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Lorraine Woerz Celebrates Her 103rd Birthday!

Lorraine Woerz a resident of Touchpoint in Farmington and a former longtime Plainville resident was honored April 4th on her 103 Birthday. She played the piano with everyone joining in the sing-a-long.

Lorraine was the organist at the Plainville Grace Luthern Church for 45 years.

Pictured at the piano (front row left to right): Staci Moncillo, Granddaughter, Lorraine Woerz, Susie Woerz, Daughter-law. Standing L to R, Ron Stockman Son-in-law, Steven Ripley, Grandson, Susan Stockman, Daughter, Jim Woerz, Son, and Justin Woerz, Grandson.



Happy Mother's Day!!



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Annual
Tea Party
was held
at the
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108 Williams St: Scott S. and Kayla Kudia of Plainville to David Soli, \$214,000 on 3/18/2019

162 Farmington Ave: Sebastian Pizzio of Plainville to Arjan Lalaj and Trendafile Backa, \$199,000 on 3/25/2019

21 Sundstone Rd. Unit 74: FHLM of Plainville to Kevin Herrick, \$344,000 on 3/27/2019

Town Line Rd: Saucier Enterprices LLC of Plainville to AJS Auto LLC, \$275,000 on 3/26/2019

15 W Pine Way Unit 12: Mitchell E. and Clara Ziolkowski of Plainville to Anita F. Urbanski, \$275,000 on 3/28/2019

44 Birch Tree Rd: Cathleen Greene of Plainville to Katarzyna Augustyn, \$175,000 on 4/1/2019

65 Dogwood Rd: Scott E. Macpherson of Plainville to Ronald J. Hepp, \$132,500 on 4/2/2019

7 Florence Ln: Antonio and Luca Leonetti of Plainville to Marissa J. Colangelo, \$186,000 on 4/2/2019

7 Hillscree Rd: ISL Investment LLC of Plainville to Julianna Pratt, \$198,000 on 4/1/2019

23 Maiden Lane: Clara B. Cellino RET and John J. Celino of Plainville to Jesse Cavallaro, \$200,000 on 4/1/2019

77 Twining St: Edward Lacroix of Plainville to Kara Quirk, \$142,900 on 4/1/2019

12 Woodside Ln: Northstar REO Sub 1B LLC of Plainville to Krzysztof Woloszyn, \$125,900 on 4/1/2019

31 Carol Dr: Barbara P. Kasabucki and Joanne Dooey of Plainville to Ian S. Hungerford, \$179,000 on 4/8/2019

95 Hilltop Rd: USA HUD of Plainville to Adam S. Nadolski, \$200,002 on 4/8/2019

44 Macarthur Rd: Phillippi Brochu and Carrington Mortgage Svcs of Plainville to Carrington Mortgage Svcs, \$107,952 on 4/9/2019

48 Sandstone Rd Unit 48: Carrier Holdings LLC of Plainville to Dollett Tanisha-White, \$479,305 on 4/8/2019

133 W Main St: Oradee Naraphiromkhwon of Plainville to Simsbury Investment LLC, \$180,000 on 4/9/2019.

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About the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling

The Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling (CCPG) is a non-profit organization focused on preventing problem gambling and helping those who may be impacted.

CCPG does not advocate for or against gambling but is committed to working with all stakeholders to help individuals and families dealing with this issue.

CCPG provides Connecticut's only 24-hour Problem Gambling Helpline - offering support via phone, live online chat, and text. We also implement prevention and education programs serving schools, veterans, and at-risk populations.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call the Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-888-789-7777 or visit www.ccp.org/chat for confidential help.

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Dates to Remember in MAY

Sunday the 12th

Mother's Day

Remember.....Your Anniversary & Spouse's Birthday!

Take a peek...



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

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Town Council Notes April 8, 2019

Annual Town Audit RFQ

- Town staff will shortly be issuing a Request for Qualifications for the FY19 Town Audit. The return date will be in early May. It is anticipated that a recommendation will be made at the first meeting in May.

Fiber Project – CRCOG/Sertex Agreement

- Town staff has been working with Sertex Utility Services for the installation of fiber to the Town facilities including several town and school buildings, police radio repeaters, the wastewater treatment plant and four pump stations.
- In 2014, CRCOG conducted a Request for Proposal for Network Infrastructure Services for the purpose of establishing a contract through competitive negotiations for fiber optic and network cabling services. Sertex was chosen to provide these services for the CRCOG towns.
- CRCOG would remain the administrator of any Agreements on behalf of its members. A fee schedule was established for the services provided by Sertex.
- Under New Business is a motion that would authorize the Town Manager to execute a Side Letter Agreement to participate in the Master Services Agreement between CRCOG and Sertex.
- The estimated cost of the Sertex Services is \$453,378.

Valley Water Public Information Session – May 14, 2019

- A Public Information Session to discuss the Valley Water "Hardness Removal Evaluation Study" will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at the Middle School beginning at 7:00 pm. The study was performed by Tighe & Bond and was issued last May.
- Plainville residents are invited to attend the Public Information Session to hear representatives from Tighe & Bond review the results of the study including their estimated costs for softening the water on a system-wide basis. Valley Water representatives will also review the results of their customer survey held last fall. Representatives from the State Department of Health, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority and the Plainville Southington Health Districts will also be in attendance to explain their roles and responsibilities in the operation of public water systems operated by private companies such as Valley Water.
- Residents are invited to attend the Public Information Session. There will be opportunities to ask questions and to provide public comments.

- The Tighe & Bond Study can be found on the Valley Water Systems web page. A link to the full study can also be found on the Town of Plainville web site at www.plainvillect.com

Community Seminar – Tenant Eviction Rights

- Plainville apartment renters and other interested community members are invited to attend a public forum addressing tenants' rights on Thursday, April 18th from 6:30-8 pm at the Plainville Senior Center. This event is co-sponsored by the Town Manager's Office and the Senior Center.
- Attorneys David Pels from Statewide Legal Services of CT, Inc., and Paul Zagorsky of Zagorsky, Zagorsky & Galske will explain the eviction process, fair and equitable rent increases, and what rights may or may not belong to a tenant. Both lawyers have extensive legal experience in this area coming from both tenants' and property owners' perspectives. A Q&A session will follow the presentation, and light refreshments will be served.
- The Plainville Senior Center is located at 200 East Street. Questions about the forum can be directed to Town Manager Robert Lee by calling (860) 793-0221 x201 or via email at relee@plainville-ct.gov. Persons in need of free transportation to/from the event can call the Senior Center at (860) 747-5728 to make arrangements.

Community Video Showcase Program – Cal Hauburger

- Town staff is working with CGI Communications to produce a series of videos promoting Plainville. These videos would be placed on the Town web site available to people seeking information about our Town.
- Cal Hauburger is here this evening to give a brief presentation regarding the CGI Program. Mr. Hauburger will be the staff person in charge of this project.

HAPPENINGS

PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER Thursday, April 11, 1:00 p.m. HEALTHY EATING FOR WEIGHT LOSS

Heart disease is the number one killer of women. It can go undetected because women's symptoms sometimes mask other physical conditions or ailments. Come learn the latest info from Sharon Corlette, who completed a course at the WomenHart Consortium at the Mayo Clinic and became a WomenHart Champion. Through Monday, April 1, 3:00 p.m.

BETTY BOUKUS CELEBRATION

The senior center will host celebration to honor the spirit of volunteerism characterized by the late Betty Boukus, long-

time Plainville resident, advocate, and public servant. Refreshments will be served, and all Plainville residents are welcome. Call the Senior Center to sign up at 860-747-5728. Also, the Betty Boukus Month of Service runs until April 15th. More information can be found on the Town website.

Friday May 3, 9:30 a.m.

VOUNTEER DRIVER

RECRUITMENT BREAKFAST

Senior Transportation Services, Inc. (STS) provides rides to medical appointment for seniors and is planning to expand its services in Plainville. They need drivers from Plainville to make it a success. STS is different from Dial-a-Ride, as it provides rides to medical appointments as far away as 25 miles from Plainville (Hartford, Glastonbury, Rocky Hill, Bloomfield, West Hartford, Simsbury, Avon, Meriden, Berlin, and more). Rides can also start as early as 6:00 a.m. STS will not replace our Dial-a-Ride system, but will greatly enhance it.

- Volunteer drivers use their own vehicles to drive clients to out-of-town medical appointments and to visit loved ones at health care facilities.
- Volunteer drivers receive reimbursement for mileage and supplemental automobile and liability insurance.
- Volunteer drivers must agree to provide a minimum of 2 rides per month.
- Riders must be able to walk on their own.

If you want to learn more, and maybe become a volunteer, please come to the breakfast for Senior Transportation Services on Friday, May 3, at 9:30 a.m. at the Plainville Senior Center.

Please call the Senior Center 860-747-5728 to sign up or for more information on any of these.

PLAINVILLE HISTORIC CENTER

Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m. Mystery! Night at the Museum
Mystery Night at the Museum: Your chance to be History Detective right here in Plainville. Join others at the Plainville Historic Center on Tuesday April 16th at 7:00pm for this interactive program identifying photographs and artifacts from days gone by. A great way to get into the spirit of celebrating our 150th year as a town!

PLAINVILLE PUBLIC WORKS

The Transfer Station on Granger Lane season. The hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday's only. Plainville residents must show identification. There is a fee for disposal which can be found on the Town's website. The 2019 Spring Bulk collection will take place Mondays beginning April 8th through June 24th. Please note there will be no collections Monday, April 22 or May 27. Residents who currently have curbside rubbish

and recycling collection from the Town of Plainville can request one bulk pickup per calendar year free of charge for large items that do not fit in normal rubbish collection. Eligible property owners must call CWPM at (860)793-6721 to schedule a pickup. When calling, you will need to provide your name, address, phone number, and a complete description of the items to be collected. Calls placed by 3:00pm Friday can be scheduled for collection on Monday. Bulk items should be placed curbside no more than 24 hours before your scheduled pickup. Bulk items must not block or create a safety concern for sidewalks or driveways.

From the Desk Dominick Moschini, Superintendent of Roadways Transfer Station

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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 and Friday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

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, ask for a Councilor to contact you.

Town Happenings Reports By:

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Spring Clean-up at West Cemetery

Clean-up will begin on April 1, 2019. We will be removing all Christmas decorations around the Monuments and on Flush Markers.

Trimming or removal of bushes/Trees will continue around the monuments. Reminder, our Cemetery no longer allows the planting of bushes or trees.

Flowers only around Upright Monuments. The Neal Chapel will be open during Cemetery office hours starting April 1. Please visit.

Any questions, please contact the Superintendent at 860-747-2314. Thank you, Plainville Cemetery Assn Inc.

PLAINVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL

The following names have been added to the Plainville Veterans Memorial Wall.

SGT Daren Casey - U.S. Army

PFC Walter J. Grabowski - U.S. Army

The Memorial Wall is located on the main floor of the Plainville Municipal Center adjacent to the Town Clerk's Office.

Visitors may view the Wall during normal business hours.

If you are interested in adding a Veteran's name to the Wall, applications are located in the Municipal Center, Senior Center, American Legion Post 33, and VFW Post 534.

Do you think Connecticut can afford more raises for government lawyers?

Tell Connecticut Democrats to stand with Republicans and reject these pay hikes.

Last month, Connecticut Democrats approved 11% pay hikes for lawyers who work for the state attorney general and stipends of \$6,000 - \$12,000 for department heads.

Now, the legislature is considering MORE raises for MORE lawyers. This time it's the state's tax attorneys who would get an 11.6% wage increase.

These contracts will add to the state's fixed costs, and crowd out funding for core services, like education and support for the most vulnerable.

Connecticut CANNOT afford this.

Here's how you can make a difference.

Last month's vote approving attorney raises was close, with the final tally at 19 to 17 in the Senate. That means we can PUT A STOP to more unaffordable lawyer pay hikes if we can get JUST TWO MORE DEMOCRATS to join us and vote against this contract. Call Senate Democrats at 800-842-1420

Tell them to vote "NO" on Senate Resolution 26

Call House Democrats at 800-842-1902

Tell them to vote "NO" on House Resolution 23

Call the Governor's office at 800-406-1527

Tell him to speak up and urge lawmakers to vote "NO" on raises for state lawyers.

