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## YOU ARE INVITED TO A WELCOME RECEPTION



Town Manager Robert E. Lee  
Police Chief Christopher Vanghele

Plainville residents and business owners are invited to attend a welcome reception for new Police Chief Christopher Vanghele on Wednesday, April 6th. Chief Vanghele was sworn in on January 31st.

The reception will take place from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Plainville Public Library located at 56 East Main Street. The reception is an opportunity for citizens and business owners to meet and greet the new Chief and give a show of support.

Refreshments will be available.

## Annual Budget Vote Tuesday April 26th Plainville Firehouse West Main Street 6:00am - 8:00 pm

## Lions Roar 65th Anniversary Pancake Breakfast



The Lions Club 65th Anniversary Pancake Breakfast held at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center. Pictured left to right are the Chefs, Michael Verrett, Kati Graham-Handley, Tad Graham-Handley, President Brian Lavigne and Mark Zakuzewski. They are looking forward to 65 more years and to "Thank Everyone" It was a huge success!!

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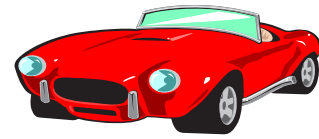


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APRIL

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Palm Sunday.....Sun. 10th

Passover Begins.....Fri. 15th

Easter.....Sun. 17th

Patriot's Day.....Mon. 18th

Passover Ends.....Fri. 22nd

Earth Day.....Fri. 22nd

National Arbor Day.....Fri. 29th

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Town Council Meetings & Board of Education Meetings

Can be seen on Nutmeg TV- Channel #96 & Channel #93

Friday & Sunday Evenings

Plainville

Property Transfers

43 Birch Tree Rd: US Bank NA Tr of Plainville to Patricia Munoz, \$239,000 on 2/22/2022

465 East St: Schaller Richard M Est and Audrey K. Schaller of Plainville to RGT Properties LLC, \$700,000 on 2/22/2022

7 James Pl: Krzysztof Labanowicz of Plainville to Malgorzata Buden and Giovanni A. Colaccino, \$452,500 on 2/17/2022

41 Kristin Ln: Ewa Saturdayski of Plainville to Agnieszka K. Salek, \$300,000 on 2/22/2022

44 Northampton Ln Unit 44: Agnieszka Marynowska of Plainville to Bethanne Shepard, \$165,000 on 2/9/2022

1 Town Line Rd Unit 2: John F. and Karen A. Lapenta of Plainville to 1 Woodbine Avenue LLC \$125,000 on 2/10/2022

41 W Main St: Palumbo Realty LLC of Plainville to Laylas Hldg 41 LLC, \$110,000 on 2/17/2022

135 W Main St: Reinhard Properties LLC of Plainville to Lamarre Properties LLC, \$250,000 on 2/9/2022

10 W Pine Way Unit A1: William T. Costello of Plainville to Carol A. Diaz, \$155,000 on 2/22/2022

10 Church St: Richard G. and Lena M. Nichols of Plainville to Klaudio and Fioralb Arapaj, \$278,622 on 3/3/2022

11 Fox Rd: Jarrett J. and Carol O. Stevens of Plainville to Alysia Sklenarik and Joseph Spisak, \$333,000 on 3/1/2022

38 Maiden Ln: Tomasz and Marta Jezionek of Plainville to Danielle Layfield and Oliver Layfield, \$429,900 on 2/23/2022

74 Northwest Dr: Access Management LLC of Plainville to 74 Northwest Drive LLC, \$1,150,000 on 2/28/2022

177 Red Stone Hl: Todd W. and Kimberly J. Oliver of Plainville to Pace Homebuyers LLC 170,000 on 2/23/2022

15 Skyline Dr: Gina M. and Tomek P. Furtak of Plainville to Jonathan P and Mary K. Richardson, \$385,000 on 3/3/2022

19 Timber Hill Rd: Sandra K. Slade of Plainville to Pariser Enterprises LLC, \$155,000 on 2/23/2022

190 Tomlinson Ave Unit 9a: L. Alyson Perkins of Plainville to Ierzy and Barbara Malz, \$185,100 on 3/01/2022

24 View St: Lynne Vitale of Plainville to Andrew R. Salek \$275,000 on 3/01/2022

64 Welch St: Hedman Nancy M. Est and Keith A. Hedman of Plainville to Sarah Brown, \$250,000 on 3/01/2022

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

## March 7 & March 21, 2022



### Town Council Notes March 7, 2022

#### Historic Preservation Grant

- The Connecticut State Library has announced that Plainville will be receiving a grant through the Historic Document Preservation Program in the amount of \$5,500.
- Cindy Porrini, Town Clerk plans to utilize the grant to purchase new archival binders for permanent vital records such as birth, death & marriages for the period 1952 to 1985.
- The current binders do not meet the standards set by the Public Records Administrator.
- There is an item under New Business that would authorize the Town Clerk to file the application for the Historic Preservation Grant.

#### American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

#### Proposed Projects

- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council consider utilizing a portion of the Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) associated with the American Rescue Plan for three projects.
- The first would authorize the purchase/ordering of the Vac-Con vehicle at an estimated cost of \$450K.
- The second item would be to replace sidewalks in the Maxine Drive/Bernice Court area. These are sidewalks that were rated poor on our sidewalk survey. Town staff would like to bid this project this spring to have the project completed this year. The estimated cost is \$450,000.
- The third item would provide some additional resources to the Youth Services Department for counseling for students as well as making some improvements to the office area to make it more comfortable when meeting with them as well. The estimated cost for these changes would be \$10K to \$15K.
- If the Town Council wishes to consider these three items, Town staff is recommending that a Public Hearing be scheduled for March 21, 2022, at 7:00 pm before the next Town Council meeting to give residents the opportunity to comment on the recommended use of the funds.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

#### COVID-19 Update

- The latest State Health Department COVID-19 Report indicates that Plainville is no longer in the "red" category. Over the last two weeks, Plainville has an average daily rate of 8.6 COVID cases per 100K population. This puts Plainville in the "yellow" category.
- Residents and visitors no longer are required to wear face masks when entering all municipal buildings.

### Police Chief Chris Vanghele Welcome Reception

- A Welcome Reception for the new Police Chief has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th at the Plainville Library from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.
- This will be an opportunity for residents and business owners to stop in and meet Chris Vanghele, Plainville's newly appointed Police Chief.
- There will be light refreshments served as well. A Press Release and notifications will be sent out and posted in the coming weeks.

### Happenings

#### ALL DROP-IN ACTIVITIES HAVE RETURNED TO THE

#### SENIOR CENTER!

#### COME JOIN US!

#### Here is the weekly schedule:

**Setback Tournament: Mondays,  
12:30 p.m.**

**Cribbage: Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.**

**Pinochle: Tuesdays, 12:00 noon**

**Current Events: Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.**

**Bridge: Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.**

**Open Quilting: Wednesdays,  
9:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Open Painting: Wednesdays,  
1:00 p.m.**

**Bingo: Wednesdays, 1:15 p.m.**

**Charlemagne: Wednesdays,  
1:15 p.m.**

**Coloring Club: Wednesdays,  
3-4 p.m.**

**Mexican Train: Thursdays, 10:00  
a.m.**

**Pool Tournament: Thursdays, 12:30  
p.m.**

**Pinochle: Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.**

**Telephone Bingo: Thursdays at 1  
p.m.—call ahead to receive call-in  
or Zoom information and a Bingo  
card.**

**Bridge: Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.**

**Scrabble: Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.**

**Mahjong: Fridays, 9:00 a.m.**

**Walking—Daily at 9:15 a.m.  
(check calendar for changes).**

**Computers—Daily for members  
only. Must sanitize keyboard &  
mouse before & after.**

### Town Council Notes March 21, 2022

#### Spring Bulk Pickup

- On-Demand bulk pickup collection will begin on Monday, April 11th. Residents can request one bulk pick-up per year free of charge for acceptable large items that do not fit in the normal rubbish collection.
- Residents will be able to schedule their one bulk pickup free of charge either in the spring or fall. Spring collection will from April 11 until June 27th. During this period, bulk collection will not be available on April 18th (day after Easter) or May 30th (Memorial Day).
- Those who want to schedule a bulk pickup can contact CWPM at 860-793-6721 and provide their name, address, and phone number along with a description of the items to be collected. Calls must be scheduled by property owners/landlords. Calls placed by 3:00 pm Friday can be scheduled for collection the following Monday.
- Bulk items should be placed curbside no more than 24 hours before your scheduled pickup. Questions can be referred to the Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 Ext. 7176 or by visiting the Public Works Department page on the Town of Plainville website at [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com)

#### Transfer Station Opening – Saturday, April 9

- The Transfer Station located on Grainger Lane will be open on Saturdays beginning on April 9th. The hours of operation are 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Plainville residents must show identification and there is a fee for disposal of most items.
- Items that can be disposed of without a fee include leaves, waste motor oil, antifreeze, mattresses, and electronic devices including TV's and computers.
- Questions regarding the transfer station can be referred to the Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 Ext. 7176 or by visiting the Public Works Department page on the Town of Plainville website at [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com)

#### Road Bond Discussion

- The 7th year of the Road Bond Program is scheduled to begin next month (April). Town staff is requesting that the Town Council authorize the use of the State of CT Contract for the purchase and installation of bituminous concrete pavement utilizing the State Bid process in an amount not to exceed \$650K.
- It is expected that Tilcon will be the low bid in this area as they

- are in Plainville. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

#### Farmington Avenue Trees

- Last year the Town Council discussed the replacement of trees along Farmington Avenue that were removed by the State after being damaged by severe weather. Town staff is recommending the planting of ten maples and/or Red Buds along the westerly side of Farmington Avenue from Roberts Street to West Pine Way.
- Town staff solicited two quotes by local vendors. The low quote was submitted by Winterberry Gardens of Southington in the amount of \$10,023.24. The trees would also be warranted for one-year.
- As this tree replacement was not budgeted in the current fiscal year, Town staff is seeking authorization to move forward with the work. There is an item under New Business that would authorize the installation of ten trees on the westerly side of Farmington Avenue from Winterberry gardens of Southington in the amount of \$10,023.24.

#### School Administrators Contract

- The Board of Education has recently approved a contract with the Plainville Association of School Administrators for three years beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2025. The contract was filed in the Town Clerk's Office on March 16, 2022.
- The Connecticut General Statutes allow for the Town Council, acting in its capacity as the Legislative Body, to reject the contract and send the negotiations into arbitration. The Town Council has 30 days from the filing of the contract to act. (April 15th). The contract will automatically go into effect if no action is taken by the Town Council as well.
- Superintendent Steven Lepage is here this evening to give some highlights of the negotiated contract and to answer any questions that you may have concerning same.

#### COVID-19 Update

- Plainville continues to be in the "yellow" category with an average daily rate of 6.1 new cases of COVID-19 per 100K population over the last two weeks. Last week there were four new cases of COVID reported in Plainville.
- All major event centers and large gathering places are now open for use with no restrictions such as face masks or vaccination requirements except for certain healthcare settings and homeless shelters.
- A recent article in the Hartford Courant indicated that a subvariant

**~ REMINDER ~ ALL DAY BUDGET VOTE ~  
TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH  
6:00 AM ~ 8:00 PM  
PLAINVILLE FIRE HOUSE**

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call Plainville Police 806-747-1616 - Emergency Call 911

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- A recent article in the Hartford Courant indicated that a subvariant of omicron - BA.2 is gaining ground in Connecticut. It is predicted that BA.2 will compose 95% of the cases in southern CT by early April. While BA.2 is thought to be more infectious than the original omicron variant, it seems that, as of yet, it is not as deadly or as disruptive to the healthcare system.
- CT saw a slight uptick in the positivity rate last week to 2.53% and hospitalizations are down 40 patients last week to 100 overall.

**JUDY HUMPHREY THANK YOU RETIREMENT PARTY THURSDAY, APRIL 14 10:00 A.M. COST: FREE! CALL TO REGISTER.**

Join us to thank Judy Humphrey for 10 incredible years of organizing, leading, coordinating, planning, teaching and facilitating our photography group.

**“BETWEEN HEARTS” BOOK DISCUSSION THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 11:00 A.M. COST: FREE!**

Judy Humphrey used the Pandemic to write a book! Judy will discuss her experience writing and publishing.

- ### Happenings March 21, 2022
- The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public workshop in support of the Plainville Housing Affordability Study on Tuesday, April 26th. The housing questionnaire/survey was closed out in late February. They will soon engage in the process of vetting ideas and strategies for affordable housing in Plainville. The plan is required by State Statute and while it is not yet known what actions will be recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the workshop is an excellent opportunity to learn more and provide input to help shape this policy.
  - The Plainville Anti-Racism Task Force is sponsoring "Plainville Unites - A Conversation about Diversity and Inclusion Here at Home" featuring speaker Suomia Dode, on March 23, at 6:30 PM at the Plainville Public Library.
- Ms. Dode, a Plainville resident of Pakistani descent, and alumna of Plainville Schools will speak about her culture as well as her experiences with racism. For more information contact Roberta Brown at 860-793-0221 ext 7404. Registration is encouraged at plainvillect.com/library
- The Tax Office will be sending out lien notices for the 2020 Grand List unpaid real estate bills



STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**William A. Petit Jr.**  
22ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT  
Plainville, New Britain

### Friends and Neighbors.

Yesterday, the House voted on HB-5501, An Act Suspending Certain Gas Taxes and Sales and Use Taxes on Certain Clothing and Allocating Funds for Free Public Bus Services.

Under this bill, the state's .25 cent Excise Tax on gasoline will be suspended from April 1st through June 30th.

Additionally, it creates a second tax free week that will run from April 10th through April 16th. This tax-free week will be identical to the one the state currently has in August wherein all clothing and footwear under \$100 will be exempt from sales tax.

Lastly, the bill provides free bus service for three months (April 1st through June 30th).

Yesterday morning, our colleagues on the other side of the aisle held a press conference to propose the legislature repeal parts of the Highway Use Tax (aka "Truck Tax"). This is the very same tax they overwhelmingly approved just last year.

This tax targets heavyweight commercial trucks passed along party lines (with the exception of 6 Democrats voting against) last year despite

objections from Republicans and representatives from the trucking and grocery industries who acknowledged this increase would ultimately drive up the costs of their items being transported.

Democrats say they now want to exempt the agriculture industry from the controversial tax, something our caucus was rebuffed on when we attempted to offer that amendment to the bill last year.

We are again calling for the repeal of this tax. We must continue to look at our state's overall affordability and find ways to provide our residents with additional tax relief, not increase the burden we place on them.

Please feel free to share this information with anyone who might also find it useful.

Contact me:  
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300 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

# Taste Buzz

## Day After St. Patrick's Soup

- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 2 cups of yellow onion (chopped)
- 1 cup celery (chopped)
- 2 Tsp. minced garlic
- 1 tsp. caraway seeds
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 2 bay leaves
- 8 cups beef broth
- 2 cups chopped cooked cabbage
- 2 cups chopped cooked carrots
- 2 cups chopped cooked potatoes
- 1 lb. shredded cooked corned beef
- 2 Tbsp chopped fresh dill
- 2 Tbsp. chopped leaf parsley
- Malt vinegar

- Heat oil & butter in a large Dutch oven over medium-high. Add onion and celery, cook until translucent, 5 or 6 minutes. Add garlic, caraway seeds, salt and papper; bring to a boil over high. Reduce to low.
  - Stir in cooked cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and corned beef, cook until hot. 15 minutes. Remove bay leaves. Stir in dill and parsley. Serve with vinegar on the side.
- If you don't have leftovers:  
Buy store bought cooked corned beef (one inch thick)  
preboil the cabbage, potatoes and carrots until tender about 10 to 15 minutes.  
*Serves 8- Enjoy You will be surprised how it is the best soup ever!!*

**Day After Easter Soup.....**  
*Substitute your Easter ham for Corned Beef (can use more than 1 lb)*

**The Bristol-Plainville Relay for Life**  
**Will be June 4th at 10 a.m. to June 5th at Norton Park**

Rebecca Greeley Ballinger will be holding her "Egg My House" fundraiser in support of her team.

Those who wish to sign up for a team, become a sponsor, or donate can call Luisa Gladu at 860-869-6734 or Alexis Maliga at 203-379-4827.

*More information in the Hometown Connection in May and June.*

### Steps to Be Taken by Property Owners

**~When Sewage Back-up Occurs**  
If a back-up occurs during business hours call:  
Normal Business Hours – Monday – Friday  
7:00am – 3:00pm  
Water Pollution Control Department: ~~~~~ (860)793-0221 Ext. 6518

If a back-up occurs during non-business hours call: ~~~~Nights, Weekends & Holiday  
Plainville Police Non-Emergency Line: ~~~~(860)747-1616

Once contacted a WPC Maintenance crew will be notified of the situation and will arrive to determine if the backup is from the main sewer line. If it is, they will clear it. If the blockage is not in the main sewer line then the WPC Maintenance crew will direct the property owner to contact a licensed drain layer/plumber.

### Thinking About Starting a Business?

**Contact:**  
**The Economic Development Commissioner**  
**Cal Hauburger**  
**For Assistance**  
**860-793-0221 ext. 7178**

### For Voting Information or Questions Contact:

**Susan Abram**  
**Democrat**  
**Registrar of Voters**  
**860-793-0221 Ext. 7161**

**Beth Gasparini**  
**Republican**  
**Registrar of Voters**  
**860-793-0221 Ext. 7162**

**To: All Civic & Religious Organization**

We would like to invite everyone: to share your activities with our readers Please forward all news and pictures to: **Email**  
plainvillehometown@gmail.com  
**or Phone: 860-747-4119***The Editor*

### THE TEA PARTY CREED...

**"I am not a racist, I am not violent I will not be silent"**

Pd. for by: The members of the Tea Party

## 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. 8703**



Leave your name and phone number and ask for a Councilor to contact you.

## Plainville Community Fund Annual Easter Flower Sale

Thursday, April 14, Friday, April 15  
9 am to 7 pm and  
Saturday, April 16, 9 am to 3 pm  
(the weekend of Easter)

**Gnazzo Food Center**  
**73 East Street**  
**Plainville**

The Plainville Community Fund was established at the Foundation in 2006 by a group of committed community leaders in Plainville who were interested in creating a permanent resource for charitable programs and projects that would enhance the quality of life for Plainville residents. In 2021 the fund awarded \$12,000 in grants to eight organizations. This was made possible by all the support from the residents of Plainville. *"Our sincere appreciation for helping us help others"*

## YMCA/PHS Project Graduation

"PHS Project Graduation 2022, in partnership with the Wheeler YMCA, is scheduled to meet the first Wednesday of each month at PHS. Volunteers are needed to help plan an all-night drug and alcohol-free party for the Class of 2022. All levels of commitment are appreciated. The following upcoming event is planned:

Wed., Monthly meeting at PHS, 7pm in Learning Commons. Future dates: April 6, May 4.

**UConnMens/Womens Basketball** games at Storrs, concession stand volunteers, times vary. For more info contact Stevie at 860-463-3600.

**Donation Clothing Drive at YMCA**, Accepting used clothing, bedding, linens & shoes. Donation date April 30 th.

For more information about Project Graduation, contact Stevie @ 860-463-3600."

*Thank you kindly,  
Christine Millette*

*2022 Project Graduation Parent Committee  
Member 860-869-3209*

## From the Desk of: Cal Hauburger

**White Oak Remediation LEP:** As part of the redevelopment of White Oak, the Town solicited proposals from four firms: BL Companies, Loureiro Engineering Associates, Arcadis, and Tighe & Bond. These firms are CT Department of Administrative Services (CT DAS) prequalified for this work and were previous finalists for the environmental assessment portion of the White Oak project in 2017. Based on submissions, the Town conducted secondary interviews with BL Companies and Tighe & Bond. . This effort should begin in the coming weeks.

**White Oak Funding Agreement:** The Town continues to work towards finalizing a funding agreement for the \$1.17 million of Brownfield Remediation Grant funding. The "Direct Agreement" will allow funds and invoices to be processed by the Town, while allowing CT Brownfield Lank Bank to remain in the previously approved advisory and guidance role. The final aspect to be finalized is that of collateral. DECD is allowing the Town and development team to select the most advantageous option. The document is being reviewed by both sides, a decision will be made, and DECD will draft a final version for execution.

**White Oak Property Disposition Agreement:** The land disposition agreement – which further delves into details and responsibilities of each party throughout the development and beyond – is nearing completion.

**Recreational Marijuana:** Given the population in Town, this would only allow for one dispensary to possibly be located within Town. . Given further State requirements - including the licensing of the entire supply chain – stores; testing; labs; growers; and the requirement for enough growing capacity to support and supply the retail market, it isn't believed that dispensaries will open in Connecticut until late 2022.

**ARPA Funding:** As part of Federal COVID assistance, over \$1.56 billion will be distributed to municipalities across the country. Plainville will receive a total of \$5.1 million over two phases; the first was received in June 2021, the second in June 2022. No funds have been spent to date. An ARPA Committee was established, consisting of select Town Staff and Town Council members to review the best spending options. A recommendation was made by the Committee to spend monies under the "Revenue Loss" category, allowing funds to be used for "government services"; any service that is traditionally provided by a government for their

residents. The Committee also recommended most of the dollars be used for Capital Expenditures – most of which have been included in the Town's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan, with the thought process being that the CIP Plan impact going forward would be reduced, thus becoming a benefit to most of Plainville tax pagers as they would not have to fund these projects through local taxes. At the February 22, 2022 meeting, the Town Council approved the recommendation of utilizing ARPA funding under the "Revenue Loss" category.

