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Plainville Soccer Celebrates Grand Opening of Concession Stand At Norton Park



Shown above are members of the Plainville Soccer Executive Board celebrating the opening of a new concession stand at Norton Park. The concept began almost 20 years ago with Board members Ezio Capozzi and Dawn Angelillo. A grant from the State of CT along with the Town of Plainville funding made the dream a reality. The project was completed this past summer and equipment was purchased by Plainville Soccer from many years of fund raising. Missing from photo but an integral member of the project is Chris Ditolla.

Plainville High School Hosts Homecoming Celebration

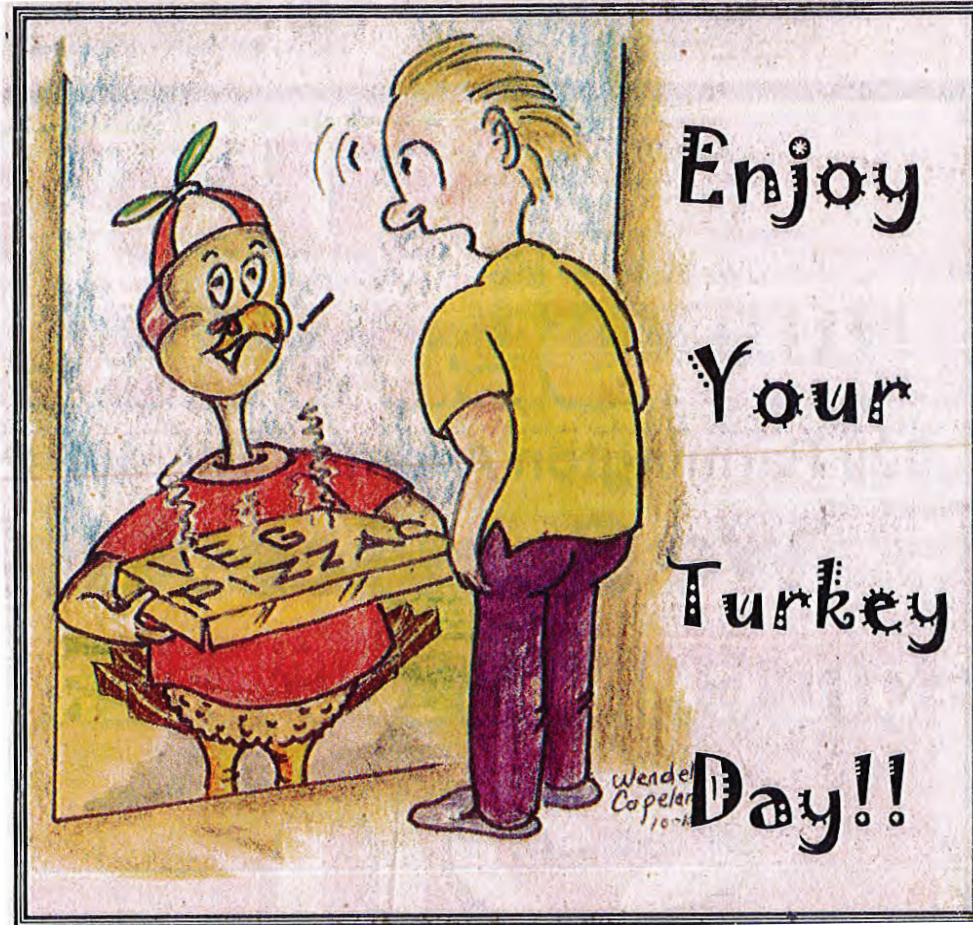


Plainville High School recently hosted its annual Homecoming event. Students participating in the annual celebration include Milena Baitlyn, Mason Sarra, Chris St. Lawrence, Katie Tanguay, Brady Beausoleil (King) Phoebe Gediman (Queen), Patrick Creel, Mikayla Doucette, Travis Levine and Allie Chambrello.

Plainville Blue Dolphins Sponsor FundRaiser at Gnazzo's



Shown above, members of the Plainville Blue Dolphins hosted a fundraiser for the team. The Blue Dolphins wish to thanks Gnazzo's Food Center for providing space for the fund raiser.




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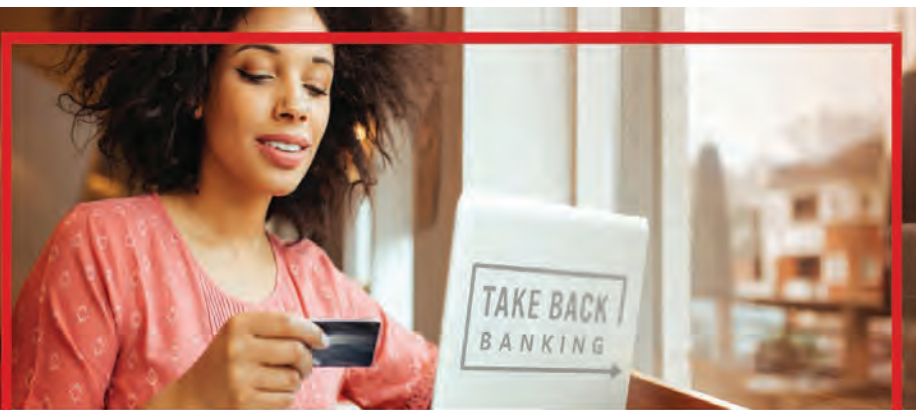
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40 Atherton Ter: Paula and Carl R. Jacobs of Plainville to Taylor L and Mario Bologna, \$187,500 on 9/4/2019

10 Dominics Ct Unit 10: Carrier Holdings LLC of Plainville to Jeffrey and Jennifer Strauss, \$446,645 on 9/3/2019

63 Fairbanks St. Joyce R. Hornblower and Janet L. Chepurna of Plainville to Robert J. Raymond, \$105,000 on 9/6/2019

37 Higgins Ave: Lyons Ann H Est and Glenn Kohrs of Plainville to John L. Laposky and Ashley Forsyth, \$205,000 on 9/3/2019

135 New Britain Ave. Unit 27: Maria Conti of Plainville to Quinn Christopher, \$259,900 on 9/3/2019

50 Pierce St Unit 57: Piotr S. Moskal of Plainville to Giancarlo Orsini and Taylor Buonpcore \$120.000 on 9/4/2019

111 Shuttlemeadow Rd: David E. Koskoff of Plainville to Victor Lira, \$156,000 on 9/3/2019

92 Tomlinson Ave: Melissa A. and Dana C. Fortin of Plainville to Mehdi and Serbeza Sadiku, \$235,000 on 9/3/2019

77 Whiting St: Brandi LT and Roseann Brandi of Plainville to Nosidam Holdings LLC, \$150,000 on 8/30/2019

32 Lena Ave: Roberto and Debbie Sifuentes of Plainville to Donald Wells and Cassandra Walsh, \$325,000 on 9/11/2019

69 Northwest Dr Unit 39: Michael J. and Lisa M. RETtenmeier of Plainville to Eric Albert, \$145,000 on 9/9/2019

172 Red Stone Hill: Oak Land Developers LLC of Plainville to Stephen Giudice, \$140,000 on 9/11/2019

25 Twining St: Alexander Speciale of Plainville to Nathan A. and Katherine Breininger, \$195,000 on 9/11/2019

12 Woodside Ln: Krzysztof Woloszyn of Plainville to Brittany Senick and Thomas Brandt, \$250,000 on 9/11/2019

59 Dogwood Rd: David E. Kuziak of Plainville to Cherry Brook Dev LLC, \$125,000 on 9/16/2019

76 Linden St: Kimberly A. Myska of Plainville to Matthew H. Kosma, \$180,000 on 9/17/2019

69 Northwest Dr Unit 52: Joseph P. and Dorothy Lederman of Plainville to Anna Flader-Sudol and Marcin Sudol \$165,500 on 9/13/2019

107 Northwest Dr: Josee B. Jouvin of Plainville to Joseph P. and Dorothy Laderman \$263,500 on 9/16/2019

120 Rockwell Ave: Zachary Allen of Plainville to 120 Rockwell Ave LLC \$275,000 on 9/19/2019

47 Betsy Rd: Beth M. Sexton of Plainville to David R. and Donna M. Godbout, \$130,000 on 9/23/2019

10 Cianci Ave Unit 13: Pauline M. Cichon T. and Pauline M.Cichon of Plainville to Rachel R. Gionfriddo, \$140,000 on 9/25/2019

4 Hoerle Ct: T Real Estate LLC of Plainville to Dominic A. Parrotta and Michelle E. Seavey, \$225,000 on 9/30/2019

24 Hollis La: Anna Kwapien of Plainville to Denise J. Berry, \$249,900 on 9/23/2019

53 Kent St: 53 Kent St LLC of Plainville to Shani S. Legore \$182,000 on 9/30/2019

10 Maple St Unit A3 FHLM of Plainville to Janina Brown \$80,000 on 9/24/2019

57 Maria Rd: Jeffrey and Carey J. Beausoleil of Plainville to Kacie W. and Amy J. Rich, \$335,000 on 9/24/2019

129 Milford St Ext Unit A3: Christopher R. and Blanca L Smith of Plainville to Andrzej Debiek, \$69,000 on 9/30/2019

69 Northwest Dr Unit 26 David H. Patterson of Plainville to Deborah L. and Christopher J. Butler, \$174,000 on 9/30/2019

51 Reliance Rd: Toth Gisela Est and Elaine Jendrzejczyk of Plainville to Semedin Sejfic, \$180,000 on 9/27/2019

75 Tomlinson Ave: Kevin M.Avery of Plainville to Thomas Bernier, \$215,000 on 9/26/2019

122 W. Main St: Connecticut Valley Props of Plainville to A J Consulting Tri State, \$300,000 on 9/27/2019

250 Woodford Ave Unit 14 Michael P. and Karen L. Condon of Plainville to Christopher M. Johnson, \$87,125 on 9/30/2019

N/a Eleanore K. Tomlin of Plainville to 201907WY6LLC, \$143,000 on 9/24/2019

47 Atwood St: Alexander J. Nieves of Plainville to Brendan R. Buggie, \$170,000 on 10/01/2019

54 Forshaw Ave Unit 54: Beverly M. Danielson of Plainville to Charles J. and Janine M. Caffrey, \$220,000 on 10/01/2019

20 Julie Rd Unit B9: Marcia Brassard of Plainville to David W. Dumouchel, \$144,000 on 10/2/2019

31 Macarthur Rd: Jonie M. Mcmillan of Plainville to Jonathan S. Hernandez, \$199,900 on 10/1/2019

44 Macarthur Rd: Carrington Mortgage Svc of Plainville to Rino Levesque, \$103,000 on 10/1/2019

12 Maple St: Benios Properties LLC of Plainville to Laki Estates LLC \$540,000 on 10/3/2019

9 Mel Rd: Timothy J. and Deana Bishop of Plainville to Stephen R. Bailey, \$247,000 on 10/1/2019

138 Whiting St: DMC Property Mgmt LLC to BF Group LLC, \$255,000 on 10/2/2019.

25 Burnside Ave: John T. Sebastian of Plainville to Mateusz Mziak, \$181,300 on 10/10/2019

263 East St: Berkshire Oil Inc of Plainville to Plainville Ground LLC, \$1,050,000 on 10/7/2019

8 Lena Ave: John H. Lariviere and Sue E. Jacobs-Lariviere of Plainville to Laura and Ryan Jalbert, \$335,000 on 10/7/2019

100 Linden St: EmilyL. Boudewyns of Plainville to Jonie M. Mcmillan, \$207,500 on 10/9/2019

132 Rockwell Ave: Matthew and Tami M. Laucks of Plainville to Suzette A, Kizilski, \$202,000 on 10/9/2019

20 Usher Ave: Vincent S. Veloccia of Plainville to Marisa C. Veloccia \$265,000 on 10/7/2019

104 Williams St: Lynde C. Kayser of Plainville to Christopher A. Bryant, \$231,000 on 10/9/2019.

Thinking about starting a business? Contact: The Economic Development Commissioners For Assistance 860-793-0221 ext. 210

Dates to Remember in November

Sunday 3rd Daylight Savings Ends

Monday 11th Veterans Day

Thursday 28th Thanksgiving

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

Take a peek...



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

OCTOBER 7th - Town Council Meetings

Small Cities Grant Award

- The Governor's Office recently announced that the Town was awarded a \$1.5M grant to make improvements to 80 senior housing units managed by the Plainville Housing Authority. The improvements would involve all the units in the Centerview Village and Woodmoor Manor complexes.
- The grant would be used to replace existing bathtubs with "walk-in" showers and make ADA improvements to five kitchens.
- The monies would come from the Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program. This is a competitive program and Plainville was only one of thirteen Towns in Connecticut to receive such a grant. Town staff worked with the Housing Authority to put together a very detailed application. I want to thank Lisa Meteyer and Cal Hauburger from my office who led the effort to work with the Housing Authority to finalize the Application.
- It is anticipated that the improvements would be started in early 2020.

Department of Transportation Property Acquisition – Tomlinson Avenue Bridge

- The Town is moving closer to replacing the Tomlinson Avenue Bridge over the Quinnipiac River. Town staff is anticipating that the replacement could occur next summer.
- As part of the project, the State D.O.T. would like to acquire from the Town a small parcel of land. This parcel is located to the north of Tomlinson and includes a portion of the river as well. The proposed acquisition totals 402 square feet.
- Additionally, the D.O.T. is also requesting two easements from the Town. The first easement is 122 square feet and is located north of Tomlinson and would be used to install rip-rap on the slope to protect the road. The second easement totaling 6,333 square feet would be a construction easement to allow for the reconstruction of the bridge.
- Although the Town is expected to manage the project, the State D.O.T. is requiring the acquisition and easements because federal funds are involved with the project. When the project is completed, the State will return the property to the Town.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this request from the D.O.T. If approved, Town staff will bring this matter to the Planning & Zoning Commission for an 8-24 referral.

Robertson Airport Runway Repair

- A recent inspection of the Robertson Airport runway revealed cracks that have developed in the pavement. Many of the cracks were occurring along the "cold joints" between the sections of pavement and are considered normal "wear & tear". These run basically the length of the runway.

- There were also several larger cracks that run across the runway that appear to be located over underground utilities.
- At their meeting held on September 23rd, the Aviation Commission reviewed the issue with the runway. Their unanimous recommendation is that the cracks be repaired before the winter months to avoid potential damage from water getting under the pavement.
- Various options were reviewed. The Aviation Commission determined that the best course of action at this time is to crack fill all the problem areas.
- A proposal was received from Santoro, Inc. of Newington to crack seal the runway at a cost of \$19,375. Monies for this work would come from the Airport Operating Fund. The Airport operating fund currently has a balance of \$550K.
- Santoro is being recommended because they have done similar type of work at other airports and they are available to perform the work in a timely manner before the winter months.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

Reschedule 2nd October Town Council Meeting

- The next Town Council meeting is scheduled for October 21st. On that date I will be attending the International City Manager's Conference in Nashville. Recognizing that the Town Council has historically cancelled the meeting scheduled the night before Election Day, I am suggesting that the Town Council cancel the October 21st and November 4th meetings and schedule a meeting on October 28th. If the Town Council agrees with this recommendation, Town staff will make the appropriate notifications.

Town Manager Library Gatherings

- Last Spring, I held some gatherings at the Library for residents to stop by and discuss with me any issues of interest. I found these gatherings productive and it gave people the opportunity to have a more in-depth discussions regarding current projects and issues. Residents had the opportunity to hear from their fellow neighbors as well.
- I have scheduled another round of gatherings for Thursday, November 14th, Wednesday, December 4th and Thursday, January 9th. All these sessions will run from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Library near the fireplace.

HAPPENINGS.....

PLAINVILLE 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

- This past Saturday was the Plainville 150th Historic Bus Tours that took place every half hour from the Municipal Center. Approximately 120 attendees enjoyed the guided bus tours giving an in-depth background on some of the Town's historic sites. The Plainville 150th Committee would

like to thank Dattco for donating the trolley along with the Senior Center for providing the bus.

PLAINVILLE 5TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM rain or shine. Admission is free.

