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PLAINVILLE VETERANS REMEMBERED

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AVOIDING BANKING SCAMS

Avoiding banking scams is crucial to protect your financial information and assets. Here are some important steps to help you steer clear of common banking scams:

1. Stay Informed: Keep up to date on the latest banking scams and fraud tactics. Banks and law enforcement agencies often issue alerts about new scams. Being informed is your first line of defense.

2. Verify Contacts: Be cautious when you receive unsolicited calls, emails, or messages from someone claiming to be your credit union or bank. Verify their identity by contacting your financial institution through their official website or a known service number. Do not use the contact information provided in suspicious messages.

3. Protect Personal Information: Never share your personal or financial information, such as your Social Security number, credit union/bank account numbers, or passwords, via phone,



Edward Bohnwagner

email, or text messages unless you initiated the contact and are sure of the recipient's identity.

4. Use Strong Passwords: Create strong and unique passwords for your online banking accounts. Use a combination of letters, numbers, and special characters. Enable two-factor authentication for an added layer of security.

5. Beware of Phishing: Be cautious of phishing emails or websites that mimic legitimate credit unions/banks. Scammers often send fake emails asking you to click on links that lead to fraudulent sites. Always doublecheck the website's URL and ensure its secure (look for "https" and a padlock icon).

6. Protect Your Devices: Install and regularly update reputable antivirus software on your computer and mobile devices. Keep your operating systems, browsers, and apps up to date to patch vulnerabilities that scammers can exploit.

7. Secure Wi-Fi Connections: When accessing online banking or sensitive accounts, use secure, private Wi-Fi networks, such as a home network, rather than public Wi-Fi networks that may not be secure.

8. Monitor Your Accounts: Regularly review your credit union/bank statements and account activity to detect any unauthorized or suspicious transactions. Report any discrepancies to your credit union/bank immediately. 9. Shred Documents: Shred or securely dispose of financial documents, receipts, and statements to prevent dumpster divers from accessing your sensitive information.

10. Be Cautious with ATMs: Inspect ATMs for skimming devices or hidden cameras before using them. Cover your PIN while entering it, and use ATMs located in well-lit, secure areas.

11. Educate Yourself: Educate yourself and your family about common scams and how to recognize them. Encourage open communication about any suspicious banking-related interactions.

12. Report Suspicious Activity: If you encounter a potential scam or suspicious activity, report it to your credit union/bank and relevant authorities immediately. This can help prevent others from falling victim to the same scam.

By practicing vigilance, protecting your personal information, and staying informed about the latest scams, you can reduce the risk of falling victim to banking scams and ensure the security of your financial assets. Remember, UBI Federal Credit Union is local and here for you! Please let us know what we can do to help with your banking and financial needs! 860-747-4152 or find us at www.UBIFCU.com

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Pearl Harbor Day	Thur. 7th
First Day of Winter	Thur. 21st
Christmas Day	Mon. 25th
New Year's Eve	SUN. 31st
JANUARY	7

New Year's Day	Mon	. 1st
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Take a peek... 🖝 🍯

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Happy Holiday's to All !! Stay Warm & Safe!!



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MICHAEL PAULHUS, TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT TO TOWN COUNCIL November 20th, 2023

Town Council Meeting November 20, 2023 Town Manager Report:

Middle School Renovate as New Project Update

Since there is support and consensus on the Council to move forward with the MSP Renovate as New Project, I'd like to outline the process and next steps.
Joint Town Council-Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons at Plainville High School to review the following information:

- 1. Updated cost estimates for the renovatelike-new project (as presented at the 9/26/23 joint meeting)
- 2. Anticipated design and construction timeline
- 3. Impact to debt service (as presented at the 10/23/23 Town Council meeting)
- 4. Next steps to submit an application by June 30, 2024
- 5. Proposed referendum timeline

• The Town Manager's office has uploaded documents to the website (dashboard) like the revised construction costs estimates, project timeline and important dates, and other related documents.