A list of potential projects can be found on the Town's website. Though listed, each project to be funded under this initiative will require review and approval by the Town Council prior to execution.

### **Miscellaneous:**

New businesses have opened in and around the core-downtown area.

**The Maine Attraction:** Custom Tailor & Design has opened at 14 West Main Street offering apparel, all tailoring services, and a host of custom and ready to wear suits and tuxedos.

**Veterinary Urgent Care Center** has opened at 19 Pine Street – the location of a former daycare center that had sat vacant for quite some time.

**In January, Garrett Daigle** left the Town for a Planning position with the Town of Farmington.

**Mark Devoe** has returned to Town, and after filling in on a part-time basis for the month of February, will be back full-time with Plainville. He will take over all of Garrett's responsibilities, focusing strictly on Planning.

**An updated Business Resource** listing is now available on the Town's website under the Planning & Economic Development page. The new listed features some of the most business-friendly and easily accessible offerings on the local, regional, and state level ranging from free business advising and mentorship, to sector-specific development assistance.

*If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.*

*Thank you,*

*Cal Hauburger*

*Economic Development & Special Projects  
Coordinator*

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## TRANSFER STATION SCHEDULE

The Transfer Station located on Granger Lane will be open for the season beginning on Saturday April 9, 2022. The hours of operation are 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. SATURDAY'S ONLY. Plainville residents must show identification. There is a fee for disposal. Questions can be referred to Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 x 7176, or you can refer to the Public Works Department page on the Town of Plainville website, [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com).

## Town of Plainville On-Demand Bulk Pickup Policy

The Town of Plainville has an on-demand policy for the collection of bulk pickup. Residents who currently have curbside rubbish and recycling collection from the Town can request one bulk pickup per calendar year free of charge for acceptable large items that do not fit in normal rubbish collection. Please visit the Town of Plainville website for a complete list of acceptable bulk items.

Residents will be able to schedule their one bulk pick up free of charge either in the spring or fall. Bulk collection will take place on Mondays during the following periods: **April 11, 2022 through June 27, 2022 (excluding April 18th & May 30th, due to holidays).**

Eligible residents must call CWPM, LLC at (860) 793-6721 to schedule a pickup. When calling, you will need to provide your name, address, phone number and a description of the items to be collected. Calls must be scheduled by property owners/landlords; this includes multi-family residents (2-5 units). Calls placed by 3:00 pm Friday can be scheduled for collection on Monday.

Bulk items should be placed curbside no more than 24 hours before your scheduled pickup. Bulk items must not block or create a safety concern for sidewalks or walkways.

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## The Story of St. Camillus de Lellis, Patron Saint of Healthcare Workers

by: Anne E. Neuberger

Legend has it that when Camilla Compelli de Laureto was pregnant with her last child in 1550, she had a dream about that child's future. She saw her son as an adult, wearing an emblem of a cross on his chest, leading other men wearing the same cross. That dream troubled her greatly; it stayed with her, in fact, for the rest of her life. That's because in sixteenth-century Italy, the only time someone wore a cross like that was when he or she was headed for the gallows to be hanged. Camilla's dream did come true, but not in the way she thought it would.

### A Teenage Bully

Camilla's son, Camillus, grew to an astounding height for his era; by the time he was only sixteen, he stood six-and-a-half-feet tall. Motherless by age thirteen, neglected by his father, and bigger than anybody else, he became the town bully. At seventeen, he followed in his father's footsteps and joined the army, where he fought French and Turkish soldiers in his native Italy. It wasn't long before he distinguished himself as a man with a love of gambling and a violent temper.

Somewhere around this time, Camillus developed a severe and painful abscess in his right leg. Seeking help, he entered a hospital, and he was appalled by what he saw there. The air was thick and vile, the food was revolting, and the entire place was filthy. Many of the workers, untrained mercenaries, were cruel to the patients.

Once he started to recover, Camillus began hobbling from bed to bed. He wiped feverish foreheads, brought water to the thirsty, and talked gently with the patients in order to comfort them and cheer them up.

But old habits die hard, and after a few months, the irritable and argumentative Camillus was told to leave the hospital. He returned to the army, where he gambled away his lucrative income as a mercenary soldier. For the next few years, he continued in his seemingly endless cycle of soldiering, gambling, and hospitalization.

### A Change of Heart and a Change of Life

Camillus' gambling debts led him to odd jobs, sometimes at monasteries. There, he would listen to homilies and get a glimpse of the peace and sense of purpose that were part of monastic life. At one Capuchin friary, a friar saw a better side to Camillus' nature. As Camillus was leaving to visit another friary in hopes of more work, he asked this man to pray for him. The friar agreed and told him, "God is everything. The rest is nothing."

Just one hour into his journey, Camillus suddenly felt as if a light had shone into his soul. He began to feel overwhelmed by grief over his past. He threw himself down to the ground and prayed, "Lord, I have sinned. Forgive this great sinner! How unhappy I have been for so many years not to have known you and not to have loved you!" Vowing to live in a humble, loving way, he tried joining several monasteries but was refused because of his lack of education, his gambling issues, and his ill health.

### Compassion and Cleanliness

Instead, Camillus went to Rome and found a job at San Giacomo Hospital, a hospital for "incurables" who had no other hope. He scrubbed floors, washed blankets, and worked to overhaul the food system. As hard as he worked, he managed to keep a cheerful, caring attitude.

Eventually he was put in charge of a small staff that he trained in the kind of care he himself was giving. In the years that followed, Camillus rose to become the general supervisor with oversight of all the financial and organizational aspects of the hospital. He continued focusing on practical and compassionate patient care, and though he did not recognize it at the time, he began to transform the very concept of medical care.

Though it would be a few hundred years before the connection between cleanliness and health was commonly accepted, Camillus trained his workers in that theory. Similarly, the connection between diet and healing had not received much attention, but Camillus saw to it that good food was served to the patients. He also insisted that the hospital servants be trained in the practical arts of caring for the sick, with a special emphasis on compassion. "The poor and the sick are the heart of God," he often said. "In serving them, we serve Jesus the Lord."

### In Perpetual Service

But not everyone appreciated Camillus' philosophy of compassionate care. Some people accused him of trying to take total control of the hospital. Others though his ideals were impossible to uphold. Still others resented his rise to prominence. Their opposition became so strong that Camillus was ready to give it all up.

As he was agonizing in prayer over his situation one night, he heard a voice calling to him. Looking up to his crucifix, he saw the figure of Jesus begin to move. The arms detached themselves from the cross and reached toward him. "Tell me what is troubling you, fainthearted one," he heard Jesus say. "Continue in this work, for I will help you. Remember, this is my work, not yours." Comforted and strengthened, Camillus determined never to stop.

In the meantime, Camillus continued to feel called to religious life. That meant spending years overcoming his lack of education. Finally, in 1584, at the age of thirty-four, he completed his studies and was ordained a priest.

He also brought together a group of lay and religious followers whom he could train in his way of caring for patients. In 1586, Pope Sixtus V approved the group, now called the Servants of the Sick. Five years later, Pope Gregory XIV confirmed the Servants of the Sick as a religious order and renamed them the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm. In addition to the traditional vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, Camillus added a fourth; "perpetual service to the sick." By including the word "perpetual," Camillus intended that he and his brothers would care for their patients completely, even if it meant risking their own death.

### The First Red Cross

When a plague swept through Rome in August 1590, Camillus and his followers extended their care to victims in their homes and in prisons as well as in hospitals. Drawing on his knowledge of the military and his own experiences as a wounded soldier, Camillus and his companions also ministered on battlefields. In fact, their work is the first recorded instance of a military field "ambulance," a word that originally meant a mobile hospital.

To distinguish themselves from the soldiers, Camillus' men wore black cassocks embossed with a bright red cross. When asked why, Camillus

said he hoped it would frighten the devil!

Some three hundred years later, that large red cross was adopted by the International Committee of the Red Cross as a symbol of compassion and dedication to anyone in need of medical care. The dream of Camillus' mother had come true after all!

Camillus de Lellis died in Rome on July 14, 1614, at the age of sixty-four. He was canonized in 1746 and named, along with St. John of God, patron of the sick and of healthcare workers.

### A Legacy of Compassion

In Camillus' personal struggles, we discover a story of redemption. Bad habits and choices are part of everyone's life, but these do not need to hold us back from receiving God's love and sharing it with the people around us.

But Camillus also stands as someone who radically changed healthcare with the power of the gospel and the love of Christ. He knew the sense of hopelessness that strange and contagious illnesses can evoke, but he never gave in to despair. At a time when we face the uncertainties and ravages of COVID-19, Camillus' witness can give us a sense of hope. If we can learn to treat one another – healthy or ailing – with the same compassion that St. Camillus showed to his patients, we just might change our corner of the world as well.

Submitted by:

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Anne E. Neuberger

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

**(Bob Raves)** I had trouble with my Service Panel and called Jeff Petillo, owner of Petillo Electric. All he said in his ad in this paper was all true. Neat, Reliable and Prompt Service. He gave me a free estimate for the work and there were no extra charges after he finished. Which was a surprises. Thank you! Jeff

**(Mary Jane Faves)** J. Timothy's Catering service is the answer to surprise guests. My son has the habit of stopping home from college with his friends, you guessed it at lunch time. He gives me a call on his way home, to order wings. All his friends love Timothy's Wings. so mother has no problem, he and his friends are happy and so am I. Oh yes I love the Wings Also.

**(Joanne Raves)** *Best Kept Secret in Plainville.* On the 3rd Saturday of each month Country Singing by Cowboy Bill Morrell, 3 Guitar players & singers at West Main Pizza on East Main Street. Really Good old time songs like Johnny Cash days.

*Deadline for your faves and raves is the 15th of the month for the next issue.*

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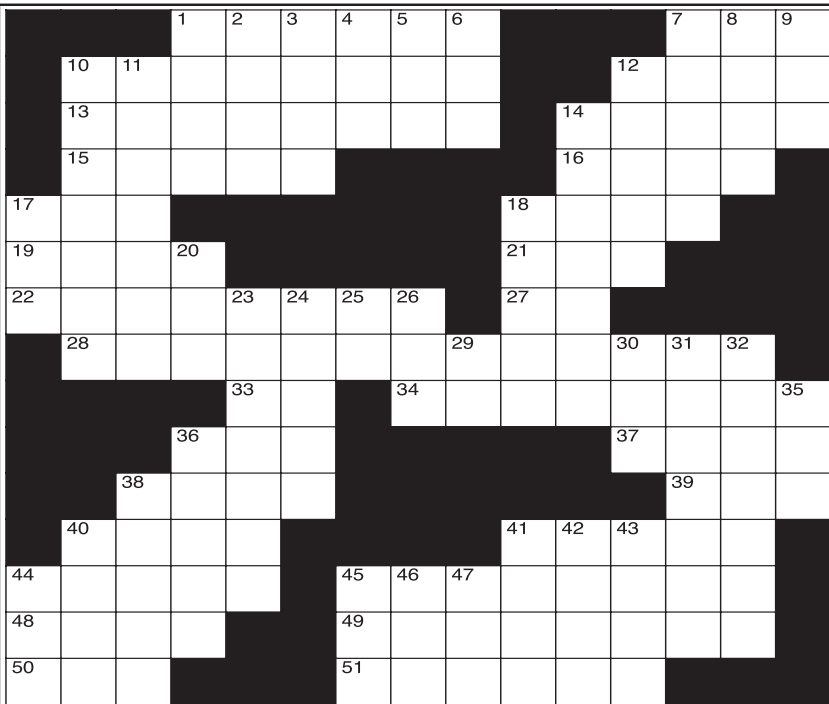
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Crossword



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. A WOMAN OF REFINEMENT
- 7. BODY PART
- 10. ONE WHO IMITATES
- 12. TROPICAL ASIAN STARLINGS
- 13. A TYPE OF DELIVERY
- 14. W. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL
- 15. MANY WOMBS
- 16. WINGS
- 17. EXPRESSION OF AMUSEMENT
- 18. BREWS
- 19. MILD YELLOW DUTCH CHEESE
- 21. MILD EXPRESSION
- 22. SOLITARY
- 27. DISTANCE TO TOP
- 28. THE REBIRTH OF A SOUL IN A NEW BODY
- 33. POLICE WHO INVESTIGATE POLICE (ABBR.)
- 34. BEGRUDGED
- 36. POPULAR SPORTS LEAGUE
- 37. AUTONOMOUS REPUBLIC OF RUSSIA
- 38. DOUBLE-HEADED DRUM
- 39. TYPE OF LIGHT BULB

40. CZECH RIVER

- 41. MALE SERVANTS (SPAN.)
  - 44. PREVIOUSLY
  - 45. MINOR
  - 48. METRICAL FOOT
  - 49. DAYS THAT FOLLOW MONDAYS
  - 50. SMALL EUROPEAN VIPER
  - 51. NEWS SHOWS HAVE ONE
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. INSPIRATION
  - 2. RESEMBLING WINGS
  - 3. FORM OF PERSIAN
  - 4. CONSUMED
  - 5. EXTINCT FLIGHTLESS BIRD OF NEW ZEALAND
  - 6. SEA EAGLE
  - 7. JAGUARUNDIS
  - 8. POKER STAKE
  - 9. BRAVO! BRAVO! BRAVO!
  - 10. SOUTH AMERICAN NATION
  - 11. A COLORLESS, ODORLESS GAS
  - 12. DISTURBANCE
  - 14. ARTIST'S TOOL
  - 17. POLISH PENINSULA
  - 18. OTTOMAN MILITARY LEAD-

ERS

- 20. BIRD-LIKE DINOSAUR
- 23. DRINKING GLASS
- 24. CENTRAL FLORIDA CITY
- 25. ONE'S MOTHER
- 26. TO DO IT IS HUMAN
- 29. ATOMIC #10
- 30. USED TO WRITE
- 31. THE BRANCH OF MEDICINE CONCERNED WITH THE EAR
- 32. ADVERSARIES
- 35. HAVE ALREADY DONE
- 36. ONE OF CONSPICUOUS WEALTH
- 38. IT FLIES OVER SPORTING EVENTS
- 40. GEOLOGICAL TIMES
- 41. NET
- 42. MUSICAL PHRASE
- 43. CHADIC DIALECT
- 44. PRIVATE INTERNET ACCESS (ABBR.)
- 45. LIZARD GENUS
- 46. WOMAN OF THE CHURCH
- 47. HAVING TEN

**Answer on page 16**

## “HAPPY & HEALTHY BIRTHDAY TO ALL”

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- 2ND MICHAEL PERROTTI  
EDNA PIRES  
GARY ANTIGIONVANNI
- 3RD JAIME PETILLO
- 6TH AVIS FLANDERS  
RICHARD DZIURA  
JOHN NACHILLY
- 7TH TABITHA MANAFORT  
GERRY OUELLETTE
- 9TH LISA BUCKLEY
- 14TH LEE FERGUSON
- 16TH LOUIS MANDEVILLE  
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- 21ST JEANNETTE HINKSON  
CRAIG DREZEK
- 22ND ERIN PUGLIESE VLAHAKIS  
KELLY MARQUIS-17 YRS OLD (LOVE MOM & DAD)
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## Plainville Lions Roar

Plainville Lions generally provide donations and service to local concerns such as the Food Pantry, and scholarships for graduates. Following are Plainville Lions activities planned for this year. Please refer to our facebook or our website (i.e. [www.plainvillelions.org](http://www.plainvillelions.org)) for details and updates:

- **Sponsoring of Red Cross Blood Drive** – tentatively late May
- **New Britain Stadium Bees Event** – to benefit the Lions Low Vision Center – July date tbd
- **KidSight Vision Screening** for Pre-schools – were held at various times during February and March

Also, we still **collect used eyeglass** (i.e. prescription and non-prescription), sunglasses, eyeglass cases and hearing aids. There are six (6) drop-off locations in town. A list of them can be found on our website (i.e. [www.plainvillelions.org](http://www.plainvillelions.org)) under **"Collection Box Locations"**.

For next edition we will describe what is done with used eyeglasses after they have been collected.

*Brian Lavigne*

## Plainville Chamber Merger With Central CT Chamber

Quinn Wazorko Christopher and Tabitha Wazorko Manafort co-presidents of the Plainville Chamber announced the partnership with Central CT Chambers.

The Central CT Chambers of Commerce was established in 2003. The regional group is one of the largest chambers in the state, with 115 members, including businesses in Bristol, Burlington, Farmington, Plymouth, and Wolcott. Based in Bristol, the organization provides support and services in areas including legislative changes, economic and workforce development, business advocacy and community development.

"Besides a broader reach and more services for our membership, joining the regional agency will provide much-needed office support for our growing chamber," Quinn Christopher.

Quinn Christopher will be on the Board of Directors for the Central CT Chambers of Commerce. If additional Board openings become available, they will be filling them with Plainville Chamber of Commerce members.

## From the Desk of..... Thomas A. Wurz

### LUMP SUM

#### SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENT

One of the more unknown benefits of Social Security is the possible lump-sum payment upon the death of a spouse. Certainly, the passing of a spouse is never an easy emotional and/or financial time. The lump-sum payment that I am referring to is only a minimal aid to help with final expenses. This payment does not relate to monthly Social Security allotments. It is a one-time payment.

A surviving spouse or child may receive a special lump-sum death payment of \$255 if they meet certain requirements. Generally, the lump-sum is paid to the surviving spouse who was living in the same household with the worker when he or she died. If they were living apart, the surviving spouse can still receive the lump-sum if, during the month the worker died, he or she was already receiving benefits on the worker's record or became eligible for benefits upon the worker's death. The surviving spouse's eligibility would pertain to their claim for SSI, SSD, or retirement benefits.

If there's no eligible surviving spouse, the lump-sum can be paid to the worker's child (or children) if, during the month the worker died, the child was already receiving benefits on the worker's record or became eligible for benefits upon the worker's death. This would again be determined as to the eligibility of the child (or children) through application to SSA.

In terms of timing, an eligible surviving spouse or child who is not currently receiving benefits, must apply for this payment within two years of the date of death. Again, this only concerns this one-time lump-sum payment of \$255. There are other survivor benefits that mainly pertain to using the deceased work history to increase monthly benefits.

Social Security is a complex government program that most everyone ends up paying into.

Hopefully, this article helps for those who qualify for this payment. Because whether you are in need of this payment or not, you should view it as money that was already paid forward.

This is not just a hand-out.

### Attorney Thomas A. Wurz

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

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## “Ask Sheila”

Q-1) I will be turning 65 this June. Do I HAVE to sign up for Medicare?

A-1) *If you, or your spouse, have an Employer Medical Plan that will continue to cover you after you turn 65, then you can delay your Medicare coverage. SOME Employer Plans require you to enroll in Medicare to work with the Employer coverage. It is best to check with the Employer Plan before you make your decision. If you have Medical Insurance through CT-Access Health, then you MUST change to Medicare coverage when you turn 65*

Q-2) Will my doctor accept Medicare Insurance when I change from an Employer Plan?

A-2) *Many Doctors accept Medicare Insurance. If you choose a Medicare Advantage Plan, there are many doctors in each Network. Always confirm the Network coverage as you are considering a specific Medicare Advantage Plan.*

Q-3) Will I lose my HSA Account when I enroll in Medicare?

A-3) *No, you can no longer contribute to your HSA, but the money you have in the Account is yours to continue to use for Medical expenses*

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**Schools And Lefts Are At War With Parents Like Never Before**

January Littlejohn, a stay-at-home mother to three children, went to middle school in September 2020 to pick up her daughter, 13 years old. Littlejohn, a Florida licensed mental health counselor and stay-at-home mother of three children, is also a Florida licensed mental health counselor. Littlejohn was shocked when Littlejohn's daughter told her that her school administration encouraged her to identify herself as transgender. Littlejohn's daughter informed her that school administrators asked her questions about her name and the type of restroom she preferred. She also wanted to know if she would like to share a bed with girls or boys on school trips. The district said that parents would be removed from the loop if the 13-year old consented to it. It also stated that outing students, especially parents can be very harmful to their health and well-being To be clear, Littlejohn would have to have called the school to give permission for an Advil to be administered; parents would also have been notified if Littlejohn's child was suffering from anxiety or depression at school. The school deliberately withheld information about Littlejohn's daughter, regardless of whether she was a girl or a boy. They also did not mention the associated social transitions that often follow hormone replacement or surgery. Littlejohn was not only ignored by the school but she was also considered an enemy of her child. This is the mentality that a large portion of the social Left has adopted these days. Florida is currently considering the Parental Rights in Education Bill, which would prohibit primary schools from indoctrinating students on sexual orientation and gender identity. Schools would also

be required to inform parents of minors who identify as LGBTQ in school. This should not be controversial. Parents have always had the greatest stake in the lives of their children and will continue to be so. Parents are the ones who must care about their children and not school administrators. It is their choices and values that shape their lives.

This is exactly what the Left hates. The Left views parents as the enemy. The Left claims that forcing schools to disclose information about their children to parents is an act of abuse, despite not having any evidence or allegations. As California Gov. Gavin Newsom stated that telling schools to keep parents informed is nothing less than state-sponsored intimidation against LGBTQ children. It will place children, who already have to deal with stress, in danger of becoming mentally and physically sick. Instead, the Left wants to teach small children its version of sexual morality, gender identity, and how to behave without parents. It's that easy. This has an impact. It is intended to have an effect. Gallup reports that only 0.8% of people born before 1946 identify themselves as LGBT. Only 2.6% of those born between 1946-1964 identify as LGBT. However, fully 20% of all persons born between 1997-2003 identify as LGBT. This is not due to evolutionary biology taking a radical turn or adding tolerance for such activities. Our society has made it clear that traditional standards regarding sex and sexual activit Friend,

This is an urgent call to action to help us to stop Chicago government union bosses from gaining more power in 2022. If they gain ground in Chicago, government union leaders in other states will follow suit.