- Carve Your Own Pumpkin, bring it to the "Pumpkin Patch" tent, we'll light it up and display it on the Library lawn FREE for all to SEE!! You can even take it home with you when you leave. You can also Register to WIN A PRIZE!!
- Enjoy Live Music Downtown: ALL WASHED UP BAND
- March in the Kid's Costume Parade (4:45 PM) from the Parks & Rec Dept on Whiting Street
- Eat from BUNCH of Delicious Food & Desserts from over 20 unique Food Trucks
- Shop for Crafts and Gifts at OVER 50 VENDOR BOOTHS.... and much, much more!!!

SHUTTLE BUS / PARKING:

We are strongly suggesting that people park at Plainville High School on Robert Holcomb Way where there will be 2 shuttle buses running continuously to the downtown area. All shuttles will drop off in front of the Park & Recreation / Post Office on Whiting Street.

PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER PREVENT COMPLICATIONS OF DIABETES-THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1:00 P.M.

Learn to control your blood sugar with positive lifestyle changes. Find out foods you can eat that are low in sugar, without giving up taste! Presented by the Berlin Visiting Nurse Association. The program is free.

ASSISTIVE DEVICES DISCUSSION FRI, OCTOBER 25, 10:00 A.M.

Do you have knee, hip or back pain? Do balance issues have you worried about falling? Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Centers will be at the Senior Center on October 25th to discuss selection and use of assistive devices. If you or a loved one needs to use a walker, cane, or wheeled device, this is the talk for you! We will discuss how to select the correct device, the appropriate size, and how to use each device. We will also have time for specific questions and device fitting. Program is free.

For information or to sign up for any of these free programs, please call or visit the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728. The Senior Center is at 200 East Street.

UNABLE TO ATTEND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS?

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

LEAF COLLECTION

Dominick Moschini Superintendent of Roadways

Leaf collection in the Town of Plainville will continue to December 4, 2019 weather permitting.

Every effort will be made to keep you informed as to the progress of the operation. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works department at 860-793-0221 ext. 208 between the hours of 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday – Wednesday, 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM Thursday and 8:00AM to Noon on Friday.

Please be sure to rake your leaves to the curblin as early as possible. GRASS CLIPPINGS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED - ONLY LEAVES will be picked up. NO STICKS OR STONES!!! If your street has an island on it, please DO NOT put your leaves on the island. Bagged leaves will not be collected at curbside; you can bring them to the Drop-Off Center on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

During the month of November the Drop-Off Center will be opened Monday thru Friday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, for LEAVES ONLY.

Tomasso Park

Open for Tours

Tomasso Nature Park is open 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. 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

Town Happenings Reports By:

Scott William Colby, Jr. Assistant to the Town Manager

colby@plainville-ct.gov

Robert E. Lee, Town Manager's Report OCTOBER 28th - Town Council Meeting

WPC Fiber Connection Bid

- Recently, Town staff advertised for bid to provide the necessary equipment to the treatment plant and four pump stations to allow them to communicate with each other after the fiber is installed.
- Two bids were received with the low bid in the amount of \$99,800 submitted by Progress Engineering of Manchester, Maine. The estimated cost for this work was \$150K.
- Progress Engineering also provided an estimate of \$5,450 to provide two variable frequency drives for the Mountainview Pump Station. Town staff is recommending the acceptance of this alternate for a total award of \$105,250.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation to award a contract to Progress Engineering in the amount of \$105,250 to make four pump stations and the treatment plant ready to connect to the town fiber optic system.
- The total estimated cost of the project was originally \$711,878. In addition to the pump station equipment coming in under estimate, the make ready portion of the project also appears to be coming in under the original estimate as well by approximately \$89K.
- Sources of revenue for the project include \$200K from the Capital Improvement Budget, \$250K from the Sewer Fund and \$24,262 from State E-Rate reimbursement. The

remaining amount (\$237,616) is yet to be finalized, however, given the savings in the make ready and the equipment for the pump stations, this amount could be eventually reduced to \$103,866.

Abandonment of a Portion of Corporate Avenue

- In January the Town Council approved the abandonment of a portion of Corporate Avenue in order to allow for the development of a parcel of land located along Northwest Drive owned by FCP-TWO LLC. The owner is requesting the abandonment of another small parcel in order to provide for a potential tenant.
- The parcel consists of 1,800 square feet. There is an item under New Business regarding this request.

Leaf Collection

- Leaf collection season has begun. The Roadways Department led by Dominic Moschini, will be rotating through Plainville vacuuming up the leaves. Two or three crews will collect the leaves including weekends as well.
- Residents are requested to place their leaves at the edge of the road outside of the travel portion. Leaves will be collected through the first week of December. Information regarding leaf collection can be found on the Town website.

Financial Dashboard

- The Dashboard through the first quarter of the fiscal year has been included in the meeting package information and has been posted on the Town webpage.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Please join me in supporting and voting for ROW B on Election Day, November 5th for our Endorsed Republican Slate for Council; Kathy Pugliese, Deborah Tompkins, Ty Cox, David Underwood and Jacob Rocco- Board of Education, Deb Hardy, Laurie Peterson, Michael Giuliano, and Rachel Childress Buchanan- Library Trustee; Francis Rexford Cooley and Constables, Ezio Capozzi, Cassandra Clark, Ross Zettergren and Rick Drezek.

Voting ROW B will support the loyal, trusted and very talented team of hard-working residents who will keep Plainville as a great place to live, work and enjoy our families and lives here in town!

Gayle Dennehy Carrier

Supports Middle School Sports Funding

Dear Editor,

During the last budget discussion prior to the all day vote on the budget, funding for Middle School sports remained uncertain for the upcoming year.

I firmly believe the Board of Education can and more importantly should fund this popular and necessary activity. When elected I will work with the Superintendent of Schools as well as our school business manager to ensure the funding is available with BOE dollars. I will also work with the Town Council to be certain Middle School sports remains funded for the current year and beyond.

Deb Hardy

Dear Editor,

This municipal election season is here. The Plainville Republican team is asking for your support to continue the outstanding work that benefits our residents and businesses alike.

During the past eight years, the Republican led Town Council has initiated several projects including renovations to Wheeler School, upgrades to our Water Pollution Control Plant, purchase of new fire apparatus and ongoing paving of our roads. The schools have seen expansion of all-day kindergarten, town wide preschool, and the establishment of a School Resource Officer at Plainville High School.

This was all accomplished with an average of 2% increase in spending each year and minimal impacts on taxes. While campaigning, our local residents frequently mention the deterioration of sidewalks in their neighborhoods. This is an issue the Republicans will address going forward.

Please remember to vote November 5th and support the Republican candidates on Row B.

Many thanks, Kathy Pugliese

Funding For Plainville Middle School Sports

During the annual budget vote on April 30th, the Board of Education's proposed budget was defeated. The advisory question of those who responded stated the budget was "too high".

As a result, the Town Council was compelled by Charter to reduce the budget. The amount unanimously agreed upon by the Town Council was \$100,000. The Board of Education compiled a list of reductions to accomplish the \$100,000 reduction and one of those items slated to be eliminated was the Spring Season of Middle School sports in the amount of \$12,000. Keep in mind the Board of Education in Plainville has a total budget of \$38,229,105.

After the adjusted budget was passed by the voters, the Board of Education announced it had discovered "realized savings" or unspent dollars in its 2019 budget in the amount of \$130,000. Various items targeted for reduction or elimination were reinstated but Middle School sports was still eliminated even with these found dollars. Please note, an additional \$30,000 was "discovered" beyond the \$100,000 reduction.

In the interim, the town of Plainville was advised from the State of CT that we would be receiving \$16,166 additional Education Cost Sharing money. At the Town Council meeting in June, the Council unanimously agreed if the extra dollars are forwarded to the Town, they would commit those funds to the Board of Education specifically to fund Middle School Sports.

There is currently a "Thanks For Giving" 5K run and Turkey Trot 1 Mile Run scheduled for November 9th at the Middle School of Plainville to "Help Bring Spring Sports Back to the Middle School of Plainville". Parents and other sponsors are being asked for \$250, \$100, or \$50 pledges to fund the program. Although this is a very nice team building activity, why are Middle School sports being eliminated for such a small dollar amount?

Helen Bergenty

**Our 27th Annual
Tree Lighting
and
Holiday Stroll
is scheduled for
Friday, Dec. 13th!
We Hope You Can
Join Us**

**Music / Caroling from
5-5:30
Program will begin at
5:30 pm**



AAA Speaks Out: Most Breakdowns Are Preventable

With the busy holiday and family travel season fast approaching, AAA is reminding drivers that most breakdowns are preventable, encouraging everyone to make time for basic car care now... rather than risk being stranded roadside, possibly with friends or vulnerable family members, during the darker colder months ahead.

According to a previous AAA survey of our Approved Auto Repair mechanics, drivers who ignore or forget recommended maintenance ultimately pay higher repair costs plus, for some, the cost of a tow.

"There's a reason AAA Car Care is offering free vehicle check-ups and tire discounts this month," says Eileen Chesney, Manager of the AAA Car Care in Southington, "Our goal is to provide the services you need now, so you won't need AAA's Emergency Roadside Service when travelling with loved ones when the weather takes a turn for the worse".

This summer, AAA responded to more 80,000 Emergency Roadside calls - just in the Greater Hartford area alone -and expects to respond to at least as many through the winter months. More than half of those calls required a tow. Battery and tire issues are the most common calls and both are more likely to fail in extreme weather conditions.

AAA Tips for Winter Car Care
Harsh winter conditions make your

vehicle work harder, particularly the charging and starting system, headlights, tires and windshield wipers.

AAA recommends that motorists:

- Have the battery checked by a professional to ensure it is strong enough to face cold weather. (AAA members can request a visit from a AAA Mobile Battery Service technician who will test their battery for free and replace it on-site, if necessary. AAA Approved Auto Repair shops can also test and replace weak batteries.
 - Check tire pressures once a month when tires are cold, before driving for any distance. Examine tires for tread depth, uneven wearing and cupping.
 - Replace worn windshield-wiper blades. If your climate is harsh, purchase one-piece beam-type or rubber-clad "winter" blades to fight snow and ice build-up. Use cold-weather windshield washer solvent and carry an ice-scraper.
 - Inspect all lights and bulbs and replace burned out bulbs. Clean road grime or clouding from all lenses.
 - Have your mechanic check the exhaust system for leaks and look for any holes in the trunk and floorboards.
 - Carry an emergency kit equipped for winter weather. The kit should include jumper cables, snow shovel, bag of abrasive such as kitty litter or sand, de-icer, ice scraper with brush, first aid kit, water, snacks, phone charger, extra jacket, blanket, gloves
- And, of course, AAA encourages all motorists to have a fully charged cellphone, preprogrammed with the Emergency Roadside Service number so they can easily call for help as needed.**

FROM MY BALCONY

By: Jeannette Hinkson

Government has now become a soap opera with a cast of thousands featuring backstabbing, corruption, infidelity, money laundering and the possibility of even murder.

Now, it comes to light there seems to be dealings with foreign countries and spying even within the White House and Congress. When Democrat's couldn't pull the Russian's into their election thing they are trying a new tactic except when they accused the President of pressuring the Ukraine into helping investigate the fact the former Vice President Joe Biden, who actually bragged about how he threatened the Ukraine with withholding U.S. funds unless they fired a Ukraine prosecutor within six hours or he would withhold billion's dollars that the Ukraine had been promised unless they followed his orders.

Now, why would the then Vice President want this man fired? Well it seems the prosecutor was investigating a gas company, Burison Holdings, for money laundering and Joe Biden's son Hunter, held a position on the board of that company and was being paid, we were told \$50,000 per month but we now find, it was some \$83,000 a month for attending a board meeting once or twice a year.

Hunter Biden had no experience in the working of the gas business except perhaps putting gas in his car or turning on the kitchen stove. (No one knows if he actually attended any board meetings) He had received that job shortly after being kicked out of the Navy on drug charges. Hunter Biden's investment company also received over a billion dollars from the Chinese government few days after flying to China with his father on Air force two.

Now, President Trump asked the new President of the Ukraine if he would check on this story, a story Joe Biden himself brought to light and actually bragged about in a live interview. Is this man that full of him-self or is he stupid, admitting to what amounts to extortion for the financial gain of his son?

Can this be another example of what President Trump meant about "draining" the swamp? Then we must

ask, what did Joe Biden's son do, or might I ask what did Vice President Biden do for the Chinese that they gave his son over a billion dollars after the Biden's flew to China on Air force two? Corruption goes right to the top and it happened long before Trump was elected President. Trying to impress voters, as to what a tough guy old Joe is when he related how he intimidated a razor wielding gang, in his youth. Joe Biden related how the gang was led by a gang boss called "Corn Pop" and he drove the gang, single handily, from a community swimming pool, in a tough black neighborhood where he was a life guard. Yes, there was a gang boss by the name of "Corn Pop" but he died in 2016 so this story can't be checked and no one heard this story before. Fact or fiction, you be the judge?

As Judge Judy would say, maybe he thinks he can pee on your leg and you'll believe it's raining. It isn't going to be easy to drain the swamp when there is so much crap clogging the drain.

Democrats and the press make a big thing if President Trump plays golf at his own golf club but no one said a word when President Obama took a plane, picked up Vice President Biden on a regular basis to play golf? How much did that cost taxpayers? I feel it should be disclosed how much every Congressman and woman, every Senator and their families receives from foreign countries and lobbyist. Let's see who's on the take.

We have people that get elected that don't have a pot or window to throw it out of and after they are in office they become millionaires.

Investigating the Biden's and googling their antics will take more time and energy than I have but in all my google searches I found Hunter Biden was not alone in the deal with China, he had two partners. His two partners were Chris Heinz, stepson of then Secretary of State, John Kerry and James Bulger, nephew of the infamous gangster Whitey Bulger, whom he was named after and who was murdered in prison a short time ago. (Chris Heinz stepped back from some dealings but I could not find out why). Doesn't it seem funny how people keep dying when things get hot for politicians?

Bountiful Basket Competition

~ Plainville Community Foundation ~

The Plainville Community Fund Bountiful Basket competition was held on October 10th, 11th, and 12th at Gnazzo's Food Center. Baskets were donated by local businesses and individuals helping to raise money for the Plainville Community Fund. Competition winners were:

- 1st Place Plainville Rotary Club (Shaken Not Stirred Basket)
- 2nd Place Beraducci Reators (Fantastic Fall Basket)
- 3rd Place People's Bank (Cozy Nights Basket)

All proceeds from the raffle will support the Plainville Community Fund, a community based permanent fund that was established in 2006. Grants are awarded annually to local organizations that work to enhance the quality of life for all Plainville residents.

The Plainville Community Fund thanks you for your support.

The raffle determined the winners!

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Top 6 Things Physical Therapy Can Help You Do This Holiday Season

We're just a few weeks away from the holiday season ramping up, but often I hear from people whose pain makes the season feel less than festive. Physical therapy is here to help you live pain-free so you can enjoy all of the activities that make the season so special.

Here are 6 things PT can help you do this holiday season:

1. Hugs!

Whether it's kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, or other young family members, scooping up the little ones into bear hugs is a small thing that can bring a lot of joy during the holidays. Over 80% of people will experience back pain at some point in their lives, and it can keep you from something as simple as bending over for a hug. Walking like Frankenstein is so Halloween – get treated and hug pain-free again.

2. Give the Best Gifts

Receiving gifts can be fun, but they don't call it "the giving season" for nothing. Unfortunately, leg and foot pain can keep you on the couch instead of out discovering and delivering the perfect gifts this season. Plantar fasciitis, tendinitis, muscle pain and even spine problems can create leg and foot pain. No matter what the cause, physical therapists have the expertise to help to treat your pain to get you back on your feet. Now if only they could help you wrap all those gifts...

3. Cook for Friends and Family

For many people, one of the warmest ways to show love and appreciation during the holidays is through food. Whether you're going to a potluck, cooking for a holiday gathering or volunteering at a local shelter, it can be difficult to prepare and serve meals when you're experiencing shoulder, neck or back pain. If you have pain for more than two weeks, you should seek a physical therapist's help in determining the cause of your pain and creating a plan to help you move and feel better.

4. Put up Holiday Decorations

If dizziness, vertigo or other balance concerns are keeping you from throwing up those festive holiday decorations this year, remember that physical therapy can help treat a wide variety of balance and dizziness issues. These are typically caused by problems in your vestibular system (your inner

ear) or by muscle imbalances. Physical therapists can identify the cause of the problem and help decrease symptoms through muscle strengthening and other exercises – because the only fall you should experience this holiday season is snowfall.