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State Senator Len Fasano

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Hartford, CT 06106

Phone: 1-800-842-1421

Our mailing address is:

Connecticut Senate Republicans
300 Capitol Avenue
LOB Room 3400
Hartford, CT 06106

Tomasso Park Open for the Season

Tomasso Nature Park is open now through November 15th. The Park is located off Granger Lane near the Plainville Highway Department, it is open from dawn to dusk. Access is through the pedestrian gate.

Please stay on the path for the safety of the turtle eggs in the sandy area.

The Tomasso Nature Park was given to the town in 1989 by the Tomasso brothers. It was established as a wetland mitigation area for the wetland lost by the reconstruction and expansion of the Robertson Airport runway.

Art Marino offers weekly narrated tours for special needs persons and group tours. Call Art at (860) 628-1386.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer to do maintenance and upkeep at the park contact the Plainville Recreation Department at (860) 747-6022.

NOT A Voter??

The Registrar of Voters are available to answer all your questions: Please call them anytime.

For More Voting Information or Questions:

Please Contact:

Sue Abram

Democrat Registrar of Voters

860-793-0221 Ext. 255

For More Voting Information or Questions:

Please Contact:

Beth Gasparini

Plainville Republican Registrar of Voters

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Plainville's 150th Anniversary Celebration

The Town of Plainville is celebrating its Sesquicentennial Anniversary this year and the Plainville 150th Anniversary Committee has been meeting since February 21, 2019. The committee consists of Chairman Benjamin Gediman, Vice-Chairman Foster White, Sally Miller, Susan Desrochers, Nancy Eberhardt, John Kisluk, Stacy Buden, Maria Schwerdtle, Crystal St. Lawrence, and Lynda Russell.

The Committee has decided on a weekend of events to be held in July that will consist of historic site visits, food trucks, historical games, and entertainment.

On Saturday July 20th from 10:00am to 4:00pm there will be a walking tour to historic sites that have been put together by the Plainville Historic Center. For those who are not able to walk there will be a shuttle bus that will stop at each of the sites. On Sunday July 21st from 12:00am to 4:00pm there will be a family picnic at Norton Park. Individuals bring their own picnic and enjoy an afternoon of events that will transport you back to 1869. Play historic games, learn about the Town of Plainville throughout the years and enjoy some live music. There will also be food trucks available for hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, and ice cream for those not bale to bring aa picnic lunch.

The committee will also be offering a custom designed one troy ounce, .999 fine silver, heirloom quality commemorative coin to celebrate the Plainville Sesquicentennial Anniversary. One side of the coin will have celebrate Plainville, Connecticut 1869-2019. The other side will have the Liberty torch along with the silver weight and content. There will be limited production by the Silvertowne mint. Individuals can purchase these at a price of \$35.00 each.

For more information on events or if you are interested in volunteering, or purchasing a commemorative coin, please visit the Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/Plainville150th/> or send an email to Plainville150th@gmail.com or call **Shirley Osle at 860-793-0221 x202.**

AAA The Kids Get It

AAA School Safety Patrollers Encouraging Adults Not to Drive #Intexticated

Distracted driving puts everyone at risk, including children. That's why AAA School Safety Patrollers - all fifth graders from nearby Flanders Elementary - will be speaking out during the Grand Opening Saturday of the new AAA Car Care in Southington, encouraging all the adults who stop by to stop driving #intexticated.

The students, proudly wearing their AAA Patroller badges, will be asking all AAA members and other visitors to the store to please 'Take the Pledge' not to drive intexticated.

"As AAA's new Public Service Announcement dramatically illustrates, distracted driving puts everyone at risk," says Amy Parmenter, spokesperson for AAA in Greater Hartford. "We are extremely proud of these youngsters who are doing their part to help change adult behaviors". (See the PSA HERE)

The students will not be alone in their efforts. Officers from the Southington Police Department will be conducting 'distracted driving enforcement' along Queen Street Saturday, and will also be at the store from 10a-2p, joining the kids in driving home the #DontDriveIntexticated message.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), distracted driving kills 9 people a day and injures thousands more.

With that in mind, AAA launched its #DontDriveIntexticated Campaign at the beginning of April (which is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month) effectively equating Distracted Driving with Drunk Driving.

The new AAA Car Care at 755 Queen Street in Southington is a first-of-its-kind in Connecticut, in that in addition to traditional Member Services, Travel, Insurance, the AAA Driving School and DMV Express Licensing Services, it also has a full Car Care Center, with 8 service bays.

AAA provides automotive, travel, and insurance services to 59 million members nationwide and more than one million members in Connecticut. Their roadside assistance service with the AAA Mobile app (AAA.com/mobile) for iPhone, iPad and Android. For more information, visit www.AAA.com.

TEA PARTY PATRIOTS Wake Up America

By: Gene *Country Wide Protest*

April 15 was Income Tax Day. Area Tea Party Activists protested against Socialism, Taxes, and Tolls in front of Denny's and Starbucks on Queen Street in Southington.

Despite a drizzle, dozens of activists held up hand made signs and waved USA and Gadsten flags to passing cars and they tooted their horns in support.

The Tax Day protest was part of a national effort by groups similar demonstrations were taken and 200-300 communities across the country.

The group, which rose to prominence in opposition to policies of the Obama Presidency to the Boston Tea Party in which colonialists revolted against British taxation.

"We the people said people are tired of being overtaxed and having their constitutional trampled" said Ryan Harrison from Newington.

Jane Bate who wore a No Tolls hat, held a sign saying "Socialism takes its toll", and Government is overstepping its bound. "How mush is enough to take from one person to give to another?"

Tucker Deming from Cheshire, wore Make America Great Again hat and urged passerby to honk in support of Capitalism and Southern Border Wall.

"Our freedom is on the line."

SAY NO TO SOCIALISM & NO TO TOLLS

AARP TRIPS

New Hampshire-Riding the Rails - July 22-24 2019 \$615 (Overnight trip 2 nights) Ride the Winnepesaukee along the shores of the lake, stop for a picnic lunch Stop at Keller Candy and Ice Cream Store, 2 night at the Mountain Club on Loon in Lincoln, N.H. Ride Conway scenic RR along Saco River. Shop and lunch in Conway, four course dinner on Café Lafayette Dinner train. Visit Quechee Gorge (Vermont's Little Grand Canyon) more

September 25, 2019 Trip to Broadway to see "Ain't too Proud to Beg", the story of the Temptations, and lunch at the famous Carmines Restaurant Book early- tickets will go fast. \$250 includes lunch, transportation and play.

Wonders of Vermont- Vermont Country Store - Sept. 2019

The store has something for everyone .Travel to Castle Hill Resort an English Cotswold style mansion on the National Historic Register Enjoy a plated lunch in an elegant setting, Enjoy stop at Cameron's Winery. Price approximately \$95

Contact:

Sally Miller

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 - 15. GREEK TEMPLE PILLAR
 - 16. BLUE
 - 18. POINTLESS
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 - 23. SUPERVISOR
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 - 36. FATHER
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 - 39. A SPANISH RIVER
 - 40. BOUNDARY
 - 41. CONTAINS MUSIC
 - 42. CAUSES TO FEEL SORROW
 - 48. USED TO RESTRAIN
 - 50. FICTIONAL KIDS CHARACTER
 - 51. SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY
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 - 53. BEGINNER
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 - 55. UNIVERSITY WORKER (ABBR.)
 - 56. RESIST AN ATTACK
 - 58. UNIFYING CHINESE DYNASTY
 - 59. BLOOD-SUCKING AFRICAN FLY
 - 60. CNN'S FOUNDER
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- 1. ___AND HER SISTERS
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 - 3. HOLY PLACES
 - 4. INDICATES POSITION
 - 5. DRIVES AROUND
 - 6. PRICE
 - 7. SEMIAQUATIC MAMMAL
 - 8. WITH THREE UNEVEN SIDES
 - 9. SACRIFICE HIT
 - 12. COVERS A WOUND
 - 13. JAGUARUNDI
 - 17. WORKS PRODUCED BY SKILL AND IMAGINATION
 - 19. A WAY TO IMPROVE
 - 20. RIVER ALONG INDIA AND NEPAL BORDER
 - 21. HAIRNET
 - 25. DEPAUL UNIVERSITY ATHLETES
 - 29. BACHELOR OF LAWS
 - 31. GAME OF SKILL
 - 32. HOLY MAN
 - 33. CYLINDER OF TOBACCO
 - 35. MOST INGRATIATING
 - 38. REPEATS ALOUD
 - 41. RED WINE
 - 43. DEBILITATING TROPICAL DISEASE
 - 44. ENTIRELY LACKING
 - 45. FEMALE SHEEP
 - 46. WHERE A BIRD LIVES
 - 47. STALK THAT SUPPORTS THE CAPSULE
 - 49. CUTLERY
 - 56. SYMPTOM OF WITHDRAWAL (ABBR.)
 - 57. DELAWARE



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Manager's Report Details about meeting on: "A Hard Look At Hard Water" Information about the study by Valley Water Systems, Inc.

Mark the Date
May 14th

Answer on page 30

A Skewed View from the Desk of: Rick Drezek

Recently some familiar sayings have come to mind, "the grass isn't always greener", "why fix what isn't broke", and "be careful what you wish for". As I read all the letters and bios that have appeared in the local papers one might be led to believe that big change is needed in Plainville. Most newcomers to the ballot will tell you what's needed and all the new innovations that should be taking place. They may even lead you to believe these are some new ideas that they thought of. Others will tell you that the Town Council is not listening to their constituency, i.e.; "we voted to save Linden Street School", when in reality we voted not to bond the money needed to raze the school. The decision to raze the school had been decided years ago because the safety of our children is of paramount importance. Nobody in their right mind would want to see anything on that corner except maybe a small park or some additional parking spaces. Some folks have written that our budget vote is simply an "advisory vote and that the Town Council rejected a tax increase".....well, I hate to clue you, but the referendum does not set taxes....It only approves or disapproves the amount of money to be spent in a particular year.

I think you get my point. In my opinion the present leadership of the Town Council and Board and Education has been exemplary, they have shown fiscal responsibility, sound and sober judgement, conduct without ranker or hyperbole, and have acted with respect and consideration toward opposing views.

We can't always effect big change at the higher levels of government, we have a collection of misfits in our State legislature that can't seem to come up with a workable budget. Three months in and we are already a Hundred Million dollars short. We got a governor who thinks his primary responsibility is to think up new ways to tax the day lights out of you and who lies like a Persian rug.

Nationally, the Dems are trying to give us a Presidential candidate that should be indicted and sent to prison for more than one reason. Another Democrat candidate thinks we should be more like Denmark or Sweden and thinks everybody should forget about "those damn e-mails".

If you agree with me then I suggest you vote for and return the present Town Council and BOE to office. They have demonstrated on a consistent basis that they do have the best interest of Plainville citizens and students as their primary goal. The only deviation from that would be to hire another Republican for the Council so we don't get into a situation that we can't set a mill rate because we don't have five votes.

However, if you disagree, and believe a change is necessary for political reasons, then vote your conscience, but since when is the effective management of government and the education of our children a political issue rather than one of competence.

So keep in mind, the grass is pretty green right now, and I don't see anything that needs fixing. On November 3rd, be sure to vote row B

These are just a few thoughts to ponder while reviewing the list of potential candidates for Town Offices.

Plainville Historical Society

As part of our sesquicentennial celebration we are checking how well you know the town's history. Each edition this year will include ten questions covering Plainville's history, from pre-european contact to the present day. The answer will also appear somewhere in the edition. Lets see how much you know!

11. *In Tunxis society, who owned everything?*
12. *What name was given to our area when it was first settled?*
13. *The Tunxis Indians taught the early settlers how to grow the "3 sisters". What were the 3 sisters?*
14. *How many Farmington Canal basins were located in the village of Plainville?*
15. *One of Connecticut's Black Governors called Plainville home. Who was he?*
16. *Where were the community gardens located during World War I?*
17. *In what year was the third floor of Plainville's first Town Hall destroyed?*
18. *What is the name of Plainville's longest serving independent grocery store? (Hint: It is still serving the community today.)*
19. Plainville is home to the oldest airfield in Connecticut. What is it called?
20. *She was a prolific mystery writer in the 1940's and 1950's. She called Plainville home. What was her name?*

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Can you imagine the task facing the Founders? It's 1787, we've declared our Independence and fought for it, the British have surrendered at Yorktown, the Constitutional Convention has convened in Philadelphia to "revise the Articles of Confederation to render the Federal Constitution adequate to the exigencies of the union"...piece of cake, right?