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The Chicago Teachers Union forced students to stay home for 18 months and shut down schools three times by walking out.

**Why do teachers union antics in Chicago matter to you?**

Because this is the front line in the battle against government union bosses. What happens here will spread across the country. Government union leaders are trying to force their power permanently into the state constitution, and if it works here government unions will try the same thing in state after state after state. *We must come together to stop this.*

I am emailing you with an urgent request to stop government union bosses from gaining even more power.

If we can stop their power grab in Illinois, we'll stop any attempt to do the same in other states.

Let me introduce myself. My name is Matt Paprocki, I am the president of Illinois Policy. *Illinois Policy is the strongest voice for taxpayers in Illinois.* We stand up for taxpayers, parents and children to give them a voice in their government, because they've been ignored in favor of special interests for far too long.

I am reaching out to conservatives, Republicans and Democrats who are fed up with our education system being hijacked by people pushing a radical agenda that keeps our kids out of school.

**What's at Stake?**

What we are fighting is Amendment 1, being billed as an anti-Right to Work amendment by government unions in an unprecedented hunt for more power. Illinois taxpayers will vote this November on whether government unions should have ultimate power during negotiations and will be able to strike if any demands are not met.

**Here's the catch:** If Amendment 1 passes, no one will have the power to stop them.

Chicago and Illinois are on the frontlines of the battle for pushback against government union power. If we win here in 2022, it will turn the tide for the rest of the country, halting other government union bosses from trying to pass copycat legislation in other states. That's why I need your help today.

**Here's the plan**

This government union amendment must be defeated if we are going to save public education for the rest of the country.

I am looking for you to help us reach voters about what is happening in their schools and how government union bosses are gaining even more power.

**Why does this matter to you?**

We're fighting behind enemy lines here. Illinois is a battleground to change the direction of the entire country. If we win here in 2022 with this important constitutional battle against government unions, then we can succeed across the country. IIP has a history of victories, fighting for parents and kids.

**We championed The Invest in Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program and saved it from extinction.** This school choice program offers low-income families scholarship money so their kids can attend the schools that best suit their needs. As of May 2021, 26,000 children were on the waitlist. Children across the country deserve better. Please do not let power-hungry radical government union bosses stand between our kids and access to education.

I am counting on your help today.

**Thank you,  
 Matt Paprocki  
 President  
 Illinois Policy**

P.S. Government union bosses have hijacked our education system and now they want more power. I cannot win this battle alone.

My goal is to raise funds to build an immense operation around this important issue.

Can you donate \$5.00, \$10.00 or more to defeat the government union bosses and their power grabs in 2022? To donate mail to:

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## Republican National Committee Selected New Britain to Open a Community Center Office to Serve New England, New York & New Jersey



Ronna McDaniel, chairperson of the Republican National Committee, made a rare appearance in Connecticut to mark the opening of a GOP "community center" in a key city in the 5th Congressional District.

*"People are going to say. Why are you in New Britain? Why is the RNC here? You know why? We can win... We're going to take back your governorship as well."*  
.....Ronna McDaniel

*Ms. McDaniel is pictured with Mayor Stewart at the opening.*



## Mayor Stewart Welcoming Remarks RNC Community Center Opening

Welcome to the City of New Britain. Chairwoman McDaniel, Mr. Dennard, honored guests and speakers, thank you for being with us on this historic day. I am beyond excited to welcome the **Republican National Committee** to our community and I look forward to the amazing work that we can accomplish together.

The fabric of the New Britain community is woven in many different colors; we are proud to be home to people of all backgrounds, races, and ethnicities. Our diversity is an integral part of who we are and we are stronger for it. I am proud to be the Republican Mayor of such an amazing and diverse City.

Over the course of the last few years, we have seen unparalleled Republican

successes in New Britain because our common sense message, rooted in shared community values, resonates with people of all backgrounds.

Despite being out numbered 6-1 in registration, the New Britain Republican Party is on the move, and has majorities in every level of local government. We care, we lead, and as a result New Britain wins.

... But there is always more work to be done, and I am proud to partner with the Republican National Committee to build upon our local efforts and reach out to even more voters in the multitude of diverse communities across our great City.

By working together, we can build a winning coalition that is ready to take back our state and implement the

change that is needed in Hartford and Washington this November.

I want to leave you with this, because I think it is something we are all feeling and it's something that needs to be reinforced....2022 is such an incredible opportunity for us a Party, we have national headwinds at our back (the guy in the White House is making it easy to be a Republican, even here, in blue Connecticut), we have for the first time since 2006 a presumptive Republican Nominee for Governor early in the cycle - with established name recognition and tremendous resources, and we have enthusiasm like I have never seen before headed into a gubernatorial cycle.

Once quiet Republican Town Committees are packing rooms, strong

candidates have emerged for offices up and down the ballot, fundraising is happening early and often, and people who have never been involved in the political process before (people fighting for parental rights, people fighting back against the Gov's overreaching executive power) are showing up and making their voices heard.

This is our election to lose and we cannot let that happen. We must fight hard every day and we can never become complacent. The hard work to secure a Republican victory starts today, here in New Britain, and will continue on until 8pm on Election Day.

*I'm here ready to fight with you, let's go win this thing!*

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# Schools in Review

## Toffolon School Sponsors Food Drive



The Louis Toffolon Elementary School Student Council sponsored their monthly food drive with a theme of "Wear Green on St Patrick's Day" as well as finding the lucky golden shamrock. Their focus this year is to pay it forward in their school and local community through fun activities. They filled their lucky pot of gold with green food items such as jello, green beans, apple juice boxes and other foods to be donated to the Plainville Community Food Pantry.

## Toffolon School Sends Caring Message



Louis Toffolon Elementary School fifth graders are once again sharing positive messages to those who pass by their school, thanks to their kind and creative artwork on the school's fence. Their first message, "Be Kind", shares the sentiment that Toffolon students are inspired to be kind each and every day. Spreading kindness is a meaningful way in which students can demonstrate that a simple act can change anyone's day. Toffolon students spend time during the school day paying it forward to reinforce their message that kindness is an act of generosity, thoughtfulness, and being considerate to others. "Be Kind" is also the first part of Louis Toffolon Elementary School's motto: "Be Kind, Be Respectful and Learn a Lot!"

In photo: Students in Mrs. Susan Fabrizio's fifth grade class at Louis Toffolon Elementary School.



## Middle School Art Club Creates Gifts for Apple Rehab Residents



As one of their many volunteer projects, the Art Club at the Middle School of Plainville recently made beautifully decorated spring chickens. These creations were a gift for the residents of Apple Rehab in Plainville. The chickens will be hidden around the center for residents to find on Easter.

## March "Portrait Pioneer" Honored



The March Plainville Community Schools' "Portrait Pioneer" award winner, Plainville High School Student and Residency Monitor, Lowell Humphrey, was recognized at the March 14th Plainville Board of Education meeting. Lowell was nominated by Plainville High School Principal, Carl Johnson. This award was established to recognize those who exemplify and model the characteristics of the school district's Portrait of the Graduate framework, which include being: Mindful, Resilient, Communicative, Innovative and Collaborative.

In photo: Plainville Board of Education Chair, Lori Consalvo, Lowell Humphrey and Superintendent of Schools Steven LePage.



**APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER**

**7TH - GOOD FRIDAY**

**10-14TH SPRING RECESS**

## DISTRICT NO-COST PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Plainville Community Schools is excited to offer a second year of the district's preschool program AT NO COST TO FAMILIES as a result of COVID-19 grant relief funding for school districts, according to Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Tawana Graham-Douglas.

The Plainville Community Schools' NAEYC accredited preschool program is designed to prepare students for the transition to kindergarten at age five (5). Children who will be four (4) years of age by 12/31/22 are eligible for preschool. Children who will be five (5) years of age by 12/31/22 are eligible for the kindergarten program.

Preschool and kindergarten classes will follow the elementary school hours (8:50AM to 3:30PM) and the school district calendar beginning on Thursday, September 1, 2022. Transportation for preschool and kindergarten students will be provided based on school district transportation guidelines for Plainville elementary schools. Students who live or attend private daycare or other child care programs outside of the designated busing zone for their school will not be provided with transportation.

Preschool class placement is on a first-come, first-served basis. If the preschool program reaches capacity, children will be placed on a waiting list in the order in which the completed registrations are submitted. Students on the waiting list may be offered a seat at a different school from their geographic "home school" and will need to provide their own transportation if they accept that seat. Registration information may be found on the school district website [www.plainvilleschools.org](http://www.plainvilleschools.org) under the Student Registration icon. If you are interested in registering your child for the 2022-2023 school year, please contact Central Registration at 860-793-6301, option 3.

Preschool and kindergarten orientations are held in May. Fully registered students will be invited to attend what we anticipate to be an in-person orientation this spring.



## PHS Hosts Tunxis Acceptance Day

A number of Plainville High School students recently formalized their post-graduation plans as part of the school's annual "Tunxis Acceptance Day" event hosted by the Plainville High School Counseling Department.

Shown above, PHS Senior Jordan Rediker

*I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag....*



# Schools in Review

### Middle School Art Club Visits New Britain Museum of American Art



The Art Club at the Middle School of Plainville recently attended a field trip to the New Britain Museum of American Art. The Art Club members participated in a historical museum tour and discussions about the extensive art collection at the museum. While at the museum, the students created a mixed media art project inspired by the museum collections.

### Kids in the Middle (K.I.M.) Create Kindness Projects



Kids in the Middle (K.I.M.) student participants have been busy with a number of projects focused on kindness. The group made notes of appreciation for each staff and faculty member at MSP and delivered them to their mailboxes. In addition, the K.I.M. members have also used their artistic talents to make small crafts to donate to local senior centers and nursing homes. The Kids in the Middle Program is sponsored by Plainville's Youth Services.

### TUNXIS ACCEPTANCE DAY AT PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL A HUGE SUCCESS



A number of Plainville High School students recently formalized their post-graduation plans as part of the school's annual "Tunxis Acceptance Day" event hosted by the Plainville High School Counseling Department on February 17th.

According to Plainville High School Counselor and Tunxis Acceptance Day Coordinator, Kacey Stewart, 32 PHS seniors participated in the event. Each student met individually with a Tunxis Community College Admissions Representative as well as a Financial Aid Representative on site at the high school. The college representatives accepted and processed student applications, answered questions and collected supplemental materials so that the students will be ready to attend Tunxis upon graduation. Plainville High School senior Nick Kafka, was one of the students who participated in the Tunxis Acceptance Day Event. "I'm thankful for the opportunity to participate in Tunixs Acceptance Day. The process was easy and I look forward to going to Tunixs this fall."

"This program has really grown in the past few years for our Seniors at PHS. A huge amount of credit should be given to our School Counseling Department for building and growing this day over the years. Additionally, it highlights just one part of the great partnership we have formed with Tunxis Community College at Plainville High School," noted Plainville High School Principal, Carl Johnson.

### Wheeler Students Learn About Chemical and Physical Changes



Fifth grade students in Sarah Miller's classroom at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School are learning about chemical and physical changes. The students recently experimented at different stations by creating reactions in order to determine if they were creating a chemical or a physical change. Wheeler first graders in Emma Bartley's class are learning about "Patterns in the Sky" as part of their current science unit. The student scientists used clipboards, observation sheets and sunglasses to protect their eyes as they made predictions and observed the sun moving in the sky throughout the day.

### MSP Robotics Team Wins Competition



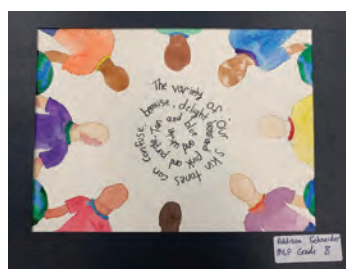
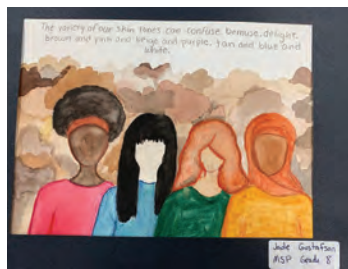
The Middle School of Plainville Robotics Team continued their winning streak on February 26th during matches held in Meriden, Connecticut. Teams 19031A and 10931D won the Teamwork Champion Awards by working together to score the highest in the finals matches. All five of the Middle School of Plainville teams qualified for the finals

### Wheeler Students Celebrate 100th Day of School



Students at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School recently celebrated the 100th day of school with a variety of activities. First graders in Emma Bartley's class celebrated 100 days of learning while making necklaces containing 100 beads. The project connected students to the math curriculum, honing their sorting skills. The students also made and decorated 100 day hats, and created 100 day posters containing 100 items, with their families. Students in Kelly Mocarsky's first grade class created 100 day hats and also practiced being innovative, collaborative and creative in building structures with 100 cups!

### Middle School Students Create Art Work Inspired by Maya Angelou



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# Moser Pilon Nelson Architects Join Quisenberry Arcari Malik, LLC



Moser Pilon Nelson Architects established in 1980 and based in Wethersfield, CT has officially merged with Farmington, CT-based, Quisenberry Arcari Malik, LLC, bringing together two of the top ten architectural firms in the greater Hartford Region. “This is an exciting time for QA+M Architecture. Incorporating Moser Pilon Nelson’s team of highly respected, talented, and award-winning professionals into the QA+M family will increase our creative, technical, and planning resources. This merger will result in a stronger organization to better support our clients, and the communities we serve.” said Principal Rusty Malik, of QA+M Architecture.

From its inception, the QA+M Architecture founders structured the firm to be market diverse and innovative in its approach to design and problem solving. The merger with Moser Pilon Nelson will allow the QA+M team to further cultivate its original vision and foster new opportunities in the higher education, healthcare, and institutional market sectors where Moser Pilon Nelson has received high recognition in the AE industry. “Having worked together previously with some of the QA+M leadership and knowing how well we complement each other, we recognized that joining forces will mutually benefit both firms. Our professional staff and leadership will make a seamless and positive transition,” said David Symonds Principal of Moser Pilon Nelson Architects.

#### About Quisenberry Arcari Malik, LLC

Celebrating 20 years of practice in 2022, Quisenberry Arcari Malik, LLC provides architectural services to municipalities and private

clients throughout Connecticut. With a diverse staff of 37, including 18 licensed architects, two licensed interior designers, and boasting 48% minority and women representation, QA+M was recognized for meeting its goals of the A/E industries’ JEDI challenge and was recently recognized by AIA New England as an Emerging Professional Friendly Firm. QA+M’s range of services includes feasibility studies, site selection, planning, programming, educational specifications, architectural design, and interior design for clients in the education, municipal, residential, commercial, healthcare, and recreation markets. QA+M’s proficient and highly talented team has fostered a reputation for its commitment to the firm’s mission of exceeding their clients’ expectations through excellence in design and uncompromising service.

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# I KNOW A GUY

By: Myke Roy



Well, April is here and we all know what that means. The birds are chirpin', the flowers are going to start bloomin', and the leaves on the trees are fixin' to start sproutin'...and summer is comin'. But before those awesome hazy, hot, and humid days arrive we need to start preparin'. There are so many things we can do to prepare for the upcoming summer that it is hard for me to only pick seven, but I promise you I am going to give it my best shot. When I was a young lad growing up in Northern Maine my mom would get going to give it my best shot. When I was a young lad growing up in Northern Maine my mom would get right into spring cleaning mode. So without further ado here we go. (oh yeh, happy birthday Jace.)

1. Clean your windows to allow the sun to shine fully into your home.
2. Inspect, clean, and repair window and door screens. Clean all the dirt and grime that has accumulated over the winter, and repair any damaged screens so those pesky little mosquitoes don't get into your home.
3. Speaking of those pesky mosquitoes, get rid of all the standing water around your home. Standing

water is a breeding ground for them.

4. Spring can be a great time to boost your home's curb appeal. Plant some flowers and spread some mulch.
5. The thing I hate the most is cleaning my oven. So I will make you a deal. Let's call April Plainville Oven Cleaning Month. OK, I don't have the authority to do that, so let's agree that if our oven hasn't been cleaned for awhile, we do it this month.
6. Clean your gutters. If you don't have gutters...get some. If you don't know who to call...I do know a guy.
7. Repair all cracked and peeling paint. A coat of paint not only can make your home look tidy, it also will provide a protective barrier from he elements. Well there you have it. Let's get ready for summer. I can't wait. See you in May. And, as always, when you are asked where you are getting this outstanding information just tell them... "I know a guy."  
**And never ever forget...**  
**"Doing it right coats less than doing it over."**

## It's time to start planning those spring projects

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#### National Prevention Week (May 8-14)

Student (K-12) Art Contest

Connecticut's National Prevention Week Planning Committee, including state and local organizations, and communities, are celebrating this observance (May 8-14, 2022) with a K-12 student art contest, among other activities. Selected submissions will be featured in a prevention-themed coloring book, available to residents across the state.

#### About the Contest

All (K-12) students in Connecticut are encouraged to submit black-and-white artwork for a coloring book using Connecticut's National Prevention Week mascot, "Starfish Stella." Submissions must be linked to a theme from the eight categories of developmental assets, including: Support, Commitment to Learning, Empowerment, Positive Values,

Boundaries and Expectations, Social Competencies, Constructive Use of Time, and Positive Identity.

#### Rules and Selection

Up to three winners will be selected, and they will receive two tickets to the Connecticut National Prevention Week (NPW) event on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at the Discovery Museum in Bridgeport, Connecticut. All qualifying submissions will be posted on the National Prevention Week webpage on the Connecticut Clearinghouse website, and winning artwork will be featured at the NPW Event.

**All forms and entries must be completed, signed, scanned, and submitted by email to Agnes Skowron at: ASkowron@Wheelerclinic.org, no later than 5 pm on April 4, 2022.**

For more information and questions, please contact Connecticut Clearinghouse at (800) 232-4424, or info@ctclearinghouse.org.

## LOGAN CAMPAIGN RESPONDS TO COMMENTS BY CONGRESSWOMAN HAYES REGARDING RACIAL INFLUENCE IN THE 5TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN

"There's this idea that the only reason I got elected is because white liberals felt super sorry and guilty and voted for me so just give them any other African American and they'll vote for this person all the same." Congresswoman Jahana Hayes (CT-5)

"It is disheartening to hear these remarks from Congresswoman Hayes, boiling this campaign down to skin color," said Logan. "Perpetuating a narrative that says candidates of color are defined by how they look rather than what they've accomplished is dangerous."

"I'm running for Congress because I believe my life experiences, as a policy maker, a successful career in private industry, serving on boards and commissions dedicated to giving back to our community, and a Masters degree in mechanical engineering, make me better equipped to serve the people of the Fifth District and our community more so than Ms. Hayes," added Logan.

"I'm not running for Congress on identity politics like Ms. Hayes seems to believe, I'm running to fight for the people of Connecticut and to be an advocate for common sense solutions that will help get our state and country back on track," Logan concluded.

## Plainville Historic Cub Scout Crossover

My name is Michele Krpata. I am the Den Leader for Plainville Cub Scout Pack 49 Arrow of Light Scouts. This is the highest Cub Scout rank before they cross over to the BSA Scout Troop (Boy Scouts). We had 5 Scouts crossing over on March 26th, during our crossover ceremony held at Camp Mattatuck Leever Lodge in Plymouth.

What makes this year extra special is 2 firsts for Plainville. 1. The 4 male Cub Scouts are the first Den to start as Cub Scout Lions and finish through Arrow of Light. Plainville was selected as one of the towns in Connecticut to beta test the Lions rank program for kindergarteners in the Fall of 2016. These boys crossed over to Plainville Troop 76. 2. In February 2019 BSA Scouts began welcoming girls into BSA Scouts. Plainville's first female Cub Scout joined our Den in the fall of 2019 and began earning her Bear rank along side the male Cub Scouts. Currently Plainville does not have a female BSA Troop. She will be crossing over to the female BSA Troop 1425, who meet right on the town line at Gloria Dei Church on Camp Street. We are very proud of these 5 Scouts and their accomplishments. We hope that you can share this as part of the local news. The Cub Master Don Grafton and I would be happy to speak with you and share pictures of the Cross Over event.

Please contact me, my cell phone 860-995-6201. Sincerely, Michele Krpata Plainville Pack 49, AOL Den Leader

## Life With Wanda



For those of you that might be past 60 or more, that can remember from years gone by?

I can remember carrying my lunch to school in a brown paper bag, not a new bag but one we got from the grocery store when we shopped, yup my mother recycled back then and my sandwich was wrapped in wax paper. A big treat was a bottle of chocolate milk at school. I remember when I was a little older, stopping at the gas station down the street and getting fifty cents worth of gas to go out for the evening, that's if we had use of the family car. You might have eight or ten friends in the car with you and they all chipped in for the gas. No one wore a seat belt and we all lived. When we went to a movie we bought one bag of popcorn and one soda and shared it with our friends or family. We watched out for our brothers or sisters, didn't talk back to our mothers and respected our grandparents and the parents of our

friends and neighbors. We worked for what we had and never expected payment for the work we did around the house. When it snowed we were sent to shovel the driveway of an elderly neighbor who had no one to shovel for them and never expected payment but might get a cookie or a drink of water. We wore hand-me-down clothes from our brothers and sisters and thought we were "cool" when we were able to fit into our brothers or sisters clothes. We got new outfits when school began in the fall and then something new at Christmas time. No one thought they were entitled to what others had and if someone gave you something you were grateful and said thank you.