5. Celebrate the Season

The holidays can be jam-packed with activities like family gatherings, religious services and holiday parties, but nagging pain can keep you from fully celebrating the season. Rather than masking pain with medications that can leave you feeling groggy and can wear off too soon, physical therapists can detect and treat the root cause of the problem so you feel comfortable making plans – and keeping them.

6. Help Others

The best way to get into the holiday spirit is to give back, but you can't help others if you can't help yourself! Pain can keep us from doing so many things for ourselves – from seeing friends and family to simply getting out for a walk – but it can be especially hard when it keeps you from helping others in need. No matter what kind of pain you're experiencing, physical therapists are here to help you so you can pay it forward.

If you're experiencing pain or feeling the effects of a past injury, physical therapists can determine the cause of the problem and create a customized plan to ease and prevent pain through manual (hands-on) treatment, specialized exercises, stretches and other proven, effective, modern techniques. Don't let pain become the new normal, especially during the holidays when there is so much to enjoy. In most cases, you don't even need a prescription from your doctor in order to see a physical therapist. Give us a call or reach out through our website and we'll make sure that you can have the best holiday season possible!

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Understanding Color Temperature

By Laura Davis, Owner of the
Light Hangar Company

These days there are so many options for LED lighting. From various wattages to filaments to dimmability to color temperatures, it's tough to know what to look for. In this article, we take a look at the COLOR TEMPERATURE – an often over looked element of your LED bulbs.

Ever since Edison introduced us to the very first modern, prototypical, electric light bulb in 1879, we have seen everything illuminated by these incandescent bulbs in their "Soft White" color temperature, measured at 2,700K (Degrees Kelvin). The light created by these bulbs has given off a slightly yellowish glow for over 130 years, making the colors in our homes feel warm and cozy the entire time.

Although our eyes have adjusted to the "Soft White" color temperature of incandescent bulbs over the years, this doesn't mean that they are necessarily the best option for all lighting applications. This option might be nice in bedrooms and living rooms, but what about in a bathroom, an office, basement, or garage, where your projects are more critical? Applying makeup, doing paperwork and repairing bikes often requires a

truer, "Bright White" light, that shows truer colors and more contrasts.

With that in mind, here are some tips on how to light the different rooms in your home most effectively:

SOFT WHITE/WARM WHITE:

3,000K or less on the Kelvin Scale. Best for bedrooms and living rooms; providing a traditional warm, cozy feel to them.

BRIGHT WHITE/COOL WHITE:

4,000K or higher on the Kelvin Scale. Best in kitchens, bathrooms or garages; giving rooms a whiter, more energetic feel.

DAYLIGHT:

3,500K on the Kelvin Scale. Best in kitchens, bathrooms or basements; good for reading, intricate projects, or applying makeup because it provides the greatest contrast among colors and is closest to natural light.

Ultimately, the decision is up to you and what works best in your home and office spaces. The great thing is that there now exists a range of options to choose from, so you can create the look and feel you desire for each and every room in your home or office. **For more information on color temperature or to see the colors in person, stop by our lighting showroom on Town Line Rd.**



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Dear Editor,

I'm supporting Kathy Pugliese and the Republican slate for Town Council this November 5th because the Republican-led Town Council was able to purchase two needed major pieces of Fire Equipment for our town in the most time sensitive manner with the least impact on the town's budget possible. that type of Prudent political is sorely lacking in Hartford but we have it right here in Plainville.

Vote for Kathy, Deb Tompkins, Jacob Rocco, Ty Cox, and David Underwood to keep Plainville safe and sound.

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The Tea Party Patriots Wake up America

by: Gene

Remember, all votes count. Right now in this November 5, 2019 election all politics and decisions start at the local level.

I hope you have voted.

Warning

The victims of nine-eleven
Should not have had to die.
Most surely would be alive today.

If we weren't living a lie.
We're not as great as we think we are
We've lived the lie so long
It's hard to find an American
Who will ever admit any wrong
In the refugee camps where the
hatred grows and the killings are
planned each day

No meat to carve so the people starve
But what do Americans say?
Where's the remote?
Don't bother me now.
Its time for the games and shows.
Unconcerned as we are for the way,
who or how and why it is like this,
who knows?

A young soldier has died but very
few care the family grieves mostly
alone

Empty words flow like wine, it's a
matter of time
Till the next victim comes from your
home.
And so as we stick to our
self-serving grind
Making over the suffering no fuss
Just don't be surprised if
tomorrow you find
The next bombing has
come home to us
*"Patriotism is supporting your country
all the time and your government when
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Enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving with your family and friends!

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Having issues with a federal agency? My office is coming to you! Rep. Jahana Hayes

Are you having an issue with any federal agency? Have you run into difficulties obtaining your Social Security benefits, getting an immigration visa, or getting documentation from Veterans Affairs? Is my Waterbury office too far? My office is coming to you!

Team Hayes met on October 31st at Plainville Town Hall to see how we can help you communicate with a federal agency.

It is my mission as your Congresswoman to ensure that my office is able to help everyone in our district who could benefit from the resources of my casework department.

But remember - you can come into our Waterbury office at any time, Monday through Friday, 9-5 PM, if these dates do not work for you! You can also speak to one of my caseworkers over the phone by calling (860) 223-8412.

My staff is looking forward to meeting you!

Letter to the Editor

Since Plainville will be having an election on November 5th for seats on the Town Council, I decided to join the other 11 candidates as a state registered write-in candidate choice for Town Council.

Since the voter turnout for municipal elections has historically been low, I am hopeful that because the voters will have 12 choices for council candidates, we can have a better turnout?

I have been a resident of Plainville for more than 60 years and have been a member of several council appointed committees and attend most council meetings as an active vocal participant under citizen comments. I care about what is happening in Plainville, so as a council member I would respond to citizen concerns and have more say in important decisions that affect the taxpayers.

If you would like to see a change in the makeup and attitude of the Town Council please check the write-in box on the ballot and fill in John Kisluk.

John Kisluk

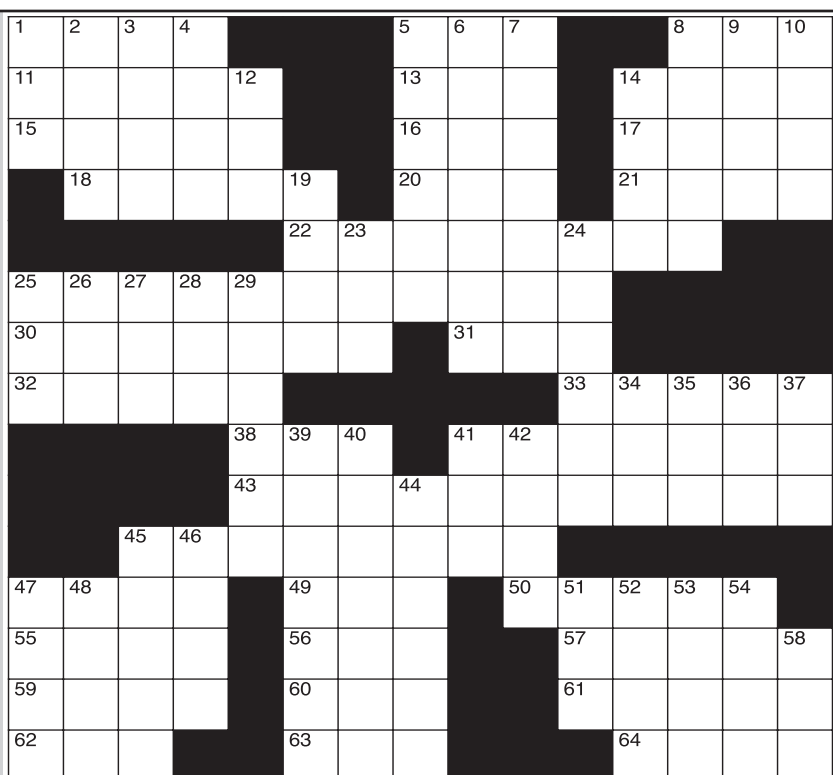
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*Thanking you in advance
Jeannette Hinkson, Editor*

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. SHELTER FOR PIGEONS
- 5. POPULAR LIT GENRE __-FI
- 8. USED TO HARVEST AGAVE
- 11. WINTERTIME ACCESSORY
- 13. "GANDALF" ACTOR MCKELLEN
- 14. TAXIS
- 15. POLITICAL PLOT
- 16. PUBLIC TELEVISION
- 17. NIGERIAN ETHNIC GROUP
- 18. INFORMAL LOAN CLUBS
- 20. "WHEEL OF FORTUNE" HOST
- 21. C C C
- 22. NORTH, SOUTH AND CENTRAL MAKE THEM UP
- 25. IN AN EARLY WAY
- 30. LIED DOWN IN REST
- 31. FEMALE HIP-HOP TRIO
- 32. IMPROVES
- 33. GENUS OF MACKEREL SHARKS
- 38. ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES
- 41. EMERGING
- 43. BALKAN BODY OF WATER
- 45. A TYPE OF DELIVERY
- 47. ANCIENT KINGDOM NEAR DEAD SEA
- 49. TITLE GIVEN TO A MONK

CLUES DOWN

- 1. RECIPROCAL OF SINE
- 2. POLITICAL ORGANIZATION
- 3. DEFUNCT FUNK RECORD LABEL
- 4. GEOLOGICAL TIMES
- 5. ONE WHO DRINKS SLOWLY
- 6. NIGHTCLUB ENTERTAINMENT
- 7. ESTABLISH IN ONE'S MIND
- 8. RESTAURANTS
- 9. OFF-BROADWAY THEATER AWARD
- 10. REQUESTS
- 12. YOU DON'T WATCH TO CATCH IT
- 14. INTESTINAL POUCHES
- 19. SATISFY
- 23. WET DIRT
- 24. REGULARLY REPEATED
- 25. BEFORE
- 26. THE COLOR OF VALENTINE'S DAY
- 27. INDICATES NEAR
- 28. BON __: WITTY REMARK
- 29. ONE'S HOLDINGS
- 34. REQUEST
- 35. PREFIX MEANING "BADLY"
- 36. MIDWAY BETWEEN NORTH AND NORTHEAST
- 37. OTTOMAN MILITARY TITLE
- 39. TEASED
- 40. HAPPILY
- 41. PIE __ MODE
- 42. MARS CRATER
- 44. SPORTS TV PERSONALITY
- 45. TAXI DRIVER
- 46. ABBA __, ISRAELI POLITICIAN
- 47. THE SICK ARE SOMETIMES ON IT
- 48. RELATING TO OLIVES
- 51. SWISS RIVER
- 52. GRAYISH WHITE
- 53. A WAY TO ENGRAVE
- 54. WHERE COACH K. WORKS
- 58. MIDWAY BETWEEN SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST

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Q-2: I have a Medicare Advantage Plan. My doctor's office, which is in my network, sent me an Invoice for a balance due. I already paid the office visit co-pay, do I have to pay this additional charge?

A-2: *No, the Doctor's office is not allowed to 'Balance Bill' for any additional costs. You should call your Advantage plan and let them know this happened.*

Q-3: I have just Medicare and no Advantage or Supplement Plans. Can I see any doctor I want ?

A-3: *Not all Doctors accept Medicare. You should ask the Doctor when you call to make an appointment if he accepts Medicare. A doctor who has opted out of Medicare can't bill Medicare for services you receive and isn't bound by Medicare's limitations on charges. You enter into a private contract with the doctor, agreeing to pay his bills directly and in full. You can't claim reimbursement from Medicare under this arrangement.*

If you have any specific questions, please feel free to give me a call at 860-965-0091

Sheila

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Board of Education

- Successfully implemented renovations to Wheeler School
- Implemented All Day Kindergarten
- Initiated Town Wide Pre-School
- Established a School Resource Officer at Plainville High School
- Committed to lifelong learning in a caring environment
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JOE TINTY

PLAINVILLE STADIUM REUNION

By: Don Moon

Eleven years ago, two members of the Nutmeg Kart Club, Gary Bienkowski and Dave Tracy got together with former racers Don Moon and Dave Alkas and pondered the idea of holding a reunion of the defunct Plainville Stadium.

Plainville Stadium got its start back in the late 1940's when "showman extraordinaire" Joe Tinty took a piece of land located in central Connecticut and formed Tinty's Flying Ranch. Initially the facility was used to host air shows, but soon expanded with various circuses, rodeos and motor cycle races. The racing really caught on and Tinty decided to add automobile races. The first races were on a dirt surface, but a major dust problem forced promoter Tinty to immediately pave the track solving the problem and leading to what was known from then on as the popular quarter mile oval called Plainville Stadium.

The annual reunion, open to the public, is held at the Berlin Fair Grounds in Berlin, Connecticut. The event has grown since its inception and has become a "must do" item on the bucket list of a great number of race fans throughout the area. Every year, the reunion attracts many of the drivers who called Plainville their home on Saturday nights, as well as those that came to race the open competition shows. Others in attendance typically include previous car owners, crew members, track personnel and officials. Fans who attend the reunion enjoy the opportunity to talk to all of their favorites and secure treasured autographs.

The antique tractor barn located on the fair grounds has been designated as the place to hold various exhibits and 16 to 17 race cars, both original racers that lapped the popular quarter mile oval, and clones of "Plainville" cars that are replicas of the stadium competitors. Over the years various displays have been set up to spotlight some of the outstanding drivers from the past, such as Sparky Belmont, Tony Mordino and Billy Greco. A replica of the stadium is displayed by Ron Carlson.

Always a favorite is photographer, Phil Hoyt's huge photo display with thousands of pictures taken at the track over the years. When you first enter the barn, you are greeted by Don Moon's ever expanding display. Every year Don continues to add photos, original posters, track memorabilia and historic information. A highlight is a large display of photos of drivers and car owners that have passed on....a great way to honor those that made Plainville Stadium memorable.



"Tinty's Ranch" ~ Plainville Stadium



A Look Back at Circuses, Motorcycles & Auto Racing

Plainville Stadium Reunion



Thanks to everyone involved, Plainville Stadium has been long silenced but never forgotten!

****Hope you can join the event in 2020****



Schools in Review

Healthy Plainville Summer Fitness Challenge Winner Announced



In honor of the Town of Plainville's 150th anniversary, Healthy Plainville sponsored a Summer Fitness Challenge. Plainville youth were invited to participate by exercising 150 minutes per week, for eight weeks over the summer, track their exercise progress, and submit their results to Healthy Plainville to be entered into a raffle. Linden second grader Jaxson Niedzwiecki completed the challenge and won the raffle for a \$75 gift card to Dick's Sporting Goods. Healthy Plainville Co-Chairs Roberta Brown and Linda Coveney surprised Jaxson in his second grade classroom at Linden on October 9th, where he was presented with a certificate and the raffle prize. The mission of Healthy Plainville is to promote a healthy community by encouraging healthy eating, physical activity, and the elimination of harmful substances.

In photo: Healthy Plainville Co-Chairs Linda Coveney and Roberta Brown, Linden Street School Interim Principal Phil Sanders, Jaxson Niedzwiecki, Kathy Niedzwiecki, and Brian Niedzwiecki.

Plainville High School Hosts Genetics Conference

The Plainville High School Science Department recently hosted world renowned speaker Dr. Sam Rhine at the high school's annual Genetics Conference. PHS Honors Biology and UConn Early College Experience (ECE) Biology students attended the event, together with students and faculty from several schools throughout Connecticut. During the conference, students had the unique opportunity to hear one of the top educators in the nation present the most current genetic information. Dr. Rhine has presented this topic to students and adults worldwide for the past 30 years. This year, the program's focus was on gene editing and how these tools are used to treat patients with genetic diseases. For example, a 34 year old woman was cured of sickle cell anemia this past summer. He explained how the newest techniques are being researched and used in modern medicine. He discussed how animals can be used to grow human tissues. He also discussed how genetic scientists have been able to grow an organ from a person's skin cells.



Wheeler School Kicks Off Maker Space Program

The After School Program at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School is off to a great start! As part of the program, 18 Wheeler students are participating in a MakerSpace program with activities. The students are working in small groups to problem solve, create, and share their thinking.

In photo: Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School first grade students Evan Szymczyk (background) together with Martin Kovac, and Sean Harris who are working together with 10 Blocks to create different structures as part of the MakerSpace program.