Fortunately, we were blessed with well-read, thoughtful men & women (e.g., read about Abigail Adams) who studied history and knew human nature. They were well-aware of the behavior of those in power. They factored this reality into the content of the Constitution. They created the "rules" of how we should be governed, citing which responsibilities rested with the States and which resided at the Federal level. Think of the 10 Commandments as guidance for how

we ought to live our lives and similarly of the Constitution as guidance for how society ought to be organized for maximum Liberty.

As we have evolved since our founding, the prescience of the founder was confirmed...the role of Gov't has grown to the point where it can be summarized by these three statements:

1. The Fed'l Gov't does too much
2. The Fed'l Gov't spends too much
3. The Fed'l Gov't "stays" too long

Fortunately, the Constitution gives us the tools & methods to address changes that merit our attention, commonly known as the Amendment process (remember 8th grade Civics?). Most of us remember that Congress proposes Amendments that are then ratified by State Legislators. Most of us either don't remember (or were never even taught) that the States can initiate Amendments via a Convention of States.

For more details, go to www.conventionofstates.com, see Article V of the US Constitution or contact me directly (text or call 860 280 4865). If you too are frustrated by how the Gov't does (or doesn't) work, exploring the website above will provide useful information.

**David Lloyd,
Legislative Liaison, CT
Convention of States Action**

Keep Your Eyes and Ears Open!

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From My Balcony

By Jeannette Hinkson

Here we go again, the Muller probe is done but the Congress isn't happy with just spending close to some thirty five million tax dollars, as reported and two year, by a bunch of people sent to Congress to run the country who couldn't run their own lives in many cases, so now we are going to continue with the witch hunt.

I think it's about time Trump started an investigation into who really did the spying and who got rich off of other countries who donated money to campaigns of family charities.

You can be a Republican or Democrat but for God's sake get your heads out of the sand, or where ever it is and see what is going on.

How could Hillary leave the White House broke, in her own words and not be able to buy a cheap bottle of wine and in a few short years is a millionaire?

Like two women doing some investigating on Maxine Waters, a show that aired Saturday April 20th, showing old Maxine does not live in the district she represents, is rarely in her office which is located in her district and lives in a mansion worth millions on a salary of \$187,000. Nice work if you can get it as they say.

Some politicians want free Medicare for all!

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Please join us at our next scheduled meetings set for 5/1, 6/5 at 7pm at YMCA. We will meet more frequently as graduation night approaches.

For more information contact:
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PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championship Names Local Champions for 2019

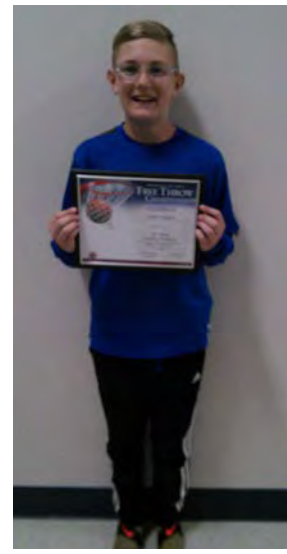
The local level of the 2018 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship was held on Friday evening, January 25th at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center and unfortunately it was an experiment in alternate scheduling of the event that did not work for families in the community; only small number of contestants turned out for the competition. There were only three age group categories represented by 5 enthusiastic and skilled free throw shooters. The Knights of Columbus sponsors the contest each year to promote family activities in its council's communities. The Plainville Knights Council invited all boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 to try their best for 15 free throws and compete for some prizes and the chance to advance to the higher contests.

3 winners were named local champions and earned the right to compete at the district level.

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

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

{Joan faves} I did stop in the downtown shops the other day and was very happy I did. My visit to Flipping and Stones shop to my surprise they had a bracelet that I have been looking for to match a ring. If you are looking for something special for yourself or a gift. Shop at Flipping and Stones

{ Scott raves} I attended the Pizza Feud in March. Sampled the pizza from D'Marie's Pizza, on Whiting Street, Now I am a steady customer, they have a full menu of Italian Food.

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By: Laura Davis, Owner
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With all the design styles out there these days, it's easy to feel like you have to over decorate or commit to a style trend when picking out fixtures. I have plenty of customers who are just looking for general lighting in different areas of their home such as hallways, offices or other open spaces. Often times, the sole purpose of the light is to illuminate the space, not to enhance the décor. There is one light that I have in mind to fit this bill.

LED FLAT PANEL

An LED Flat Panel is a fixture that sits flush to the ceiling and is less than 1" in height off the ceiling. These fixtures have an LED module built into them that gives off bright, even lighting. The low profile of the fixture makes it an easy addition to any home regardless of the ceiling height. The LED component will not only give you plenty of light, but it will give you cost savings via your electric bill and the longevity of the LED bulb. While the older version of a flat panel was mainly used for workspaces or basements, they are not just for that anymore. You can use them in any area of your home with their rounded edges and clean lines.

SIZE

LED flat panels now come in a variety of sizes and shapes. The standard flat panel is rectangular at 2'x4', but you now have options such 1'x4', 1'x2', 1'x1' or 2'x2'. The linear version is quite slim in width at only 5.5" and comes in varying lengths of 2', 3' or 4'. The flat panels now come in round versions which are very pleasing to the eye. These sizes range from 19",

15", 13", 9", 7" and all the way down to 5.5". These 5.5" round flat panels are a great way to mimic the look of recessed lights without the cost of construction to actually add in recessed lights. All you need is an existing box to mount the fixture to.

COLOR

LED flat panels now also come in a variety of colors as well. The traditional white border is still most popular to blend into the ceiling color. There are also color options such as Brushed Nickel and Antique Bronze (Dark Brown). If you are trying to match hardware on your kitchen cabinets or other fixtures in the vicinity, you now have some better options to do so.

COLOR TEMPERATURE

Not only can you pick the size, shape and color of your LED Flat Panels, you can now pick the color temperature too! Color temperature is the color of the light emitting from the LED module. For example, a traditional incandescent light bulb will appear more yellow in color. This would represent a 2700K (Kelvin) color temperature and be used in places you want a to feel cozy and warm. Daylight is considered to look like a warm white and would be closest to a 3000K or 3500K color temperature. This is the most common color used today and compliments any natural light you have in your home. A cool bright white would be a 4000K or up to a 5000K color temperature. Most times this color is a personal preference, but it is useful in work areas where you need to see details clearly.

The LED Flat Panels are the most understated of the fixtures on the market these days, but these hidden gems will enhance your home just as much as any decorative light fixture would. They are simple, not plain.

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Schools in Review

Wheeler Students Learn About Weather



NBC Connecticut Meteorologist Bob Maxon recently visited fourth graders at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School to provide an overview of his role as a meteorologist and a lesson on the weather!

Big Y Hosts "Tissues for Teachers" Drive



Big Y of Plainville recently held a "Tissues for Teachers" drive, collecting over 200 boxes of tissues donated in the Big Y store by customers to supplement supplies for Plainville schools.

In photo: Big Y Assistant Service Manager Spencer Deegan and Employee Services Representative Lynn Negaro with the Big Y Tissues for Teachers donation.

PHS Students Attend Financial Reality Fair



On April 3rd, Plainville High School Business teachers Brian Edge and Vira Boatright took 34 students to Central Connecticut State University to attend a Financial Reality Fair. The event, sponsored by Connecticut Credit Unions, is a 2.5 hour, hands-on experience in which students, after identifying their career choice and starting salaries, are provided a budget sheet requiring them to live within their monthly salary while paying for basics such as housing, utilities, transportation, clothing, and food. After visiting various booths covering the components of independent living, the students balanced their budgets and met with financial counselors to review their standings. The fair is a unique opportunity for each student to experience some of the financial challenges they will face when they start life on their own, while reinforcing what is taught in the Personal Finance and Financial Literacy courses at Plainville High School.

In photo: PHS students Ryan Snyder and Louis Passaretti

MSP Students Create Science Lesson for Linden Street Students



Sixth grade students in Christina Corvello's sixth grade science classes at the Middle School of Plainville recently prepared an NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) lesson to teach kindergarten students in Shannon Bakaysa's class at Linden Street School. The Linden students learned how to make a lava lamp during the lesson.



Looking Ahead!!

June 14, 17 and 18th Early Dismissal

June 18th Last Day of School PHS Graduation

5th Grade Classes Attend Children's Concert



All Plainville Community Schools' fifth grade classes attended the annual Children's Concert presented by the New Britain Symphony on April 3rd. The concert also includes a poster and essay contest with the theme "What Music Means to Me." Louis Toffolon Elementary School fifth grader Brooke Krupa was one of four fifth graders at the concert to receive an award for her essay. In her essay, Brooke wrote, "You don't have to be a musician, a singer, play an instrument, or write music, for music to be a part of your life. Music plays such an important part in my life...It feels as if in only one moment everything disappears except for the task at hand...I like to listen to all different genres of music. No matter what happens, music will forever be a big part of my life."

In photo: Louis Toffolon Elementary School fifth grader Brooke Krupa at the New Britain Symphony.



PHS Hosts Mentor Night

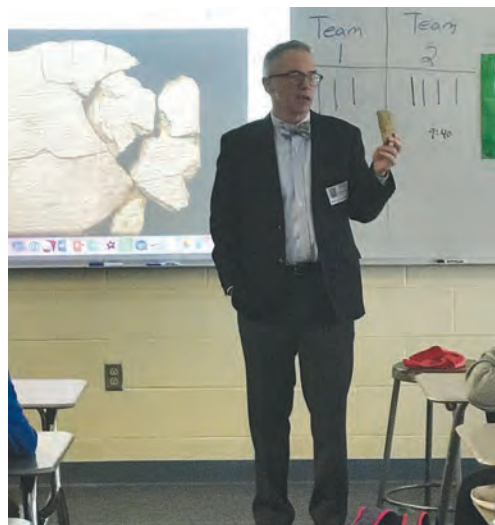


The Plainville Community Schools volunteer mentors and their student mentees enjoyed the annual "Mentor Fun Night" event with a "LegOlympics" themed program held at Plainville High School on March 18th. Mentor Fun Night is a special evening held each spring, where mentor matches in the school district are able to come together to participate in a group activity outside of the school day, and allows student mentees' families to also meet and visit with the volunteer mentors.

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag...



MSP Students Learn about Mesopotamia



Professional Storyteller Tom Lee visited the Middle School of Plainville on March 26th to support the sixth grade study of Mesopotamia. Lee began the visit with a presentation to the entire sixth grade on the Epic of Gilgamesh, a story about the first "superhero" ever. The assembly was followed by an in-depth discussion with several classes on cuneiform (one of the earliest forms of writing) and the arts in Mesopotamia.

7th Annual Plainville High School Interact Club Senior Citizen Prom

The Plainville High School Interact Club hosted the 7th Annual Senior Citizen Prom on Thursday, April 25th from 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM in the Plainville High School Cafeteria. This year's prom theme was "Western" and featured a full course meal, live band, raffle prizes, and a photo booth. The dress code was "Dress to Impress!"

EVENT COORDINATORS:

Assistant Superintendent, Steve LePage and School Counseling Intern Shannon Murphy



Shown above, Maria Colangelo and Assistant Superintendent Steve LePage helping at the 7th annual Senior Citizen Prom - a fun event attended by many. Additional photos to right.

BOE Recognizes Everyday Heroes for April

Middle School of Plainville School Counselor Denise Grodzicki and Middle School of Plainville Nurse Sandi Capodice were recognized as the district's Everyday Heroes for the month of April. Both were honored at the April 15th Plainville Board of Education meeting.



Plainville Board of Education Chair, Deb Hardy, Denise Grodzicki and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maureen Brummett.



Plainville Board of Education Chair, Deb Hardy, Sandi Capodice, and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maureen Brummett.



MSP ROBOTICS TEAMS EXCEL AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!



The VEX IQ Robotics State Championship was held on March 9th at the Middle School of Plainville. 54 elementary and middle school teams from throughout the state competed for eight spots that would qualify them to compete at the World VEX competition in Louisville, Kentucky in April. VEX Competitions bring STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) skills to life by tasking teams of students with designing and building a robot to play against other teams in a game-based engineering challenge.

Team 10931B, Seth Lahoud, Daniel Talarico, and Jacob Keene won first place in Driver Skills, and Team 10931C, Zachary Finkelstein, Tim Paradis, and Matt Bonney won second place. According to their coach and Technology/Engineering Teacher, Camille Westfall, Valiantsin Kasabrukhu, Ella-Jane Lacasse, Faith Emery, Alexis Graff, and Juliana Carlina, won first place in the Teamwork challenge along with a team from Ashford, Connecticut. Teams 10931B and 10931C were paired together for their Teamwork challenge and won second place.