When we were reminded of the things we were given we would never think of saying, "are you going to throw that in our face," as I have heard some youngsters say recently. We never thought about calling the police on a friend or family member nor did we ever lie to the police.

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# Springtime Remembered

**Sally Miller**



The little girl woke to the sound of birds chirping in her yard. She squinted the sleep from her eyes and focused on the bright day ahead. Spring was finally here! She was no longer trapped in a house full of winter smells and activities but she was excited about the anticipation of what spring would bring. She eagerly ran down to breakfast and heard her mom reciting a poem about spring. Her mom, being a teacher, was periodically reciting poetry from some of her favorite poets. The poem was about flowers waking after a long cold winter, sunny skies and billowy white clouds. The child listened and pictured the anticipated spring but was too young to appreciate the poetry. Little did she know that the poetry her mom so willingly shared would sustain her all of her life. The morning temperature of 45 degrees held a promise of a spring day although the calendar indicated that it was the month of April. The day was a little chilly, but it was a day which seemed to be pending the arrival of spring flowers with their multitude of colors, sun and grass; and many shades of glorious green trees starting to display their beautiful leaves. She dressed quickly

and hurried outside. As she stepped into the warmth of the day, she listened carefully to the soundtrack of the earth waking up to a glorious day, buds appearing on tree limbs, and the smell of spring in the air. The chipmunks gathered in the yard and listened to the music of the earth as the earth emerged from hibernation.

Today is a day of hopscotch, jumping rope, laying marbles and all of the things you do in springtime, she thought. One by one, her friends emerged from their homes and the melody of children playing in a beautiful developing and colorful landscape began. This was a day that would be written in the little girls memory book.

As the children played, the earth regenerated itself as if putting on its most beautiful ball gown. It bejeweled the gown with sparkling sunlight, delicate flowers and the earth danced to the melodic sound of the children in play.

**What has happened to those days of old???** Children today are walking down the street while reading messages on their phone. The sounds of children playing in neighborhoods has almost become extinct. I think back to the wonderful days of my childhood: playing those outdoor games, like red light, mother may I and more. I thank my mom for taking the time to give me the love of poems, especially by Robert Frost, and the time she took to enlighten us. Today, I miss my childhood but smile as I look in my memory book and think of her and springtime during my childhood.

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For more information about PARC, visit the website [www.parcdisabilitiesct.org](http://www.parcdisabilitiesct.org) or PARC, Inc. on Facebook or call the office at 860/747-0316.

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## Ask the Brayne...

**Q. Do you have the dates of the Public Hearings of the 2021-2022 Town Budget?**

**A. Hopefully,** – the Town Council will be in a position to recommend a budget to go to Public Hearing on Monday, April 4th.

- **Monday, April 4th** – Regular Town Council Meeting & Public Hearing on TC Recommended FY23 Budget.
- **Tuesday & Wednesday – April 5th & 6th** – Special Town Council Meetings to finalize FY23 Budget that will go to the All-Day vote on first Tuesday of April.

**Q. I would love to volunteer on the Hometown Connection, but could only help a couple of days a month. Is there something that would only require that little bit of time??**

**A. Yes, everyone on the paper names the amount of time they can spend. This is the only job you ever have where you are your own boss! I am so glad you asked. Now we need volunteers to place calls to the following to check to see if they have changes:**

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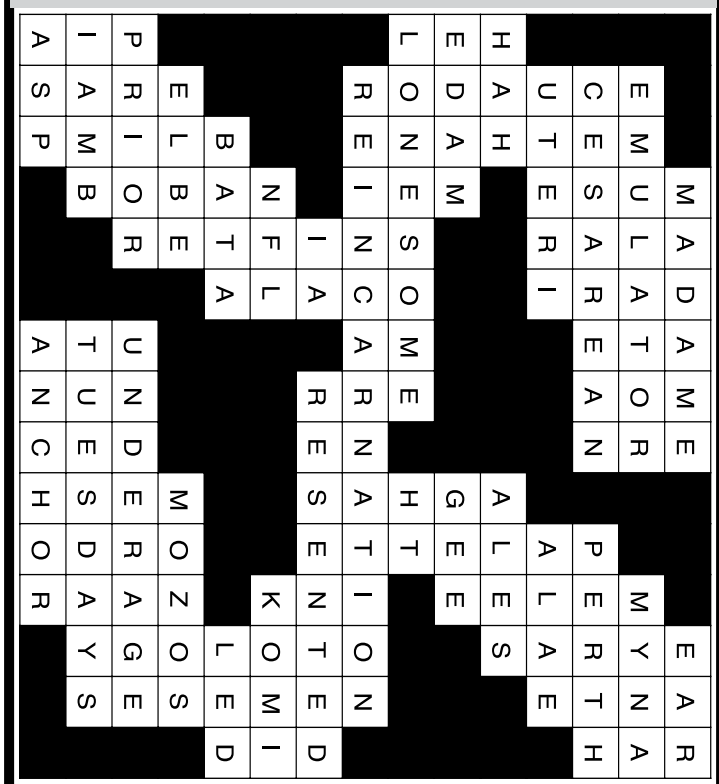
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Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of the month.

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

“Happy Easter”..... Bill Brayne

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## Foreign Policy Returns to the Forefront of American Politics

By Francis Rexford Cooley

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has brought the issue of American Foreign Policy to the forefront of American Politics and have highlighted the limitations of diplomacy without economic strength and energy independence to go along with a robust military. Vladimir Putin's decision to invade deep into western Ukraine, rather than just consolidating the eastern pro-Russian provinces, shocked an unprepared West that has become dependent on Russian energy, especially Germany. The impact of Putin's War has roiled the energy markets as oil broke through the \$100 a barrel barrier. The spike in energy prices is further exacerbating inflation as American consumers see every soaring costs for everyday items and food. Fears of a potential nuclear conflict between Russia and NATO have returned with a vengeance. How did the United States and the West become so weak in Putin's eyes that he seized now to attempt to dismantle Ukraine, the breadbasket of Europe?

Germany, under former Chancellor Andrea Merkle, made a political decision to reduce the country's use of coal and end all use of nuclear power and rely upon "renewable energy," specifically solar and wind to power its electric grid. The result of this policy was not energy independence from fossil fuels but a reliance upon Russian oil and gas as energy demands in Europe's largest economy far outstrip the ability of "renewables" to met them. As a result the German government is loath (at the time this column is being written) to boycott Russian oil and gas as the economic consequences for Germany would be dire, some predicting "mass unemployment and poverty" would follow quickly. So as Russia wages war on Ukraine, Putin's war is, in part, being financed by the sale of oil and gas to Germany.

A problem for Germany and other European countries is there is no ready alternative to the loss of Russian oil and gas. The United States, which under former President Trump had become a net exporter of energy, has returned to an anti-fossil fuel (and nuclear) policy under President Biden and as such cannot step into any breach created by a full boycott of Russian energy to put pressure on Putin to stop the invasion of Ukraine. The Biden

Administration has been reduced to begging Venezuela to increased production along with Saudi Arabia and even has used Russian diplomats to negotiate with Iran in the hopes of getting more oil rather than increase American production. The end result of these negotiations with Iran may very well allow Iran to become a nuclear military power which is not under any conceivable notion something that bodes well for the United States (or Israel). The decline in United States energy production has lessened the Biden Administrations ability to counteract German dependence on Russian energy. The West's lack of a serious energy policy has strengthened and emboldened Putin.

Similarly the economic policies of deficit spending and massive debts hamper the West's ability to react economically to major power threats. China holds over 1 trillion dollars in United States Federal debt. Given China's position as a creditor of the United States the American government is limited in what economic actions it can take against China. As of the Ides of March, China is, according to the UK Telegraph, "willing to supply Russia weapons" for Putin's Ukrainian War. Given a debt of some 30 trillion dollars the United States has little economic leverage over China. Simply China need only call in the debt owed and the United States would default leading to catastrophic economic consequences for Americans. The lack of fiscal prudence among the political class in the West has made it weak vis-à-vis a rising China. The Russian invasion of Ukraine has brought this reality to the forefront though many politicians in this country are in denial of that reality.

Simply, Great Powers remain Great Powers because they keep their financial house in order. They create enough energy to power their economies. Economic strength is based on having enough energy to power the economy. Historically Great Powers have collapsed because their economies could not support their military obligations. Historian Paul Kennedy of Yale University wrote of this in his book "The Rise and Fall of Great Powers." (1987) If the United States is not careful a similar fate awaits it. The economic weakness of the West exacerbated by its reliance on Russian oil and gas emboldened Putin to start his bloody war in Ukraine. Will China, which covets bringing Taiwan under its control, be emboldened as well? If the United States wishes to escape the fate of Great Powers of yesteryear it must get its financial house in order and become energy independent once more.

## Annual HIV/AIDS Education Forum Offers Training Opportunity

**On Tuesday, April 26, professionals involved in HIV/AIDS prevention and care are invited to attend the annual HIV Educational Forum sponsored by Bristol Mayor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS/HCV and held on Zoom.**

This event has an overall theme of HIV infection and COVID-19 and will feature Jeannie McIntosh, APRN, FMP-C, AAHIVS and Joanne Montgomery, LCSW, LADC. In Connecticut, over 10,000 people are currently living with HIV/AIDS. Although newer treatments are increasing life expectancy, there is still much to know about long-term infection, new infections and the impact that other viruses such as COVID-19 will have on those who are infected.

The Forum will be held on Zoom at no charge. Registration must be completed through the link to the Google form below. Zoom links will be sent to the registrant's email address shortly before the event. **The event will run from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

The Bristol Mayor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS was created in 1991 and continues to have representative membership from consumers, medical, social service and treatment providers and Bristol residents. The group meets monthly and plans five educational events per year.

For further information about the event, please visit the Task Force Facebook page, City of Bristol Mayor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS.

Continuing education credits are being applied for through the Connecticut Certification Board. For more information, please contact Christina Cipriani, Chair, at:

Christina.Cipriani@rootcenter.org

**Phone: 860-589-6433.**

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## FROM MY BALCONY

By Jeannette Hinkson

As my mother used to say, "Things are going to hell in a hand basket," how true that saying is today. When many of us were young and you didn't have funds for things like gas and clothing people found a way to make ends meet, so to speak, but today there is no way to put food on the table if you don't have the funds to do so.

Not only there isn't the money to buy the food but going to the grocery store I've noticed the shelves are empty. Cereal shelves are empty and boxes lined up side by side to make it look like supplies are available. Meat prices are out of sight and even in the state of Florida, one of the largest beef producing states, the price of meat is out of reach for most residents. People on Social Security are at their wits end.

The government gave the elderly a cost of living increase last January and that doesn't even cover the extra cost of groceries a week let alone a month.

I spoke to a couple last week that have a large motor home they came down to Florida in and it served as their winter residence. They planned to return to New York State at the end of the month. The husband fueled up the unit this week and it cost him over \$300. The couple decided they couldn't afford to drive the motor home north so they were looking for a place to park it while they returned to New York. This is such a sad situation for people who worked their whole lives and now because of politics they must live month to month. When years ago when things were in short supply you had food supplies from the garden you had during the summer months, neighbors helped each other and family was always there in a pinch. Today laws have made it impossible to grow your own food, family support is nonexistent and you can watch as the homeless population grows. News reports stress the fact we should help those of other countries and our government continues to send our tax dollars overseas yet there are people right here that need help and our politicians look the other way. Today it seems there are more takers than givers and helping those in need is a thing of the past.. I went to a large thrift facility where, one you all know well where you can donate your old clothes and household items. I found even though the items in the store were received by them were free, the cost to the buyers were out of sight. When you donated those items didn't you think they would go to people who needed help? You're given a slip for a tax write-off but I bet it wasn't for the amount the store was going to sell the items for.

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# To Your Health & Sincere Thank You, Linda

## To Your Health

### Eating and Emotions

By Linda Coveney

The clock has just moved forward. How about you? Do you feel stuck in a slump or are you loaded with thoughts of a fresh start, yet unmotivated to move from idea to implementation?

Spring is in the air and is our season of renewal. Nature is keeping its promise of light, color, emerging buds and warm breezes. How about the promises you made to eat better, exercise more and to find ways to end the gloom?

Over the years, I highlighted these practices to improve your immune system, heart, digestion, clear thinking, energy and to keep cholesterol and blood sugar spikes in check. They are worth repeating.

1) Drink water upon waking and throughout the day.

2) Incorporate more colorful plant based foods into your diet.

3) Eat Real Food. Avoid processed foods with a long list of ingredients.

4) Limit refined sugar consumption.

5) Smaller portions. Eat slowly and mindfully and you will recognize that you are full.

6) Find ways to include at least 30 minutes of exercise into your day.

7) Incorporate protein (beans, beef), good carbohydrates that include fiber (fruits and vegetables) and healthy fats (nuts, fatty fish, avocados) into you daily menu. A balanced plate will help to keep you full, improve digestion, provide nutrients you need for energy and health and contribute to a healthy mood.

One thing that I learned since I started my healthy behaviors journey over 10 years ago, is that we have the power to help control stress and by what we eat. We are just getting past the worst part of the pandemic and are now seeing pictures of a horrific war raged on the innocent and brave citizens of Ukraine. These two events certainly can cause increase in anxiety and depression.

Eating real, whole nutritious foods and having a mindfulness and exercise

practice contributes to balance. When you eat heavily processed foods, high in sugar, your body's blood sugar goes up and down like a rollercoaster. According to a John Hopkins article, "Avoid the glucose highs and lows that affect your thinking and mood." I'm also a firm believer in the power of herbal tea to calm the mind and relax the body.

If you are just starting out on a path to better health, avoid considering each slip up in your diet as a failure. Start slow, master one good practice and then move to the next. No one is perfect. We tend to offer a kind word to others that may have made a mistake, but have difficulty offering solace to ourselves. Practice self-compassion which includes being warm and understanding towards ourselves when we fail or feel inadequate. Avoid negative self-criticism. Learn from your circumstances and move forward.

On another personal topic, this year will mark 10 years of "To Your Health" articles in the Plainville Hometown Connection.

I have enjoyed being part of this volunteer run Plainville newspaper and have high admiration for those that keep it going month after month which rich content, much of which is provided by the local community. Many of you have motivated me by commenting on my column. I appreciate your kind words.

So, in the spirit of moving forward and passing the baton, this will be my last column. Nothing would make me happier than having someone in the community step up to join this volunteer run paper and continue to share nutrition and healthy lifestyle news. New perspectives are always helpful to readers and I look forward to reading a new health focused column.

**If you are interested in continuing the "To Your Health" Column, please contact the Hometown Connection at [plainvillehometown@gmail.com](mailto:plainvillehometown@gmail.com).**

**Happy Spring! Be Well!**

**Linda**



**Linda Coveney is a**

**Wellness Champion**

**committed to helping**

**others create their own**

**path to better health.**

**Linda can be reached at [lindacoveney@comcast.net](mailto:lindacoveney@comcast.net)**

## TEA PARTY PATRIOTS WAKE UP AMERICA

by Gene

Was the January 6 storming of the Capitol the "worst attack on our democracy since the Civil War," as Joe Biden has asserted on more than one occasion? In her introduction to Biden's speech on the first anniversary of the event, Kamala Harris compared the four-hour Capitol occupation to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the 9/11 terrorist attacks on new Your City and the Pentagon. We have likewise heard repeated assertions that the J6 melee was the worst attack on our Capitol since the British Army burned it during the War of 1812. Countless politicians, reports, and editorial bloviators have echoed these absurd claims.

Let's cut through the hyperbolic propaganda and outright lies the authoritarians are using to incite the fear and faux outrage they hope will succeed in driving us into their planned American Gulag. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor left 2,403 Americans dead and 1,143 wounded. Non-public school graduates may remember this was the event that precipitated our entry into World War II. The 9/11 terrorist attacks took 2,996 lives and injured more than 6,000. How many were "killed" at the J6 riot? Some of the most notorious lies about the J6 riot have been thoroughly debunked as complete fabrications.

According to the media echo chamber, America is awash in "domestic terrorism" — of the "right-wing" and "white nationalist" variety, or course. But what about the other attacks on our democracy"? So, you be the judge: How seriously should any American take the claims by Biden-Pelosi-Schumer and their media enablers that they are truly concerned about domestic terrorism?

*\*Excerpts from The New American magazine, Vol. 38, No. 5*

## Fellow Conservative,

Today, I'm writing to call on you to defend America's heritage.

America's great heritage is under attack from a cultural revolution of far-left extremists who are pushing their radical agenda in an attempt to break down all we cherish and know to be true. They sow the seeds of fear, disorder, violence, and hatred. They are a threat to democracy.

They use the powerful weapon of "cancel culture" to destroy any brave person who stands against them—getting that person fired and excommunicated from society just for disagreeing with them. And they use your silence as consent and momentum to propel them forward, unopposed.

These radicals aim to rewrite history and destroy what you know to be true about our founding and American history. Why? To reshape it to fit their ideals.

**Enough is enough. It's time to take our country back.**

We will find strength in numbers. We must band together to protect each other and our American heritage from "cancel culture". Together, we are stronger and cannot be defeated by the angry horde.

For this reason, we've put together this pledge to stop the Left's socialist agenda and are looking for 100,000 people this year to sign the pledge to defend the country they love.

Will you stand up for America's heritage today? We are under attack, and we must band together to mount a strong enough defense to protect the truth about America for another generation.

**Will you read the pledge and consider signing it today?**

Use this link to sign your Pledge today: <https://secured.heritage.org/stop-the-lefts-socialist-agenda/> Please also forward this email to anyone that you believe will stand alongside you and others within this community pledging itself to defend America today.

Thank you. All the best, Dr. Kevin D. Roberts, Ph.D.

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Dear Ollie,  
I agree! The Pentagon's Obama-Biden-era's increasing drive to make it a crime for service members (including, by extension, military Chaplains) to share their Faith is an unacceptable attack on the First Amendment rights of men and women in uniform. That's why, to help Freedom Alliance in its all-out fight to stop this atheist-inspired plan to abolish religious freedom in the military, I am without delay:

- Signing and returning the Appeal for a Public Hearing and Investigation, to continue putting pressure on the House Armed Services Committee for a full-fledged probe to learn how atheists have gained influence over Obama-Biden civilian Pentagon bureaucrats, and to set in motion repeal of this outrageous anti-American policy; and
- Enclosing my donation to help Freedom Alliance reach another five million Americans about the Left's war on religious freedom in the military and enlist them in this campaign, in the amount of:
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## APPEAL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND INVESTIGATION

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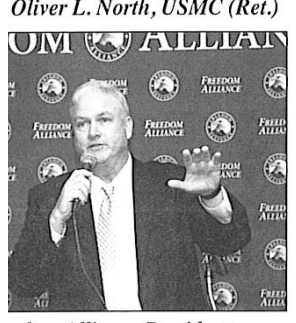
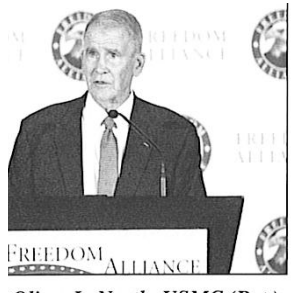
**Known Facts:**

1. That after meeting with the atheist pressure group "Military Religious Freedom Foundation," civilian DoD bureaucrats made it a crime for Chaplains and Soldiers to share their Christian Faith, punishable by court-martial and possible imprisonment.
2. That in 2011 the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center banned Bible reading at its service hospital (until pressured to reverse the policy).
3. That the Air Force Academy, under atheist pressure, removed the words "so help me God" from the sacred oath sworn by Academy recruits.
4. That a DoD training directive put Christians in the same category as the Islamist terror group that attacked the U.S. on September 11, 2001.
5. That U.S. military commanders have been prohibited from informing their units about programs and services offered by Chaplains.

**Conclusion:** The undersigned citizen appeals for committee hearings and investigations into the Obama administration's atheist assault on religious freedom in the military and into the effects of organized atheism on morale and readiness, with follow-up legislation to remedy the denial of Soldiers' First Amendment rights.

Signed and respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Virtual Community Passover Seder to be Held on April 21st

Members of the greater Bristol community are invited to a Seder hosted by the Bristol Interfaith Coalition. The modified Seder meal will be led by Jewish members and their families of the coalition. There is no charge for participating but pre-registration is required. A Zoom link and printable materials will be sent out to registrants several days prior to the event.

"Seder" means order and the Passover Seder is a meal which is organized with a specific structure. It contains many rituals and foods which have special meanings. The meal is accompanied by the reading of the "Haggadah", the story of the exodus of the Jewish people which was led by Moses.

The April 21st event will include some of the rituals and will include instructions for those who want to participate at home. Although this version will not include a meal, some of the many foods included in a traditional seder will be described and participants will be given a list of some foods to have on hand if they choose to eat them at home. A shortened version of the Haggadah will be read, with time allotted at the end for questions.

The Bristol Interfaith Coalition is in its fifth year of organizing events to enhance interfaith understanding, dialogue and friendships. They have helped in planning Interfaith Thanksgiving Services, hosted two Taste of Ramadan events and participated in three annual United Nations Interfaith Harmony week events.

**The link for registering for the Zoom Seder is:**  
<https://forms.gle/DmR2cbsZ6PHYNkC7A>

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## Kickstarter Tried to Cancel Jesus, But They Couldn't Succeed

**BY CHRIS QUEEN**  
*Twitter/@TalkingJesus1*

Kickstarter is now engaging in some similar political and religious censorship. Recently, the site for artists and inventors to fund new projects canceled a previously-approved fundraiser for a product called "Talking Jesus Doll."