PHS Spanish Club Selling Pulseras to Support Fund Raising

The Pulsera Project is a nonprofit organization that connects artists from Nicaragua and Guatemala with students throughout the United States, through the sale of colorful, hand woven bracelets, or "pulseras" in Spanish. Each pulsera is a one-of-a-kind work of art and comes tagged with the photo and signature of the artist who made it. The Plainville High School Spanish Club members are selling the pulseras for \$5 dollars each. 100% of the funds raised from the pulsera sale go back to Nicaragua and Guatemala. The funds raised will benefit countless Central Americans, raising money for scholarships, secondary education programs, human rights issues, environmental projects, youth shelters, and social enterprises, in addition to sustaining employment for nearly 200 artisans in Nicaragua and Guatemala. If you are interested in purchasing a pulsera, please contact Plainville High School faculty member and Spanish Club Advisor, Kristi Witkowski at: witkowskik@plainvilleschools.org. The bracelets are on sale until November 4th.



Linden Students Celebrated Global Cardboard Challenge



Inspired by the short film, "Caine's Arcade," Linden Street School students participated in the Global Cardboard Challenge on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. This annual event encourages students of all ages to use their imagination and create anything using cardboard and recycled materials. Linden students enjoyed this 'Day of Play' and their creations did not disappoint!

Board of Education Honors October "Every Day Heros"



Superintendent of Schools Steven LePage, Norma Olson-Bartley, Lynn Logoyke, and Plainville Board of Education Chair, Deb Hardy

Louis Toffolon Elementary School Principal Lynn Logoyke, and Toffolon School faculty member Norma Olson-Bartley were recognized as the district's Everyday Heroes for the month of October. Both were honored at the October 15th Plainville Board of Education meeting.



Superintendent of Schools Steven LePage, Lynn Logoyke, and Plainville Board of Education Chair, Deb Hardy

Young at Heart - Senior News

Looking for Volunteers to Help with the Annual Quilt Raffle!

Once again this fall, our Quilting Class will present us with a beautiful hand-stitched quilt that class members worked on all year. The quilt will be raffled off at our Annual Craft Fair in November.

We hope to get all our volunteers and back-ups lined up soon, so please call or check in with Evelyn or Jan at the front desk — 860-747-5728.

Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Craft Vendors! Raffles! Bake Sale! Lunch! Grandma's Cookie House!

The Plainville Senior Center's Annual Craft Fair is already right around the corner! Can you help us to publicize the Fair by bringing flyers or posters to area businesses? Or, if you live on a well-travelled street, would you be willing to put a Craft Fair sign on your lawn?

Please contact Evelyn at 860-747-5728 if you can help. The Craft Fair is our largest fundraiser of the year;

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VETERANS' COFFEE HOUR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

10:30 A.M.

These monthly information and support meetings, formerly conducted by Wayne Rioux, will now be offered by Sherry Vogt, former VA specialist with Congresswoman Esty's office, and now working as a Veteran's Liaison for Hartford HealthCare at Home. FOR ALL VETERANS OVER 60 AND THEIR SPOUSES. Please call the Center at 860-747-5728 to register

ANNUAL

VETERAN'S LUNCHEON

THURS, NOV. 14, 11:30 A.M.

If you are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces and a member of the Plainville Senior Center, or you are a veteran who attends our monthly Veteran's Coffee Hours, you and your spouse are invited to join us for a complimentary luncheon in celebration of Veterans' Day. Entertainment by Tom Callinan, CT's first "Official State Troubador." Tom will perform a variety of patriotic songs. Sign up begins October 3. Please sign up at the Senior Center or by calling 860-747-5728 by Tuesday November 12th

THE IMPORTANCE OF SOCIALIZATION & HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS FOR OLDER ADULTS

TUES., NOV. 26th, 10:00 A.M.

This free one-hour program is for older adults and family members / friends who are concerned about a loved one who is lonely and/or socially isolated.

Jo- Anne Harrison-Becker, MS (Gerontology) will discuss the difference between loneliness and social isolation; assessing events and circumstances that lead to loneliness and social isolation; benefits of social connections/friendships; ways to overcome social isolation; opportunities to increase social connections and making new friends.

Sign up has begun.

DEMENTIA & CAREGIVING:

FOCUSING ON THE

PERSON WHILE

UNDERSTANDING THE DISEASE

TUESDAYS, NOV. 5—DEC. 3, 2:30-4 P.M.

Do you care for someone with dementia? Do you want to learn more about its progression and good communication? Join us for this 5-week program. Hartford Healthcare Independence at Home will offer complimentary respite care at the Senior Center to provide activities and supervision for loved ones while family members attend the program.

Presented by Patty O'Brian and Michelle Wyman, dementia specialists, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging, and funded by the North Central Area Agency on Aging. Co-sponsored by Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging and the North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAA). Respite care funded by NCAA. Sign up began September 4. In person or phone call registration only.

AARP

SMART DRIVER CLASS

THURS., DEC. 12, 9:30 A.M.

This course covers the effects of aging and medications on driving, local hazards, accident prevention and more. Upon completing the course your insurance company must give you a discount of at least 5% off your auto insurance. Cost is \$15 for AARP members providing a membership number and \$20 for all others. Limited to 25. Program ends about 1:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch if you wish. Sign-up began October 3.

STAYING ON YOUR FEET

IN ICE AND SNOW

WED., DEC. 18th, 1:00 P.M.

Sometimes, there's no way to avoid a fall. If you are aware of the inevitability of a fall, you can at least prepare to fall properly. At this free program, learn how to fall down the correct way — forwards or backwards. Get all the details on how to do it safely to reduce the risk or lessen the severity of injury. Presented by Lisa Murawski, exercise physiologist, GoodLife Fitness. Sponsored by Southington Care Center. Sign-up has begun.

AQUA ARTHRITIS

WATER FITNESS:

This course is held at the Plainville YMCA pool and offers a gentle range-of-motion work-out to help people with arthritis improve joint flexibility and reduce pain or stiffness. Bring a bathing suit and towel. You may use YMCA locker rooms before and after class. Please check in at the YMCA desk before class. Class is made possible thanks to the Main Street Community Foundation Grant, providing for a partnership between the YMCA and Plainville Senior Center to offer quality programs to local seniors.

Donations

The Senior Center Always Needs Sympathy, Get Well and Thinking of You Cards! We send cheer, get well and sympathy cards to our members who could use a lift of their spirits. If you wish to donate cards, please bring them to the Senior Center's front desk. We appreciate it! We do not use religious cards or mass cards. If you know someone who needs a smile, please let us know! Thank you for helping to bring sunshine to someone in need! Please note: When you bring donations into the Senior Center, our receptionist needs to know your name and what you are donating so that we may list your name in this Newsletter. (If you wish your donation to remain anonymous, please tell the receptionist). We do our best not to leave any donor's name off the list, but if we do, please let us know so we can include it in the next Newsletter.

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

A quick appointment and a prick of your fingertip can tell you your total cholesterol, good (HDL) and bad (LDL) cholesterol, triglycerides and glucose numbers. This test does not require fasting. Knowing these numbers and taking appropriate health measures are great steps toward a healthier you! Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 for an appointment with our nurse. Cost is \$12.00.

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Thoughts on getting older:

*I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.

*Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.

*I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

*I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

*Old age is coming at a really bad time.

*When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels more like a small vacation.

*The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

*I don't have gray hair; I have "wisdom highlights"! I'm just very wise.

*If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

*Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

*Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

*Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

*At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

*Actually I'm not complaining because I am a Senager. (Senior teenager) I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant. And I don't have acne.

* Life is great.

* I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names. Now, I'm wondering: did I send this to you, or did you send it to me?

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Stigma Still a Major Hurdle in Getting People the Mental Health Care They Need Fear of treatment, shame, and embarrassment are keeping a large number of people from seeking help for emotional and mental problems.

Experts estimate that one in four people have treatable mental or emotional difficulties, but up to 75 percent of Americans and Europeans don't seek the help they need. A recent study in the journal Psychological Medicine shows that the stigma associated with mental illness is still a major barrier to seeking treatment.

Researchers at the Institute of Psychiatry (IoP) at King's College London examined data from 144 studies, which included over 90,000 participants from across the globe. They found that the stigma of mental illness remains one of the top reasons people choose to forgo care.

"We now have clear evidence that stigma has a toxic effect by preventing people seeking help for mental health problems," senior author Prof. Graham Thornicroft said in a statement. "The profound reluctance to be 'a mental health patient' means people will put off seeing a doctor for months, years, or even at all, which in turn delays their

recovery."

According to the latest statistics from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), 40 to 50 percent of all people with bipolar disorder or schizophrenia go untreated each year. The number of untreated people suffering from some other disorders, such as anxiety or depression, is even greater.

Types of Mental Health Stigma and Those Most Affected

The study concluded that the main types of stigma facing those with a mental illness included the stigma associated with using mental health services, and shame or embarrassment. Other barriers included fear of disclosing their mental condition, concerns about confidentiality, wanting to handle their problems on their own, and not believing they need help.

Those most affected by the stigma included young people, men, minorities, people in the military and, perhaps surprisingly, those working in the health field.

"We found that the fear of disclosing a mental health condition was a particularly common barrier," lead study author Dr. Sarah Clement said. "Supporting people to talk about their mental health problems, for example through anti-stigma campaigns, may mean they are more likely to seek help."

Some Advice From a Stigma Breaker

Natasha Tracy, a mental health writer and recipient of the 2014 Erasing the Stigma Leadership Award by Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services, said the hardest stigma to beat is the stigma that "looks back at us in the mirror."

Tracy helps her own bipolar disorder by writing about it on her wildly popular blog, Bipolar Burble.

"Every one of us sees anti-mental illness images and ideas in society and just getting a mental illness does make these go away," she told Healthline. "We must consciously be aware of our own thoughts and feelings towards our own mental health and fight to ensure that any unhealthy thoughts are replaced by more reasoned ones."

Acknowledging that it's no easy task, Tracy said that it can take years for someone to get over feeling bad about having a mental illness. She said the important part is knowing that mental illness is a disease of the brain, just like pancreatitis or liver disease.

And just as with any physical illness, the pain of mental illness doesn't go away unless you treat it. But instead of worrying about what others who doubt the necessity of mental health treatment think, focus on yourself and your own wellness.

"It can be difficult if people around you can't accept your mental illness treatment but first and foremost, treatment is about getting you better and bringing people onside is a secondary concern," Tracy said. "I recommend seeking out people who are supportive and using them to lean on at first."

Life With Wanda



It is 11:45 am and I have just received my sixth robo call and I don't know about you folks but someone has to do something or we are going to be applying for mental health benefits.

The first call I received was warning me my auto guarantee is running out and they have been trying to reach me and this is their final warning or my guarantee will no longer be honored. My car is eleven years old, do you think I still might have a guarantee?.

The next one was my last chance to sign up for medical insurance and I had no longer hung up from that one when I received a call from someone offering me a free dinner, where I can attend and learn all about cremation with a short film relating to the process. Free dinner or not I don't think I have the stomach for that but I wondered if the film is before or after dinner.

The next call was for dental implants and I just hung up on some woman who wanted to lower my student loan payments.

Just try calling them back and the number is not in service or if you press the number they tell you to call so you can speak to someone if you are interested the minute you tell them to take you off their calling list they hang up on you.

My next call is to the FTC, where are they and can't they do something about these call? Got any ideas? Oops, I just got another one from a hearing aid company, I told them I couldn't hear them because I wasn't wearing my glasses, they hung up!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to express my support for Deborah Hardy, Chairwoman of the Board of Education. She has done an excellent job making sure our schools provide our kids with a great education while keeping the school budget in line with what Plainville taxpayers can afford.

That is why I will be voting for Deb Hardy on Election Day.

Barbara Davison

Dear Editor,

While the State of Connecticut under the Democrat leadership has continually raised taxes after taxes and cut aid to most towns and municipalities of the State, the Republican led Town Council in Plainville has limited increases to the mill rate, here in town to 2% or less while keeping up the services.

The Town Council under the leadership of Kathy Pugliese has shown strong fiscal restraint and shrewd management of Plainville's finances.

This is why we are supporting the Republican Town Council candidates, Kathy Pugliese, Deborah Tompkins, Jacob Rocco, Ty Cox and David Underwood in this year's local election.

Joe & Marie Raynock

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Ask the Brayne...

Q. Lights at the Post Office! Why are the 4 outside lights never lite up in the evening?? specially this time of the year, perhaps if they were on, the Post Office outside box would not have been robbed.

A. Sorry, unable to get the answer for you this month but I am working on it!

Q. It is rumored that the football from the Plainville-Southington game of 1937 is in Plainville. Do you have it?? Please call the Brayne

A. Someone took it and we would like you to share it with us at the Historical Society!!

Q. Where was the 1911 Temperance Water Fountain placed after it was removed from the Plainville Central Square?

A I believe it is lost forever!!!

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 December!

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

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving!!

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The Case for Re-electing Plainville's Republican Majority

Plainville's local election for Town Council and Board of Education are mere days away. Currently the Republicans sit in the majority on both the Town Council and Board of Education. The Republican majority deserves to be re-elected to both the Council and Board based on the job they have been doing as the majority party. Their mandate has been to provide the best services for the residents of Plainville while keeping taxes low for the taxpayers of the town. In both cases the Republican majority has fulfilled its mandate.

The Council under the leadership of Chair Kathy Pugliese has limited increases to the mill rate to two percent or less even in the face of draconian cuts in aid to town and municipalities by the State specifically to Plainville (thanks to the now retired Governor Malloy and the Democrat controlled State Assembly). Kathy Pugliese and the Republicans were able to maintain services and special events like the Balloon and Pumpkin festivals that promote the town while holding the line on taxes.

The Town Council under the Republicans have maintained an aggressive policy of repairing and repaving the Town of Plainville's

streets and they are planning to do the same regarding the town's sidewalks. All being done through smart, sensible bonding to minimize their impact on budget by spreading the cost out during these times of historically low interest rates. Likewise the same approach was taken to purchasing two major pieces of equipment needed by the Plainville Fire Department. If only the State Government were run as efficiently as Plainville's, something that is reflected in the awards being won by parts of the town's administration.

Likewise the Board of Education under Chair Deb Hardy and the Republican majority has kept the Education budget in line with what Plainville can afford while providing an excellent education to the children of the town. The Board of Education has been transparent in how it operates so the residents of the town know what they are paying for, something that was not always the case prior to the Republican majority.

For the reasons outline above the residents of Plainville should elect Kathy Pugliese, Deborah Tompkins, Jacob Rocco, Ty Cox, and David Underwood to the Town Council; and Deb Hardy, Rachel Childress Buchanan, Laurie Peterson, and Michael Giuliano for Board of Education. The Republican majority on both the Town Council and Board of Education has proven itself worthy of another two-year electoral mandate.

Repositories of Literature

By: Francis Rexford Cooley

The home library of bound books is quickly becoming a thing of the past if it hasn't already become so. Just a generation or so ago books were passed down. From leather-bound books from the 19th Century to hard-back books of the 20th, parents and grand-parents would pass down those classics they read to their children and grandchildren to be shared. Now the home library has been replaced with electronic entertainment centers and our phones. But there is still a place where those classics still remain. The public library.

While many patrons seek the new best-sellers, whether they are by Janet Evanovich, Clive Cussler, Stephen King, or Danielle Steel, the library also contains many of the classics that make up the Canon of American Literature. The first American author to gain an international reputation as a novelist was James Fenimore Cooper. According to family legend Cooper after reading a chapter or two of a novel from England threw it aside and declared he could "write a better book than that..." and from this declaration Cooper's first novel Precaution (1820) sprang. Cooper followed it with his second novel, The Spy, was set during the American Revolution and became a literary success. James Fenimore Cooper's new career as a novelist would bring him fortune and fame.

Today James Fenimore Cooper is remembered for Last of the Mohicans (1826) and the rest of The Leatherstocking Tales published in four more novels. These novels would help create the American frontier novel, novels that would move their settings

with the movement of the American frontier westward through the 19th century and still romanticized by Western authors today. The works of Owen Wister (The Virginian), Clarence E. Mulford (Hopalong Cassidy), and Zane Grey all owe a debt to Cooper's Leatherstocking Tales. Likewise the American sea novel is indebted to Cooper's writings. The Pilot, published in 1824, was the first of eleven sea novels Cooper wrote. Red Rover (1827) was a favorite of Hermann Melville, and is said to have influenced Melville's classic Moby Dick (1851). For students and fans of American literature Cooper's most important works are in the library. Both The Leather Stocking Tales and Sea Novels sit upon the shelves awaiting another generation of readers to pick them up and be enchanted as so many prior generations have been by these tales.