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May History Program to Feature The Tyler Family Farm

10 Years Ago

I can't recall the impetus that prompted this opinion piece when I wrote it for the Hometown Connection of February, 2009, but upon my recent review, I found it stunningly current. With a gracious wave to those who represent us honestly in good faith, we know who you are, and acknowledge your brave efforts and tough triumphs. Here it is; one decade later.

God help us. ...Janice Eisenhower

REPRISE

Everybody wants change. We aspire to the improvement of our daily lives and respond to the suggestion that the government, or more to the point the elite political class, will do that for us. What we want is more: more money, more fun, more service, more respect, more freebies, more stuff. What we get is more taxes.

For decades now our leaders have been cut largely from the same cloth. Wealthy and Ivy League schooled men, well-connected, many from dynasty families are vetted by the establishment and indoctrinated into a back scratching system breeding entitlement, ultimately insuring corruption. These people believe their own manipulated press and revel in the Kodak moment. They conjure an image of elitism intimating that if we support them—"support them" being the operative phrase—we can belong.

That is as long as we are useful. Politics, after all, is a user friendly environment. Don't kid yourself. It is all about them: their money, power, prestige and position. How could we be so silly to think that they care about us beyond that vote that propels them to their exalted position of arbiter of all things good enough for us?

Outsiders are treated harshly, shunned, their ideas ignored or attacked, while the governing elite hire expensive consultants in the loop to reinforce their agenda.

Those who claim such superiority need a public whipping boy in order to perpetuate their image. That would be someone (or sometimes some group) to "rag on," a foil to falsely reflect their assumed brilliance through manufactured contrast. Ridiculed, branded unfairly, intimidated and even publicly dehumanized, this poor soul represents a threat to their business as usual environment. The liberal media buys in. So do we, as they appear in print smiling, standing behind one of those ridiculous giant checks. They are more knowledgeable than we, better educated, better poised, better looking, better dressed. The whipping boy's (sometimes it is a woman), purpose is to make the deficient look good. Whipping boy status is a never-never land from which there is no return. Like an angry dog with a grip on a rag doll, they shake and shake forever.

We fall for it. We think that if we are silent, if we follow, if we worship at the throne, we can scrape up the crumbs of entitlement from the red carpet.

At the end of the day, you are the only one who can change your life. You'll find that out.

On Tuesday evening May 21st at 7:00 PM, David Tyler will present a program on Tyler family farm which was located on Unionville Avenue Route 177. The program will be held at the Plainville Historic Center at 29 Pierce Street and is sponsored by the Plainville Historical Society.

David will recount the story of his family members and talk about what it was like to grow up as part of a legendary farming family here in Plainville. David is the son of Alan Tyler and the nephew of Fred Tyler, both of whom many residents may

remember. Also living on Unionville Avenue for many years was the Cowles Family whose lives intersected with the Tylers. The program will offer a personal look into the legacy of the farming and agriculture which were an important part of our local history.

This May program is the fifth in the series of "Plainville History" programs held in recognition and celebration of the town's 150th year. Refreshments will be served. Elevator access is available. All programs are free of charge to the public.

the lookout for volunteer sign ups. For this event to be successful we need in excess of 35 adult volunteers per shift. We will start decorating the YMCA on June 17, and continue all day on June 18. We need a good supply of underclassman and community adult volunteers to be available while senior parents are attending the graduation ceremony. Volunteer shift for June 17 is 4pm-9pm, June 18 will consist of 9am-5pm, 5pm-9pm for underclassman/community volunteers (decorating/set up), 9pm-12am, 12am-3am, and clean up 3am-6am. Please contact Christine at 860-869-3209 or avon_christine@yahoo.com to be put on this list and advise your availability.

Christine Millette
2019 Project Graduation Committee
860-869-3209 cell



PHS~ YMCA Project Graduation

Join PHS YMCA Project Graduation on Wed., May 1, at 7pm at the YMCA for our monthly meeting. We need lots of help and volunteers to finalize and prepare for the big event, on June 18. We will have additional "work" meetings where projects will be completed.

Laughter Yoga, Sat., May 4, 4:00-5:00, \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, at the YMCA, Plainville. For tickets contact Stevie 860-793-2303. Cash or checks made payable to YMCA Project Graduation. Enjoy an afternoon of Laughter Yoga. It is the practice of using laughter, deep breathing and simple games that encourage child-like playfulness.

Family Photography Fundraiser, Sat., May 11, Norton Park. \$35 for 8-10 digital prints. *Excludes individual student senior portraits. Sessions scheduled every 15 minutes. To schedule your session, please contact Kara Curtis at 860-417-9407 or kcallendergirl@sbcglobal.net. Kara is also available other times of the year for all your portrait needs. Cash or checks payable to YMCA Project Graduation. In the next few weeks, please be on

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Sent by: State Senator Len Fasano

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Roadside littering accounts for 53% of U.S. trash. Majority of it is from materials that the soil just doesn't know what to do with it, so it just lays there and poisons the soil, pollutes the air when coming in contact with CO₂ emissions (which by itself is already bad as is), kills the plants, wildlife and eventually... Actually some of your trashed items will outlive you. That plastic you threw out your car window will take over 400 years to decompose and the cigarette bud you puckered and trashed, will take more than 10 years to disintegrate. Did you know that there's an average of 51.2 billion pieces of trash items along the highways nationwide, 40-60% is from food and beverage containers and 38% is from tobacco waste alone? And of course you already heard that roughly 80% of that trash ends up in the ocean. Littering costs the U.S. roughly \$11.5 billion each year not included are the health effects.

Some small animals can't avoid the trash and consume some of it. We don't recommend you feed your beloved pets a side dish of trash, we can attest to its

fatal consequences. It's sad enough that we losing more mammals each day thru road kill which is seriously affecting the biodiversity nationwide! Btw what's the highest number of death mammals that you ever encountered on a single day along the interstate?

If only you would care for the Earth's wellbeing as much as you love to consume. Remember the earth is an essential factor in providing you with food. And in order for you to consume nutritional produce you MUST make sure the environment and soil is clean first and foremost and collectively follow thru on efforts to help nourish and preserve it. Not so Cool facts; according to the 2018 Environmental Performance Index (epi.yale.edu) the U.S.A. currently holds the 114th spot for Climate and Energy sustainability, the 103rd spot on Biodiversity and Habitat best practices, and 83rd for Air pollution control on a ranking list of 180 Countries total. "Pollutants are very harmful to both natural vegetation and agricultural crops".

Living in the land of the Free and your tax contribution doesn't give you a pass to litter or not be concerned about the environmental health. You cannot solely rely on your Government officials to improve your surroundings and environment. As long as you are an adult, breathing and eating of this Earth you should be held responsible for its condition as well. It is a collective effort where everyone in each community is held accountable and should start taking active actions yesterday and everyday moving forward. Love yourself enough to want to live in a cleaner and healthier environment. If you see any debris or trash around your neighborhood please remember the affect it has on our environment and your health in the long haul when not properly disposed of. Be a part of the solution and not the problems! Btw do you know where your State stands with its Environmental protection efforts?

Yes Mother Earth is mesmerizing with her self-sustaining eco-system; however she is getting tired of all the abuse and neglect. She doesn't ask for much but to grow and flourish while providing abundantly for ALL of its inhabitants. Technology and nature

can coexist, provided that there's also ample space for natural habitats and crops to grow. It can no longer be about cents but should be COMMON sense! Now would you keep performing at your peek if there was little to no pay in return?

There's no more time for ignorant excuses or petty reasons. You can't simply turn a blind eye to littering anymore; have you felt the side effects of decades of pollution in the changes of weathers lately? If you don't believe in climate change at least look around you and believe in the cause and effect of the trash surrounded everywhere.

WE ARE HIGHLY GRATEFUL and APPRECIATIVE of those that are already doing their part and those that are still working on bringing better solutions for sustainability of our Natural Habitats. But America needs ALL people to get involved for the future of our health and wellbeing. Educate yourself, family members, colleagues and friends on the seriousness and importance of respecting and having compassion for the Earth and ALL of its inhabitants. Some simple yet affective ways that you can start contributing are; *DO NOT LITTER EVER. *Reduce your consumption of plastic as much as possible and use re-usable instead. *organize a collection at your church, work or community centers to rent a litter vacuum and help remove some miles of roadside trash. *Keep a spring clean & sweep block party or planting party in your neighborhood and contribute to surrounding areas whenever possible. *Carry a keychain pocket ashtray to dispose of your cigarette buds when out and about. *Go "plugging" with family, friends and schoolmates on weekends. And of course you can find a host of other tips and recommendations online on how to contribute in and around your home.

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From the Desk of.....

Thomas A. Wurz

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

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

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

The next most common question I get is "Can I receive SS benefits through my spouse or ex-spouse?" If your current spouse receives SS retirement or is eligible for retirement or disability benefits, you may be entitled to SS benefits even if you never paid into Social Security. You would need to be at least 50 years

old for spousal disability benefits or at least 62 years old for spousal retirement benefits. The same standard applies for receiving benefits through an ex-spouse with the additional requirement that you were married to them for a minimum of 10 years.

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

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

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Tolls, New Taxes, and More Taxes is Governor Lamont's Only Answer

By: Francis Rexford Cooley

Governor Lamont and the Democrat controlled General Assembly have proposed billions in new taxes to deal with the State of Connecticut's chronic budget shortfall. Governor Lamont's proposal to raise revenues via tolls on Connecticut's Interstates and other limited access highways has drawn the most attention and ire of the taxpayers of the State. However Governor Lamont and his Democrat allies in the General Assembly have also proposed numerous other tax increases, including for a brief time charging sales tax on all groceries until that proposal was tabled. Many of these taxes are promoted under the guise of actually being for the benefit of the residents of Connecticut without any discussion of the cost, or are lost in the public fury against tolls. A brief discussion of some of these taxes and their impact on the economy would be of public benefit.

One area Governor Lamont and the Democrat controlled General Assembly plan to raise revenues is through the issuance of professional licenses to conduct business in the State of Connecticut. For example, Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) currently pay \$565 annually for a license to conduct business in the state, a current proposal would raise that cost by 75% to nearly \$1,000 a year. While not every accountant in a firm holds a license, many specific areas of accounting, audits for example, require those doing that work be a licensed CPA. The new proposed licensing fee will increase the cost to all Connecticut accounting firms greatly, especially compared to firms from neighboring states which run from between \$40 and \$125 a year. Similar increases are proposed for many professional licenses making Connecticut professionals and tradesmen less competitive cost wise than similar professionals and tradesmen from neighboring states (with which Connecticut reciprocates the honoring of those licenses).

Governor Lamont has proposed a \$.10 bag tax to help the environment. But is this about saving the environment or raising revenues? If it were a simple question of reducing plastic bags in use the tax would be only extended to plastic bags not all bags, including paper. For decades one would have their groceries bagged in paper sacks. Dried goods in one, fruits and vegetables in another, and frozen foods in a thicker "freezer bag" intended to get the ice cream or other frozen food home and into one's freezer before thawing. Paper is recyclable and bio-degradable. So if the answer was to reduce the use of plastic the tax proposal

would be geared to pushing the public to use paper rather than plastic. However the proposed tax is on all bags, plastic and paper. It is designed to raise revenues. If one looks at where this tax has been implemented, California and Washington D.C., one can see an interesting outcome. Consumers purchasing a bag through the bag tax expect and receive a much more durable plastic bag at a CVS or Walgreens than one gets here in Connecticut. The consumer expects a "higher" value in the bag, it cost a dime, than the "free" bags they used to receive. As a result the bags purchased are a greater environmental problem than the flimsy ones made of bio-degradable corn starch the supermarket industry has begun to promote. Additionally for many urban apartment dwellers the flimsy grocery bags double as garbage bags instead of the "hefty" plastic liners purchased at the store. While the \$.10 bag tax is being promoted as an environmental initiative it seems to be designed to raise revenues instead. A simpler solution would be to simply ban the use of plastic and require the use of paper instead. Of course with that solution the State would not receive a new form to tax revenue.