I'll have to admit, the doll idea sounded sacrilegious to me until I dug deeper. It turns out, the doll actually teaches kids some of Jesus' words directly from the Bible.

The company responsible for the Talking Jesus Doll explains on its website that "in the last few years, toys have been weaponized with wokeness. Now, almost every product from Big Toy aisle is pushing a gay, trans, anti-white, anti-police or anti-family agenda to separate your child from their family and from their Creator."

"The only salvation this world has is in Jesus Christ," the site continues. "And because children form their religious and moral beings as young as age 2, it is essential to introduce ... your children to Jesus and his teachings at the earliest age. That is why we built The Talking Jesus Doll." I spoke with David Mauro, the founder of Live for Good, Inc., maker of the Talking Jesus Doll, on Monday afternoon, and he told me that his inspiration for the toy came from the stuffed animals that his three girls cherished. He realized that their toys had educational and sentimental value, but none of them had spiritual value. In fact, nothing like that existed, so he decided to make something that would fill that gap.

One of the great things about a toy like this, Mauro told me, is that it personifies Jesus in a way that kids can't get from a book, a video, or an app on a phone or tablet. Another advantage to a toy like the Talking Jesus Doll is that when kids play with it, they have exposure to the words of Jesus straight from the Bible, which will benefit them when they get older.

Mauro explained on the company's blog how the process of having a project approved on Kickstarter works. "To get on Kickstarter, you have to go through a thorough evaluation process where they collect lots of information and review your project," Mauro writes. "After we submitted our project, story, photos and funding goals to Kickstarter, they approved it."

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A few weeks after the project got underway, and as the Talking Jesus Doll had backers paying their hard-earned money to help get the product off the ground, Kickstarter sent Mauro an email stating that the project didn't fall within Kickstarter's rules. (Continued on Page 27)

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**Rev. Don Erickson, Senior Minister**  
Email: revdon@cccplainville.org  
**CHURCH OFFICE EMAIL:**  
churchoffice@uccplainville.org  
**WEBSITE:** www.uccplainville.org

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. In-Person Worship  
**Sunday Services are also Live Streamed via Facebook at uccplainville**  
Sunday 7:00 p.m.

Centering Prayer Service on Facebook  
**THE PLAINVILLE THRIFT SHOP**  
**Closed Indefinitely**

~ **Free Vaccination Clinic** ~  
**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12th 2022**  
**1PM - 6PM**

A vaccination clinic was held at The Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC, 130 West Main Street, Plainville, providing FREE COVID-19 vaccinations for everyone ages 12+ as well as children ages 5-11. Walk-ins welcome, no appointment required. All boosters available.

Please bring a health insurance card and photo ID if you have them, but it is not necessary to have health insurance or ID to receive the vaccine. No one will be turned away for lack of insurance or ID.

For questions of more information, please contact the Church Office at 860-747-1901 or via email at churchoffice@uccplainville.org.

## REDEEMER'S AME ZION CHURCH

110 Whiting Stree, Plainville  
Phone: 860-747-1808

**Worship Services -**

**Rev. Dr. Shelley D. Best**

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

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

Church Service....10:00 a.m.

**Bible Study**

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

**Board Meetings**

Senior Ushers (1st Sat before 1st Sun) 11a.m.  
Gladys Floyds Missionary Society (2nd Sun)  
Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)

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

**Choir Practice**

Senior (Sat before 1st Sun) 5:00 pm  
Jubilee (Sat before 2nd/4th Sun) 5:00 pm  
Mass/Youth choirs (Mon after 1st/2nd Sun) 7:00 pm

## THE TABERNACLE

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168 Unionville Ave  
P.O. Box 72 Plainville, 06062  
860-747-5209

Fax/Prayer Line 860-747-5011

Email: fbc1902@yahoo.com

Web: www.faithbiblect.com

Rev. Dr. Jim Caron, Pastor

**Purpose:**

- To Know/Glorify/Worship God
- To follow Jesus Christ as LORD
- To Grow in GRACE
- To Understand the BIBLE/

Apply it to our lives

- To reach others for JESUS
- To be committed to the GOSPEL:

Jesus died, was buried and rose again on the 3rd day. (He LIVES)

**Sunday Service: 10 am**

(JOIN US: LIVE OR FACEBOOK)

Bible Study: Tuesday

@ 7 pm by Zoom/in person

**Every Tues. morning at 9am we have a Scripture Study Class**

## PLAINVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

56 Red Stone Hill, Plainville  
Rev. Stephen Volpe, Pastor  
Church (860)747-2328 Parsonage (860)747-2592  
Cell 1-203-232-2752

Email: plainvillunited@sbcglobal.net

Website: www.plainvilleumc.org

### **APRIL SCHEDULE**

#### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

**WORSHIP TIME 10:00 AM**

#### **REGULAR EVENTS:**

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

AA.....Sun., 7 PM

Single Purpose Women's Group,.....

Sat. 9:30 AM

Boys Scouts.....Thur. 7 PM

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

**Sunday, April 3, 10 AM**

Masks recommended.. We will continue to offer the worship experience virtually on Facebook via this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Plainville-United-Methodist-Church-CT-Live-108293257471508>

**Palm Sunday Worship**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 10 AM**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP**

**WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

**Thursday, April 14, 7 PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP**

**Friday, April 15, 7 PM**

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**Sunday, April 17, 10 AM**



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Someone to volunteer: To contact everyone on this Religious Directory page monthly for any changes.

**Work from home & name your hours**

**Questions: Call 860-747-4119**

## OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

94 Broad Street, Plainville

**Rev. Raymond Smialowski, Pastor**

**Robert Berube, Senior Deacon**

**Parish/Cemetery Office**

**19 S. Canal Street**

Office Hours: Mon.to Fri. 9 am to 4 pm

Phone 860-747-6825

**Face Masks & Distancing From Others**

**Everyone Look for Regulations**

**Liturgy Schedule**

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-Saturday

before Morning Mass

**Sacrament of the Sick**

Call the office for any sick person to receive the Holy Eucharist or to be anointed.

**Friday, April 1st Stations of the Cross**

will be prayed at 6:30pm in the church.

All are welcome.

**An ongoing Scripture Study** is being held at the Parish Center, 19 S. Canal St. every Tuesday at 9am. All are welcome.

**A Fair Trade Sale will be held on April 2 & 3 in the Gathering Space of the church before & after all Masses.**

Confession April 4 & 11- 5 to 6 PM

Teen Night April 9 - 5:30 to 8 PM

**Palm Sunday Masses**

Sat. April 9, 4 PM

Sun. April 10, 8:30 & 10:30 AM

10:30 AM Mass is a Teen Mass

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast Parish Center**

**Palm Sunday, April 10**

8:30 to 10:30 AM

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**April 14, Holy Thursday 7pm** Celebration of the Lord's Supper

**April 15, Good Friday, 3pm** Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**April 16, Holy Saturday, 11 AM** Blessing of Easter Food, Gathering Space - 7 pm  
Easter Vigil

**April 17, Easter Sunday Masses 8:30 & 19:30 am**

## **NEW COVENANT**

### **APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

139 New Britain Ave, Plainville  
P.O. Box 551 Plainville, CT 06062  
**Suffragan Bishop George Knight, Pastor**

**Elder Joseph Green,**

**Associate Minister**

**Phone 860-747-3128**

Residence & FAX 860-224-9409

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**For info please contact Pastor Andrea**

**Osborn at (860) 919-7470**

**ozzyunk@gmail.com**

Visit our website:

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also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CongregationSCLL/>

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Sunday Worship Service- 11:00 AM

Wednesday Evening Service-7:00 PM

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**Brad Brandon- Senior Pastor**

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97 Broad Street, Plainville

**Church Phone 860-747-5867**

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

E-mail: plainvillesda@gmail.com

jacksonsg5@sbcglobal.net

**Pastor Franklin Jackson**

**Saturday Morning**

Bible School @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service @ 11:00 am.

FREE lunch after service

**Wednesday Evening ~**

Family Prayer Meeting @ 6:30 p.m

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**Peter A. Stonis, Pastor**

## **WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Nursery Care is provided for

all Sunday Services

Sunday 10:00 am

Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 am

Morning Worship Service 11:00 am

Junior Church Ages 4-8 11:00 am

Evening Worship Service 6:30 pm

Bible Study & Prayer Wednesday 7:00 pm

**For information about the church visit**

**our website @cobplainville.org**

## **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Phone 860-747-5191

**Rev. Chris Dion, Pastor**

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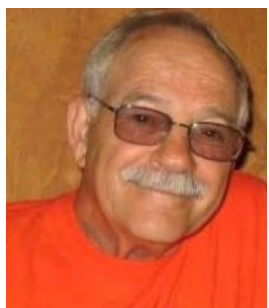
**Word of God**

**Tuesdays at 7:00 pm**

**for Bible Study**

## OBITUARIES

### ~ Myles Edward Biardi Sr. ~



loving husband and father, 84, of Southington, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. He was the devoted husband to Susan (Collin) Biardi and together they shared many wonderful

years of marriage, raising a family on the foundation of love and kindness.

Myles was born on August 13, 1937 to the late George J. and Mabel R. (Knowles) Biardi. Myles lived by the motto that kindness and love are what is most important in life and he withheld those values through his entire life. He was a selfless gentleman, always putting his family before himself. His devotion to his family and loyalty was unmatched. Through his wife's sickness with dementia, Myles spent every day by her side through the hard times of her not remembering him. He maintained a positive attitude towards life and whatever may come his way. Myles was a jokester, always cracking jokes to make others laugh which naturally made him the life of the party. He enjoyed gardening, watching college basketball, and above all spending time with his family. Myles leaves his family and friends heartbroken leaving a legacy of kindness and gratitude, as he always showed that to everyone he met.

Myles leaves behind his wife, Susan (Collin) Biardi, his daughter, Jessica Burgess and her husband, Derek, his son, Myles E. Biardi Jr., and his grandchildren, Emmie, Bryce and Jaxon Burgess and Ashley Biardi.

Following Myles' wishes, there will be no calling hours or funeral services. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville extends their gratitude to the Biardi family for their trust in handling the arrangements. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com).

### ~ Arthur James (AJ) Harris ~



82, of Plainville, passed away on Monday, March 14, 2022 at Bristol Hospital. He was born on December 15, 1939 in Greenville, NC to the late Joe and Lucinda G. Harris.

He was married to Clarissa Harris of Naugatuck, CT. He is survived by his seven children, Jeffrey Harris and

his wife Maia of Waterbury, CT, James Harris of New London, CT, Antoine Bethea of Warren, Maine, Arielle Harris of Atlanta, Georgia, Sheldon Schuler of Brookfield, CT, Kasheena Aarons of New Britain, CT, Danielle Schuler of New Britain, CT, his one brother Samuel Harris and his wife Betty Jean, his two sisters Adele Jenkins of New Haven, CT and Sarah Harris of Baltimore, Maryland, 27 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. In addition, he leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by Linwood Ray Harris, Joe Harris and Betty Perkins.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville. A prayer service and words of remembrance was shared at the funeral home with Pastor Calvin Joyner officiating.

### Spring Clean-up at West Cemetery

The Annual Spring Clean-up began in March 2022 and continuing through April 2022.

Trimming and removal of bushes/Trees will continue around the monuments until all are removed.

Flowers are only allowed around Upright Monuments. No planting or ornaments on flush/flat markers.

When walking your dog in the Cemetery, they must be on leash and pick up afterwards.

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

### ~ Lucy (Rossi) Bull ~



97, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 12, 2022. She was the wife of the late Harry R. Bull, with whom she shared 23 years of marriage.

Born in Hartford on August 1, 1924, she was the last surviving of four children to the late Joseph and Ellen (Santarelli) Rossi. Raised and educated in Hartford,

she moved to Plainville shortly after her marriage to Harry in 1952. Lucy was a "numbers girl" who worked in the banking profession for a number of years. Upon retiring from Bank of Boston in 1986, she continued to work part time until the age of 80 for O'Donnell Bros, Inc. in Bristol. A woman who centered her life around her family, she lived simply, loved deeply, and will be remembered fondly for her strength, independence and devotion to those she loved.

She was predeceased by her only son, Bruce Reed Bull, and leaves her devoted granddaughters, Heather Pierce (Mario), Megan Sledge (Adam) and Jennifer Bull (Jack Naramore); her daughter-in-law, Lorrie Ferland; great-grandchildren Brayden, Connor and Emma Pierce and Jackson Sledge; and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. In addition to her son and husband, she is now reunited with her sisters, Tina Mingo (Joe) and Yolanda Rossi and her brother, John Rossi (Lucy).

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

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Lucy's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Prayers and words of remembrance were shared at 12:00 p.m. She will be laid to rest privately at West Cemetery in Bristol. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

### ~ Robert J. Kennedy ~



74, of Plainville, died peacefully after a long illness, with his wife and best friend Susan by his side on Wednesday February 23, 2022.

Born on April 15, 1947, he was the only son of William and Yvonne Kennedy, and was raised and educated in Southington, graduating from

Southington High School in 1965. He married the love of his life, Susan (Camerato) in 1970 making more than 50 years of priceless memories together. Bob was a mechanical engineer for Stanley Works for many years, and moved on to quality management at Perry Technologies from where he retired in 2012. A motorcycle enthusiast, Bob was a longtime member of the Meriden Motorcycle Club, where he leaves many friends and fellow bikers. A former power lifting champion, he continued to make physical fitness a priority, and was a familiar face around the YMCA. Bob was a dedicated volunteer for the Plainville Community Food Pantry, and enjoyed walking the beaches of New England with a cigar in hand on his family's annual summer vacations. He will be missed and remembered fondly by his family and wide circle of friends.

In addition to his wife Sue, he leaves his sisters-in-law, Ann Raucci and Kathy Narcum and her husband Ron; his brother-in-law Michael Camerato and his wife Cathy; many nephews and one niece.

In lieu of flowers, Bob may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, PO Box 233, Plainville, CT 06062.

Honoring Bob's wishes, his family will celebrate his life privately. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Kennedy family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)



### ~ Priscilla (Valenti) Dombroski ~



96, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Sunday March 13, 2022 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain. She is now reunited with the love of her life, Edward, with whom she shared 67 years of marriage before his passing in 2014.

Born in New Britain on June 3, 1925, she was the last surviving of four children to the late John and Jennie (Aiugello) Valenti. Raised and educated in New Britain, she and Edward settled in Plainville where they raised their two sons and became proud and devoted grandparents. Priscilla was the much loved matriarch of her family, and of her neighborhood, where she witnessed many generations grow and prosper, kept a spotless home, and could be found many days tending to her yard and garden. She worked for the former Critikon, a division of Johnson and Johnson, from where she retired after more than 25 years of hard work and dedication. Remembered for her pride in her Italian heritage, her hard work ethic and devotion to her family, she will be dearly missed leaving many cherished memories.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Roland and Debbie Dombroski of Bristol and Richard and Sherilyn Dombroski of Burlington; her grandchildren, Ashley Dombroski, Rachel Desaulniers and her husband Nick, Nicholas Dombroski and Taylor Dombroski; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her grandchildren, triplets Robert, Edward and Nicole Dombroski; her sisters and brothers-in-law Lois and Donald Adorno and Dinah and Phillip Raimondo; and her brother and sister-in-law, Phinehas and Rebecca Valenti.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial followed at at Our Lady of Mercy Church. She will be laid to rest privately at St. Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit Priscilla's tribute page at [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

### ~ Howard A. Rapacky ~



62, of Hartford, formerly of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Friday, March 4, 2022.

Born on June 20, 1959, he was one of four children to the late Edward Rapacky, Sr and Violet (Coons) Rapacky. Raised and educated in Plainville, he attended local schools, and,

always one to express care and compassion for others, worked as an EMT for close to 20 years. A car enthusiast in his younger years, Howie also found joy in being a lifelong animal "Dad", most recently sharing his home with several birds to keep him company. Remembered as a loving son, brother and uncle, he will be missed.

He leaves his siblings, Barbara Hunt and her husband Gary, Lorraine Rapacky and her husband Luther, and Edward Rapacky Jr., his nephew Edward Rapacky, III, his wife Tricia and their sons Eddie and Ethan; his niece Kimberly Rapacky and his nephew Ryan Hunt. He was predeceased by his nephew Eric.

In lieu of flowers, Howie may be remembered with contributions to a charity that will benefit animals.

Honoring his wishes, his family will celebrate his life with private services. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Rapacky family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Timothy P. Scanlon ~



93, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Monday February 28, 2022. He was the husband of Janet (Rodier) Scanlon, with whom he shared 41 years of marriage.

Born in Lawrence, MA on October 17, 1928, he was one of four children to the late Patrick and Mary (Walsh) Scanlon. Raised and educated in Lowell, he was a 1950 graduate of Northeastern University in Boston. Tim enlisted in U.S. Army the following year, proudly serving his country for two years during the Korean Conflict. Following his honorable discharge from the Army, he accepted a position with the FBI, working in Washington, DC before moving to Connecticut in 1960. He enjoyed all of the outdoor activities that New England had to offer, including fishing and target shooting, and made frequent visits to Cabela's, adding to his impressive gun collection. Tim retired from Amodio / North American Van lines after enjoying close to 40 years on the open road. A voracious reader, Tim was always looking to expand his already vast amount of knowledge, and was never shy to share his thoughts and fun facts on topics that he learned about. Remembered for his sense of humor and willingness to share a joke or story with anyone nearby, Tim will be missed dearly, leaving his family with many cherished memories.

In addition to his wife Janet, he leaves his daughter Pamela Denis and her partner Tom Jenkins; his step-children Jim Tufts and his wife Christina and Jerrilyn Ciotto and her husband Robert; his sister Patricia Lyons; his grandchildren, Mack Litke, his wife Lyndsey and their children Brooks and Blayke, Brett Litke and his fiancée Caitlyn Shaw; Robert Ciotto, Jr. his fiancée Kim and their daughter Reighley, Kevin Ciotto and Justin Ciotto; along with many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife, Virginia; his brother Thomas and his sister Margaret Brien.

A graveside service with military honors will be held and announced in the spring. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Scanlon family for their trust.

## ~ Georgina Frances Weber ~



It is with deep sadness and a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend Gina Weber. Born December 5, 1957 in Meriden, CT, Gina was the daughter of Edith (Lane) Weber and the late Gerald George Weber. Gina was a

lifelong resident of Wallingford, CT, though at times, work called her to many other places around the globe.

Gina grew up in Wallingford, CT and attended local schools. She was a part of the Saint Paul's Episcopal Church community and was a Sunday school teacher for many years. She attended St. Vincent's Medical Center and Sacred Heart University in Bridgeport, CT where she received her degree in nursing. She worked as a RN at Yale New Haven Hospital and Hartford Hospital where she specialized in neo-natal care. Gina returned to school at Central Connecticut State University and received her teaching degree and graduated summa cum laude. She furthered her education by attending Boston College and received her certificate as a Clinical Research Associate where she became a consultant to many pharmaceutical companies in the U.S., Europe and Africa.

Gina enjoyed trips to the bookstore, traveling, sipping her favorite drink at Starbucks, and listening to show tunes. Her greatest passion was her family, and she would routinely spend time checking-in with them multiple times per day.

Gina was greatly endeared by her family, friends and colleagues. She was the "doting aunt" that never tired of her nephews and niece and treated them (and their friends) as her own. She was their biggest advocate for all their hopes and dreams and made sure to share incredible adventures with each of them. She also loved her brother's dogs and showered them with as much love as her human family.

She leaves behind her mother Edith; her brother Kurt and sister-in-law Trish Weber; her godson/nephew Brock Weber, his wife Jessica and their son James; her nephew Jake and niece Mackenzie; her aunt Nancy and several cousins.

There will be no services. Gina will be laid to rest at In Memoriam Cemetery in Wallingford, CT at the convenience of her family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Gina's memory to the American Diabetes Association or Hartford Hospital's Connecticut Children's Foundation. Gina's family thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. The B.C. Bailey Funeral Home of Wallingford has been entrusted with final arrangements. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit [www.BaileyCares.com](http://www.BaileyCares.com).

## Firefighters Prayer

*When I am called to duty, God wherever flames may rage, give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age.*

*Help me to embrace a little child before it's too late, or save an older person from the horror of that fate.*

*Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shout, and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.*

*I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me, to guard my neighbor and protect his property.*

*And if according to your will I have to lose my life, bless with your protecting hand my loving family from strife.*

## ~ Marliiss "Missy" (Murphy) Pavano~



74, of Plainville, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. She was the wife of Ronald Pavano, with whom she shared 27 of the happiest years of her life.

Missy was born in New Britain on August 3, 1947 one of three children to the late Edward and Edna (Beveridge) Murphy. A lifelong dedicated resident of Plainville, Missy was a graduate of Plainville High School, who remained heavily involved in her class reunions, events and activities. She earned her Master's Degree from the University of Hartford, where she later taught and volunteered as Assistant Director of their Alumni Network; and worked as an office manager at Genphil in New Britain and most recently for Master Tool and Machine in Plainville. Missy was a longtime member of the Republican Town Committee, and devoted over 25 years to the Board of Education as a member and Past Chairwoman who was passionate about making a difference in the lives of countless students. She was a proud Irish woman and "Mom" to many, all who benefitted from her crocheting talents. A dog-lover and voracious reader, she rarely missed a UCONN basketball game, and loved traveling with Ron up and down the East coast to find the best lobsters each summer. She will be dearly missed by the many lives she touched, leaving a legacy of kindness, strength and love.

