainville Historical Society in 1968. When she talked about the 19th century manmade waterway at that time, she said it seemed as if most people were not sure where the canal was, and they didn't know about its pivotal role in local history.

However, Hummel said she thinks that has changed. These days, she said, most Plainville residents and officials are aware that the 19th-century transportation marvel "helped put Plainville on the map," know a little more about its history and what it did for the area. After all, when the canal operated from 1828 to 1848, what eventually became Plainville was still part of Farmington, Hummel said, adding the waterway made it easier to move farm produce, manufactured goods and passengers up and down the region, from Northampton, Mass., to New Haven and to places in between.

On Jan. 21, 2012, the Plainville Historical Society correctly had made a big fuss over a sponsored lecture and program on the canal, given by Hummel and North Granby resident Carl E. Walter, a retired medical doctor and historian interested in the workings of the waterway and surviving relics.

The lecture held in early 2012 was promoted as possibly one of Hummel's last with Walter. Hummel, former president of the historical society, started her lectures with fellow historian Melvin J. Schneidermeyer in the 1970s and continued with Walter. Hummel, who was 81 at the time of the lecture, said that she's done "more than 100 lectures on the canal over the years." While she wouldn't say she'd absolutely refuse talking about her favorite subject on a smaller, more discreet level, she admits she is concentrating on a lengthy "to-do list," things she still wants to accomplish such as riding on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle or being a passenger in a racecar. "Don't call it a bucket list," she warned, adding she's having too much fun to stop now. Also, she said Walter likely will continue doing lectures on his own.

Hummel said the project to restore the part located in Norton Park stemmed from Plainville's Centennial Celebration in 1969 and the establishment of the historical society a year before. She said it would take a long time to thank all the historical society members, history buffs and officials who helped make the project a reality. She said she is happy the canal is on the National Register of Historic Places. A blue-colored plaque on a large stone marker erected by the local historical society and the Connecticut Historical Commission in the early 1970s proclaims that fact.

Hummel said even if she had done nothing else to promote the rich history of the canal, that one project would have made her life worthwhile. She recalled the Tomasso family used their construction company to help get the swamplike waterway in good condition.

The firm dredged the old canal down to its peat and clay lining, helped restore the towpath and cut down some trees.

Hummel also recalled that luck also smiled on the people readying the canal for its 1972 dedication. It had rained and rained, making parts of the newly-restored towpath very muddy and slippery for the members trying to plant flowers, but the weather turned sunny and dry for the dedication ceremony itself.

Hummel said she is delighted other parts of the canal have been restored, including lock 28 in a park in Cheshire. However, she lamented that some towns have filled much of what remained of the canal in certain areas and the building of Interstate 84 in Southington during the early and mid-1960s obliterated some of the old waterway in that town.

Over the years, she, Schneidermeyer and Walter did their best to promote the canal. Before he died in 2009, Schneidermeyer, a resident of Southington, wrote books and articles about the canal, including "The Sequestered Land." Hummel also wrote historical-themed articles for area newspapers, including The New Britain Herald and The Plainville Citizen. She and Walter collaborated on "The Map of the Farmington Canal," a publication that was done in 2000 and featured notes by Walter and historic descriptions by Hummel. Hummel said the icing on the cake was her completion of the book, "The Farmington Canal in Plainville, CT, for the historical society a couple of years ago. Now she could say she "wrote the book about the canal."

The Canal Room is a place in the Plainville Historic Center, 29 Pierce St., that showcases the history and relics from the canal days in town. Children who have toured the museum seem to like the diorama of what the canal looked like in the downtown area in the 1830s. The room also features artwork, relics and memorabilia on the canal, items that would be difficult to put together even 20 years ago.

Hummel said she is pleased to be associated with the canal and its history. She'd still like to see a historically accurate but smaller scale replica canal boat eventually placed in a static display near the downtown area. Several years ago, the Town Council put a plaque on a bench in Norton Park with Hummel's accomplishments on it.

The canal is what made Plainville flourish, Hummel said, and it forever will be part of the town's history. The waterway is in part why Plainville is called the "Crossroads of Connecticut." ■



Town Historian Ruth S. Hummel poses in the Plainville Historic Center's Canal Room with a canal horn that was used to communicate long distances along the waterway.

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“By: Cathy, The Pet Spa at Twin City”
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Spring is finally here, even if it felt as if it would never come! And while it is a wonderful season, several hazards belong to the season. But with a little awareness on our part, spring can be wonderful for your pet, too.

Just as for us, allergies are a common problem for our pets. While we tend to sneeze and sniffle, our pets typically itch. Itching leads to scratching and chewing at the skin, and can be severe enough to cause painful wounds (hot spots) that may become infected. Frequent bathing with a mild pet shampoo to remove pollen from the coat can be helpful. Over the counter antihistamines such as Benadryl also can help. For those who prefer natural products, homeopathic remedies for itching can provide a great deal of relief for your allergic pet.

The warmer weather coupled with more outdoor activity increases the risk of fleas, ticks and internal parasites. Flea and tick prevention is essential, and a fecal exam for internal parasites, with treatment as necessary, is a very good idea.

Toxins also are a concern as the weather warms up. They can take the form of bacterial toxins from spoiled food scraps or waste material that have become available to your pet after the snow melts. Additionally, many fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides used in the warm weather can harm your pet. And remember that some plants are toxic to pets and shouldn't be nibbled!

After a winter of being a couch potato, pets need to gradually get back to full activity. Without this gradual approach, the risk of injury is much higher to muscles and joints. So even if the great weather makes you want to go on a very long hike with your dog, build up to it, rather than just doing it all the first day. You'll both be happier for it.

Another place for possible injury is open water, whether a pool or natural body of water. Watch for potential danger near water, and consider a life jacket for your dog if you go out on a boat.

Finally, remember that the warmer weather increases the likelihood of lost pets as we become less careful about closing doors and gates. Obviously, being careful to close gates and doors is very important. But even if you're careful, a pet can get loose, so be sure you have the current rabies tag and identification on your pet. A microchip provides internal identification, and is an option to consider as well.

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