In the end all of the taxes being proposed will raise the cost of doing business. The 1.5 cent per ounce sugary drink tax on soda, and other drinks with sugar or high-fructose corn syrup like sports drinks, canned iced teas, etc. would raise the cost of a case of soda by \$4.32 (24 12oz. cans x 1.5 cents an oz.). For retailers along the border of Rhode Island, which has no deposit law thus reducing the cost of a case by \$1.20, New York, and Massachusetts this increase will have devastating effects as was seen in the city of Philadelphia when the city council raised such a tax then had to repeal it after the loss of business. Governor Lamont and the Democrat controlled General Assembly have proposed numerous increases in what will be taxed and the rates things will be taxed at.

Every time a tax is raised or imposed it has an economic impact. While taxes are necessary, excessive taxation has a negative impact, that is why it has been said, "the power to tax is the power to destroy."

Without a serious discussion of what is being taxed, why or if the revenue is needed (last month's column showed how the three major state gas taxes actually raised more revenue than the CT DOT spent for the year 2017), and what the economic impact of those taxes will be? Combined with a serious discussion on spending and the long-term impact of spending policies are the State of Connecticut cannot get its financial house in order nor build its economy in the 21st Century.

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3 Steps to Manage Stress in your Life

We all experience stress in our lives. In fact, a little stress might be good as it can motivate us to take positive action. In response to danger, the body's fight or flight stress reaction can ensure our survival.

Problems set in when routine stress related to the pressures of work, school, family and other daily responsibilities goes on for far too long. Overtime, chronic stress can lead to negative effects on our immune and digestive system and can be a risk factor for heart and other diseases.

1. The first step to manage stress is to be aware of the signals that something is amiss.

Too often, we discount minor aches and pains and other interruptions to our wellbeing. It is important to tune into what our body is telling us. Do you have insomnia, frequent headaches, find yourself drinking or eating more and experiencing bouts of increased anger or anxiety? Better to hear and act on these issues when they are whispers instead of waiting until your body is screaming for attention.

Depending on your personal situation, this may involve a visit to the doctor's office, change in diet or lifestyle. Identify the triggers and accompanying symptoms and find ways to increase

resilience. Keeping your head in the sand is not a great strategy.

Fortunately, there are simple and cost-effective ways to calm the body during stressful situations that are available to us all.

2. Remain grounded in order to move from a victim to a power state. Plant your feet firmly on the ground and breathe deeply while bringing your attention on your abdomen. Don't allow negative emotions to overtake rationale thought. Stand strong like a tree in the wind.

Consider this scenario. You are sitting through a very frustrating meeting. People are talking over each other and nothing of consequence is getting said. Instead of joining in and becoming part of the problem, focus on keeping your body in balance. While everyone else is out of control, take a few deep belly breaths. Inhale for 5, hold for 5, exhale for 5. When you are focusing on the breath, you take yourself out of the chaos. In this calmer state, you are able to take a different view of the situation. Be the cool voice that prevails. Even if everyone else decides to remain in this frenzied state, you have the satisfaction of knowing that they don't have the power to take you with them.

When you are not directly faced with stress, practice ways to achieve a calm and happy state. It will be easier to remember how to get back to balance when you need it the most.

Walking in nature can be very healing. Find your own path and focus on the beauty around you. Enhance the experience of your walk by taking in the senses of sight, sound, smell, taste and touch.

Express gratitude for nature or other things that bring you joy. The more you are grateful, the easier it is to be calm in times of stress. Realize your own power. Create a mantra that describes your best self, i.e., I am kind, I am happy, I am a good role model, etc.

When others are out of control, repeat this mantra to yourself so you don't fall victim to the negative emotions of those around you.

3. Make sure you are nourishing your body. A healthy diet can improve your mood and behavior. By eating the right foods, you start stronger. According to, Hippocrates, all disease starts in the gut. If you find that your diet is more processed than natural, you may wish to begin integrating more foods that support the digestive system.

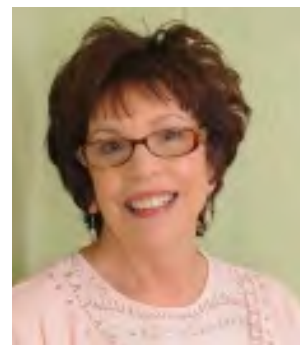
Depending on what your body can

tolerate, slowly integrate a balanced and colorful plate of fresh fruits and vegetables and whole grains. Explore variations in protein choices and healthy fats. Join a cooking class or consult a professional to help you maneuver through all the confusing information about food.

When you sit down to a meal, eat. Don't read a book, shop on-line or answer texts. Look at your food and appreciate all the hands that went into bringing this food to the table. Eat slowly and focus on calm and pleasant conversations.

You have the power to control your reaction to stress and minimize the ill effects it can have on your body and spirit.

It's better to begin now to practice awareness, mindfulness and healthy eating so that you are in the best place to enjoy life, good health and vitality.



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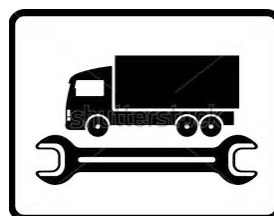
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The Plainville Senior Center recently invited older adults to a free program presented by State Representative Bill Petit, Jr., State Senator Henri Martin, and the Office of the Healthcare Advocate. The presentation provided an overview of many aspects of health care coverage that seniors need to know in order to get the best coverage and care.

Topics covered included: what coverages must be provided by all plans; what to consider and compare when choosing among plan options; in-network and out-of-network providers and services; how to spot errors in statements; and the complaint and appeals process.

Print resources were available and time was provided for questions and answers.

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Tony was a dedicated driver who provided superb care and attention to his passengers. His sense of humor, thoughtfulness, compassion and devotion made working and riding with Tony a pleasure. We all miss him already but are happy that he will have an opportunity to enjoy some well-deserved relaxation time.

Please let us know if you will be joining us for the party by calling the Senior Center at 860-747-5728. Also, if you need a ride to the party, let us know when you sign up.

Gingerbread

By: Sally Miller

Gingerbread is one of my very favorite things to eat. After talking to several of my friends, I realized that hardly anyone makes gingerbread, especially homemade gingerbread.

In previous article, I have spoke about my grandmother and her gingerbread making skills. I would walk home from school and I could smell it cooking and I knew exactly which house it was coming from.

As I walked past my neighbor's house, I could tell that she was making sausage and peppers. No smells come from homes I am around anymore. I can also remember being woken up by the smell of Roger's Bakery bread around 5 in the morning. The smell swirled through the town and permeated homes as it baked. On the weekend, you could smell the baked beans cooking at the bakery.

Back to the gingerbread; I realize that I have never baked it for my grandchildren or great grand- children and they don't know what it is.



When I arrived home from school, Gram would take the gingerbread out of the oven and the aroma of it mixed with the warmth of the kitchen was overwhelming to my senses. Gram would bring out her stone crock, an egg beater and heavy cream. She allowed me to help her beat the cream.

One particular day, I was told that I could add the vanilla to the cream. It smelled so good, I took a taste of the sweetest smelling vanilla and found out that it was one of the worst tasting things I had ever put in my mouth. When the gingerbread was lukewarm, we plopped big spoonful's of that luscious white billowy cream onto the decadent warm dark brown gingerbread.

Police Department held a Pet First Aid/CP Class for our Animal Control Officers and a few of our Officers and Employees.



Pictured with Kevin Vlim instructor with Newington EMS with "Chaolis" his dog, are Donna Weinhofer, A.C.O. and Kelly Curtiss, A.C.O with the Plainville Police Department.

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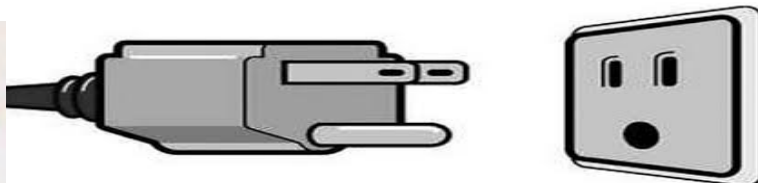
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CAPTAIN'S COURAGEOUS
1937 Not Rated



Starring Freddie Bartholomew, Spencer Tracy, Lionel Barrymore

directed by Victor Fleming

Harvey Cheyne is the poster child for being a spoiled brat. He lies and manipulates with a cunning skill that belies the fact that he is a mere ten years old. Using the fact that his father is a rich, successful businessman with tons of influence, he is able to utilize the weight of that power to gain whatever status he desires at the exclusive boy's academy he attends. Unbeknownst to his father, he has thrown his weight around and used it to bribe, blackmail and cajole his fellow classmates and the teachers to capitulate to his demands. When his methods and behaviors are finally revealed to his business tycoon father, the revelation causes his dad to reflect on the fact that he has put his business interests ahead of his son's welfare. Mr. Cheyne decides to put his business on the back burner and spend more time with his son so he can teach him that his sense of entitlement is the wrong way to cut a successful

path in life. But as so often happens, the best laid plans are foiled by life. While on a voyage aboard one of his father's company's steam ships, Harvey falls overboard and is rescued by a Portuguese fisherman by the name of Manuel who takes him back to the fishing boat he works on which had just headed out for the season.

When I was just a child I had already become enamored by movies. I watched movies at every opportunity. I persuaded my parents to take me to the cinema every chance I got. Every weekend on went to the Saturday matinee offerings at one of the four theaters thriving in our downtown and even sometimes did it again on Sunday. "Captain's Courageous" was a popular choice for our local TV stations to broadcast, so I had many opportunities to watch it. At the time I didn't realize that what I was watching was an abridged version of the film as local stations had to squeeze films into a specific time slot and take into consideration time for commercial breaks, the film's running time and possible need for editing for content. But I found myself swept up by this adaptation of the classic Rudyard Kipling novel. This sweeping odyssey of a young boy having to grow up on a seafaring fishing vessel amidst the salty seamen and the dangerous undertaking of deep sea fishing seemed irresistible to a young boy's imagination. I have no idea when I finally saw this film in a version that wasn't truncated but I can tell you that from the very first time I saw it to my watching it again in its full length unedited version last night, my opinion of it has remained constant. I love this film. It is a classic. It stirs my emotions each time I see it. It never fails to resonate the way a

film is meant to. Legendary filmmaker Victor Fleming was at his very best in bringing this fish out of water (you must forgive me for that one but how could I resist) opus to life.

There is much to admire about Fleming's work here, not the least of which is the authentic feeling he provides to the seafaring life. It's a marvel that a film shot entirely on the backlots of MGM studios exudes such a true sense of these seamen and the familial nature of their relationships and interactions. While there are some exterior shots of ships cutting through the turbulent sea, all the scenes featuring the actors were shot on studio sets. I suppose a real stickler can argue that you can tell the cast is acting in front of projected images but I contend that, especially for the time it was made, these scenes were seamlessly matched with the real thing. The sense of real seamen working in their authentic environment is established with great care and professional skill. Fleming made this film two years before his crowning achievement year which was 1939 when he directed both "The Wizard of Oz" and "Gone With The Wind".

The script which is credited to John Lee Mahin, Marc Connelly and Dale Van Every manages to capture the robust, rowdy interplay among the salty seamen as much as the Hollywood Hays Code allowed. Remember, this was a time in Hollywood history when a studio had to fight to include Clark Gable uttering the word "damn" at the conclusion of "Gone With The Wind". We can only assume that in reality of this bonding of these hardy shipmates in life was a bit more bawdy and crude but the screenwriters manage to effectively convey the spirit of their raucous ribbing and friendly feuding.

The lead role of Harvey Cheyne went to the very popular child star Freddie Bartholomew. If anyone doubts the box office draw of this young man they

need only take note of the fact that he receives top billing over Hollywood stalwarts the likes of Spencer Tracey and Lionel Barrymore. Bartholomew more than met the challenge of this difficult role and its requirement to be transformed from a thoughtless and spiteful spoiled rich kid to a warm and caring loyal shipmate. He proved to be a resourceful young actor with total commitment to the art of acting winning him the respect of his co-star Tracy, one of the most talented thespians to ever share his skill on celluloid.

Speaking of Tracy, he won a most deserved Oscar for his endearing performance as Manuel, the carefree fisherman whose openness and positive spirit served as the heart of the crew and the catalyst to the maturing of Harvey. With a melodic Portuguese accent and the knowing smile of someone who is at peace with who they are, Tracy endears himself to us as we see through his gruff devil may care posturing to discover his honest affection for their unexpected new shipmate. There is warmth and sincerity in his demeanor and Tracy is a master at filling a screen with his presence while still helping those on screen with him to claim their own spotlight.