And there are so many more, Twain, Hemingway, Morrison, Baldwin, Stowe, Faulkner, Steinbeck, and more sit upon the shelves awaiting to be read for the first time and again. Literature can transport us across space and time, on adventures, to romance, the possibilities seem endless. They are just a library card away.

Francis Rexford Cooley is the Plainville Republican Candidate for Library Trustee.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am supporting Republican Candidates for the Board of Education. Under the leadership of Deb Hardy and GOP Board of Education members consistently presented budgets that work for both Plainville's students and taxpayers.

This kind of leadership is rare these days in Connecticut and that is why I whole-heartedly support Deb Hardy, Laurie Peterson, Rachel Buchanan and Mike Giuliano for the Board of Education.

Rick Drezek

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Thank You!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

While many towns have cut back on their support of special events, our town council has continued to support the Balloon Festival, Pumpkin Festival and Wings & Wheels to benefit our local charities. Kathy Pugliese, Deb Tompkins, and Ty Cox have supported our town and I will support them and the other members of the GOP slate on November 5th.....Glenn Petit

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

{Joanie faves}

If you haven't had an opportunity to shop at the Big Saver Wines & Spirits new large store on East Street (formerly Rite-Aid location) you must. They have everything you need for the coming holiday's. Gift's for the Christmas giving!! You will be glad you did, I was.

{Helen raves}

I must RAVE about Andra Wasley, owner and Funeral Director of Plainville Funeral Home. She assisted us recently with the funeral of my husband. Andra covered every thing we had to know, and what to do. She not only made the day of the funeral worry free, but Andra is still helping with details notifying S.S. & etc.

E-mail your "fave or rave" in today to be in the DEC/JAN issue.

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Plainville Historical Society

Time races toward year's end as the Historic Center is preparing for the season. November is a busy month in Plainville and the Historical Society is no exception. Mark your calendar to visit us during the autumn and Yuletide.

Docents welcome visitors on Monday and Wednesday mornings between nine o'clock and noon. You may need to ring the bell to the right of the main entrance. You can always arrange group visits or guided research by contacting us by telephone or e-mail.

MUSEUM SHOP

The museum shop is open during docent hours. A new supply of merchandise will soon be available for early shoppers. There will be unique little gifts and stocking stuffers for those you love.

ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

This is an odd-numbered year and we are choosing our Plainville officials. They volunteer. Your participation is key.

In colonial Connecticut, citizens celebrated Election Day with revelry and a special "cake." You might say it is more like bread. For the updated recipe--clipped from the Hartford Courant decades ago--check our website.

DOWNSIZING?

The Plainville Historical Society welcomes historically significant- to- Plainville objects for permanent archiving, temporary display or on permanent loan. Items on permanent loan can be retrieved by family at any time. Contact the Historic Center for further information. Your donation is always appreciated.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED...

to stop by the Plainville Historic Center on Monday, November 11 between 9:30 and noon.

Visit our mini-military display of Plainville memorabilia on the ground floor of the building. We will be using our office rampway entrance that morning. Enjoy the USO (coffee and) refreshments along with the good company.

NEW TO THE COLLECTION

From the estate of Tom Swart-- who was an employee of General Electric-- given by Nick Rapolone: a World War I honor roll plaque containing the names of Plainville men who were in the military during that war. Mr. Swart became the caretaker of it under somewhat cloudy circumstances, but he restored it and kept it for years. It was originally dedicated on December 22, 1918.

Watched over all of these years by an impressive American eagle along the top of the hefty metal frame, its condition is remarkable. It will be on display for Veteran's Day.

Come in and find the name of someone you loved or remember.

In 1937 the legendary Plainville High School football team went undefeated for the season and then won the fiercely competitive Southington-Plainville football game on Thanksgiving Day. The goalpost was torn down and Alden Doughty got a piece of it. He also treasured a number of other souvenirs of sports from his PHS days. His left-handed baseball mitt was among them. A member of the Plainville High Sports Hall of Fame, he graduated in 1939, went to World War II and returned to raise his family in Plainville. His treasured collection, including his piece of the goalpost has been donated for permanent archiving by Douglas Doughty. It will be part of the sports memorabilia collection.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK

In 1945, at the end of World War II, Plainville set aside a piece of land on the corner of Whiting and Maple Streets establishing a public park to honor our own who served. Situated beside the firehouse, next to the Post Office, it was central to our pedestrian commerce area. The Civil War monument, erected in 1913 at the Railroad Square was moved to this area in 1960. Other monuments have been added over the years, each with its poignant messages of sacrifice and the grateful respect of the community.



ARMISTICE DAY

Veteran's Day was first observed as Armistice Day following World War I. The Armistice to end all wars was signed at Versailles at the 11th hour of the 11th day in the 11th month, 1918. Traditionally, it was a ritual of peace earned at great sacrifice, or sometimes, the call for peace, in the United States. The Plainville Historical Society has arranged for the church bells to chime in Plainville at 11:00 a.m. on Veteran's Day. Take a private moment.

A SOLDIERS WARTIME POEM

By: Ted Griffin

It was X-mas-time and 1945 was at hand,
Bastongne was encircled it was a last stand.
General Patton had said he would need us all,
So the 188th set forth to answer the call.
We traveled for miles to Longuyon France,
All was in readiness this was our last chance.
We cross the border amid rain and sleet,
The evils of winter to be sure we beat.
We went up to Belgium to the town of Auborge,
Then Heinstart, Arlorn and Martlange.
We built strong bridges to sent forth of might
And stand in foxholes prepared to fight.
We guarded Baileys and blocked enemy roads,
And sanded highways with many loads.
We halted the drifts with fences long,
And plowed away snow with dozes strong.
We had faith and courage during this uphill fight,
Our reward from the heavens soon came to light.
For the skies did clear and our forces did go,
To beat out the remnants of a retreating foe.
Bastongne was saved but the cost was dear,
Our enemy still strong was a lesson so clear.
To the brave men who died we'll always say,
"We were these serving in our best way."

THE TEMPERANCE FOUNTAIN

Further research on this reveals that when Plainville's Women's Christian Temperance Union erected the fountain here in 1908, they were being, well, "trendy." The WCTU was a national organization with a goal of prohibition. They sponsored thousands of these fountains across the country to bring attention to this cause. Each is unique and several still stand. Crusader Harry D. Cogswell, a dentist, believed access to clean, cool drinking water would keep people from consuming alcohol. A wealthy philanthropist, he designed and built several fountains, each an original design. They are fascinating, although they were unpopular at the time. Many remain, some in prominent places, such as the Georgia State Capital building. In Manhattan, three survive: in Tompkins Square, Union Square and Central Park. We had one, too.

INFLUENCE

A day of Thanksgiving has been celebrated in our country since the fall of 1621. The date changed yearly, and each colony individually set the date, but it was always at harvest time and included great feasting. Then, President Lincoln proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving, on the last Thursday in November, 1863 after the victory at Gettysburg, and at the urging of Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of the influential magazine Godey's Lady's Book, where she advocated for a settled day for National Thanksgiving and regularly published guidelines for an appropriate menu and proper celebration of the day.

In 1939 President Roosevelt moved the date to one week earlier to expand the Christmas buying season and perhaps hasten recovery from the great depression.

This stirred a national debate.

A ten year old addressed the problem in her letter to the President: "I will be very angry if you change Thanksgiving, because for one reason, the Pilgrims started it and if it hadn't been for the Pilgrims, North America wouldn't be here and you probably wouldn't be our President today. The other reason is, it sometimes comes on my birthday..."

On May 20, 1941 President Roosevelt announced that Thanksgiving would thereafter be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. When Congress passed public law #379 on December 26, 1941 the day was fixed permanently.

.....Janice Eisenhauer

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Make My Day....

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Have you ever had someone do something that made your day? Be it an employee of a business, a police officer, town worker, neighbor or even a co-worker that you would like to thank. Perhaps you would like to thank a neighbor for a kindness and we would like to help you give this person recognition for a job well done. If this person works for a local business we are sure his or her employer would love to hear his or her employee is going that extra few steps to help their customers.

You Made My Day!!

I was just about to give up the other evening. Give up what? You ask. I was making phone calls to ask permission to place some Political signs at homes around town. Most of the land phones were not in service anymore and the ones that were in service were answer machines. At last a lady answered after about 9 calls. It was a pleasure to talk to someone at last. I told her she made my day by answering her phone. Yes, she told me she would be happy to have a sign on her lawn.

Helen B.

THE TEA PARTY CREED...

"I am not a racist, I am not violentl will not be silent"

Pd. for by: The members of the Tea Party

Happy Thanksgiving!

By: *Linda Coveney*

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday. It's not as complicated as Christmas, which can also be a frenzy of holiday parties, shopping, baking, cards, travel and everything in between. Not to mention the loom of the New Year and all those goals from last year that got swept under the rug.

At Thanksgiving, we enjoy good food, family, friends, parades, 5K's and football. Turkey naturally contains tryptophan, an amino acid that helps the body produce serotonin. Serotonin acts as a calming agent in the brain and plays a key role in sleep. I'm not quite sure that a few slices of turkey will cause the majority of guests to snooze after dinner. More likely it's the mashed potatoes, gravy, wine or the spike then drop in blood sugar after so many delicious desserts. May I suggest a nice walk after dinner to keep the blood flowing and help with digestion before you sit back on the couch.

I'm not one to rain on your Thanksgiving parade, but if you are trying to eat healthier, avoid gluten and loads of added sugar, here are a few tips.

- If you have serious food allergies, you most likely are prepared to bring your own side dishes that won't through your body into discomfort for the rest of the week.
- For a host or hostess that have spent many hours planning, shopping, chopping and more, nothing is more discouraging than having guests declining most of the meal. Let them know in advance what works/ doesn't work for you, be reasonable in your requests and try a little of everything if you can.
- A good compromise is to offer variety of traditional favorites along with some plain vegetables, healthy nuts and fruits that offer better choices for many. Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, green beans (without the mushroom soup and crunchy stuff) are good options. Roasted vegetables drizzled with a little olive oil are wonderful and take little time to prepare.
- Turkey by itself is gluten free when it is not stuffed and doesn't raise blood sugar. Skip the skin if you need to reduce your intake of saturated fat.
- Use plenty of herbs to spice up the meal and minimize added salt and butter.
- Serve water with dinner and skip any sugary sodas, especially if there are small children in attendance.
- In addition to the focus on food, here are some other great side dishes for Turkey Day.
- A healthy heaping of gratitude for friends, family, local growers who provided the food and the cooks that prepared the meal.
- An extra helping of laughter, good conversation, and respect for all.
- A generous amount of time or donations to those less fortunate or an invite to someone who might otherwise be spending the holiday alone.
- Relish in the scent and feeling of the cool fresh air and being thankful for all that nature provides

So enjoy the holiday and get those running shoes ready for your Black Friday adventures.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Rep. Petit Joins State and Local Officials in Unveiling New Health Care Cost Estimator Tool



(l to r): State Representative William Petit, Connecticut Health Information Technology Officer Allan Hackney, Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, OHS Executive Director Vicki Veltri, State Senator Kevin Kelly, State Senator Matt Lesser and State Representative Jonathan Steinberg

State Representative William Petit Jr., (R-22), the ranking member of the legislature's Public Health Committee, joined the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy (OHS), Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, and other state lawmakers to unveil the Healthscore CT cost estimator, a consumer tool that allows users to compare the cost of medical care at Connecticut hospitals and provider networks. The interactive website allows consumers and providers to search, sort, and filter by location, health measure, provider, network quality rating, and cost.

"**HealthscoreCT.com**, the new online healthcare cost estimator, will be an invaluable tool to help people find the most cost-effective options though they should still confer with their physician so that their situation specific issues are appropriately considered," State Representative William Petit Jr., said. "This tool will ensure that our health system becomes more transparent. I am proud to see that Connecticut has worked in a bipartisan manner to keep quality healthcare at the forefront of policy making, and see to it that both consumers and providers will benefit from this website."

The Healthscore CT cost estimator pulls information from the state's All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) and allows users to compare the cost of specific procedures offered by medical providers throughout the state. There

must be five or more claims per service for that provider to be included in the survey. The cost data range reflects the payments made by insurers for particular inpatient and outpatient procedures—claims for which all Connecticut-regulated insurers and pharmacy benefit managers are required to submit to the APCD. The site currently contains nearly 50 inpatient and outpatient services; new measures will be added regularly. At the launch, the cost estimator included nearly 234,500 lives and 263,700 medical procedures.

The cost estimator launch follows the quality scorecard, which was unveiled in August 2019. The scorecard, supported by a \$45 million grant from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, uses national standard measures endorsed by the National Quality Forum (NQF) and consumer experience measures derived from Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) consumer surveys. It employs a five-star system to rate healthcare organizations on health measures determined by the State Innovation Model Quality Council—an advisory body made up of consumer advocates, providers, community organizations, state agencies, and payers. The scorecard uses information from nearly 465,000 patients of 19 accountable care organizations throughout Connecticut and can help providers and payers improve their facilities and health insurance plans.

State Rep. William A Petit Jr., represents the 22nd House district, which includes Plainville and New Britain.

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Minimally Invasive Dentistry

This may not be a term with which dental patients are familiar, but many dentists use such techniques every day in their practices. Procedures such as remineralization, sealing, inlays and onlays help to conserve healthy tooth structure, which is better for the long-term health of teeth. They allow dentists to perform the least amount of dentistry needed while not removing more of the tooth structure than is required.

One technique used in minimally invasive dentistry is remineralization, which is the process of restoring minerals. It can repair the damage created by the demineralization process, which creates cavities.

Another technique used is sealing. Sealants are usually made of plastic resin and protect teeth from bacteria that cause decay. They fit into the depressions of the tooth and act as a barrier to protect against plaque. Dentists who use minimally invasive techniques also use inlays and onlays instead of crowns to restore teeth because they do not have to remove as much of the tooth structure as is required with a crown.

When presenting patients with a

treatment plan the fact that patients' costs have been managed and that time in the dental chair will be reduced with more conservative dentistry. With the benefits of all-ceramic restorations often produced with chairside cadcam systems less tooth structure needs to be reduced.

Often dentists have found that the prevention aspect of minimally invasive techniques is good for patients who have undergone such procedures because they adopt healthier lifestyles and pass prevention techniques on to others. Overall, minimally invasive procedures help patients feel good about receiving dental treatment and create a new attitude about dental and oral health care.

Facts about minimally invasive dentistry:

- Its goal is to conserve healthy tooth structure and allows dentists to perform the least amount of dentistry needed.
- The focus is on prevention, remineralization, and minimal dentist intervention.
- Most dentists use minimally invasive techniques in their everyday practices



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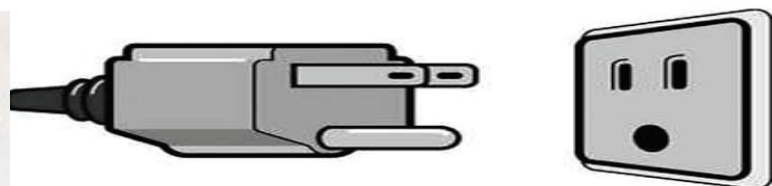
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"JOKER"



I don't recommend films. I just give you my take on them.

JOKER (2019)

R | 2h 1min | Crime, Drama, Thriller |
4 October 2019 (USA)

Director: Todd Phillips

Writers: Todd Phillips, Scott Silver

Stars: Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro, Zazie Beetz



Joker centers around an origin of the iconic arch nemesis and is an original, standalone story not seen before on the big screen. Todd Phillips' exploration of Arthur Fleck (Joaquin Phoenix), a man disregarded by society, is not only a gritty character study, but also a broader cautionary tale. Written by Warner Bros.