• Town Council December meeting dates of 12/4 and 12/18 will address action items in order to establish public hearings, PZC 8-24 referral, and referendum date.

Treated and non-Treated Road Salt

• During winter weather operations, the Town of Plainville's Roadways Department utilizes treated and non-treated road salt. Typically, treated road salt includes an organic performance enhancer for deicing and is most effective in colder conditions (temperatures below approximately 25° Fahrenheit). The Roadways Department has requested to utilize treated road salt for deicing operations in colder conditions.

• There is an item under New Business regarding the approval of Bid #2023-14, Treated Road Salt to Mortin Salt, Inc. of Chicago, IL, under CRPC Bid #748 in the amount of \$99.67 per ton.

• Non-treated road salt is simply rock salt without any organic performance enhancers for deicing and is most effective in relatively warmer conditions (temperatures above approximately 25° Fahrenheit).

• There is an item under New Business regarding the approval of Bid #2023-15, Non-Treated Road Salt to Mortin Salt, Inc. of Chicago, IL, under State Contract # 20PSX0085 in the amount of \$67.94 per ton.

Leaf Collection

• This year leaf collection started on October 25th and will run until December 2nd weather permitting. By Monday, November 20th crews hope to be wrapping up round two. There have been less complaints this year as the leaves haven't fallen all at once, so crews have been keeping up.

necessary to cover any over runs, which is referred to as a ("Capper Grant").

Landfill Closure Update

• The landfill closure project is making good progress and is expected to conclude by the end of December 2023. However, weather and site coordination could play a role in extending the timeline.

• November's report from our consultant LEA on the tracking of materials indicates that 236,630 tons of material has been approved and 161,526 tons has been received.

• LEA has confirmed CT DEEP has given approval for the reuse of existing material on-site for cover material.

• With this approval, LEA has finished the first phase of the southeastern portion of the site. The Town can now relocate stockpiled materials to the southeast portion of the site.

• I have included pictures of the site taken the week of November 13-17, 2023.

Honor Heights Sewer Project Update

• The project is essentially complete with the exception of a few punch list items. What remains is a discussion on setting the Final Assessment and the timing of connection to the system and timeline for Public Hearing. A special meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2023. The following items will be discussed.

• Determination of Final Assessment Amount: Staff Recommendation: \$10,000.

• Determination of Whether a Payment Plan will be Offered to Property Owners.

• Determination of the Length of Payment Plan and Interest rate on outstanding balance.

• Determination when or if residents will be required to connect to the public sanitary sewers.

• Timeline for Public Hearing

7. Aquarion Water Softening Upgrade

• Aquarion is working through their punch list from the initial start-up and making progress.

• Operator training was completed last week as planned.

• They have a few outstanding issues to address prior to going into service related to level controls in one of the tanks, correction of the sewer connection, and a few other items. Right now, they are looking to start up the week after Thanksgiving.

Happenings

Town Council Meeting on November 20, 2023 Andy Cirioli, Assistant Town Manager

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection is ongoing until December 2, 2023 (weather permitting).

Residents must rake their leaves to the curb (not on the street) as early as possible without blocking

PUBLIC LIBRARY

For information on Library programs, including registration, call the Plainville Public Library at 860-793-1446 or visit www.plainvillect.com/library.

Holiday Performance by Pianist David Eberly

- Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 6:30 PM
- Open to all ages. Register in advance.

Plainville Flute Choir Performance

- Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00 PM.
- Refreshments will be served.
- Open to all ages. Register in advance.

SENIOR CENTER

For information on Senior Center programs, call the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728. All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise indicated.

HELP FOR VETERANS

- Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM
- By appointment only, call Jason Coppola, Veterans Service Officer at 203-805-6340.

• Open to Veterans of all ages who live in the 5th Congressional District.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

• Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 10:30 AM

• Share resources, ideas, struggles, joys and more with others who are raising their grandchildren or other close relatives.