Melvyn Douglas brings style and substance to his limited role as Harvey's father and old pro Lionel Barrymore is at his best as Disko, the seasoned captain of the fishing boat. The crew itself is brought to life by dependable performers the likes of John Carradine, Charley Grapewin and another top child actor of the time, Mickey Rooney.

"Captain's Courageous" has stood the test of time and is an adventure that can be enjoyed by generation after generation. An ill advised television remake was done in the seventies but has quickly faded from the landscape and sparks only a flicker of a memory in the world of cinema. Fleming's 1937 classic remains a viable cinema experience 80 years after it first premiered.

Ratings: Acting: 100%

Directing: 95%

Script: 90%

Cinematography: 90%

Entertainment Value: 100%

Overall Rating: 95%



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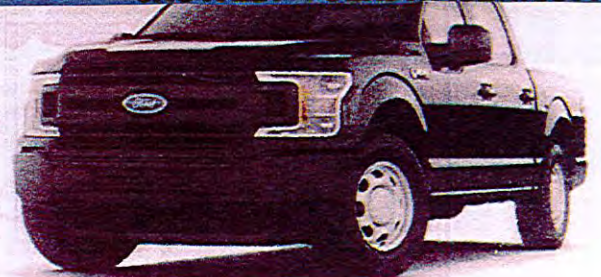


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Symptoms associated with dry eye syndrome include the sensation of a foreign body such as sand or grit in the eye, irritation, burning, or paradoxical tearing due to corneal irritation.

Dry eyes can be caused by a number of different things. Medicines you are taking may cause dry eyes. Some medications that can cause dry eye syndrome, includes *angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, anticholinergics, antihistamines, antispasmodics, benzodiazepines, beta-blockers, decongestants, diuretics, opioids, oral contraceptives, postmenopausal estrogen, retinoids, selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors*

(SSRIs), tricyclic antidepressants, etc. It can also be caused by medical conditions such as Sjögren's syndrome. Other medical problems that you have can cause dry eyes. Dry eye is very common in people who have had LASIK.

If you have dry eyes, there are several things you can do that might help:

- Avoid long sessions of reading, computer work, watching TV, etc. Take breaks from time to time or make an effort to blink more while you're doing these activities.
- Avoid dry, dusty, or windy environments. Wear eye protection when you can't avoid these.
- Avoid rubbing your eyes.
- Avoid air that is blowing from heaters or air conditioners.
- Adjust your computer screen to below eye level, so you don't have to open your eyes as wide to look at it.
- Drink plenty of fluids and avoid drinking too many alcoholic beverages.
- Stop smoking and avoid cigarette smoke.
- Use a humidifier.

Medicines that moisten your eyes can also help. They're often called "artificial tears" or "lubricants." You can buy them without a prescription. They come as eye drops, gels, and ointments. Drops are easiest to use. You can use them several times each day if you need to. Ointments may help the most, but they can temporarily make your vision blurry. Because of this you will want to use ointments at bedtime. Gels blur

vision less than ointments and work longer than drops. Gels or ointments may be best for more severe dry eyes, incomplete lid closure, etc. They may be applied at bedtime to minimize blurred vision and improve morning symptoms. If both drops and ointment are used, recommended using the drops at least ten minutes before applying ointment. Drops can be started 2 to 4 times per day and used up to every 30 to 60 minutes if needed.

However, chronic use of any eye drop more than four times per day may worsen dry eye symptoms or lead to overhydration. Patients may see improvement in symptoms when frequency of use is reduced, such as to every 3 to 4 hours. Patients can try different products and choose one that works best. The lubricating agents used in artificial tear products are similar, but other ingredients such as buffering agents and preservatives may differ. Recommended a preservative-free liquid, such as Refresh Plus or Preservative-Free TheraTears, for those who use drops more than 4 times per day. Preservatives, such as benzalkonium chloride, may damage the surface of the eye with frequent use.

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Higher doses, such as more than 3 g daily of eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), might increase the risk of bleeding.

You may need to try a few different products before you find one that does a good job of relieving your symptoms. Ask your pharmacist for advice on where to start. He or she can help you choose a product.

Keep in mind that artificial tears just treat the symptoms. They don't cure the problem. And they work only if you use them regularly.

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Anniversary News

11th Annual Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Conference

The "Not-So" Empty Nest Conference for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren will be held for the 11th year at the Plainville Senior Center on Tuesday, May 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This free event is open to all grandparents or adult relatives who are taking full-time care of their grandchildren or young relatives, and will feature a full program of workshops, support, and raffle prizes. A complimentary lunch will be provided for everyone who attends.

The workshop, "Conscious Discipline," will help participants be better able to see children's behavior as opportunities to teach children acceptable choices and how to regulate their emotions to stay calm. Discussion will include setting limits and achieving results, fostering a cooperative environment by using daily situations to build character, social skills and more. The presenter will be Caroline Coughlin, Parent Educator with the Plainville Family Resource Network.

"Cooking on a Budget, Kid Friendly Casseroles and Easy to Freeze Meals" will instruct participants in preparing kid-friendly and budget-conscious meals that families will enjoy. Samples and recipes will be provided in this interactive workshop. Chef Peter Fescoe of Mulberry Gardens, Hartford HealthCare will be the presenter.

The annual conference is funded in part by Title III of the Older American Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc., the Department of Rehabilitation Services State Unit on Aging, Plainville Senior Center and Plainville Youth Services. Please call or visit the Senior Center for more information or to sign up. Phone: 860-747-5728. Claudette Carveth, Office Assistant

Plainville Historical Society Answers:

- 11. The women. This led to the first conflicts between the Tunxis and the English. In English society the men owned everything.
- 12. The Great Plain of Farmington.
- 13. Two basins-Bristol Basin and Whiting Basin. The Bristol clock manufacturer were the main sponsors of the Bristol Basin.
- 14. The "3 sisters" were corn, beans and squash. They were called this because of the way they grew. Seeds for the 3 were planted in the same hill. The corn came up first. The beans wound around the cornstalk. The leaves of the squash plant covered the ground, keeping the moisture in and weeds out.
- 15. Lyman Homer.
- 16. In what is now Norton Park. Charles Norton set aside a portion of his land for the community gardens.
- 17. 1917. You can see the story of the fire at the Historic Center.
- 18. Gnazzo's Food Center.
- 19. In 1911 Nels Nelson flew from the area we now know as Robertson Field.
- 20. Doris Disney.

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Q-1) Will I automatically get my Medicare Card when I turn 65?

A-1) If you don't fall into the below categories, most likely you will not be automatically enrolled. You will have to sign up through Social Security, either by phone, on line, or at your local Social Security office. If you're already getting Social Security benefits or are receiving retirement benefits from the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), you'll automatically get Part A and Part B on the first day of the month you turn 65. If you've gotten Social Security or RRB disability benefits for 24 months, you'll automatically get Part A and Part B.

Q-2) How long, after I apply for Medicare, will it take for my card to arrive

A-2) Usually it will take about 3 weeks, after you apply for your card, for it to arrive in the mail. You can check on line to follow up the status of your enrollment.

Q-3) Does a 90 year-old person pay more for their Medicare Insurance than a 65 year-old person ?

A-3) In Connecticut age does not affect your Medicare Premium, all ages pay the same amount. If you have more specific questions, please give me a call at 860-965-0091. We can sit and talk one on one.

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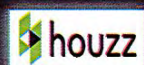
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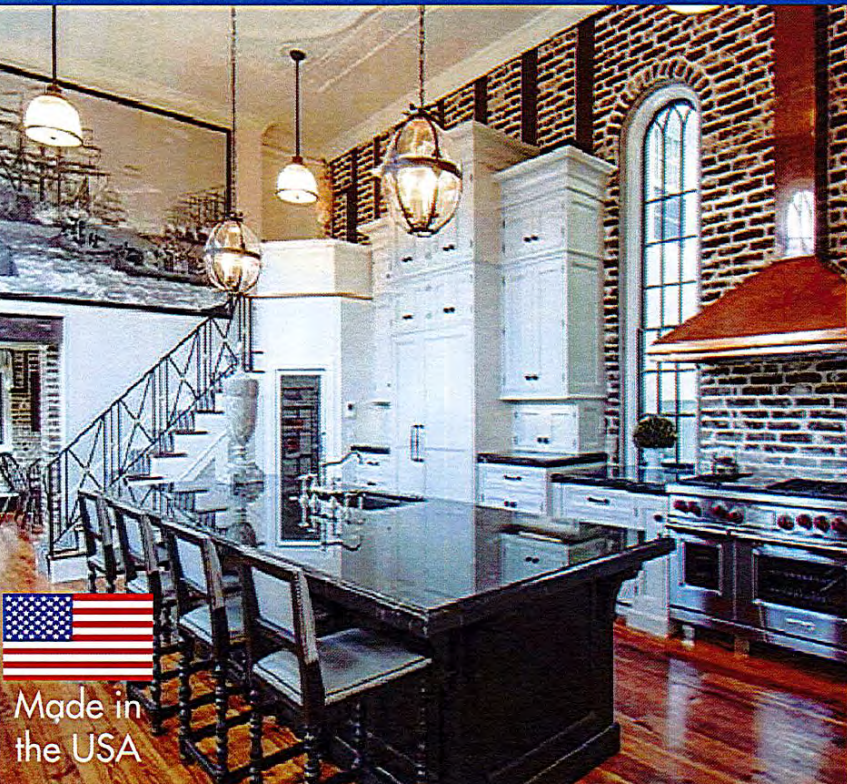
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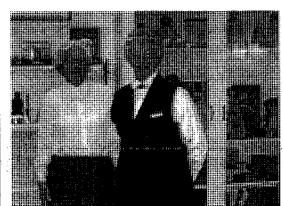
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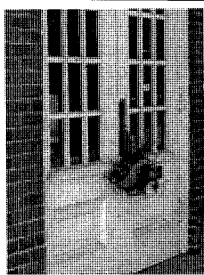
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The Plainville Historical Society is proud to congratulate our African-American Historian on her recent Distinguished Advocate Award presented by the State Commission on Culture and Tourism. Recipients are honored for working "to strengthen, preserve and promote the arts, and history..." She has made considerable contributions to the promotion and public awareness of Connecticut's Freedom Trail. Gail has contributed much here at the Historic Center to the development and presentation of local African-American history.

Rep. Petit Disappointed Committee Opposed Bills to Increase Public Safety

HARTFORD –State Representative William A. Petit Jr. (R-22) testified in front of the Judiciary Committee last month in support of two bill proposals that would have increased public safety and the continuation of victim's rights by reforming the state's current Earned Risk Reduction Credit Program.

The bills, HB-5525, would have required inmates complete eligible programs in order to earn risk reduction credits. Anyone who fails to adhere to the plan, or tests positive on a drug test would face a loss of any or all earned credits. HB-5527, sought to prohibit certain serious felonies such as; murder, sexual assault, burglary, robbery, manslaughter, kidnapping, and arson from being counted toward the earned risk reduction credit program.

"House Bill 5525 and 5527 are an attempt to ensure that these programs truly measure serious attempts by those incarcerated to better themselves and earn credits that are appropriate for the individual inmates," Rep. Petit said. "Victims have rights that are well enunciated in our constitution and I feel it is the primary role of government to protect the public."



The Risk Reduction Credit Program was established by the legislature in 2011 as a way to promote good behavior among those housed within our correctional facility. Prior to February 1st, 2016, all inmates qualified to receive a reduction of five days off their sentence per month, regardless of their security risk level.

Two years later, the General Assembly amended the Risk Reduction Earned Credit program to require inmates who have been convicted of one or more violent crimes serve 85% of their sentence before being able to utilize risk reduction credits toward a reduced sentence. Anyone classified as a security risk level four will receive three days per month, risk level two and three offenders will earn four days per month. Offenders with an overall risk level of one will still receive five days of credit per month.

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Thad Gray Warns Against Speculative Bonding

It isn't clear whether the Lamont administration has thought through the financial implications of borrowing against future toll revenues, or whether the Governor was merely floating a trial balloon when he recently suggested, "once they know we're going to be able to do our electronic tolling, we can borrow against those anticipated tolling revenues."

While issuing municipal debt backed by a proven and established track record of revenue is very common, bonds backed by anticipated and unproven toll revenue would be unprecedented in municipal finance. Unlike lottery revenues, both the timing and level of revenues from tolls with no track record of operation would be highly uncertain.