"Joker", for those of you who pay no attention to the news regarding films, preferring to simply be a movie goer rather than a cinephile, has emerged

as a highly divisive, widely discussed and debated film whose violently controversial content has caused theaters in large metropolitan areas to increase security in the theaters where it is currently being shown. Though the film is based on characters from the DC Batman comics, it is in no way a comic book movie. Its insistence on being a standalone origin story of a famous comic book villain is easily the most problematic aspect of this out of control, flawed but impossible to dismiss nightmarish character study of a deeply disturbed human whose damaged psyche is driven even further into madness by his mistreatment from the people in his life and others he comes in contact with. The film cleverly shows the disintegration of Arthur Fleck's stability as well as that of society as a whole. The first two thirds of the film plays as a perceptively realized character portrait of a nerdy loner who seeks acceptance but who is socially inept as well as suffering an affliction that causes him to burst out in maniacal laughter often in opposition to what he is feeling at the time. He dreams of being a stand up comedian but is socially awkward and humorously inept. He is employed at being a clown for hire but even at this job proves ill equipped at performing the task. He is the sole caretaker for his sickly mother (Frances Conroy) but they are forced to live in a rundown tenement house for low income individuals. He receives medication and therapy through a city funded social service program but the funding for such programs is cut leaving Arthur without services. Director Todd Phillips uses stark imagery to create a world more black and white

than color and maintains a relentless throbbing seriousness that is coldly distant yet compellingly hypnotic. He has in Joaquin Phoenix a fearless actor willing to go to any lengths to create a character who is seriously unhinged while remaining innocently hopeful that things will work themselves out. The film resembles "Taxi Driver" to some extent though DeNiro's descent into psychotic hell is far more internalized which is far more creepy than what Phoenix accomplishes with his outwardly freakish outbursts, angular body movements and facial ticks. Don't misunderstand. Phoenix gives a mesmerizing performance. It's one you cannot look away from. Your eyes remain glued to his every movement, gesture and expression as he dominates the screen with an award worthy performance that is among this year's best. Ironically, DeNiro appears in the film giving a solid performance as a popular talk show host whom Arthur idolizes. But Director Phillips is no Scorsese and intricate subtlety that empowers the bursts of violence in "The Taxi Driver" are all but absent in "Joker".

The film has three major flaws that all begin with "P". It is pretentious to a fault. It smothers itself in self importance. It's like wearing a paisley tie to a family funeral. It screams out, "look at me, I'm important, I'm cinematic art". True cinematic art doesn't need to introduce itself. It just is. Secondly, it attempts to be profound. It isn't. Despite its attempt to adopt this mantra of the poor downtrodden being doubly trodden down by the rich and powerful (quite timely during this time of Trumpism), it is inserted here as a means to an end without

any real thoughtful examination or logical rationale. It also means to be provocative and to some extent, judging by the overreaction to the film's penchant for graphically violent outbursts, succeeds in that respect.

I will acknowledge that Phillip's script which he co-wrote with Scott Silver has come up with a clever way of attaching this new variation of Joker's origin to the traditional story of how there came to be a "Batman". It introduces us to a very young Bruce Wayne, ties in Arthur's mother with the Wayne family and eventually incorporates that famous cinematic moment in which the young Wayne witnesses the murder of his parents, billionaire Thomas Wayne and his wife whose violent demise occurs in a back alley in Gotham City. Yet, for me, it remains an unnecessary component, diminishing a much more interesting story of a mentally sick man's descent into becoming a sadistic killer who believes the violence he unleashes is justifiable, maybe even necessary. The film skirts over that particular issue itself making one wonder exactly what message they are trying to relay.

The violence in the film is not quite as exploitative as advanced publicity might cause you to believe. But it does come in sudden bursts and in very graphic detail. The power of those moments is indescribable. The final third of the film is filled with pulse pounding suspense and nerve chilling thrills. It is all shouldered by a virtuoso performance by Phoenix in a film that will raise eyebrows, fuel emotional arguments and challenge the social consciousness in the times ahead.

Ratings: Acting: 100%

Directing: 83%

Script: 72%

Cinematography: 97%

Make-up Design: 93%

Special Effects: 94%

Art & Set Design: 100%

Entertainment Value: 77%

My Rating: 79%



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DIVORCE AND THE JUDGE'S DISCRETION

One of the biggest concerns people have when going through a divorce is what a Judge may order if their case goes to trial. The laws in Connecticut are very clear that a judge has wide discretion at trial. This article will take a look at just what the laws outline and why having an attorney to counsel you through the process is an invaluable asset.

When dividing real property, improved or unimproved land, as part of a decree dissolving a marriage, the Superior Court Judge must consider all pertinent evidence regarding the property in order to fix the nature and value of the property to be assigned. Relying on only one piece of evidence would undermine all other credible evidence and render the Court unable to make an equitable decision. Essentially, the laws main goal is to attempt to fix the nature and value of the property to be assigned. A judge may consider all actions that went into the purchase, maintenance, and improvement of the property. This may be monetary or nonmonetary contributions by the parties. So just because one party put up all the money it doesn't mean the other party is not entitled to their share of the property at trial. How much they are entitled to receive is ultimately up to the judge at trial.

Personal property is divided much the same way by a judge at trial. Divorce court is a court of equity at its core. This means the judge tries to divide the parties' assets in a manner that is just and fair. It does not mean a 50/50 split of all assets is the standard. Since Connecticut is an all equitable state all of the parties' assets are on the table for division at trial. A good note exemplifying how equity does not necessarily mean 50/50 is that a trial judge may find more fault for the divorce by one of the parties, which could grant the lesser at fault party more of their assets. Not a 50/50 split by the judge, but more of an equitable decision based on what the court was presented.

While this does not cover everything, it should highlight the reality that if parties going through a divorce do not negotiate a separation agreement on their own they better be willing to have a judge decide. As always, if you ever find yourself in a legal proceeding, consult with a licensed attorney so that you may better understand and protect your rights.



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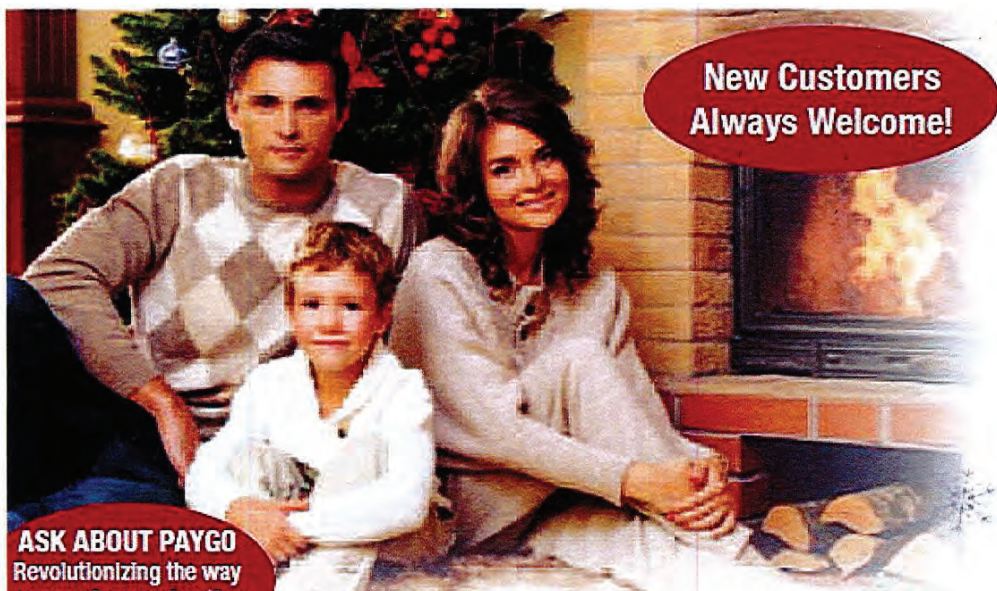
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Am I at risk for pneumococcal disease and pneumonia?

Anyone can get it. But some people are at greater risk. People who are 65 years of age and older are at high risk. So are smokers and people who abuse alcohol.

Conditions that put people at high risk are:

- lung, heart, or liver disease, and diabetes
- immune system impairment (e.g., cancer, HIV, immune disease, no functioning spleen, chronic steroid medication such as prednisone, sickle cell disease, chronic renal disease, organ transplant)
- cochlear implant or cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) leak

What pneumococcal pneumonia vaccines are available?

- Pevnar 13 and Pneumovax 23 are available. They cover different types of pneumococcus bacteria, with some overlap.

Do I need both Pevnar 13 and Pneumovax 23?

- If your immune system is impaired, you need both vaccines.

What if my immune system is healthy?

- Pneumovax 23 is recommended. Pevnar 13 is also recommended. However, new evidence suggests that Pevnar 13 may not be necessary for some seniors. This isn't because Pevnar 13 doesn't work well...it does. It is because the infections prevented by Pevnar 13 are now less common in our communities. This is due to years of vaccinating children with Pevnar 13.
- The CDC is looking at this new evidence and may change their recommendations about Pevnar 13 later this year. Speak with your healthcare provider if you have any questions.

What else can I do to prevent pneumococcal disease and pneumonia?

- Get a flu shot every year. (Getting the flu ups your risk of pneumococcal disease and pneumonia.)
- If you smoke, stop.
- Stay healthy. Control lung disease (e.g., asthma, COPD), heart disease and diabetes.
- Wash your hands often. Practice good hygiene.
- Medicare B currently pays for just ONE pneumococcal vaccination for seniors. Eligible patients can be given Pevnar 13 now...then Pneumovax 23 next year when Medicare is likely to catch up with CDC and pay for both.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have known Crystal St. Lawrence for over ten years both personally and as on a volunteer on organizations both within the Plainville Community Schools and outside. Our daughters have been in school together since Kindergarten at Linden Street School and have been in school organizations as well as outside activities together. I have known Crystal to help in many ways, not only in organizations she was a member of, but in many ways that no one would expect or even know about. I whole-heartily supported Crystal when she ran for the Board of Education and won in November 2015 and I support and recommend again, whole-heartily, Crystal St. Lawrence for a second term on the Board of Education.

I have witnessed Crystal in action in many ways to help the students of our Plainville Community. She has, and continues to, spend many hours, long nights and a lot of hard work at many meetings, projects and more in the her first term on the Board of Education. I know she will continue with the same enthusiasm, even more if that is possible, if she is voted to continue to serve our Plainville School System as a Board of Education Member.

Crystal has always had the best interests of all of our students in all of the Plainville Community Schools as her top priority being on the Board of Education. I am confident that she will continue with the same efforts and zealotness that she has already portrayed in her current term on the Board of Education. Crystal's two children currently attend our Plainville schools and she continues

to be part of many organizations in the school system and her personal life as well.

I hope the residents of Plainville vote for Crystal St. Lawrence knowing she has done a terrific job in her first term on the Board of Education, that she has hands-on-approach with what the education needs are for our children in Plainville and Crystal has a great ability to not only see what is needed now for our students but also for what is needed in the future for them as well.

Thank you - Pam Christiansen - Plainville, CT

Dear Editor,

I am urging neighbors to support Vice Chair Deborah Tompkins and the rest of the GOP candidates for Town Council this November. Deb and the Republicans have kept our taxes down and services up. That's why she and the entire Republican candidates have my vote.

Bethaney Brenner

Dear Editor,

Drive around some of our neighboring towns is like trying to run an obstacle course of potholes hoping your car isn't swallowed up by one of them. But here in Plainville our roads being fixed. The town council under the Republicans has initiated a road paving program that is economically sound and well thought out. That's why I am supporting Kathy Pugliese and the GOP slate on Nov. 5th. They are keeping Plainville moving.

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Unfortunately, we are living in such a time right now. It seems as though most are doing that which is right in their own eyes.

Why is this? I believe it is because the majority in our country have abandoned the standard for determining right from wrong and that is the Bible, the Word of God. Once we depart from this book what is moral and immoral and who determines what is moral and immoral?

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Sunday Liturgy - Church

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Weekday Liturgy

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

Devotions

Rosary- Monday to Saturday before the Morning Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday At Noon

Sacrament of the Sick

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

All Saints' Day Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, November 1
Masses 8am & 6pm
All Souls' Day Mass 8am

The Celebration of the Sacrament
Anointing of the Sick will take place
after the 4pm Mass on Saturday, Nov. 2.

The Knights of Columbus are having their
Tootsie Roll Drive after all of the Masses.

Sunday, Nov. 3, 10:30am Children's
Mass. The children are invited to dress
up as their favorite saints and process into
the church.

Sunday, Nov. 17, 10:30am Mass,
Confirmation Year I, will celebrate the
Commitment Ceremony

Friday, Nov. 22, GIFT Program,
6 - 7:45pm, Parish Center

Thurs., Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day
Mass 9am

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Worship & Church School

Every Sunday at 10 a.m.

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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St. Jude worker of miracles, pray for us.

St. Jude helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

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Stella B.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday School	9:00-9:40 a.m.
Praise & Worship	9:45-10:00 a.m.
Church Service	10:00 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY

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

Senior Ushers (1st Sat before 1st Sun)	11:00 a.m.
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Gladys Floyd Missionary Society

(2nd Sun after service)

Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)

Lay Council (1st & 3rd Sat)	9:30 a.m.
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Christian Education (3rd Tues)	7:00 p.m.
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Men's Meeting (2nd/4th Sat)	9:30 a.m.
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PEP (Every Sat)	1:00-4:00 p.m.
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Trustee/Steward (2nd Sat of Aug., Oct., Dec., Feb. &

Apr. at 9:30 a.m. and 2nd Mon. of Sept., Nov., Jan.,

Mar. & May 16 6:30 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Senior (Sat before 1st Sun)	5:00 p.m.
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Jubilee (Sat before 2nd/4th Sun)	5:00 p.m.
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(Mon. after 1st/2nd Sun)	7:00 p.m.
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Sleigh Bells Craft Fair:

The Plainville United Methodist Church, located at: 56 Red Stone Hill
Saturday, Nov. 30th

9 am to 3 pm. Refreshments and lunch will be available during the Fair. We are also accepting donations to the Plainville Food Pantry. For more information, please call the church office at 860-747-2328 or Donna Burns at 860-747-1262.

Please help our community support the Plainville Food Pantry. Donations will be accepted for

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Belated Birthdays

We apologize for failing to print the following last month...

**Birthday Wishes to:
Larry Noble**

in Florida

October 10th

&

Mickey Mastrianni

in Plainville

October 11th

Jeannette Hinkson, Editor

Taste Buzz.....

Submit your recipes to:

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27 Sherman Street

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e-mail to: hmtnn@comcast.net

Baked Macaroni and Tomatoes

4 cups cooked elbow macaroni
(2 cups uncooked)

4-6 medium tomatoes peeled & sliced

1 1/2 teaspoons sugar

1/4 cup of flour

2 tablespoons heavy cream

1/2 cup soft white bread crumbs

1 tablespoon of butter

Grease or oil a 1 1/2 quart casserole

Arrange a layer of cooked macaroni over bottom and add a layer of sliced tomatoes.

Combine sugar and flour.

Sprinkle tomatoes with half of this mixture.

Add more macaroni & tomatoes and remaining of seasoning mixture of flour, cream over top, then add crumbs and dot with butter.

Cover casserole and bake in a 375 oven for 45 minutes, Uncover the casserole during the last 15 minutes to allow the crumbs to brown slightly. Serves 4. *Enjoy!!!*

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- 20TH CAROL STAUBLEY
- 22ND TROY MILLER
- 26TH LINDA MASS
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Manafort Brothers Holds Ribbon Cutting for New Addition 4th Generation Connecticut Construction Company Celebrates Recent Company Growth

(Plainville, CT)- October 7, 2019– Local dignitaries joined over 50 Manafort Brothers employees for a ribbon cutting ceremony and celebration marking the completion of their recent office addition on Friday, October 4th at the corporate headquarters in Plainville. The two-story expansion created an additional 4,800 square feet of office and conference room space to accommodate the continued growth of Manafort Brothers.

The ribbon cutting comes at the end of the company's centennial celebration. What began in 1919 as the New Britain House Wrecking Company by James Manafort

is now the oldest demolition company in the Northeast. Manafort Brothers has established a superior reputation as a highly skilled, dynamic construction and demolition contractor.

"It's exciting to showcase our continued growth and expansion and our commitment to the community," said Jim Manafort, President of Manafort Brothers. "Plainville and New Britain have been good neighbors to us for 100 years, supporting us and working with us to help us continue to expand."

Growth was the theme of the celebration, as Manafort Brothers also marked

the continued success of Manafort Precision, its concrete building group located in Worcester MA, and the recent announcement of Manafort Transit. This newest group will work primary in the Northeast, focusing on rail, mass transit and heavy civil projects.