SENIOR CENTER THANKSGIVING

• Thursday, November 23, 2023, Doors open at 11:00 AM, Meal served at 12:00 PM

• Open to Senior Center members & Plainville residents over 60 who will be alone on Thanksgiving Day.

VETERANS SOCIAL HOUR

• Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM

· Conducted by Sherri Vogt, Veteran's Liaison for

Hartford HealthCare Senior Services.

• For all veterans over 60 and their spouses.

MEMORY SCREENING

• Tuesday, November 28, 10:00 AM—12:00 PM, Free, By Appointment

• Valerie Bartos, Memory Care Advisor from Arden Courts will conduct memory screenings. A memory screening is a series of questions and tasks designed to gauge memory, language and thinking skills.

• Screenings last just 5—10 minutes, and while the results are not a diagnosis, scoring below threshold can signal that someone should follow up with a clinician for a full evaluation.

SAD AND DON'T KNOW WHY? LUNCH AND LEARN

• Thursday, November 30, 2023, 11:30 AM, Free, register by November 21st.

• Seasonal Affective Disorder, commonly known as SAD, is more than just the "Winter Blues".

• Join Heather Hitchcock, Community Education Manager for Bristol Behavioral Health, as she discusses causes, preventative measures for, signs and symptoms of, and available treatments for SAD

• Complimentary lunch provided by The Pines of

White Oak Redevelopment Project Update

Remediation and environmental clean up is underway on the interior of the building to remove hazardous building material. Remediation is being done by Enviro Consultants & Recyclers, Inc. and is expected to be completed by the end of November.
A topographic analysis of contaminated soil mainly in the back of the property behind the buildings was performed. The study will result in identifying a welldefined area of contamination which will be used to write bid specifications for clean-up.

• There will be an opportunity to submit a second application for cleanup funds to CT DEEP if

sidewalks or walkways. Grass clippings, sticks, and stones will not be collected. Bagged leaves will not be collected at curbside, but residents can bring them to the Transfer Station on Granger Lane.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE – PLAINVILLE FIRE COMPANY

The Plainville Fire Company will be having a Christmas Tree sale at the Firehouse starting Friday, November 24th and ending on Sunday, December 3rd. The trees are \$75 each, cash only. Please visit the Fire Company's Facebook page for their hours and more information.

PLAINVILLE'S WAVE TO SANTA

On Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM in Norton Park, enjoy a parade of festive cars, police cars, and fire trucks featuring Santa and Mrs. Claus from the warmth and comfort of your own vehicle. Bristol/National Health Care.

TREE TRIMMING AND CAROL SINGING

• Tuesday, December 5, 2:00 PM

• Kick off the season and spread some holiday cheer with the Senior Center's annual decorating of the living room Christmas tree while singing holiday songs with their very own choral group. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies.

• Please sign up.

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THE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE Transfer Station Closing Date

The town's Transfer Station on Granger Lane will close for the winter season on Saturday December 2rd, 2023.

Christmas trees can be brought down after December 25th and placed in the bin marked "Xmas Trees". We do ask that you remove them from their bags.

The town will be out starting January 2nd until the end of January to pick up Christmas trees left at the curb (weather permitting).

If you should have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at (860)793-0221 ext. 7176. Monday through Wednesday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Thursday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

PLAINVILLE Property Transfers

112 W. Main St: Dangina Realty LLC of Plainville to Rma & Lrf LLC \$440,000 on 10/31/2023

141 Camp St Unit 141: Michelle Rogan of Plainville to Stacy L. Pollock, \$365,000 on 11/1/2023

6 Rosemont Dr: Brian M. Silver and Pnc Bank Na of Plainville to Normand Madore, \$132,000 on 10/30/2023

16 Norton Pl: Patricia Hatch of Plainville to April M. Pavano and Valentina R. Apostol, \$252,700 on 11/2/2023

15 Cedar St: Jean C. Porter of Plainville to Tyrone L. Taylor \$307,000 on 11/1/2023

71 Willow Book Dr Unit 71: Newport Willow Brk Partne of Plainville to Faith B. and Bertrand W. Franck \$424,571 on 11/1/2023