Whether the Governor's proposal is serious or merely a trial balloon, it has two serious flaws. First, due to the speculative characteristics of the bonds being issued, Connecticut would likely be required to pay significantly above

the market rate for interest on this debt to compensate investors for additional risk. Instead of money going to transportation infrastructure to "get the state moving again", millions of dollars would be spent by taxpayers in unnecessary interest payments to bondholders.

Lastly, much as when the state proposed issuing bonds backed by income tax revenues, financial markets are likely to interpret such an unprecedented and speculative bond issue as a sign of weakness, if not desperation. Because "optics" are always of the utmost importance in financial markets, this could only have a negative impact on Connecticut's already depressed credit rating.

By any account, bonds backed by anticipated and unproven toll revenue would be extremely costly to taxpayers, and the signal it would send to financial markets is that Connecticut is back on the wrong track.

Together we must remain vigilant to protect Connecticut's financial future.

With best regards ~ Thad Gray

The Historical Society 10 years ago featured a full page
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Q. Why is a book called a "volume"?

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Q. Why do we call high society the "upper crust"?

A. Because the crust was long considered the best part of the bread and upper or top crust the best part of all. If "high society" is the best of all, "upper crust"

Q. Why does the Street Light at the intersection of Farmington Ave. and East Main Street keep going on and off every 2 minutes?

A. If anyone should know why, please contact me at the paper, number listed below. I am having trouble getting the answer for you. Waiting to get return calls from the State Highway Department and others.

Q. How do I submit questions to you?

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

Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of each month

Next issue of the Hometown will be in June.

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

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Letters to the Editor & Friend's

Faith & Freedom Coalition

Dear Editor,

As you may know, there is a film currently showing in theaters nationwide called "Unplanned," and as far as Christian films go, it's a smash hit.

It is a true story about a Planned Parenthood clinic director named Abby Johnson who suffered severe emotional trauma when she witnessed an abortion first hand.

The experience not only led her to immediately quit Planned Parenthood, but it also led her to become one of our nation's fiercest pro-life activists.

After seeing the film with my family this past weekend, I wanted to learn more about the film, so I went to Twitter but found nothing.

It turns out that Twitter suspended the account for the film.

Twitter not only shut the account down, but they also removed over 50,000 followers when the account was eventually reinstated!

When Christians complained, Twitter dismissed what happened as a "computer error."

So, we want to ask: What's going on Jack?

Why did the "Unplanned" Twitter account magically go dark on the day the film opened?

Please send a tweet to Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey demanding an explanation:

@jack Why did you take down the Twitter account for the pro-life film @UnplannedMovie on the day it was released? Why did you remove more than 50,000 followers on the account? #faithandfreedom

And if it was the result of a "computer error," how could that have wiped out more than 50,000 followers once the account was restored?

Overwhelming evidence shows that social media giants like Facebook, Instagram, Google, and Twitter are openly hostile to conservative and Christian groups, individuals and messages and use their monopolies to censor what Americans see, read and hear.

If we want to protect our Free Speech rights and openly express our views in the public square on ANY issue, we must fight back.

This is why it is so crucial that pro-life Christians tweet Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey, ask him these questions and demand honest, open answers.

Thanks for participating in this effort to protect our Free Speech rights... to hold social networks like Twitter to account for their anti-Christian bigotry... and to defend the ability of Christians to freely express themselves through film and other media.

Ralph Reed, Founder and Chairman
FAITH & FREEDOM COALITION

P.S. Please look at our Twitter Campaign in support of "Unplanned" this way. If we remain silent... if we fail to fight back against left-wing attacks on our Free Speech rights... if we don't remain vigilant and defiant in the social media landscape, their voices will be the only ones that people - especially our nation's young people - will ever hear.

So please send your tweet to Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey and join this campaign to fight social media censorship before it is too late. Or write to:

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Planned Parenthood

Friends,

It wasn't long ago that Planned Parenthood cheered on the killing of born-alive babies who survived abortion attempts, and a Covington High School teenager was persecuted by the biased pro-abortion media for being pro-life.

But now... Planned Parenthood is running scared.

President Trump issued a life-saving rule to DEFUND the abortion giant of up to \$60 million of taxpayer dollars... and nearly a dozen states are introducing bills to ban abortion if a baby's heartbeat can be detected.

When Planned Parenthood, Andrew Cuomo, and 21 states took President Trump to court over his rule to DEFUND Planned Parenthood, the Susan B. Anthony List had to make a last-minute increase to our quarterly budget.

But it's been worth every single penny.

Not only are we defending the President's life-saving rule, but we're also pressuring states to strike down extremist abortion bills and instead pass laws that protect life.

We even succeeded at pressuring Democrats in New Mexico to vote against a New York-style abortion bill that the media said would pass with certainty.

We are honored to stand shoulder to shoulder with you on the frontlines of the fight to save innocent babies -- born and unborn -- in America.

But of course, none of what we're able to accomplish could be done without YOUR support. Absolutely none of it.

This is very personal to me. As a nurse at Christ Hospital (what a blasphemous use of the Lord's name!) in Oak Lawn Illinois, I held an abortion survivor for the 45 minutes until he died. That moment changed my life forever, and from that time on, I have dedicated my life to ending the injustice of abortion.

Proud to stand alongside you in the fight.

For LIFE,
Jill Stanek, National Campaign Chair
Susan B. Anthony List
2800 S. Shirlington Rd. Ste.1200
Arlington, Va. 22206

Dear Editor and PHC Staffers:

That was a nice picture of Jeanne Shugrue in your last month issue.

She was a very cool gal!!

She will be missed and I always enjoyed her visits and support.

Best regards,

Johathan Lindberg

Socialism

Dear Americans,

Republicans agree, the Democrats' full embrace of socialism is alarming. As liberals in the House and those running for President scramble to enact the policies of the far-left, your Republican Senate Majority stands as the firewall that will save our country from socialism.

Our firewall could crack though, if Senate Republicans in key battleground states don't get the support they need. Every conservative must stand united to keep socialism at bay, and that includes you too.

Help me support the Firewall against socialism!

If you oppose dangerous policies like the Green New Deal and Medicare for none, the best way to avoid that is to support your Republican Senate Majority. Help me stand strong against creeping socialist policies and far-left radicals.

Stand united with Republicans and President Trump as a firewall against socialism.

Thank you

Mitch McConnell
Bogue Russia Hoax

Dear Friends,,

Now that the Mueller Report has completely exposed the fake news media, it's time to hold them accountable.

They pushed the bogus Russia hoax when they knew it was false and they helped the left cover up corruption at the highest levels of our government.

Stand with me now to hold the Fake News media accountable.

Make no mistake: the media deliberately misled the American people and attacked me when I spoke the truth. They knew exactly what they were doing.

If we don't hold them accountable, they will never stop, and their baseless attacks will go unchecked.*

-Devin Nunes

*Excerpts of Devin Nunes letter

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~ Marylene DeVoe ~



89, formerly a longtime resident of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 8, 2019 at Autumn Lake Healthcare at New Britain.

Marylene was born January 21, 1930 in Eagle Lake, Maine, daughter of the late Herbert and Laura DeVoe. She was a resident

of Plainville most of her life and attended St. Ann's School in Bristol and graduated from Plainville High School. She was self-employed as a hairdresser in New Britain.

She leaves her two sisters, Valena Palumbo, of Plainville, and Stella Melancon, of Palm Bay, FL, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two sisters, Lucia DeVoe and Kathleen Gagnon.

A Mass of Christian Burial in Celebration of Marylene's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. Visitation was held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville. In memory of Marylene, donations may be made to Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville.

~ Eleanor (Dolan) Kordes ~



95 ½ years young, of New Britain, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Thursday, March 28, 2019. She now joins her beloved husband, Frank, who predeceased her in 1994.

Born in Brooklyn, NY on September 20, 1923, she was one of seven children to the

late William and Anna (Salsberg) Dolan. Raised and educated in Brooklyn, she met and married her husband Frank in 1949, and was a devoted mother to their five children. She made each holiday magical for them with her extensive decorating, and carried on the same traditions at her beloved church, the Congregational Church of Plainville, for all to enjoy. A true lady through and through, she radiated class and generosity, and never left the house without a gift in hand. Whether it was one of her famed hand-crafted hat wreaths, a doll from her vast collection, or something that she saw on TV, Eleanor took great pleasure in brightening someone's day with a small token or thoughtful gesture. A regular at Capital Lunch in her hometown of New Britain, she will forever be remembered for her bright, optimistic outlook and kindheartedness, and will be greatly missed, leaving her family with many cherished memories.

She is survived by her daughters, Diane Carey and her husband Paul Stevens and Geraldine Guthrie and her husband, Robert; her son, Dennis Kordes and his wife, Brenda; her grandchildren, Lisa Cary-Bremner, Cheryl Berry, Erin Guthrie, Mercedes Kordes, and Kevin Agular; her great-grandchildren, Isabella and Delila Kordes, Kaitlyn and Tanner LaBonte and Maisy Berry; her sisters and best friends, who were always the first on the dance floor at weddings, Margaret Smykowski, Anna Mae Vaillant, and Geraldine Gudema; her dear friend and caretaker, Marilyn Borry, who helped her maintain her independence; many nieces and nephews, and her church friends who were her second family. She was predeceased by her son, Gary Kordes, her daughter, Janice LaBonte, her brothers, Thomas and Eugene Dolan, and her sister, Genevieve Dolan.

In lieu of flowers, Eleanor may be remembered with contributions to the Congregational Church of Plainville-UCC, 130 W. Main St, Plainville, CT 06062. Funeral services in celebration of Eleanor's life will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Congregational Church of Plainville-UCC, 130 W. Main St, Plainville. Committal services and interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. Family and friends may gather on Friday evening, from 5-8 p.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Nancy (Bergenty) Guimond ~



56, of Plainville, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by those she loved so dearly on Thursday, April 4, 2019. Nancy, who was taken from us far too soon, fought her brief battle with cancer just as she lived, with grace, dignity and selflessness.

Born in New Britain on August 28, 1962, she was one of six

children to John and Audrey (McLellan) Bergenty. Raised in Plainville, she was a 1980 graduate of PHS, where she met the love of her life and soulmate, Kelly, whom she would marry three years later. They settled in Plainville where they raised their three loving children, and Nancy with her nurturing spirit, became a second mother to every child she interacted with. She treasured every moment of her more than 20 years working alongside children with special needs in the Plainville School System, with whom she created that same caring, maternal bond. When school was out, it was sun worshipping time! Nancy and Kelly were on autopilot to the beach every weekend, or poolside where she could be found many days floating with a good book, waiting for the backyard BBQ's and fireside chats to commence when everyone got out of work. She then turned into the ultimate hostess, opening her home to her friends and family with an ear to listen, a warm compliment or a joke to share. Her infectious laugh (usually after one of her famous digs!) could be heard throughout the neighborhood. Nancy was a true gem, whose impact was boundless in her short time with us. She will be missed immensely, but certainly leaves this world a much better place.

In addition to her parents, she leaves her husband and best friend, Kelly; their children, Evan and his girlfriend, Lindsey Allario, Tyler and Meghan Guimond; her brothers and sisters, John Bergenty and his wife, Elise, Laura Sycz and her husband, Kenny, Darlene Benson and her husband, Kurt, Robert Bergenty and Darren Bergenty and his longtime companion, Carrie. Nancy was blessed with a second family with whom she was very close; her mother and father-in-law, Patricia and Roger Guimond; her brother-in-law, Jeff Guimond and his wife, Debbie; and many adored nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, Nancy may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Family Resource Network, c/o Donna Cavallaro, Linden Street School, 69 Linden St, Plainville, CT 06062.

Family and friends may gather in celebration of Nancy's life on Sunday, from 1-4 p.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of Remembrance will be shared at 4 p.m. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

"May the sun shine warm upon your face.....Until we meet again!"

~ Robert J. Warnat ~



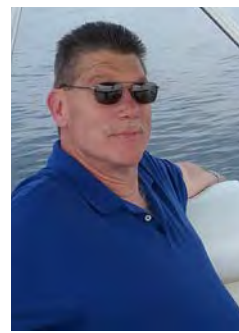
83, of Plainville, husband of the late Marilyn (Schurman) Warnat, passed

away Saturday April 13, 2019 at Jerome Home

after a brave and courageous battle with lung cancer. Born in New Britain, son of the late John Warnat Jr. and Emily (Krupp) Warnat, he

graduated from New Britain High School in 1953. Bob served 5 years in the US Army Reserve. He graduated from Hartford Institute of Accounting in 1964. Bob was married to Marilyn for 56 years until her passing in 2014. Bob was employed at O.Z./Gedney Company in Terryville for twenty years, retiring in 1993. He was a member of the Church of St. Patrick in Farmington; served two terms as a Plainville Town Council Member and was a member of the Plainville Park & Recreation. He enjoyed vacationing with Marilyn in Las Vegas and attended President Clinton's first Inauguration. He served many years as treasurer on the NBHS class of 1953 Reunion Committee. He was a fan of UConn Women's Basketball, the Red Sox and the New England Patriots.