Founded in 1919, Manafort Brothers Incorporated is a recognized leader in the construction and demolition services industry. Headquartered in Plainville, CT, the 4th generation, family-owned company has regional offices in Worcester MA, Waltham, MA and Cumberland, RI. For more information visit www.manafort.com or call 860-229-4853.



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Representative Petit Recognized by LeadingAge Connecticut as Legislator



LeadingAge Connecticut has named State Representative William Petit Jr., (R-22) as its 2019 Legislator of the Year, and presented the legislator with an award during their 2019 Annual Meeting and Award Ceremony held on October 15th 2019 at the Aqua Turf in Southington.

“As ranking member of the Public Health Committee, I am honored to receive this award and humbled to be recognized for my efforts to advocate for some of our most vulnerable citizens in the state of Connecticut,” said Rep. Petit. “LeadingAge Connecticut is a terrific organization and it’s great to be recognized by them.”

Petit was among five legislators statewide who received “legislator of the year” honors for their contribution to developing and supporting public policies that are beneficial to LeadingAge Connecticut members and the older adults they serve.

LeadingAge Connecticut is a membership organization representing more than 130 not-for-profit provider organizations serving older adults and disabled individuals across the continuum of services and housing.

State Rep. William A Petit Jr., represents the 22nd House district, which includes Plainville and New Britain.

Euro Home Care Serves Community



Euro Home Care was established in 2003. Elizabeth began her career as a nurse’s aid at a convalescent home in New Britain, CT. There, the population of patients was primarily immigrants from Poland. Elizabeth recalls, “My ability to speak a foreign language (Polish) was a benefit for those clients in need of a multilingual caregiver. Unlike any other caregiver on our staff, it was an incredible advantage for me to communicate with those patients who had never learned English.”

Elizabeth adds, “With the growing number of non-English speaking patients who required Polish, Russian or Italian assistance, it became increasingly more difficult to assist every nationality. As the need for being multilingual increased, it prompted me to create

a business plan to accommodate that market niche. I ventured out on my own, developed a way to deliver home care at the next level ... thus, Euro Homecare, LLC—a home care company with a European touch was born. Euro Homecare is a family based business with son Daniel serving as the company technology resource, and daughter-in-law Anna, the office administrator.

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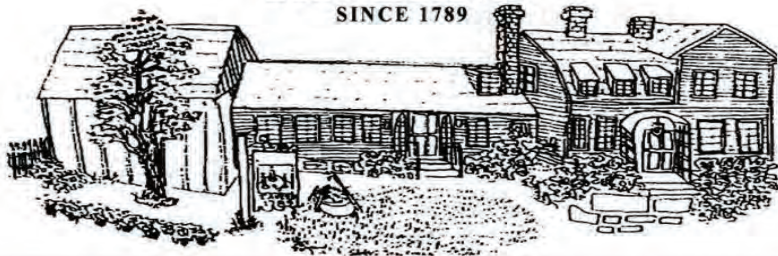
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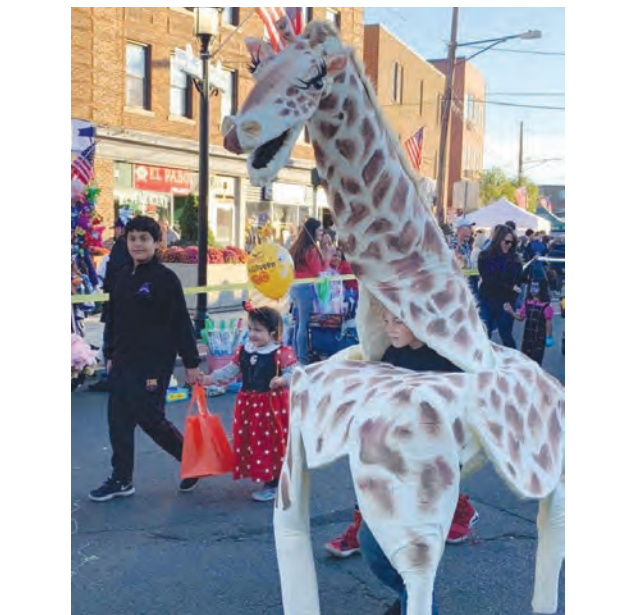
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Plainville's 5th Annual PumpkinFest



The **PumpkinFest Committee** wishes to send a giant Thank You for all who participated in this annual celebration. All funds raised will be going to the **Plainville Community Fund**. See you next year **October 17, 2020!!!**

Aprons – A Short Story

By: Sally Miller



There was always a piece of paper in the pocket in case she had to add to a grocery list. Her aprons sometimes showed remnants of chocolate frosting, powdered sugar and maybe a spot of gravy, giving us a hint of what was going on in the kitchen.

The aprons never matched the dress but we never noticed. When company came, she would put on a “company apron”. I love the memory of those days.

Sometimes, if we were crying, she would take the corner of the apron and wipe away our tears. Oh, how special those moments were! It was so much more personal than handing out a tissue.

I have fond memories of Gram sitting at her treadle sewing machine, diligently making a new apron with fabric with flowers on it and I’d think to myself. That is going to be a company apron. I smile as I think back to those days, knowing they will never come back. I myself hardly cook anymore and would never put on an apron. The homemade apron is a lost art and can hardly be found today, except for maybe at a thrift store. I have that wonderful memory of Gram and her favorite apron.

Most young people don't have this kind of memory anymore-but thankfully I do. Do You?

I thought about aprons the other day. When I was growing up, Gram never came into her kitchen without having an apron on. It was always part of her outfit for the day. I remember the basic looks: gingham, plaid, some had a white cotton ruffle around the bib and pockets. She also had green and red ones for Christmas celebrations.

She always had a safety pin on the apron (just in case it was needed). The pockets always had some surprise in them for young children. On any given day, she might hand out a cough drop, peppermint candy, tissue or some loose change so that we could buy a treat.

Grand re-opening for new Chamber Members

Award Kitchen & Bath

2 Whiting St, Plainville Ct. Friday October 18th



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and

November 9th,

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Holiday Craft Fair

Grace Lutheran Church,

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2019 Holiday Craft Fair

Friday, November 22nd

from 5:30pm until 7:30 pm and

Saturday, November 23rd

from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

We will be serving delicious hot dogs, German potato salad, chicken salad sandwiches and desserts.

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Steps to Be Taken by Property Owners ~

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HOLIDAY

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Letter to the Editor

Democrat Adam Schiff has been caught with his hand in the cookie jar!... And Speaker Pelosi should get an academy award for best actress for pretending to be concerned about the seriousness of impeachment.

For over 3 years, this has been nothing but a highly orchestrated effort to remove a duly elected President from office. The deep state is real and they will stop at nothing to remove President Trump.

It has never been more crucial for all American patriots to support President Trump. Stand with President Trump. Join the Fight.

If the left-wing deep state wins this battle, we will be subject to their Democrat socialist policies aimed at taking away your freedom, hard-earned money, and dignity. We must win this battle!

Stand with President Trump and against impeachment.

Thank you, Kevin McCarthy

“Fill the Truck”

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If you have any questions, please call the Plainville United Methodist Church at

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Project Graduation 2020

Clothing Drive, At YMCA, Plainville. Drop off used clothing, linens, bedding and shoes in large plastic bags. Future Clothing Drive Dates: (last Saturday of the month, always 10am-12pm), Nov 30, & Dec 28.

Volunteers Needed

In need of volunteers to work concession stand at UConn Girls Basketball games at Storrs. If interested or for more information please contact Stevie at iamstevie@hotmail.com or 860-463-3600.

We are looking for more volunteers to fill committee vacancies. We have something for everyone, so please consider helping our dedicated team plan an entertaining and successful graduation celebration.

**Please join us at our next
scheduled meetings on Wed,
Nov 6, Dec 4, 7pm
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Letter to the Editor

I will start with the good news...

President Trump and House Conservatives have made unbelievable progress and have followed through on their promises to the American people. Unemployment is at an all-time low, more than 6 million jobs have been created since 2016, and America is standing up to China on trade.

Plain and simple: America is winning again.

The bad news is that Democrats will do everything in their power to undo everything Republicans have accomplished.

Leaders in the Democratic party are pushing for radical socialist policies like the Green New Deal and socialized healthcare, both of which would destroy our nation's economy. We need your support immediately.

We cannot allow socialism to destroy the fabric of our country.

Stand with President Trump and House Conservatives today.

Thank you, *Karl Rowe*

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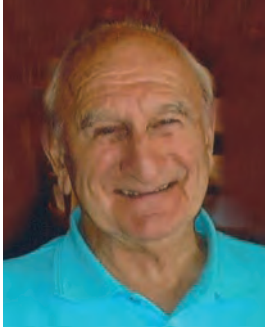
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OBITUARIES

~ William Sisto Bergenty ~



91, lifelong resident of Plainville, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Apple Rehab in Plainville. He was the husband of Helen (Broczkowski) Bergenty for 68 years.

Bill was born in New Britain on September 5, 1928, a son of the late William F. and

Helen (Pelcher) Bergenty. He attended Plainville schools, and was a member of the Plainville High School class of 1946. Bill raced motorcycles at Tinty Race Track shortly after high school, where he earned the name "Bronco Bill" from Bob Steele, who was the track announcer during his racing years. He then went on to race stock cars at the same track, then named Plainville Stadium, as well as at race tracks in New York and Massachusetts. He was self-employed as owner and operator of Phil's Service Auto Repair on Farmington Ave., a home builder and used equipment dealer. Bill was a 64 year member of the A.O.P.A. (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association) and a member of Our Lady of Mercy Church.

In addition to his wife, Helen, he leaves his son, William F. Bergenty, II and his wife, Carla; grandsons, William C. Bergenty and his wife, Kristen and Adam R. Bergenty and his wife, Courtney; his great-grandson, Charles "Zeke" and twin great-granddaughters, Reagan and Avery. He also leaves his brother and sister-in-law, John and Audrey Bergenty; his sister, Joyce Hayes, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother Robert.

Bill's wife and family would like to extend their gratitude to all of their friends and wonderful staff at Apple Rehab in Plainville for their attentiveness and loving care given to him while he made his home there for the past 11 months of his life.

Bill may be remembered with contributions to Our Lady of Mercy Church, 19 S. Canal St, Plainville or the Plainville Hometown Connection (501c), 27 Sherman St, Plainville, CT 06062.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Bill's life was at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Plainville. Committal followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

~ Stephen Stanley Piotrowski ~



70, of Bristol, passed away following a lengthy illness on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at UCONN Health Center.

Born in Bristol on July 12, 1949, he was the younger of two sons to the late Stanley (Stan the Man) and Marion (Rubino) Piotrowski. Raised in Plainville, he was a proud

Blue Devil playing football during his high school years, graduating in 1968. He went on to attend Northampton Business College from where he earned his Associates Degree, and was the proprietor of Central Café in Plainville for many years until declining health forced him to retire. Upon retirement, he took on the daunting task of caring for his elderly parents. His care and compassion helped extend their lives into their 90's. Stephen was an avid sports fan, focusing on the NY Giants, the Red Sox and the Celtics.

He is survived by his children, Gary of Plainville and Jenna of S.C., and their mother, Paula (Pandolfo) Piotrowski of Southington; his devoted brother and his wife, Richard and Claudia Piotrowski of Plainville; his uncle, Gasper "Sonny" Rubino and his wife, Mary; his niece, Courtney and nephew, Rick, Jr. and his wife, Tara, along with many cousins and friends.

Stephen may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Community Fund, PO Box 156, Plainville, CT 06062.

Honoring his wishes, his family will celebrate his life privately. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

~ Paul E. Gosselin ~



93, formerly of Meriden and Spring Hill, Florida, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday October 12, 2019 at the Hebrew Health Care Center in West Hartford. Born in Levis, Quebec, Canada on May 15, 1926, he was one of six children to the late Herve and Regina (Couture) Gosselin. He and the love of his life,

Carmen (Begin) shared the same hometown and were married July 4, 1949, settling in Meriden where they raised their 3 children and shared over 70 years of love and life adventures. As a young and active couple, they enjoyed trips back to Canada, skiing, and bowling. Paul was employed for Miller Company in Meriden for close to 40 years from where he retired in 1988 and was a longtime member of the Franco-American Club and the Knights of Columbus. He and Carmen retired to Spring Hill where they spent close to 30 years, returning home two years ago to be closer to their family, and to share their final years together at the Hebrew Health Center. Known for his stamp collecting and being amused and entertained by watching wrestling on T.V., Paul was a true gentleman; a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, who will be missed dearly leaving an everlasting imprint in the hearts of his family.

In addition to his wife, Carmen, he leaves his sons, Pierre Gosselin and his wife, Debra of Plainville and Michael Gosselin and his spouse Cody of South Burlington, VT; his daughter (his Princess) Linda Gosselin and partner Randy of Meriden; 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He also leaves his elder sister Irene Dionne of Spring Hill Fl., and two brothers, Jerry of Spring Hill, FL, Guy and his wife, Judy of Meriden, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Lee Gosselin and his sister, Monique Roy.

In lieu of flowers, Paul may be remembered with contributions to the Dementia Society of America, PO Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901 or www.dementiasociety.org

Paul's life was celebrated with a graveside service at the St. Laurent Cemetery, 1151 Hanover Ave, Meriden. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com



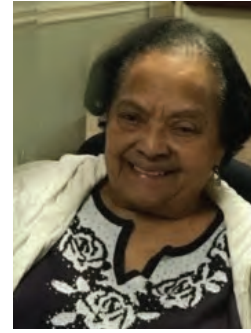
~ Martha (Frederick) Brksa Royle ~



88, of Plainville, formerly of Norwalk, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at the Jefferson House in Newington.

Born and raised in Norwalk, Martha was the youngest and last surviving of ten children to the late William and Lillian (Hall) Frederick. A 1949 graduate of Norwalk High School, she went on to work for Union Trust Bank for many years, while raising her three daughters. Upon her retirement, she moved to New Port Richey, FL., where she resided for more than 20 years. She quickly came out of retirement to maintain her social butterfly status, working for several area retail stores until the age of 78. In her down time, she enjoyed caring for the tropical plants and flowers in her yard, and cheering on the Tampa Bay Rays, rarely missing the chance to watch annual spring training. A loving mother and grandmother, who took great pride in becoming a great-grandmother, enjoying many precious times with her Ava, she will be missed dearly, leaving many cherished memories. She is survived by her daughters, Susan Brksa of

Emma Isabelle "Belle" (Maxwell) Johnson



96, though forever 39 at heart, passed away peacefully with her beloved family by her side on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at Touchpoints of Farmington. She is now reunited in the arms of the Lord with her husband, Harold M. Johnson, Sr. and her son, Harold M. Johnson, Jr. She is survived by her children Gregory S. Henry and his wife,

Liz; Stephanie Santos and her husband, Sylvestre, and Deborah Anderson; and her step son, Ernest Johnson. Affectionately known as "Nana Grape" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she will be missed by R.J., Tony, Kevin, Jennifer (J.T.), Felicia, Harold, III., Isabelle, Sharelle, Dena, Scottie, Louie, Ernie, and Jennifer (J.J.), Anthony, Jr., (Deuce), Carter, Harper, K.J., and Eleni, and would have been filled with joy to meet one more great-grandchild on the way. She was predeceased by her brothers, Sydney, George, Albert and Sam Maxwell and her sisters, Doris Hines and Hilda Massie; and her step-daughter, Jacqueline Lancelin; and leaves many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

A proud native of the Bronx, she was born on February 25, 1923, the youngest and last surviving of seven children to the late Samuel and Mary (Fullwood) Maxwell, and was a 1942 graduate of Jamaica High School in Queens. A telephone operator and later in her career, a training instructor, she worked for both New York Bell and S.N.E.T, from where she retired after more than 25 years of dedicated employment. She raised her family in Plainville, taking great pride in the accomplishments and diversity of her children and grandchildren. Belle was a crochet artist and expert baker and monkey bread maker, spoiling her family with blankets and treats that they all looked forward to each holiday, and passed along her baking skills to many of her family members for them to continue to enjoy. A woman of great strength, independence and spunk, she leaves a legacy of love for her family and many precious memories and will be missed dearly.