3 Bushel Rd Unit 3: Rosa Cruz of Plainville to Lianne and Joseph L. Petrucci, \$500,000 on 10/31/2023

236East St Unit B1: Izabela Oquendo of Plainville to David A. France, \$180,000 on10/31/2023

85~E. Main St: Garnett Properties LLC of Plainville to Clearelm RealtyLLC 699,000~ on 11/1/2023

N/A: Kevin J. Farrelly of Plainville to Giuseppe Ruffini and Michael Giannini, \$115,000 on 10/30/2023

Samuels Xing Lot 30: Almamy B. Camara of Plainville to Sara Walder, \$70,000 on 10/30/2023

36 Beckwith Dr: Jd Investment Prop LLC of Plainville to Jose and Giselle Figueroa, \$325,000 on 11/6/2023



PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Plainville Senior Center served the Thanksgiving Dinner for 49 Years.

Victoria Nadolski, assistant director said the Center served 77 meals to local seniors to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner with friends. Volunteers also delivered 25 to homes.

We are grateful for all the volunteers who make it possible every year. Especially George Fensick for 30 years and Sandi Sasso for 29 years. George said "A lot of people want a place to go to be with friends if they don't have any family". Sandi said "When she first served meals at the center, many people thanked her for giving them a place to go when they had no family of their own." "It was so profound that I was breaking down in tears. I knew I had to keep coming back."

Nadoloski said that the volunteers cooked and served a traditional Thanksgiving meal including appetizers and desserts."

"A great time was had by all," she said. (Excerpts from Brian M. Johnson article in November 25/26 New Britain Herald.)

Wrap of The Election on November 7th

Congratulations To The Following For Winning Their Seats This Election! For Town Council: Deborah Tompkins David Underwood For Board of Education: Roberta Lauria Jered Bruzas For Constable: Dan Ciesielski For Constables: Danny Carrier Rick Drezek Ezio Capozzi, Jr The official voting results are as follows: There were 3696 voters who came to the polls out of 12,175 voters in Plainville Town Council: Deborah Tompkins 1680 David Underwood 1685 Benjamin Gediman 1924 Dan Hurley 1999 Quinn Christopher 1988 Christopher Wazorki 2009 Rosemary Morante 2013 **Board of Education:** Robert Lauria 1677 Jered Bruzas 1665 Foster White 2003 Rebecca Martinez 2035 Crystal St. Lawrence 1966 Library Trustees: Dan Ciesielski 1815 Rebecca Ireland 2011 **Constables:** Rejean Carrier 1530 Danny Carrier 1571 Ezio Capozzi Jr. 1552

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Israel, Hamas Swap Hostages & Prisoners

Hamas has released 24 hostages held in Gaza, and Israel released 39 Palestinian prisoners.

It was the first round of an agreement that involves the release of 50 hostages from Hamas and 150 prisoners from Israel, and it came in the quiet of the first ceasefire since the war in Gaza began. The temporary cessation will end after four days, although the Israelis have offered to extend the ceasefire by one day for every ten additional hostages released.

Israel had made it clear that it intends to resume its military operations after the ceasefire, and it's warning residents not to return to northern Gaza the site of Israel's ground offensive.

Derek Chauvin Stabbed in Prison

Derek Chauvin, the former Minneapolis police officer convicted of murdering George Floyd, has been stabbed in prison.

According to a report, Chauvin was stabbed by an inmate and suffered serious injuries. The prison has not commented on his condition, although a

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source said that a different inmate was transported to a hospital after the incident.

The attack happened at the Federal Correctional Institution in Tuscon, AZ—a facility with staffing shortages and recent security issues.