~ Robert (Bob) Hart ~



63, of Bristol passed away suddenly on March 30, 2019 after a brief illness. He was born on September 16, 1955 to Morris and Joanne Hart of Plainville. He was a graduate of E.C. Goodwin Technical School- Tool & Die Program and continued his career as one of the best in the trade. He enjoyed spending everyday

with his best friend and wife, Linda. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends and doing what he loved such as playing horseshoes, going camping, shooting, and clam bakes. He is survived by his wife Linda Hart, his parents Morris & Joanne Hart of Plainville, his brother Kris Hart and his wife Michelle Martin of Plainville, his children Haley Hart of RI, Jason Hart of NY and in addition to a very large extended family of awesome people who will miss him forever. Bob is predeceased by his sister, Sherry Hart. Calling hours were at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Immediately following there was a remembrance celebration of his life. In lieu of flowers, the family requests making a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital @ stjude.org.

~ Evelyn N. (Hiltbold) Kuziak ~



94, of Plainville, passed away on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at Bristol Hospital. She is now reunited with her husband of 67 years, Edward J. Kuziak, who predeceased her in 2016. Born in New Britain on May 27, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Nora (Guilmette) Hiltbold and was

lifelong resident of Plainville. Prior to her retirement, Evelyn worked for the State of Connecticut at Tunxis Community College.

She is survived by her son David and his wife, Kathleen; three grandchildren, Carey Klingel and her husband, Karl, Susan Ouellette and her husband, Robert and Sarah Mottola and her husband, John; eight great-grandchildren, Madelyn, Nina, Jacob, Jayden, Chloe, Lincoln, Ellie and David; her sister, Lois Lindskog; her brother, David Hiltbold; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Richard.

In lieu of flowers, Evelyn may be remembered with contributions to the American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202 or at www.diabetes.org

Honoring Evelyn's wishes, her family will celebrate her life with a private graveside service. Plainville Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

Surviving are four daughters, Deborah Dombroski and her husband Roland of Bristol, Cheryl Baehr and her husband James of Bristol, Laura Boland and her husband Tom of Plainville, and Lynne Warnat of Plainville; a brother, Thomas Warnat and his wife Irene of Plainville; a sister, Nancy Ahlquist of Milldale; seven grandchildren, Ashley Dombroski of Bristol, Rachel Desaulniers and her husband Nick of Mountainview, CA, James Baehr of Bristol, Danielle Baehr Brown and her husband Dan of Terryville, Christopher Boland and his wife Caitlin of Southington, Amanda Boland of Plainville, and Stephen Boland of Southington; two great granddaughters, Olivia Baehr and Camryn Boland; several nieces and nephews. Besides his wife, Bob was predeceased by triplet grandchildren, Robert, Nicole and Edward Dombroski.

Funeral services were at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 1 at the Church of St. Patrick, 110 Main Street, Farmington, CT 06032. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. Memorial donations may be made to the Petit Family Foundation, 32 Whiting Street, Plainville, CT 06062. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

To send a memorial gift to the family of Robert J. Warnat please visit our Sympathy Store.

OBITUARIES

~ Helen Victoria (Chapor) Maciag ~



98, of Plainville passed away on Monday, March 25, 2019, at home. Born in Montague, MA, on December 4, 1920, one of seven children to Peter and Hanora (Sobotouska) Chapor, she grew up and lived all of her adult life in Plainville graduating from Plainville High School in 1939.

Married in 1946 she was predeceased by her husband of 54 years John A. Maciag, Sr. She is survived by her son, John A. Maciag, Jr. of Plainville and her brother Walter Chaper and his wife Rena of Plainville. She was predeceased by her brother Frank Chapor, and sisters Adela (Chapor) Sommers, Mary (Chapor) Putala, Rose (Chapor) Waryas, and Josephine (Chapor) Ciecieski. She is survived by her sister-in-laws Ceil (Maciag) Kruzyn of Trumbull and Monica Maciag of Kensington and was predeceased by her husband's siblings Stanley Maciag, Henry Maciag, Clair (Maciag) Lysiak, Florence (Maciag) Sobolewski, and Terry Maciag. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Helen began work at 17 doing secondary operations manufacturing at Veeder-Root, Inc., where she continued to work for 45 years, retiring in 1982. She was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Mercy Church where in her last years she was known for arriving just a little bit late with her noisy cane and in this practicing to be late for her own funeral, who could argue she did not succeed. She hoped to inspire both young and other elderly parish members to attend weekly services.

As a young woman Helen was an accomplished seamstress once making the wedding dress and all the gowns for her sister's wedding. In midlife while working full time, Helen loved gardening and growing flowers which she used to become an accomplished amateur arranger and whose floral bouquets graced piano recitals of children conducted by a church music program. She raised gladiolus and blueberries for many years with the surplus up for sale at the roadside in the custom of an old fashioned farm stand.

Helen always kept a playful Fox Terrier to look after and for company. She was 93 when she got her last dog, Crystal. She wanted a puppy and Crystal remains a rambunctious "puppy" that she loved dearly and who brought great comfort to the end of her life keeping her young at heart.

Family and friends gathered at the Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville. Funeral services for Helen were on Saturday, March 30, 2019, at the funeral home preceding a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad Street, Plainville. Interment followed at St. Joseph

~ Richard Mallia ~



58, beloved son, father, brother, and uncle of New Jersey, passed away unexpectedly on March 24, 2019. He was born in Plainville, CT on April 11, 1960. Ricky was the son of the late Michael Mallia and Sebastiana (Cultrera) Mallia. Rick graduated from Plainville High School and

earned his BA degree from Worcester Polytechnic University and MBA degree from Rutgers University.

Besides his parents he was predeceased by two brothers, Paul Mallia and Michael Mallia Jr. and many aunts and uncles. Rick was survived by two children, a son Kyle and daughter Kristen; a sister Dianne Mann; 4 nieces Kimberly Mallia, Jill Mallia, Angela Mallia and Crissi Mann; 2 nephews Jim Mallia and Jeff Mann; 2 aunts Maria Bufalino and Beatrice Zappulla; grand nieces, nephews, and many cousins; and loving girlfriend Jean Seiz.

Rick loved people. When he loved and felt love he was devoted, supportive, and lighthearted and had an infectious sense of humor. Rick enjoyed spending time with his son and daughter. Being involved in their activities as they grew up. He loved ice skating, watching movies, traveling and enjoying special moments with his friends and family.

Rick was an intelligent, talented, and determined IT manager. He loved to work to turn a company around. He most enjoyed being employed by an assisted living facility as an IT director because he enjoyed interacting with the residents. An example of the caring, giving person he was. Rick will be dearly missed. He was a gentle and kind person loved by everyone who knew him.

Family and friends may gather at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville on Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. For additional information or to leave words of sympathy please visit Rick's tribute page at www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Christina Joan Wilkinson ~



of Bristol, left this world on March 29, 2019. She was born in Bristol on March 7, 1988 and was the oldest daughter of Janet V. (Dieli) Wilkinson and David W. Wilkinson of Bristol. She attended Bristol Central High School and graduated in 2006.

Christina was a unique personality. Creative and artistically gifted, she was known for her candidness and feisty personality. She experimented with photography and Japanese pop culture. In her own words: "Meow Thar! I am a mother of two beautiful sons named Gabriel Theophilus and Noah Lazarus. I'd rather be hated for who I am, than loved for who I'm not. I'm Unique, geeky, crazy, cat lover, artist, gamer girl and proud of it. I love World of Warcraft and shopping. I Love video games, raves, anime, cons and cosplay. I am a couponer too. I love Yoshi Ki. I Love X Japan. Lolita and makeup are also my passion."

Beside her parents and her two young sons, Christina is survived by her younger sister, Gina Rose Wilkinson White of Danbury, her niece, Elana White and her nephew Caswell White. She is also survived by her aunt Annette Dieli of New York City, her uncles, James Dieli of Berlin, Emanuel Dieli of Southington and John Dieli and Dennis Dieli both of Plainville. She also leaves her extended family Kathy and Butch Lavigne of Bristol. She had many cousins and friends in her life that will miss her. Christina loved cats and leaves her beloved cat Mittens.

Family and friends gathered at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville with words of remembrance in celebration of Christina's life. In lieu of flowers contributions in Christina's name may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society 701 Russell Road Newington, CT 06111

~ Betty (Babcock) Rousseau ~



92, of Plainville, passed away on Friday, April 5, 2019 at Bristol Hospital. She now joins her husband of 43 years, Nazaire "Sonny" Rousseau, who predeceased her in 1994. Born in New London on July 21, 1926, she was the only daughter to the late Leon and Agnes (Quinn) Babcock. Raised in New London, she attended local schools, and

went on to attend the Catherine Gibbs Secretarial School in Rhode Island, and, after working for a brief time for John Hancock, Betty retired to stay home and care for her family. She enjoyed many summers at their cottage on Gardner's Lake where she fulfilled her love for the water and swam for miles each day up until this past summer. Winters were spent swimming at the pool at Plainville High School where she was a familiar face. A die hard Red Sox fan, Betty was known for her no-nonsense personality and quick wit. She will be missed dearly by her family, many friends and neighbors.

She leaves her daughter, Suzanne MacNeil of Uncasville; her grandson, Scott Flourde and great-grandson, Clayton Flourde; along with several nieces and nephews.

A proud supporter of veterans, Betty may be remembered with contributions to the House of Heroes Connecticut, 3000 Whitney Ave, Suite 233, Hamden, CT 06518 or www.hohct.org

Funeral services in celebration of Betty's life were held at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, followed by committal services at West Cemetery. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Robert F. Sutkowski ~



91, of Plainville, passed away peacefully in the comfort of his home on Saturday, April 6, 2019 with his beloved wife of 53 years, Barbara (Perkins) Sutkowski, by his side.

Robert was born on August 21, 1927, in Middletown, son to the late Robert and Helen (Weiculewic) Sutkowski. He graduated from New Britain High School in 1945.

Shortly after graduation, Robert joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served actively from June 1945 to June 1949, when he was honorably discharged. Following his return home from the military, Robert helped his father run Bob's Hut in Kensington. In 1965, he became interested in the engraving business aside from owning Bob's Package Store on Oak Street in New Britain. In 1971, his interest in engraving led him to establish Master Engraving, a shop formerly located in the center of Plainville. By 1989, Robert took an early retirement and continued to do engravings out of his home part time.

Robert and his wife settled in Plainville, where together they worked in and out of the house, building things, and designing and planting gardens, always enjoying each other's company. He was an active member of the Marine Corps League for several years after his discharge from active duty, a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus #3675, Kensington, and was involved with the Plainville Rotary Club. Robert was an avid golfer and a member of the Plainville Golf League. In addition, he was a member of the Pine Valley, Chippanee, and Indian Hill Golf Clubs.

Robert was a devoted Catholic and a longtime parishioner of the Church of Saint Patrick in Farmington. He had a generous heart, especially if it concerned young people, and was always willing to help others. After his retirement, he gifted many of his tools and equipment to people he felt could use and benefit from them. He was a quiet, humble man who never sought recognition for the things he did and will be missed dearly by all who knew him, leaving a legacy of generosity, kindness, and love.

In addition to his wife, Barbara, Robert is survived by his niece, Hillary Wallace, of Canton; his grandnephew, Jack Kelley, of Canton; his nephew, Jeremy Macko, of New Mexico; his grandniece, Jessica Raynor, of Fort Myers, FL; his grandniece, Amber Raynor, of Green Acres, FL; his sister-in-law, Charlotte Stowik, of Fort Myers, FL; and his sister-in-law, Patricia Perkins, of West Hartford. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his only brother, Cyril "Al" Sutkowski and his niece, Cheryl Raynor.

A Mass of Christian Burial in Celebration of Robert's life was held at the Church of Saint Patrick, 110 Main Street, Farmington, CT 06032. Burial will be held at a later date. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Robert can be made to Capital Campaign, c/o Church of Saint Patrick, 110 Main Street, Farmington, CT 06032.

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