In addition to her husband Ron, she leaves her son, Robert Kowalczyk; her step-son Ronald Pavano, Jr and his wife Claudia; her large extended family and a wide circle of friends.

In lieu of flowers, Missy may be remembered with contributions to the Petit Family Foundation, PO Box 310, Plainville, CT 06062 or at [www.petitfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.petitfamilyfoundation.org)

Honoring Missy's wishes, her family will celebrate her life privately. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Pavano family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)



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## NOTICE: SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY

No mulch is allowed in front of any cemetery markers. It is difficult to maintain the placement of the mulch when mowing the grass or during the process of cutting weeds around the stones. Please help us keep the cemetery tidy and clean.

Thank you.

# OBITUARIES

## ~ Edgar Arthur Holden Wynkoop ~



69 of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Monday March 7, 2022, following a hard fought battle with cancer. He was the husband of Kathie (Fallis) Wynkoop, with whom he shared more than 30 years of love, laughter, and world travels.

Born in New Britain on July 22, 1952, he was one of four children to the late John and Margaret (Holden) Wynkoop. Raised and educated in Plainville, Edgar went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Connecticut. He retired in 2021 from the State of Connecticut after 32 years of dedicated service. It was at the Department of Transportation where he met his best friend and soulmate Kathie, whom he married in 1993, settling in Plainville where they raised their children. Edgar was a devoted father to his daughter and two sons, each who share in his passion for music, sports, and service to their communities. A loyal member of the Plainville Fire Department for 41 years he served in various capacities including Lieutenant, Captain and Second Assistant Chief and was the much appreciated Company Parliamentarian. Additionally, Edgar was elected to the Plainville Town Council in 1979, serving for four years in two consecutive terms. A former saxophonist, he was known to play at local establishments with the Inner City Exchange and New Vintage jazz bands. Edgar had a love for the beach, finding enjoyment in flying kites, and went on many fun-filled vacations, where he would inevitably run into someone he knew, or would meet a new acquaintance with his outgoing personality and quick wit. Gone too soon but not soon forgotten, Edgar touched the lives of many and leaves a legacy of love, dedication, and kindheartedness.

In addition to his wife Kathie, he leaves his daughter, Moriah Shinaid Wynkoop; his sons, Edgar Joseph "E.J." Wynkoop and Alex Holden Wynkoop; his sisters, Margaret "Piji" Musgrove and Sharon Wynkoop Corlette; his sister-in-law, Barbara Germain and her husband John; his nephews, Derek Musgrove, his wife Shelly and their two sons; his niece Taura Musgrove; his nephew and Godson Jason Corlette and his wife Karie; his Godchildren, Scott Wentworth and Harley Leigh Jackson; along with his brother firefighters, many dear friends, and his faithful companion "Rocco". He was predeceased by his brother Sidney Wynkoop.

In lieu of flowers, Edgar may be remembered with contributions to a fund that has been established to benefit his children at the Liberty Bank, 48 East St. Plainville, CT 06062.

Family and friend gathered in celebration of Edgar's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St Plainville. Words of remembrance were shared. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit Edgar's tribute page at [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

**Prayer For Recovery**  
**GOD OF COMPASSION, YOU**  
**CREATED A WORLD FOR US TO**  
**KNOW YOUR LOVE AND PEACE,**  
**YET AMIDST THE BEAUTY OF**  
**CREATION, WE ENCOUNTER PAIN**  
**AND HURT AND FORCES BEYOND**  
**OUR CONTROL.**  
**AT TIMES LIKE THIS, OUR HEARTS**  
**ARE SHAKEN AND ACHE WITH**  
**SORROW AT THE**  
**DESTRUCTION OF OUR LIVES,**  
**FINANCES AND LIVELIHOODS,**  
**HEAR OUR PRAYERS FOR THOSE**  
**AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS**  
**AND FOR ALL THOSE WORKING TO**  
**BRING RELIEF AND FRESH HOPE.**  
**AMEN. ST. JUDE SHRINE**

## ~ Maria G. Cutler ~



92, resident of Plainville for 65 years, passed away at Live Well Healthcare on Saturday, March 19, 2022 with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of the late Nicholas J. Cutler with whom she had 39 wonderful years.

Maria was born in Charlottenburg, Berlin, Germany on February 6, 1930 to the late Berta (Steur) Wolff. She was employed by Hamilton Standard in Farmington assembling gyroscopes. Maria was honored with several awards for her contributions to the aerospace field; Most notably, the Viking orbiter. NASA's Viking Project would become the first U.S. mission to land a spacecraft safely on the surface of Mars and return images of the surface. They did so using parts Maria had assembled and consulted on. Maria was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, and Hartford Saengerbund, and volunteered at the Plainville Senior Center and the Hospice of Central Connecticut.

Maria leaves behind three sons, Nicholas P. Cutler (Judith) of Plantsville, Mark Cutler (Sonia) of Maryville, TN, and Kenneth Cutler (Tammie) of Bristol. Also left to cherish her memory are her four grandchildren, Nicholas T Cutler (Kristin) of CT, Timothy Cutler of CT, Scott Cutler of WY, and Amy Cutler of TN as well as her great-grandchildren, Cody, Tyler, Kristi, Nicholas A. Cutler, one great great grandchild, Laila Barr, and her two sisters, Elizabeth Wolff of Avon and Sister Margaret Vincent Wolff. Besides her Husband Nicholas, Maria was preceded in death by her brother Charles Wolff.

The family wishes to thank the staff of LiveWell for the amazing care they provided Maria. Their kindness will forever be remembered.

Family and friends visited Bailey Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian burial was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 19 S Canal St, Plainville, CT. Interment immediately followed Mass in St. Joseph Cemetery Plainville. Memorial contributions in Maria's memory can be made to The Plainville Senior Center, 200 East St, Plainville, CT 06062. Please include "General fund" or "Dial-a-ride" in the memo if you are writing a check. The Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville, CT has been entrusted with Maria's arrangements. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit [www.bailey-funeralhome.com](http://www.bailey-funeralhome.com).

## Make My Day.....by: Raymond Cormier

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 their employee is going that extra few steps to help their customers.

*Mothers & Fathers, I am sure your child has "Made your day". Let us know about some of the little things they do to help around the home, empty the baskets, wash the dishes, and etc. We will use first names only, but they will know they are the one that helped out.*

Call 860-747-4119 and leave the name of the person, with your message.

You may also E-mail your "Make My Day" to:  
[plainvillehometown@gmail.com](mailto:plainvillehometown@gmail.com)

## Join the PUMC Out Side Community Tag Sale

**The Plainville United Methodist Church**  
**56 Red Stone Hill, Plainville,**  
**Out Side Community Tag Sale**  
**Saturday, June 4th,**  
**from 9 am to 3 pm,**  
**Rain date of June 11th.**

If you would like to reserve a spot at the Tag Sale the cost to rent a space (approx. 12 ft. wide) will be \$35.00 which includes one 6 ft. table and two chairs for your use or \$30.00 without a table.

To request an application or for more information please email the church at [plainvillunited@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plainvillunited@sbcglobal.net) or contact the church office at 860-747-2328.

If you have any questions, please email the church or call the office at 860-747-2328.

## Coming Soon First Church Women's Association Clothing Sale!!

The very popular, annual Women's Association Clothing Sale will take place on Friday April 8th from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday April 9th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Amistad Hall at the First Church of Christ Congregational, 1652 in Farmington. The "Sale Entrance" is on School Street.

The sale includes shoes, jewelry and miscellaneous items, as well as "somewhat used" men's, women's and children clothing. FREE ADMISSION is available to all, with clothing and Boutique items in the Boutique will be half-price.

Funds raised are administered by the Women's Association at First Church, a non-profit organization. The group plans to purchase items for the church and donate to multiple charity organizations.

First Church of Christ, Congregational, 1652, is located at 75 Main Street in Farmington, near Miss porter's School. Sunday services are held at 10 a.m. For further information, call the church office at 860-677-2601 on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or view website at [www.firstchurch652.org](http://www.firstchurch652.org). Visitors are always welcome.

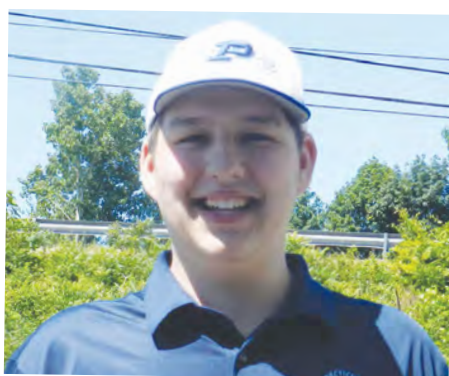
*We must share this "Make My Day" with our readers. Because of Covid-19 we did not receive any shares, but now people are able to assist each other without any problems.*

*Last week someone called and said that they did not receive a Hometown Connection Newspaper. Not knowing where the street was located in Plainville and we did not have an up to date town map we went to the Police Station for directions. Upon asking the clerk for the directions, we were told to please wait a minute so she would check. Because the street is located in a new development it was not on a town map yet. A nice young handsome Police Officer came in the lobby and said he was going that way. For me to follow him. Where this street is located it would have been trouble to give directions. He really "Made My Day"*

*Sincere Thank You!!*

**Annual Budget Vote**  
**Tuesday April 26th 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Plainville Firehouse West Main Street**

# Jake's Sport Talk



#25 Joe Vasquez had 13 points and had 2 Blocks  
 #11 Brennan Staublely 8 points  
 #5 Artem Mojica had 11 points  
 3 Brady Wizorek had 3 points  
 Plainville won 50-47

**February 17th 2022** Plainville Varsity Boys Basketball vs Oxford game notes  
 #32 Cameron Lamothe had 6 points  
 #25 Joe Vasquez had 9 points  
 #11 Brennan Staublely had 12 points  
 #5 Artem Mojica had 12 points  
 #3 Brady Wiczorek had 2 points  
 #2 George James had 3 points  
 #22 M.J Bakaysa had 6 points  
 Plainville won 50-49

**February 22 2022** last game of season Plainville Varsity Boys Basketball vs Berlin game notes  
 #25 Joe Vasquez had 15 points  
 #32 Cameron Lamothe had 12 points  
 #5 Artem Mojica had 9 points and 2 blocks  
 #22 M.J. Bakaysa had 3 points  
 Plainville lost 43-39  
 Plainville finished the season at 6 wins and 14 losses.

*My March Madness pick to win it all is Gonzaga*



Tom Brady announces that he is returning and will play in his 23rd NFL season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.



**Good Luck Tom this upcoming season.**

## Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championship Names Local Champions for 2022

The local level of the 2022 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship was held on Sunday January 9th at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center. The Knights of Columbus sponsors the contest each year to promote family activities in its council's communities and Plainville Council 3544 was glad to wear masks and host it this year as the covid pandemic had waned in the previous many months. All boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 were invited to try their best for 15 free throws and compete for some prizes and the chance to advance to the higher-level contests. Not all of the age group categories were contested and three local champions were named.

3 winners had great performances, became district champions and were eligible for the State level contest.

Nathan Marshall was the 9year old boys champ shooting 14 out of 15 Jaylise Ruff earned the Girls 10-year-old title with a score of 8 out of 15 and Kyle Harris was the best of the 12-year-old boys making 13 out of 15 shots.

Many thanks to community sponsor J.R. Heating and Cooling who contributed towards prizes for winners in each age group category.

The winners from the January local level contest competed at the State level contest held on February 19 th at St. Pauls High School in Bristol. Ct The Plainville local sharpshooters Nathan and Kyle competed against winners from all districts around the entire state. Jaylise was unable to attend the State contest. Congratulations to Nathan and Kyle on their good State level performances. Nathan's score was one behind the eventual 9-year-old boys state winner and Kyles score of 17 out of 25 was just a few baskets below the eventual State winner in the 12 year old boys group.



**Council 3544 Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championship Names Local Champions for 2022**

Winners of the Plainville local level of competition in the Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship also named District Champions. (Left to Right) Nathan Marshall, Jalyise Ruff, and Kyle Harris.

## Ways To Avoid Injuries While Gardening

Happy spring from Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers of Plainville. Spring is in the air and before you know it, you will be digging in the dirt and pulling weeds.

Common gardening tasks, such as digging, planting, weeding, mulching, and raking can cause stress and strain on muscles and joints, especially for seniors or those who are normally sedentary. The shoulders, back, neck and knees are prime targets. Following these tips can help you minimize the risk of injury:

- Warm up before you begin.
- Get your heart rate up by taking a 10-minute walk followed by some stretches for your upper and lower back, neck, arms and legs. Roll your shoulders back in a circular motion and slowly move your head from side to side a few times to loosen up.
- Don't overdo it. Be mindful of how the body feels. If you experience an



aching back or neck, slow down and stretch or stop and switch to a different task.

- Use a garden cart or wheelbarrow to move tools and heavy planting

materials.

- Don't kneel on both knees. Keep one foot on the ground to give your back more stability. If you must kneel use knee pads or a

pillow to absorb some of the pressure.

- Change positions frequently to avoid stiffness or cramping.
- Practice proper body mechanics. Bend at your knees when you grab something or pull a weed, bend your knees, and contract your abdominal muscles to avoid straining your back.

End your gardening session with a short walk or some light stretching. Take a warm bath or shower to help prevent next-day soreness.

*If you experience pain, please contact your friendly neighborhood PT right down the street at Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers of Plainville. Call us in the office (860) 517-8885 or visit us on the web at [www.PTSMC.com/Plainville](http://www.PTSMC.com/Plainville) to request an appointment.*

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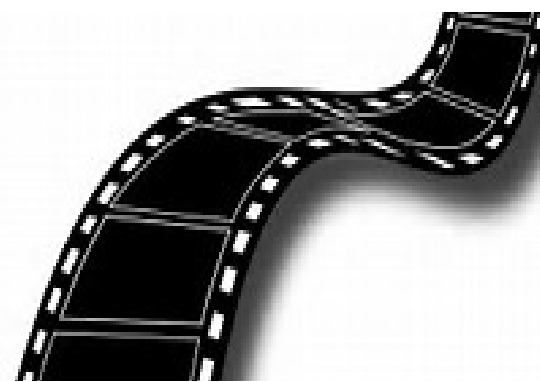






# The Circumspect Critic

by:  
Robert James O'Dell



## “Ghostbusters: Afterlife”

**Ghostbusters: Afterlife**

**2021**

**PG-13**

**2h 4m**

**Director**

**Jason Reitman**

**Writers**

**Gil Kenan Jason Reitman Dan**

**Aykroyd(based on: the 1984**

**“Ghostbusters”, written by)**

**Stars**

**Carrie Coon Paul Rudd Finn Wolfhard**



Gil Kenan. With a giddy sense of silliness, he has brought an honest to ghostness sequel to the first two Ghostbuster films.

Edit Image

Callie Spengler (Carrie Coon) and her children Trevor (Finn Wolfhard) and Phoebe (Mckenna Grace) find themselves evicted and on the road to Summerville, Oklahoma. It seems the father who abandoned Callie years ago has died and left her his farmhouse there. The family arrives to find the ramshackle house in serious disrepair. With no place else to go, Callie realizes that beggars can't be choosers and settles the family in the dilapidated structure. It doesn't take long before Callie is experiencing some ghostly activity that leads her to her grandfather's secret lab where she comes across some ancient ghostbuster artifacts.

What is so entertaining about the film is the way Reitman weaves elements of the previous two films into the new storyline keeping them in perfect syncopation. The nostalgia flows effortlessly through the fabric of the story of these descendants of one of the original

Ghostbuster team.

The film top bills Carrie Coons while leaning on Finn Wolfhard in the trailers and the publicity junket. However, It's young Mckenna Grace who serves as the film's driving force.. Grace is to love as the nerdishly shy geek who meticulously peels back the secret of the farmhouse and what her grandfather was up to in Summerville.

Paul Rudd is along for the ride and exudes all his usual charm as Phoebe's summer school teacher who has his own agenda regarding the rash of minor earthquakes that Summerville has been experiencing.

If you are familiar with the movies from the 80s, you'll recognize some of the ghosts that show up to raise havoc as well as some of the characters who make an appearance in the film's rousing last act.

**Acting:**

**94%**

**Directing:**

**90%**

**Script:**

**90%**

**Special Effects:**

**100%**

**Cinematography:**

**100%**

**Entertainment Value:**

**97%**

**My Rating:**

**94%**



There is the fresh scent of nifty nostalgia permeating every frame of Ghostbusters Aftermath that makes the film a pure delight. This is the film that fans of the franchise have been longing for these 40+ years. Less subversive than the original, the film is top grade family entertainment. Director Jason Reitman takes the reigns from his late father Ivan and brings to life (and afterlife) his original script written in collaboration with

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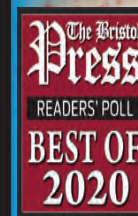
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Ronald Reagan*



# Plainville Senior Center News.....

*Stephanie Soucy, Senior Center Social Worker, is available to assist with concerns about food stamps, caregiving, financial assistance, Medicare, assistance at home and more. No question is too small. Call (860)747- 5728.*

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**Kickstarter Tried to Cancel Jesus**

*Continued from Page 19*

Mauro pressed Kickstarter on what the problem was, and the crowdfunder pointed to one paragraph on the Talking Jesus Doll's page.

"And in the last few years we watched once-wholesome toys and television shows devolve into woke propaganda campaigns," the paragraph read. "It's true. Lego's became LGBT, Mr. Potato Head went non-binary; Barbie became Bar-bi. Big Toy embraced the religion of wokeness which is designed to separate children from their families and their Creator." Rather than a problem, Mauro saw the paragraph as "evidence that our kids need Jesus now, more than ever." So, rather than deleting the offending paragraph, he added links to each phrase that proved his point. I highly recommend you read the post; Mauro clearly did his homework. But it wasn't enough for Kickstarter, who pulled the plug on the project, which was 71% funded within four days! "It could have been the paragraph," Mauro writes. "It could have been the fact that our product is Jesus. We never got and never will get a clear explanation. Whatever it was, Kickstarter chose not to side with us or our backers. They caved." "We did not cave and will not," he continues (with emphasis in the original). "Our Talking Jesus Doll says 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life' (John 14:6). Jesus is Truth. Period. To deny the Truth is to deny Jesus. No amount of money is worth that." None of the money from the Kickstarter campaign went to Mauro and his company, although Kickstarter did refund the money that supporters donated. Mauro said that he's heard from several backers who have ordered one of the dolls. Even though Kickstarter tried to kill the Talking Jesus Doll project, good has come out of it. The doll should release soon, and it has become a successful product launch. Mauro has even pioneered a new type of toy — one with spiritual value (although, as he joked to me, "pioneers often have arrows in their backs"). He also knows that he couldn't have done this alone.

*"It's a God thing," he told me.*

*"It's not a me thing."*

*"Remember that they tried to cancel Jesus once before ... and we know how that turned out," he concluded. And we know that Jesus' story is the greatest true story .....,ever told.*

**INCOME TAX PREPARATION — SIGN-UP STARTED FOR APPOINTMENTS**

The Plainville Senior Center is pleased to announce that it will once again host AARP Tax-Aide, a free pro-gram that provides income tax preparation assistance by certified volunteer tax counselors for low to mod-erate income taxpayers of all ages with special attention for persons aged 60 and older. The dates for 2022(tax returns for calendar year 2021) are every Tuesday now and ending Tuesday, April 12. Tax preparation is by appointment only. The Senior Center began taking appointments. To schedule your Tax Preparation appointment, please call the Senior Center.

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The precious metals markets are expecting strong years to come with concerns regarding government spending, U.S. budget deficits and debt ceiling increases, Quantitative Easing and stimulus spending, and the overall future of the US dollar as the world reserve currency. Metals just hit some key technical support levels, and it looks like this may be the perfect time to get in before the public follows institutional investor trends.

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*Your best defense against diabetes, high blood pressure, and kidney disease is a healthy lifestyle.*

**Eat healthy** – Build your diet around fruits and vegetables, low-fat dairy, protein (from tofu, beans, and quinoa, etc.), and whole grains.

**Stay active** – Thirty minutes a day of physical activity can make a big difference to your overall health and well-being.

**Reduce Stress** – Handling stress in a healthy way through physical activity, relaxation activities, or meditation can improve your health.

**Don't Smoke** – It's never too late to stop smoking. Quitting at any age will improve your health. As soon as you stop smoking your body begins to recover.

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Every fifty miles you put a small sliding gate. But, the gates are only ten inches wide and they're only open once a month...for seven seconds. And the h--- with Cable, This crap has got to be on Pay-Per-View. If those gates are only open seven seconds a month, you are going to have some mighty interesting people pushing and shoving to be first in line. Deeply disturbed armed cranky lunatics on drugs. **You know the ones.**

Lots of tattoos...lot of teeth broken off at the gumline...the true face of America. Every time you open the gates, some of the more aggressive ones are going to get through. The creme de la creme.

**The Alphas.** They're going to get through, they're going to find each other and they're going to cross-breed.

Pretty soon you'll have a melting pot. Killers, druggies, zombies, and full blown wack-a-loons. Wandering the landscape in search of truth and fun.

**Just like now! Everyone will have guns, everyone will have drugs, and no one will be in charge. Just like now! But at least we'll have a balanced budget.**

**Food for thought-April fool.**

**Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed.**

..... John Gasparini  
Blush



## Plainville Rotary Club's 47th Annual Penny Sale Saturday, May 7th Robertson Airport WHAT IS A PENNY SALE???

**Derivation:** A single dollar buys a ticket, which provides 100 chances to win the 100 prizes drawn during one of the sale events of the evening.