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From the Desk of: Cal Hauburger

Economic Development & Special Projects Coordintor

White Oak: Enviro Consultants & Recyclers has been on site for roughly two weeks as work continues on their hazardous building abatement within the existing office buildings and garage area. At this point, site preparation and clean demo work within the structures has been completed. Required areas have been sealed off to code, and removal and abatement of regulated materials has begun. Work has been completed on schedule to this point. Enviro will remain on site for a total of nine weeks to complete the entire abatement to State and Federal code.

The Manafort-Newport group have engaged with a contractor to complete Geotech soil sampling on the site. Work will be scheduled in the coming weeks. As was shared in last month's update, the purpose of this work is to supplement soil contamination sampling previously completed by Tighe & Bond and give Manafort-Newport a better understanding of soil composition throughout the site. This information is pivotal in allowing them to finalize their master site plan and ensure that soils can withstand and properly support all newly constructed buildings to their intended extent. Based on the results, some slight redesign may be required, and any changes will be shared with the EDA, Planning & Zoning and Town Council. The intent is for Manafort-Newport to be able to present a site plan to Planning & Zoning by year's end.

Town Council: Election Day resulted in a complete power switch on the Town Council, moving from a Republican super majority (5-2) to a Democrat super majority (5-2) with a mix of new and returning faces. As a commission that makes recommendations to the Council, some additional input and support may be needed over the coming weeks and months as new members become familiarized and caught up on recent projects and new developments on the horizon. The Town Council will officially be sworn in on November 13th with the first official meeting being November 20th. Change in the Council also means that the EDA will be assigned a new Town Council liaison which should be decided by the 20th. 427 Farmington Avenue: As was initially shared with the group a few months ago, developers have

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recently received approval from Planning & Zoning on a new mixed-use development at 427 Farmington Avenue, the location of the former Cottage Restaurant. Plans include demolition of the on-site structures and construction of a new, two-story building, totaling 18,000 square feet. The first story will consist of mainly office and retail space, with two, two-bedroom handicap accessible apartments, while the second story will include a mix of 13 one-bedroom, and two efficiency apartments.

Community Video Series: Over the last week, CGI has been around Town completing updated filming for our new Community Video Series. All filmed shots, still shot b-roll, and on-screen dialogue are completed Additional narrations will be completed in the coming weeks by CGI. Scene editing will coincide with this effort and the Town should have final videos for our website around the turn of the year.

2024 Meeting Schedule: Looking ahead to next year, the plan is to continue with the existing meeting schedule of the third Thursday of each month at the Municipal Cetner. That would have us meeting: January 18th, February 15th*, March 14th, April 18th*, May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, September 12th, October 17th, November 21st, and December 19th.

The two asterisked dates above will need to be addressed.

February 15th is MLK Day and Town buildings will be closed. We can elect to either meet a week before (February 8th), a week after (February 22nd), or cancel.

I will be unavailable for the entire week of the proposed April meeting, as well as unavailable most of the week before. We can either meet a week after (April 25th) or cancel. I would recommend a cancellation.

Understanding that we are currently down a few members, in the best effort to ensure a quorum, please review the suggested dates, along with the two meeting dates of conflict, and let me know of any other scheduled dates that may pose a challenge. I will review with Val, and a finalized 2024 meeting schedule will be made available next month.

Business Developments:

Flipping & Stones unfortunately closed their doors at the end of October. After nearly eight years in their downtown location, Flipping & Stones was unable to continue operating the store as they desired due to a new phase in life. The Town will certainly miss their

From the Desk of

Dear Friend,

Healthcare costs comprise insurance premiums, deductables and copayswhich together can be substantial. Most Connecticut residents get health insurance one of three ways: from their employer, Medicare, or Access Health CT (which also connects to Husky programs). Medicare covers most residents over 65 and some younger people with disabilities. The 750,000 Medicare enrollees in CT must make some important choices by Dec 7th. Below is brief description. pocket expenses - overall they save money - that is why the are so popular. However, MA plans may have coverage limitations like which physicians one may visit and may not be suitable for everyone. Click HERE for a comparison chart from Medicare.gov.