In lieu of flowers, Belle may be remembered, and her family honored, with contributions to the Harold M. Johnson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund at www.hmjscholarshipfoundation.org or to The Be Thoughtful Movement www.bethoughtfulmovement.org Family and friends gathered in celebration of Belle's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Prayers and words of remembrance by the Reverend Shaw Mudge were held at the funeral home. Belle will be laid to rest privately at the family's convenience. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

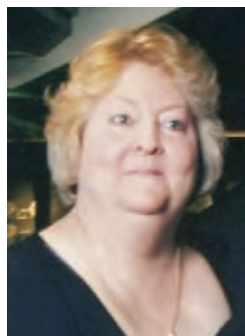
Plainville with whom she made her home; and Mary Jane Kosach and her husband, Raymond; and her son-in-law, Terry Meehan; her grandchildren, Erin Meehan, her husband, Danny, Sgt. Ryan J. Meehan, and Kyle W. Kosach; and the little one who made her smile the most, her great-granddaughter, Ava Girard. She was predeceased by her daughter, Martha "Marty" Brksa Meehan, and her nine brothers and sisters, leaving many nieces, nephews and cousins. Martha's family extends their sincerest gratitude to the nurses and staff at the Jefferson House, for the compassionate care shown to her during her stay. Martha may be remembered with contributions to the Jefferson House Recreation Fund, 1 John H. Stewart Dr. Newington, CT 06111.

A memorial service celebrating Martha's life will be held and announced in November, upon her grandsons return from Afghanistan. For online expressions of sympathy and future service information, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com



OBITUARIES

~ Sylvia Y. (Sulinski) Kratka ~



70, of Plainville, wife of Roger Kratka, passed away with her family by her side on Friday, October 18, 2019 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain.

Born in Warrenton, NC on June 5, 1949, she was one of two daughters to the late John and Dorothy (Young) Sulinski.

Raised in Warrenton, she moved

to New Britain in her twenties, where she met the love of her life, Roger, whom she would marry three weeks later. Together they settled in Plainville where they raised their two daughters and shared 48 years of love, life adventures and world travels on their annual cruises. Sylvia had a longtime career in the medical field as an EMT, of which she was very passionate, and later for private physicians' offices. Known for her delicious home-cooked meals and baked goods, her greatest joy was to be surrounded by (and feeding) her much loved family. She enjoyed pro bowling in her younger years, taking trips to the casino and cheering on her favorite team, the Boston Red Sox. A loving wife, mother and grandmother, she will be missed by dearly, leaving a legacy of love, laughter and many treasured memories.

In addition to her husband, Roger, she leaves her daughters and sons-in-law, Carrie Kratka (Eddie Collazo) and Michelle Curtis (Frank Samuel); her pride and joy, her grandchildren, Devin Curtis (Amanda Rusczyk), Meghan Curtis, and Keegan Curtis, Ethan Collazo and Ontavia Samuel; and her great-grandson, Blake Curtis. She also leaves her sister, Sheila DuBois and her husband, Rick, her godson, Michael, and several nieces, nephews, dear friends and extended family; along with her companion who never left her side, her cat Cyndee.

Sylvia may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, PO Box 233, Plainville, CT 06062, an organization that she proudly donated to frequently.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Sylvia's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com



~Mildred Martha (Fruchtenicht) Martin~



85, wife of the late Chester Martin, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at Apple Rehab, Farmington Valley.

Born in Bristol on January 12, 1934, she was one of three children to the late Christian and Martha (Becker) Fruchtenicht. A lifelong

resident of Bristol, she attended local schools, and settled in her hometown with Chester where they raised their family, and shared 57 years of marriage. Millie, as she was affectionately known, lived her life filled with kindness towards everyone she met, and will forever be the matriarch of her family, keeping them all united. Remembered for her crocheting and knitting talents, she proudly shared her hand-crafted slippers with everyone (including her mailman and his family!) and in her later years, found serenity in reading, assembling puzzles, and of course, being surrounded by her family. She will be missed greatly, leaving many cherished memories and her ever-present smile for all to remember.

She leaves her daughter, Bonnie Shields of Southington; her sons, Christian Martin and his wife, Rosemary of Las Vegas, and Daniel Martin of Bristol. She was the proud grandmother to her four grandchildren, James Martin, Scott Sturgeon, Jr., Angel Allard, and Danny Therrien and four great-grandchildren, Lillyanna and Gavin Martin and Bella and Ava Therrien. In addition, she leaves her brother and sister-in-law, Christian and Cynthia Fruchtenicht; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family and precious friends that she treated like family. She was predeceased by her sister, Hedwig Colapietro.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

Millie's life was celebrated at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, with the Reverend Stephen Volpe officiating. Burial followed at Forestville Cemetery. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com



~ Fernand "Fern" Paradis ~



84, of Plainville, Connecticut, entered his eternal rest and went to his heavenly home on Monday, October 21, 2019.

Fern survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Simone, and their children: Vic & Wendy (Briggs) Paradis of New Hartford, Perry Paradis of Plainville, William & Sandra (Paradis) Fray of Texas, John

& Beverly (Bailey) Paradis of Plainville, Paul & Debbie (Rusczyk) Paradis of Kensington, and Foster son, Rick Lemke of Bristol. At the time of his passing, he was abundantly blessed with 11 granddaughters (and their 5 spouses), 9 grandsons (and their 7 spouses), 6 great granddaughters and 18 great grandsons. Also, surviving him are 12 of his siblings, multiple cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Fern was born in Frenchville, Maine and graduated from Wisdom High School in St. Agatha, Maine. He was the eldest child in the loving family of Antoine and Roseanna (Chamberland) Paradis and he had 7 brothers and 10 sisters. He proudly served his country for 2 years in the US Army as a member of the 12th Infantry Regiment. In February of 1965, Fern and Simone along with their growing family, relocated to Plainville, Connecticut, where they lived and remained life-long residents until his passing.

Fern was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 574 in Plainville. His tireless work ethic was a great example to his family. He worked as a Construction Foreman for Caron Pipe Jacking Co. of New Britain. He also was the beloved Pepsi Man for the Pepsi Bottling Company of Bristol for 25 years. After retiring, he continued to drive seasonally for 15 years with Paradis Pools, LLC. He enjoyed tinkering in "Peper's Workshop" where he built furniture and treasured pieces for his family and friends. Fern and Simone enjoyed their winters in the south and became "Winter Texans" in 2008 where they spent the next 10 winters with their daughter and son-in-law in South Texas.

Fern had a great love for people and often opened his heart and home to help those in need. During his 52 years of living on Wayne Drive, with his wife, five children and countless pets, there was always room for one more person in need. He was actively involved and volunteered in his church and community and gave of his time, talents and treasures to help those less fortunate. He was involved in the Full-Gospel Business Men's Fellowship and counselor at Christian Fellowship Center in Bristol. He experienced his spiritual rebirth in 1977 and began a lifelong and personal relationship with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His wish was for all his family, friends and co-workers to experience that same spiritual awakening. He had no doubt in his heart and mind where he would be spending eternity and wants everyone he knows to be as assured of that same promise. "...that everyone believes may have eternal life in Him. For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son...whoever believes in Him shall have eternal life...God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." John 3:15-17, NIV.

A celebration of his life was held at Apple Valley Worship Center, 594 W. Center Street Ext, Southington, CT. The Reverend Kenneth Gray will officiate. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be made to: St. Jude's Research Hospital www.stjude.org The Gideon's International www.gideons.org or Bristol Homecare & Hospice Agency 222 Main St, Bristol, CT 06010. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

~ Albert A. Racine ~



86, of Plainville, husband of Georgette "Jette" (Huard) Racine, passed away with his family by his side, on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain.

Born in Brunswick, ME on January 8, 1933, he was one of seven sons to the late Rosa-

rio and Imelda (St. Pierre) Racine. He attended local schools, and proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy upon graduation. He returned home to marry his high school sweetheart, Jette, and made their way to Connecticut the next day. Residents of Plainville for more than 55 years, they settled here to raise their three children, shared 65 years of marriage, and were blessed with three more generations. A machinist for Pratt and Whitney for close to forty years, he was also skilled craftsman and intricate woodworker, creating custom pieces of art for his family to appreciate for years to come. A cribbage player and sports enthusiast, Albert excelled at golf and bowling, played tennis in his younger years, and enjoyed anything that included a ball. Albert was a fan of the Red Sox, Patriots, and UCONN women, though his greatest joy was being

on the sidelines cheering on his children and grandchildren. A well-known umpire for Plainville Little League, he had the disheartening task of striking out his family on a few occasions, but always took great pride in being there. A devoted father and grandfather, he will be greatly missed, leaving his family with priceless memories.

In addition to his wife, Jette, he leaves his children, Sue Racine Cyr, Debra Racine-Vazquez, and Rick Racine and his wife, Tobie; his grandchildren, Nikka (Jordan) Benson, James "J.J." (Crystal) Cyr, and Jennifer Cyr-Rout (Brian); eight great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. He also leaves his brothers, Robert and Andrew Racine, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Emile, Omer, Lucien, and Roland.

In lieu of flowers, Albert may be remembered with contributions to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd, Newington, CT 06111 or to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at www.lls.org

Funeral services in celebration of Albert's life were held from Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St. Plainville, with a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal services with military honors followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

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~ Christopher Tomalczyk ~



of New Britain, CT, beloved son of the late Franciszek "Pop" and Marie (Tubez) Tomalczyk passed away on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at Hartford Hospital with family members at his side. He was 56. He was born in Buffalo, New York on June 25, 1963. His family had resided in

Buffalo until 1965 when they moved to New Britain.

Chris was employed at Panera Bread, Dave's Bagels and Manhattan Bagels until health issues forced him into early retirement. During his life and in his retirement years he enjoyed cooking, fishing, gardening and most of all, spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his brothers Karol Thomas (Allison) of Terryville, Joseph of Bristol, his sisters Jacqueline of South Carolina, Patricia Thompson (Richard) of Plainville along with nephews Brandon Thomas, Greg Piechowicz. Michael Piechowicz, Jason Thompson (Jessica), Joseph Thompson (Margarita) and Justin Thompson (Ginger), nieces Amber Thomas, Michelle Piechowicz and Jennifer Vaverchak (Paul), great nephews and nieces, cousins and his very dear friends Joseph Krawiec, Michael Krawiec, Susan Krawiec, Robert Lopol, Elaine McCue and Mary Ann Watson. Besides his parents he was predeceased by his fraternal grandparents, maternal grandparents and his best doggie buddy Sam (he was an animal lover). Chris was a loving son, brother and uncle who will be dearly missed by everyone who knew him. His never ending smile and contagious laughter made everyone feel happy and good even during difficult times.

Donations may be made in his memory to St. Jude's Children's Hospital www.stjude.org or the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd, Newington, CT 06111. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

~ Judy (Page) Tucker ~



79, of Plainville, widow of Norman Tucker, passed away following a brief illness on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Bristol Hospital.

Born in Ashland, Maine on May 30, 1940, she was the last surviving of three children to the late Sherman and Ada (Graham) Page. She and Norman shared

over 30 years of marriage, and settled in Plainville where they raised their daughter and two sons. A true caretaker from a young age, Judy was a loving mother who created priceless memories of feast-filled holidays, endless whoopee pies, Sunday ski trips, and car rides with no official destination for her children and grandchildren to enjoy and reflect upon. She stayed close to her northern Maine roots, making frequent trips back and spending summers with extended family in her hometown. After her children grew, she became a caretaker and companion to area residents both young and elderly, continued her love for road trips, and enjoyed the peace and serenity of watching the hummingbirds in her yard. She was a special woman with a heart of gold who will be deeply missed, leaving many cherished memories.

She is survived by her daughter, Norma (Pinky) Carlson; her sons, Dale Tucker and Kevin Tucker and his girlfriend, Karen Hedman-Ouellette and was the proud and loving Grammy to Emily, Dale, Cole and Skylar. She also leaves her only surviving Uncle, Calvin Graham, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and many special friends, including the Larsons, who were her second family; along with her four-legged companions, her dogs, Sheba and Teddy. She was predeceased by her brother, Richard and sister, Ella (Sissy).

A celebration of Judy's life will be held and announced at a later date. Plainville Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit :

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~ Melissa (Therrien) Shapcott ~



was born to Ronald and Theresa (Karwacki) Therrien, and was one of three children. Raised and educated in Plainville, she was a graduate of Plainville High School, where she met her best friend and future husband, Michael. They shared more than twenty years together and were fortunate enough to

work alongside one another for more than ten years as she supported Michael in his art career. Melissa had many artistic talents as well, as an accomplished writer, photographer and web designer, who enjoyed reading, hiking, and being surrounded by her family and her beloved pets. Free spirited and selfless, her care and concern for others was evident throughout her life. Melissa was a beautiful soul inside and out, and will be missed beyond words, leaving behind a legacy of love and kindness.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she leaves her brother Eric, her sister, Diana and her fiancé, Charlie; her sisters-in-law Jessica (Shapcott) Cadorette and Emily Shapcott; her nieces, Athena, Ari, Sophia, and Jade; her mother and father-in-law, John and Linda Shapcott and Nanny Arlene Castiola.

In lieu of flowers, Melissa may be remembered with contributions to CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd, Newington, CT 06111.

Melissa's family will remember her with a future memorial service at a day and time to be announced. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

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Senior Center Invites all Plainville Residents to Celebrate Police Chief of the Year Matthew Catania on November 7

To celebrate Plainville Police Chief Matt Catania's being named the very first "Chief of the Year" at the Community Law Enforcement Awards and Recognition (CLEAR) Dinner earlier this year, the Senior Center invites all Plainville residents for cake and coffee on Thursday, November 7 at 1:00 p.m. The Chief of the Year event was sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Yale and the Peace Islands Institute. Chief Catania has led the Plainville police force for nearly nine years.

"The Chief's compassion for community policing and providing the highest standard of police protection and care to Plainville residents is exemplary," Assistant Senior Center Director Ronda Guberman said. "Chief Catania is steadfast when it comes to providing the ultimate service for the residents of Plainville while maintaining integrity, humor, compassion and a whole lot of heart."

"We are thrilled for the Chief and want to show our appreciation for all he does to keep Plainville safe." Senior Center Director Shawn Cohen said. "Please come and applaud Chief Catania on his well-deserved recognition, which also honors the Town of Plainville."

Chief Catania will also give a short presentation on how similar (or different) "real-life" policing is, compared to televised cop shows! You won't want to miss this insightful expose! Please call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to sign up so we can plan accordingly for refreshments.

The Executor has the job of carrying out those wishes. Since a Will can be changed multiple times during lifetime, the named Executor has no authority until after a probate court has approved them. Beneficiaries are given an opportunity to contest the Will, if they can show that the deceased either did not have mental capacity to sign the document or had been unduly influenced to write it with the terms stated.

Once approved, the Executor's role is to safeguard and inventory any property that the deceased owned. This is not an easy task, and the Executor does not get to change the wishes of the deceased. Whatever assets the deceased had that were not jointly owned and which did not have a beneficiary named must be divided in whatever way the Will states. This process, known as probate, takes about 6-8 months in a simple estate. The first five months are legally required, so that creditors can make themselves known and submit proof of their claim. In general, most of the estate work can be done in 3-4 months.

Whatever your plan may be, remember that there are many parts at work, controlling where things will go. The Will is actually the "catch-all." It is a very important document, but other planning tools must be carefully looked at to ensure that your estate plan is not accidental.

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The Accidental Plan

When defining an estate plan, what should you consider? The first thing that often comes to mind is the Last Will and Testament. This well-known document dictates how an individual's assets should be distributed after death. However, the Will does not control everything. This can often lead to unintended consequences in a person's estate plan.

First, joint ownership. Many assets can be owned jointly between two or more people. Naming a spouse or a child on an account or a house as an owner has the same effect. When an individual passes away, the surviving owner(s) now own the property. This may be an issue, if one child was named on the account for convenience purposes but does not want to share the account with their other siblings.

Second, beneficiaries. Bank accounts, life insurance policies, IRAs, and even cars often have beneficiary designations. If so, assets that an individual owned in their name alone will then pass to the named beneficiaries. Again, the terms of the Will are not considered. This can lead to divisions of property that are not what the deceased wanted. The most common error is to name beneficiary A to account 1 and 2 and beneficiary B on account 3, on the assumption that the accounts will exist at the time of death and have the same amount of assets as at the time the beneficiary was named. This may lead to disproportional shares later because account values go up and down.

After joint owners and beneficiary designations, the other assets, known as the residue or remainder, are then controlled by the Will. However, this process is not immediate. The Will expresses the wishes of the deceased.

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