**Separate Sales:** This year there are two separate sales conducted. They are called the BLUE and WHITE sales. Beginning with the BLUE sale, all the prizes in this group are listed in the order they will be awarded. The WHITE group is listed next.

**Procedure:** Rotarians will be selling tickets for \$1.00 prior to and during each group. They are all numbered and grouped according to the sale pages of the program. All tickets sold are placed in a large clear plastic drum and withdrawn randomly for the prizes in the sequence they appear on the program. The ticket drawn is then put back in the drum and may be drawn again. Hence the name **PENNY SALE.**

Occasionally, substitutions are required.

Winning ticket holders are asked to stand and wave the flags provided to each car vigorously! This will help us deliver prizes as quickly as possible.

After the Blue ticket group, there will be a short break. Please retain all white, and blue tickets purchased for the drawing of the President's Prize as well as for any other special gifts that remain following the two sale events.

**Raffle Prize:** This year the club will hold a raffle for a Flat Screen HD TV. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Winner needs to be present to win, and the drawing will be held after the White group.

**Special Prize:** We have a special gift this year donated by the Plainville Fire Company - a ride to school in a fire truck. Three lucky Plainville students will have the opportunity to win this special prize, one from Wheeler, Tofolon and Linden Elementary Schools. When you received your program, you were given a red ticket for each person in your group. If you want to try and win one of these prizes or want to give it to someone, you can enter your ticket at the TV raffle table. Put your ticket in the appropriate Wheeler, Tofolon, or Linden container. One ticket will be drawn for each school and the winner will be able to select a student from that school to receive a ride to school on a fire truck.

The winner must be present and the student who rides on the truck must live in Plainville, and attend the specific school that the ticket is being drawn for.

This drawing will occur between the Blue and White prize groups.

**Check Our Ad For  
More Details  
on Page 34**

**Drive-In Penny Sale**

## Plainville Food Pantry

The Pantry welcomes food and monetary donations.

If donating food please leave items in the bin outside, along with your name and an address, in order to receive a "Thank You" card. Items that clients cannot buy with food stamps, such as feminine products, soap, shampoo, conditioner and paper goods are also welcome. The pantry is located at 54 south Canal Stree and can be reached at 860-747-1919. To make a monetary donation, send check to: Plainville Food Pantry, P.O. Box 233, 54 South Canal St. Plainville, CT 06062.

## House of Heroes

House of Heroes was founded in January 2000, is a non-profit organization serving our nation's military and public safety veterans (and their spouses) who are disabled, living on a fixed income, or facing other physical/financial challenges.

Volunteers perform minor repairs and make improvements to the homes of veterans and their spouses at no cost to the veteran through the generosity of individuals, civic organizations and corporations.

For more information, visit [hohct.org](http://hohct.org) or email :

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## Queen Ann Nzinga Center

The Queen Ann Nzinga Center, Inc., which provides arts enrichment activities for children age 5 to 17, is accepting new participants.

The center promotes positive youth development among children of all races and abilities throughout Connecticut, but primarily to children in greater Plainville, Berlin, Bristol and New Britain area.

**For more information,visit  
QANC.org**

## Red Cross Blood Drive

**Red Cross** If unable to make any local Blood Drives to donate to make an appointment call

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## Memorial Wall

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

If you are interested in adding a veteran's name to the wall, applications are located at:

**Municipal Center  
Plainville Public Library  
and VFW Post 574**

## Wheeler's 37th Annual Golf Classic

Set for September 14, 2022 at The Country Club of Farmington. Mutual of America Financial Group Is Presenting Sponsor for Fourth Year in a Row; Longtime Supporter, People's United Bank, Returns as Platinum Dinner Sponsor

Wheeler's 37th Annual Wheeler Golf Classic, presented by Mutual of America Financial Group for the fourth consecutive year, will take place at The Country Club of Farmington.

## To: All Civic & Religious Organization

We would like to invite everyone: to share your activities with our readers Please forward all news and pictures to: [Email-plainvillehometown@gmail.com](mailto:Email-plainvillehometown@gmail.com) or Phone: 860-747-4119 **Thanking you in advance!**

.....The Editor

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me very welcome in their  
home - dinner all day  
- audience small -  
about 100 - still good  
on the night - everything  
had been done to great  
success - a pleasant  
night, and was lacking -



Susan B. Anthony

Our Women's History Month program in March was on Connecticut Women and the Right to Vote and also featured Plainville connections. One local highlight was the 1874 visit to Plainville by the nation's most famous suffragist Susan B. Anthony who spoke at the Congregational Church. The "Plainville page" from her diary is shown above.

(Images are from the Library of Congress' online resources. The diary is in the public domain and there are no known restrictions on use of the photograph.)

## Volunteer Day Saturday May 14th 12:30 to 3:30 PM The Historic Center

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Plant a Historic Tree. Lovely American Elm trees lined the streets of New England, their wide branches and stately shape providing shade and privacy long before central air, until they were destroyed by a fungus during the 1940s. Newly cultivated, disease-resistant Princeton Elms are available this spring for your consideration.

### MAYBE YOU DIDN'T KNOW.....

The Plainville Historical Society welcomes small elderly unique items such as pictures, old postcards and greeting cards, small business advertising, etc. with a Plainville connection.

We have a registry of homes before 1930 with pictures. You might like to add yours. Think of us when you do your spring cleaning.

It is not necessary to be a member of the Historical Society to be a volunteer.

*Stop in and introduce yourself. We would love to meet you.*

### To All Hometown Readers:

The Plainville Hometown Connection paper is run by "All volunteers", many of them have full time employment and do this as a hobby.

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

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### Welcome Spring!!

The Plainville Historical Society welcomes spring following a season of interesting, well attended programs successfully held within Covid restrictions. All is well as we return to full activities here at the Historic Center. The office is open on Monday and Wednesday mornings (except holidays) after 10 a.m. and you can now reach us by telephone. Feel free to ring the doorbell.

The long delayed Annual Business Meeting of the Historical Society members and bi-annual Election of Officers has been scheduled for Saturday afternoon June 4. Please plan to join us as we emerge from shutdown and reorganize. Your input is crucial to the future of the Plainville Historical Society.

Please try to come to the OPEN HOUSE at the Historic Center on Saturday, April 9 between 12:30 and 3:00. Let us greet and meet you and show you around. We can discuss the varied opportunities available here. We're looking forward to it.

### APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Plainville has many poets to honor during this month. We remember Anna Grannis, the young woman who worked in the knitting mills to support herself and her mother during the early years of the last century. Some of her work cleverly mimicked the familiar cadence of the knitting machines. Anna wrote a book of poems: "Skipped Stitches." There are copies available for review in the Research Room at the Historic Center.

Wendell Copeland was also a talented poet. The Hometown staff misses him.

### Remembering...

On April 4, 1949 United States Secretary of State Dean Acheson and foreign ministers of Canada and 10 Western European nations signed the North Atlantic Treaty forming the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization.) President Harry S. Truman said it would create "a shield against aggression and fear of aggression—a bulwark which will permit us to get on with the real business of ... achieving a fuller and happier life for all our citizens."

### HAPPY EASTER

The children's Easter egg roll at the White House probably began with Dolly Madison in 1814. In 1876 the celebration resulted in damage to the grounds and the following year it was rained out. Then in 1878 it was banned.

Angry egg rollers marched on the White House demanding to be let in to roll their eggs. When President Hayes was notified, he opened the gates and let everyone in.

...Courtesy: The White House Historical Society

### Midnite Ride of Paul Revere

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Listen, my children, and you shall hear  
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,  
On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-five;  
Hardly a man is now alive  
Who remembers that famous day and year.  
He said to his friend, "If the British march  
By land or sea from the town to-night,  
Hang a lantern aloft in the belfry arch  
Of the North Church tower as a signal light,—  
One, if by land, and two, if by sea:  
And I on the opposite shore will be,  
Ready to ride and spread the alarm  
Through every Middlesex village and farm  
For the country folk to be up and to arm,"  
He silently rowed to the Charlestown shore,  
Just as the moon rose over the bay,  
Where swinging wide at her moorings lay  
The Somerset, British man-of-war.  
Then he climbed the tower of the Old North Church,  
By the wooden stairs, with stealthy tread,  
To the belfry-chamber overhead.

On the opposite shore walked Paul Revere.  
And lo! As he looks, on the belfry's height  
A glimmer, and then a gleam of light!  
He springs to the saddle, the bridle, he turns,  
A second lamp in the belfry burns!  
The fate of a nation was riding that night;  
And the spark struck out by that steed, in his flight,  
It was two by the village clock,  
When he came to the bridge in Concord town.

You know the rest. How the British..fired and fled,  
How the farmers gave them ball for ball,  
From behind each fence and farm yard wall,  
Chasing the red-coats down the lane,  
Then crossing the fields to emerge again.

So through the night rode Paul Revere;  
A cry of defiance and not of fear,  
A voice in the darkness, a knock at the door  
And a word that shall echo forevermore!  
The people will waken and listen and hear  
The hurrying hoof-beats of that steed,  
And the midnight message of Paul Revere.



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# One of Historical Society Treasures

## Plainville's Lost Amusement Park

Through the years the face of Plainville has changed from a quiet little town nestled between two cities to a major state crossroad. The landscape in the beginning was carved out as a glacial plain where the Tunxis Indians traveled North and South to hunt for food and search the shoreline for wampum shells. East and West travel was through a gap in the East Mountain called Cooke's Gap named by an early settler of Farmington called William Cook.

On land later purchased by his son John, an existing home was converted into a large farm and tavern where weary travelers stopped to rest overnight as they traveled from Farmington to Middletown. Being a blacksmith, his brother George built a forge room into the basement of the building and repaired carriages and horseshoes. John's wife would also provide meals for some of the hungry travelers.

John along with his father and brother James developed a trap rock quarry at East Mountain where water sprang from the ground forming a brook through the gap that ran between New Britain Ave. and Woodford Ave. down to Hamlin's Pond. Being business men they decided to build a walking bridge dam in 1866 to create a long narrow pond for harvesting ice in the winter.

When trolley tracks were put down between New Britain and Plainville, another business opportunity was created for the Cooke Family. An open air theater, a band stand and a dance pavilion surrounded by a porch was built and named it White Oak Park. They bought a steam boat that traveled up and down the pond. Also a unique two story merry-go-round was installed for young people looking for summertime entertainment. Many stories and adventures of families taking the trolley to the park have been told.

The Cook Family sold the park to Ct. Rail and Trolley in 1899. They had their men change the park name to the White Oak Lyceum and also featured animals in cages. Then in 1908 the dam collapsed. The dam was repaired but by 1910 it was poorly attended and vandalized. The area was cleaned up, the old buildings removed and sold.

Ice was harvested from the pond up until November 29, 1932 when the White Oak Dam broke again, and the New England Ice Co. owners of the property decided not to replace the dam. Today the area is covered by the intersection of Route 72 and I-84 where only the memory of White Oak Park remains.

.....Gerthude LaCombe



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## Letters & Emails to the Editor

### U.S. OIL SUPPLY..... INCREDIBLE

About 6 months ago, there was a news program on oil and one of The Forbes Bros. was the guest. The host said to Forbes, "I am going to ask you a direct question and I would like a direct answer; how much oil does the U.S. Have in the ground?" Forbes did not miss a beat, he said, "More than all the Middle East put Together."

The U.S. Geological Service issued a report in April 2008 that only Scientists and oil men knew was coming, but man was it big. It was a revised report (hadn't been updated since 1995) on how much oil was in this area of the western 2/3 of North Dakota, western South Dakota, and Extreme eastern Montana.

#### Check THIS out:

The Bakken is the largest domestic oil discovery since Alaska's Prudhoe Bay and has the potential to eliminate all American dependence on foreign oil. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates it at 503 billion barrels. Even if just 10% of the oil is recoverable (5 Billion barrels), at \$107 a barrel, we're looking at a resource base worth more than \$5.3 trillion. "When I first briefed legislators on this, you could practically see their Jaws hit the floor.

They had no idea." says Terry Johnson, the Montana Legislature's financial analyzer. "This sizable find is now the highest-producing onshore oil field found in the past 56 years," reports The Pittsburgh Post Gazette.

It's a formation known as the Williston Basin but is more commonly referred to as the 'Bakken.' It stretches from Northern Montana, through North Dakota and into Canada. For years, U.S. Oil exploration has been considered a dead end. Even the 'Big Oil' companies gave up searching for major oil wells decades ago.

However, a recent technological breakthrough has opened up the Bakken's Massive reserves, And, we now have access of up to 500 billion barrels. And because this is Light, sweet oil, those billions of barrels will cost Americans just \$16 PER BARREL!!!! That's enough crude to fully fuel the American economy for 2041 years Straight. And if THAT didn't throw you on the floor, then this next one should - Because it's from 2006 !!!!!

**U.S. Oil Discovery - Largest Reserve** in the World Stansberry Report Online - 4/20/2006. Hidden 1,000

feet beneath the surface of the Rocky Mountains lies the Largest untapped oil reserve in the world. It is more than 2 TRILLION barrels. On August 8, 2005 President Bush Mandated its extraction. In many recent years of high oil prices none has been extracted. With this mother lode of oil why are we still fighting over off-shore Drilling?

They reported this stunning news: We have more oil inside our borders, than all the other proven reserves on Earth.

Here are the official estimates:

- 8 times as much oil as Saudi Arabia
- 18 times as much oil as Iraq
- 21 times as much oil as Kuwait
- 22 times as much oil as Iran
- 500 times as much oil as Yemen

And it's all right here in the Western United States!!!

**HOW can this BE?** HOW can we NOT BE extracting this? Because the Environmentalists and others have blocked all efforts to help America become Independent of foreign oil! Again, we are letting a small group of people Dictate our lives and our economy. **WHY?**

James Bartis, lead researcher with the study says we've got more oil in this very compact area than the entire Middle East, more than 2 TRILLION barrels Untapped. That's more than all the proven oil reserves of crude oil in the World today, reports The Denver Post.

Don't think 'OPEC' will drop its price even with this find? Think again! It's all about the competitive marketplace, it has to. Think OPEC just might be funding the environmentalists?

**Got your attention yet?** Now, while you're thinking about it, do this:

**Pass this along. If you don't take a little time to do this, then you should stifle yourself the next time you complain about gas prices, by doing NOTHING, you forfeit your right to complain.**

**Now, I just wonder what would happen in this country if every one of you sent this to everyone in your address book.**

**By the way, this can be verified. Check it out at the link below !!!!!**

<https://www.usgs.gov/news/national-news-release/usgs-releases-oil-and-gas-assessment-bakken-and-three-forks-formations>

**Why is Biden begging Saudi to sell us more oil.**

**We all know why.**

So far the only conservative politician willing to voice their support for the 'People's Convoy' is Texas Senator Ted Cruz.

Cruz met with organizers of the "People's Convoy" at Maryland's Hagerstown Speedway on Thursday, riding shotgun as he joined the caravan for its fourth day of riding around the Beltway.

Cruz arrived at the speedway, which is about an hour outside of Washington, D.C., at approximately 9:30 a.m. as he climbed into the front seat of one of the trucks, with organizers indicating the senator would be leading the convoy.

Earlier this week, Senate passed a resolution that would officially end a state of emergency for the China Virus pandemic, thus removing Biden's dictatorial powers that coincide with an emergency order.

The House is unlikely to pass the resolution, however, and the White House has already voiced its opposition to the measure.

**Biden has the power —  
why would he want to give it up?**

.....Author: Nolan Sheridan  
From the Right Wing Rebel

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### FROM THE DESK OF..... KEVIN MCCARTHY

Our country is facing an unprecedented ONSLAUGHT of disastrous progressive policies, and self-inflicted crises from the Biden Abomination...

From the Border Crisis, to RECORD crime, authoritarian mandates, disastrous foreign policy failures, and now the highest gas prices in American history – Democrats have brought the American people nothing but failure & despair.

#### **But I'M NOT GIVING UP!**

Which is why I have big news, and I wanted YOU to be the first to hear: **I'm filing for re-election today!** It's time to get our country back on track! And, as GOP Leader, I'm leading the charge to take back Congress from the clutches of Nancy Pelosi.

I'm humbly asking before I officially file, may I have your endorsement? This would really mean A LOT to me and our fight to take back Congress. Are you with me?

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Why now?

It's officially 2022 – election year. While November may be a ways away, we CANNOT afford to waste any time. We need as many patriots as possible to help us hit the ground running and build the red wave needed to put America FIRST again.

**Thank you so much for your support. I really appreciate it. Best, Kevin McCarthy**

#### **Want to FIRE Pelosi? A note from Kevin:**

**Kevin McCarthy urgently needs YOU to take action**

As Leader of the House Republicans, I'm committed to flipping the House of Representatives in 2022 to restore the Republican Majority and steer America back on the right track. I'm incredibly grateful for your support in this fight and want you to know that I'm doing everything in my power to secure victory for Republicans. Your sustained support fuels our grassroots movement and provides us with the resources necessary to combat the Left's political games. If you'd like to make another contribution, I will fight tooth and nail to ensure every cent goes towards advancing the conservative agenda and winning back the House --

The fight is far from over, and we're only getting started.

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### THE RIGHT WING REBEL NEWS RIGHTS UNDER FIRE

#### **Top Republican Rides Shotgun During Big Rig Freedom Protest March 11, 2022**

The Republican Party has remained largely silent on the convoy of truckers protesting Joe Biden's vaccine mandates and the ongoing state of emergency which bestows the cognitively deficient president with dictatorial powers.

Inspired by the 'Freedom Convoy' in Canada, a U.S.-based, pro-freedom protest recently took hold, with truckers driving cross-country in defiance of Joe Biden's medical tyranny.

Canadian 'Freedom Convoy' truckers met a harrowing fate when uber-left Prime Minister utilized an Emergency Order to combat their growing influence. Due to the Emergency Order, federal officials in Canada were permitted to seize assets, freeze bank accounts, remove children, even kidnap the protestors' dogs.

Luckily for the U.S. 'People's Convoy,' government officials have yet to enact that level of attack, but Capitol Police remain on high alert as they circle around the nation's Capitol.

The "People's Convoy" arrived in Washington over the weekend, completing an 11-day journey from California to protest government restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The group had its first ride-around on Sunday, circling the Beltway with big rigs, RVs, and pickup trucks. The convoy met again to repeat the path on Monday and Tuesday but stayed off the roads on Wednesday due to rainy weather.

# Young at Heart.....Plainville Senior Center News.....

## INCOME TAX PREPARATION

AARP Tax-Aide appointments will be by appointment only every Tuesday beginning now and ending Tuesday, April 12, at the Plainville Senior Center. To schedule your Tax Preparation appointment, please call (860)747-5728.

For other free income tax prep appointments through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), call: 1) United Way of West Central CT at (860)356-2000 or 2) Human Resources Agency (HRA) in New Britain and Bristol at (860)356-2000 or (860)826-2278.

Dial-a-Ride can also bring you to the United Way or HRA if you need a ride.

IT'S A SNAP TO INCREASE YOUR FOOD

## NEW! UKULELE DROP-IN CLUB

Every Wednesday 10:00-11:00 A.M.

Bring your ukulele and come strum along with us! Peggy Grant is going to lead the group. This is not a group for lessons. Sign up in advance. Call the Senior Center or register online at: [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

## ATTENTION, GRANDPARENTS, RELATIVES...LET YOUR FAMILIES KNOW ABOUT... DADDY BOOT CAMP

A Workshop Designed for Expectant & New Dads. Schedule a single session that fits your schedule: Thursday, April 28 (register by April 14), or Thursday, June 2 (register by May 19). Both sessions will meet from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Plainville High School, Room 123, with Coach Smith. Tuition: \$8. Full scholarships for those in need are available upon request. Please call (860)793-3209. Go to [http://www.plainvilleschools.org/departments/adult ed](http://www.plainvilleschools.org/departments/adult%20ed). Participants will also get the book: "Crash Course for Dads-to-Be." Note to New Dads: Please bring your baby! For more information, call Plainville Adult Education at (860)793-3209. Topics include: Baby Blues, Calm-ing a Crying Baby, Dealing with Pets, Dealing with Stress, Developing One's Own Style, Diapering, Safety, Schedules.

## New Photography Group to Meet at the Plainville Senior Center on May 19

A new photography group is forming at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street. A free informational meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, at 10 a.m. for people who might be interested in learning about photography, sharing pictures and possibly getting involved in a monthly photography group. Beginners are welcome! Fancy cameras are not required. Cell phones work great too. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register.

If you have someone you would like to write about, perhaps a neighbor or friend, we would be very happy to hear about them and their successes. Email to: [plainvillehometown@gmail.com](mailto:plainvillehometown@gmail.com) or

Mail to: *Plainville Hometown,*  
*27 Sherman St. Plainville, CT 06062*  
or e-mail us the story to:  
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## Former White House Butler Shares Stories

On Thursday, May 5 at 2 p.m., former White House butler Alan DeValerio will share his first-hand experiences with history during a free program at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street.

DeValerio will pass on stories from people he has worked with who have taken care of the First Families since the Franklin Roosevelt administration and also offer the inside details of all the preparations involved in White House entertaining. He will also display many of the White House artifacts he's collected over the years.

After the program, his new book "A History of Entertainment in the Modern White House" will be available for purchase and signing. Registration is required. Sign-up begins April 6. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 or register online at: [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

## Decorate Luminaries Bristol/Plainville Relay for Life

On Friday, April 22, at 10 a.m., come help the Plainville Senior Center decorate luminaries for the upcoming Bristol/Plainville Relay for Life American Cancer Society event. No artistic skills are necessary and all materials will be provided at this free program. These beautiful bags will be lit and on display during the event celebration on June 4 at Norton Park in Plainville.

## Free Program Celebrates

### Life & Career of Dolly Parton

The Plainville Senior Center celebrates the life and career of Dolly Parton with a free program on Thursday, April 21, at 10 a.m. presented by Joe "the History Guy." Joe will explore her rags to rhinestones story. Her songs have captured the hearts of generations. From singing barefoot on the porch of her Tennessee Mountain home to commanding the stage in six-inch heels, Dolly Parton is a larger-than-life living legend. American singer, songwriter, actress, author, businesswoman and humanitarian. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 or register online at: [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

## Free Oral Health Screening & Survey

On Thursday, May 5, the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, will host a free oral health screening and survey, "Every Smile Counts," from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A free gift bag will also be given out. A licensed dental hygienist will provide a five-minute screening to help the Connecticut Dept. of Health collect oral health information from older adults. This survey will help DPH advocate for better oral health services. The free gift bag includes toothbrush, toothpaste, floss and more.

## Free Brain-Healthy Cooking for One

The Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, will host a free Brain Healthy Cooking for One Program on Wednesday, May 11 from 2-3 p.m. Senior Living Residences' chefs will demonstrate how to prepare multiple tasty dishes out of a short list of healthful staples, helping cut the waste and stretch your shopping budget when cooking for one. This award-winning brain healthy cooking program offers protective benefits and enhances cognitive function. R.S.V.P. by May 6. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 or register online at: [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville). Sponsored by Farmington Station Senior Living Residence.

## Monthly Memory Café

The Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, will host the monthly Memory Café program at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21. Memory Cafés are safe and supportive social gatherings for people with changes in their memory along with their care partners. Relax and socialize with others experiencing similar life challenges. This program is funded in part by Title III of the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. & the CT State Unit on Aging. Sign-up begins April 6. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register.

## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS CERAMICS

**THURSDAYS, 9:30 — 11:30 A.M.**

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You can always register for a class, even if the session has begun. We are able to prorate classes for late sign-ups only. We cannot pro-rate or discount for missed classes due to vacations, trips, doctor's appointments, etc.

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## THE PEAK FITNESS CENTER OPEN NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED!

Stop by the Senior Center for a tour of our Fitness Center and to pick up a membership packet. The PEAK Fitness Center offers a variety of cardiovascular and weight training equipment. Individuals must obtain a medical approval from their physician and attend a training session with our Fitness Trainer. Call the Senior Center for more information. The PEAK Center is open, and appointments are no longer needed! Work out when you want. New PEAK Center hours are: Monday—Friday, 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

## FOOD SHARE PROGRAM AT THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

This program is offered Wednesdays for Plainville residents needing assistance with food. For more information about eligibility and hours. Contact: Laurie at (860) 747-5867. Drive up, and a volunteer will put the groceries in your car!

## News Briefs in case you missed these!!!

### Zelensky Makes Bold Request to 280 U.S. Lawmakers

Volodymyr Zelensky, the heroic president of the Ukrainian people, had access via a Zoom call with 280 U.S. lawmakers, according to Fox News. Zelensky took the opportunity to plead with these American leaders to give more assistance while the people of Ukraine are facing the terrifying attack of Russian troops.

He described a humanitarian disaster in his nation and asked the group of lawmakers not to allow the "brave and strong people" who share American values to be "exterminated."

Zelensky was clear in his ask of the American legislature. He wants a total embargo of Russian oil as well as significantly more lethal aid than Ukraine has so far received. The president also asked that NATO impose a no-fly zone in the air over the country of Ukraine. And he wants fighter planes.

So far, both NATO and the United States have rejected the idea of a no-fly zone over Ukraine. Russian President Putin has declared that imposing a no-fly zone over Ukraine is the same as NATO declaring war with Russia.

Senator Marco Rubio, a Republican from Florida, spoke about this with host George Stephanopoulos on ABC News's "This Week." Rubio is the vice-chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee. He explained exactly what a no-fly zone is because he said that not many people fully understand the implications.

Rubio said that to impose a no-fly zone means flying AWACs 24 hours a day. He continued, "That means the willingness to shoot down and engage Russian airplanes in the sky. That means, frankly, you can't put those planes up there unless you're willing to knock out the anti-aircraft systems that the Russians have deployed, and not just in Ukraine, but in Russia and also in Belarus."

Rubio went further saying that if people understood

what it actually means, they would understand that it means starting World War III.

The Florida senator did say that he supports sending aircraft to Poland if they are willing to transfer some of their planes to Ukraine. Democratic Senator Chuck Schumer from New York agrees with Rubio on this. He said that he would do all he could to make it happen.

"President Zelensky made a desperate plea for Eastern European countries to provide Russian-made planes to Ukraine. These planes are very much needed. And I will do all I can to help the administration to facilitate their transfer," Schumer said.

The senator from New York also said that he was working with Republican Senator Mitch McConnell to get the help that was requested from the Ukrainian people. He said that there was a bipartisan effort to also get more than \$10 billion in economic, humanitarian, and security assistance to Zelensky and his nation as quickly as possible.

President Zelensky focused on the power of cutting off Russian funds. He believes that an oil embargo would be the most significant sanction that the United States could impose. The president said that this would be more helpful than disconnecting Russian banks from the SWIFT financial messaging system. That is the move that Western countries embraced last week. Republican Senator Lindsey Graham agreed with Zelensky's assessment. Graham also said in a tweet that he supported transferring fighter planes to Kyiv while he called for more sanctions on Russian oil. He stated that Putin's army is in a "full-blown war crimes mode."

President Joe Biden's administration approved the transfer of warplanes from NATO countries to Ukraine early this week. And Fox News reported that President Putin has ordered a cease-fire around some major Ukrainian cities in response to a request from French President Emmanuel Macron.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky continues to lead Ukraine with poise and clear sense, and the world seems to be following his lead.

### Big Banks Scramble To Coverup Massive IRS Loophole

The Sneaky IRS Tax Law that's Sweeping the U.S. Big Banks Don't Want You to Know About the Opportunity this IRS "Cheat Code" Unlocks... That Isn't Stopping It From Sweeping the U.S...

Sneaky IRS Tax Law Big banks and the IRS want you to think, the only way to save for retirement is to load up on stocks – and feed the Wall Street beast.

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Have you heard about Section 408(m)(3)? It's a little-known cousin of Section 401(k) of IRS code. I like to call it the "cheat code" that unlocks investments you simply can't find on Wall Street. Here's what I mean... Section 408(m)(3) lets you open a Precious Metals "Self Directed" IRA and put REAL gold and silver into a tax-advantaged account.

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### Wonder of Women

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*Letters & Emails to the Editor*

**Letter to Editor: 5th District News Supporting the People of Ukraine**

Like many Americans, I am closely watching the horrifying events unfold in Ukraine. Russian President Putin violated the core principles of global peace and security by invading the borders of a sovereign nation. This unprovoked attack has sparked a war that is certain to bring catastrophic loss of life and human suffering.

The United States is committed to standing with the people of Ukraine. The Connecticut Delegation joined the Ukrainian American Community of Connecticut for a town hall on steps the House is taking to counter acts of Russian aggression and deliver humanitarian aid.

To that end, the House passed H.Res.956, a bipartisan resolution demanding an immediate cease-fire and full withdrawal of Russian forces from Ukraine. This legislation unequivocally supports the people of Ukraine in their fight to maintain sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity.

Since 2014, the United States has committed more than \$2.7 billion in security assistance to build the capacity of Ukrainian forces, including more than \$650 million in 2021. Additional support to Ukraine will be considered as part of the Appropriations process.

My prayers are with the people of Ukraine and the Connecticut Ukrainian community. I remain committed to working with my colleagues to defend our national security interests and help expedite a peaceful resolution.

**The Teacher Debt Relief Act**

My commitment to students, teachers, and education remains steadfast. I led the reintroduction of the Teacher Debt Relief Act. This legislation incentivizes the recruitment and retention of teachers by streamlining existing student debt relief and loan forgiveness programs.

Currently, educators are eligible for some debt relief after five years of service. However, the law forbids simultaneous enrollment in the general Public Loan Service Forgiveness (PSLF) program and Teacher Loan Forgiveness programs, requiring teachers to work an additional ten years in order to qualify for full relief. My legislation fixes this oversight by allowing teachers to enroll in both programs concurrently, ensuring more educators can stay in the classroom.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. As always, please continue to share your thoughts and priorities with me.

Jahana Hayes  
Member of Congress

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(Excerpts of the report)*

**Jussie Smollett Guilty of Fake Race Hoax**

Jussie Smollett, a hate-hoaxer and notorious defendant, was sentenced to 150 days imprisonment, \$120,000 in restitution, and a \$25,000 penalty. He shouted, "I'm not suicidal!" before Smollett was taken from court. I didn't do it myself, if anything happens to me in there He continued, "I didn't do that."

Judge James Linn denied the defense's request for a new trial. He also rejected the defense's motion to suspend the sentence until appeal. The judge stated, "I am not stopping this." "This is happening right here right now," said the judge. Smollett was taken out of court by police, his fist in the air.

Judge Linn questioned Smollett about his sentencing. He said that for someone with his social justice background to be sitting before him convicted of faking hate crime, "the hypocrisy of it all is just amazing." Linn also denied that the crime was one of impulse and told Smollett he had premeditated his act. He said, "You did wake up every morning believing you would do something wrong and bad." They were paid in advance by check. You selected the date and time. The props were prepared, and then rehearsals took place. *By Republican Update*

**Letter to the Editor,**

While I have previously promised myself I would never again interact with your publication, here I go again. Sometimes the things you print are so outrageous I can't help myself.

Let's start with the letter from Turning Point USA, a "non-profit" (which means they don't pay taxes, which also means they aren't supposed to be involved in politics, which also applies to churches but they somehow get around this) based in Arizona! Their letter is in a local Plainville paper? Their main "thing" seems to be speaking against the "Radical Left" and the "Marxist Left" (if they even know what Marxism is). You know, your typical "White Supremacists" masked as something else. Our children are being "indoctrinated" and the teaching of "Critical Race Theory" is making them HATE America? Are you kidding me? Which would you rather have your child learn - the TRUE history of the U.S. or some made up fantasy? We have been teaching "made up history" for decades. Nothing "bad" taught to our children. The Civil War was about "States rights" - a total lie. They don't even teach U.S. History after WWII because what would happen if kids knew the truth about Vietnam or that the "war" in Iraq was based on lies? So we only teach as far as the last "honorable" war we were in. Teaching the truth about the Civil War and especially the aftermath won't make kids hate America. If nothing else it would allow them to respect the generation that finally had the guts to tell the TRUTH. And how did we come to "own" this country to begin with? By moving in and TAKING it from the indigenous people who lived here first. Does any U.S. history class teach that? Have they ever even heard of the "Trail of Tears"? There is so much about our history that is just ignored because it might make us look bad. At the same time we could teach about the changes made and how MANY people are trying to replace the past with a more positive future. That's NOT Leftist Radicalism!

I also noticed an entire page of Republican candidates. I must have missed the page of Democratic candidates. What page is it on?

And finally John Casparini's letter. While I actually DO agree with much of what he says - I do not agree with the culture of "all winners". Kids ARE "overbooked". They need to learn not everyone wins. But I would NEVER tell "Bobby" he/she is a "loser". I would ask him if he/she tried their best. If they did that's all we can ask. Explain that there can only be one winner - or 1st, 2nd and 3rd place as the case may be. He/she is FAR from a "loser" if they participated and tried his/her best. And please don't judge children (or adults) by the way they look. "Every child is not special". "They are goofy looking". "PT Barnum might think they are special". Your words are just SO cruel. I started out agreeing with you in SOME things, but after I read that I felt sick. Sorry, but every child IS special and hopefully is taught not to judge people by the way they look or their I.Q. That's just wrong and hurtful.

Okay, I have more to say, especially about Turning Point and CRT but I'm sure it's not going to change anyone's mind anyway, so I will end here. Just needed to get it off my chest.

Susan McCabe

(DO NOT print my address or phone number, if you even print this)

To: Susan McCabe,

In answer to your letter, we are glad you feel better now that you got your feelings off your chest.

As you know, we are all volunteers that work on the paper. We do not have reporters, all articles and news items are from persons who have information they feel will be of interest to our readers.

On page 7 is the only Democrat information came from Johana Hayes, Congresswoman 5th District. Perhaps your letter will inspire others to forward news article in the future.  
..... The Editor

**INCREMENTAL ISLAM 24**

There is a convention in Islam of which every non-Muslim must be made aware. Taqiyya is religiously sanctioned lying to non-Muslims, and numerous instances are found in the Quran, Sira and Hadith. Typically, taqiyya is employed to advance Islam, being used lavishly, for instance, in interfaith dialogues to convince non-Muslims that Islam is completely benign. Al-Taqiyya Fi Al-Islam, a well-respected Arabic text states: "Taqiyya [deception] is of fundamental importance in Islam. Practically every Islamic sect agrees to it and practices it. We can go so far as to say that the practice of taqiyya is mainstream in Islam, and that those few sects not practicing it diverge from the mainstream...Taqiyya is very prevalent in Islamic politics, especially in the modern era."

Here is what the Reliance of the Traveller (ROTT) has to say on the subject: "If a praiseworthy aim is attainable through both telling the truth and lying, it is unlawful to accomplish through lying because there is no need for it. When it is possible to achieve such an aim by lying but not by telling the truth, it is permissible to lie if obtaining the goal is permissible, and obligatory to lie if the goal is obligatory." Since pursuing the goal of spreading Islam until there is a global caliphate is an obligatory goal in Islam, then deception of non-Muslims is an acceptable means towards that end.

There are several distinct types of what is commonly called "taqiyya," and we will lay these out next month. In the meantime, please give serious thought to the many ramifications of this permissible deception: its use in not only interfaith dialogues (which must always be considered suspect), but textbooks and school lessons, those arguments put forth regarding a new mosque being built, election promises and more.

.....Jane Bate

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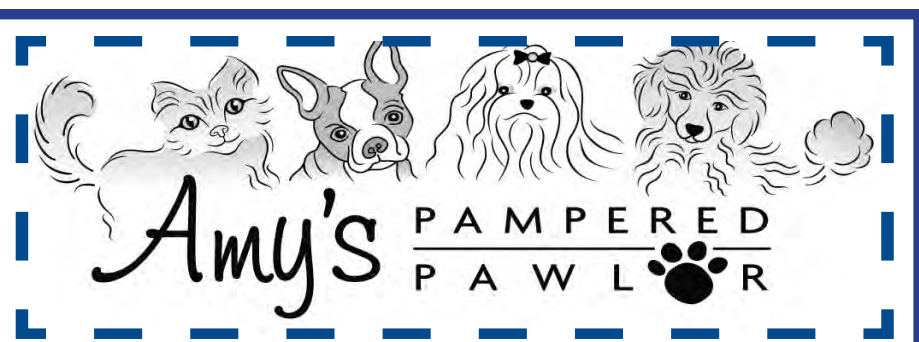
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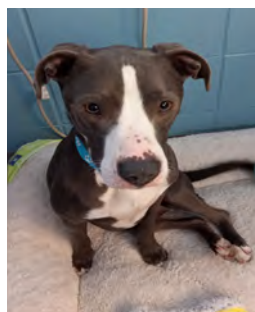
*My name is: Rusty  
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**PLAINVILLE PAWS**

Founded by Donna Weinhofer, PPAWS provides special funding for Plainville's needy, displaced animals, without delay.. PPAWS (Plainville Partners of the Animal Welfare Society), a 501(c3) charity, appreciates all types of donations. Checks should be made out to Plainville PAWS and can be mailed to Plainville Animal Control, 19 Neal Ct., Plainville, CT 06062. We also can use donations of pet food, treats, kitty litter, even toys. We are especially in need right now of essentials for cats.

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**Princess Scheduled for Surgery**

Donna Weinhofer, said PAWS the non profit collected more than \$6,000 in community donations to pay for the surgery to fix Princess injured hip. Surgery is scheduled for April 27th at the Leshem Veterinary Surgery Center in Canton. "Thank you to everyone who helped such a sweet girl who deserves the world."

*You feed me, I try to feed you, we are friends,  
says the cat, although I am more equal than you.  
Can you leap twenty times the height of your body?  
Can you run up and down trees? Jump between roofs?*

*Let us walk in the woods, says the cat.  
I'll teach you the tabloid of scents,  
To fade into a shadow, wait like a trap, to hunt.  
...Emily Dickinson*



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# Pet Page

**From The Plainville Animal Control Desk.....**

## BE BEAR AWARE



Plainville is known to be home to several MaMa bears. Many are "tagged" and tracked and are familiar to our staff. Mating season comes in early fall for bears and with a gestation period of 220 days during winter hibernation the cubs are delivered in the spring. With cubs in their den, these warmer days bring them out to forage for food during daylight hours. They sleep at night like we do. You might spot them, sometimes with cubs, when you least expect to.

We think of Plainville as mostly urban and don't really notice as we drive through the wooded areas that surround us on our daily rounds. For example, there is the Testa Wildlife Preserve acreage on our southern border, the woods along the Pequabuck and Quinnipiac rivers, the wooded land near the airport and then, of course, Pinnacle Mountain where the bears love to den.

At this time of the year it is smart to be aware of woodland surroundings and slow down. A bear could suddenly appear and venture into your path while foraging for food or making her way to the river. Bears return to the den at night and it would not be unusual to sight one rushing home at sundown. A

collision with a 300# animal would do great damage to your car, and maybe you, and if it's a female would leave cubs who would not survive.

Hikers should be especially wary about carrying odiferous food and careful not to litter.

Plainville had an incident, not so long ago that found MaMa#50 near the airport with four cubs in tow heading for Farmington. This involved crossing busy Northwest Drive and she quickly sensed the danger with two cubs on one side of the road and two on the opposite side. When she was discovered in distress she had put two cubs in trees for safety and was working with the other two who were panicky and not listening to MaMa. What to do? Just what any mother would do. Call the Plainville Police for help. Well, someone did. They came and closed down Northwest Drive until she could gather up her brood and get them safely to the other side.

*"The gypsies believe the bear to be a brother to man....because he drinks beer, because he enjoys music and because he loves to dance."*

*... Ernest Hemingway*

**Be Bear Aware**

**How to prevent problems with bears:**

- **Never feed bears!** Bears that associate food with people may become bold and possibly damage property or, in rare instances, cause injury. Such problem bears may need to be destroyed.
- Remove bird feeders from late March through November. If a bear visits a bird feeder during winter, remove the feeder.
- Add a few capfuls of ammonia to trash bags and garbage cans to mask food odors. Keep trash bags in a container with a tight lid and store in a closed garage or shed. Wait until the morning of collection before bringing out the trash.
- Do not add meat or sweets to compost.
- Thoroughly clean grills after use.
- Do not leave pet food outside overnight and store livestock food in airtight containers.
- Always keep dogs on a leash and under control.

**Preventing problems when camping:**

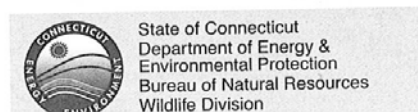
- Keep a clean campsite. Do not cook, eat, or store food in tents. Store food in airtight containers (coolers are not airtight), and keep food in a secure vehicle or suspend it between two trees (at least 10 feet high and 5 feet away from the trees). Toothpaste and deodorant can attract bears. Keep those items in airtight containers.

**What to do if you encounter a bear:**

- Never approach a bear. View it from a safe distance.
- Make your presence known by making noise and waving your arms.
- If the bear stays at its location, backtrack or choose an alternate route.
- If the bear approaches, continue making noise and back away. Do not run. Bears that feel threatened may "bluff charge," stopping short of making contact. Sows with cubs may bluff charge.
- Black bears are rarely aggressive towards humans.



**Report bear sightings to the DEEP Wildlife Division at [www.ct.gov/deep/blackbear](http://www.ct.gov/deep/blackbear) or 860-424-3011.**



# ~ Profession of the Month ~

## What is Laser Dentistry & How Does it Work?

## DENTAL HEALTH

**By: David R. Edelson, DMD, M.A.G.D.**



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A laser is an instrument that produces a very narrow, intense beam of light energy. When laser light comes in contact with tissue, it causes a reaction. The light produced by laser can remove or shape tissue.

and healing times associated with traditional therapies, reduce the amount of bacteria in both diseased gum tissue and tooth cavities, and control bleeding during surgery.

### Are Lasers Used in Dentistry?

Yes, lasers have been used in dentistry since 1990. Lasers can be used as a safe and effective treatment for a wide range of dental procedures and are often used in conjunction with other dental instruments.

### Are Dental Lasers Safe?

If the dental laser is used according to accepted practices by a trained practitioner, then it is at least as safe as other dental instruments. However, just as you wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from prolonged exposure to the sun, when your dentist performs a laser procedure, you will be asked to wear

special eyeglasses to protect your eyes from the laser.

### How can I be sure my dentist is properly trained to use a laser?

Ask if he or she has participated in educational courses and received training by the manufacturer,

### How will I know if treatment with a dental laser is an option for me?

Ask your dentists. Although the laser is very useful dental instrument, it is not appropriate for every dental procedure.

### What are the Benefits of Using Dental Lasers?

There are several advantages. Dentists may not need to use a drill or administer anesthesia in some procedures, allowing the patient to enjoy a more relaxed dental experience. Laser procedures can be more precise. Also, lasers can reduce symptoms

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