3. Prescription Drug Plans (PDP or Part D) and Medigap supplemental Plans - For those who choose traditional Medicare, shopping separately for Part D drug plans and additional coverage plans is essential since traditional Medicare has neither prescription drug coverage nor has any limit on out-of-pocket costs. Most Advantage plans have both drug coverage and out of pocket limits and do not require these additional plans.

4. Choosing the plan that works for you- Enrollees can shop for Part C, Part D, or Medigap plans on the Medicare website by clicking HERE. This site will allow you to compare various programs and enroll in the plan. Enrollees can also shop through brokers or insurance reps who might call you - click HERE for the list of rules that they are expected to follow. Ensuring the plan meets your needs is critical - it should cover your doctor, your prescription drugs, and your travel needs. unique store, offerings, and support of the Plainville community.

D'Marie's has rebranded their Whiting Street location to *The Crazy Pancake*. This location will continue to lean into their recent efforts of focusing specifically on breakfast and lunch. The group is also continuing to work with the Town to receive final approvals in their takeover and opening in the former 50 West location.

Meetings have continued between Town staff and potential future tenants of the former *Carling Technologies* property at 60 Johnson Avenue. While no news can be publicly shared at this time, Staff remain encouraged by the progress and hope for a positive announcement in the coming weeks.

Experienced restaurant owners will be opening a unique coffee shop at the former *D'Angelo's* property on East Street. The long vacant building is in the process of going through some interior and exterior renovations and work is underway with Town Staff to receive approvals for opening.

The former *Chimney Champs* property on East Main Street is working with necessary parties to recoup losses. The future of the property is a bit uncertain at this point. It is being actively marketed, however, there is a chance that ownership will be retained, and a new multi-purpose building could be constructed. Town Staff is continuing to have open conversations with the owners and updates will be provided as available.

Tilcon is working on blasting a new quarry entrance on New Britain Avenue. At this point the plan is to blast 2-3 times over the next few weeks to make progress, clean up, and repeat. The first session will be next week, a break should occur the holiday week, and then resume the week following. While occurring, parts of New Britian Avenue will be partially closed.

That is all for this month's update. I will be away from the office next week, but should you need anything, please feel free to email me and I will reply when I return.

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complicated. Please give yourself time to research and review various choices. There is help available from CMS and various state agencies. Feel free to email me; I can help connect you with the right resource.

Sincerely, Harry Arora

Former State Representative

PS - More on Non-Medicare healthcare in my next email.

This email is from Former State Representative Harry Arora. It is a public interest email to inform CT residents about government programs and policies. If you need any more information or help please email Harry directly at harry@harryforct.com

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1. Medicare enrollment/premiums for 2024 - Open enrollment for 2024 started Oct 15th and ends Dec 7th - this is the period when enrollees can choose health insurance plans for the following year. For 2024, the standard Medicare premium for Part B (physician and outpatient services) will increase by about \$10 per month to \$175 per month, and the deductible will increase by \$14 to \$240. Beneficiaries who earn above \$103,000 a year pay higher premiums. Click HERE to see changes in their premiums.

2. Medicare Advantage (MA) vs. Traditional Medicare - The critical choice facing Medicare enrollees is whether to keep the traditional Medicare OR enroll in a Medicare Advantage program (also called Part C) managed by a third party like United, Humana, etc. More than half of CT Medicare enrollees choose MA plans. The plans vary but often include prescription drugs, dental, or vision benefits, have lower deductibles, and cap out-of5. Medicare savings programs (MSP) / Special Needs Plan (SNP)- For individuals making under a certain income, Medicare Savings Programs administered by the state will pay for the Part B premium and other copays. Click HERE for eligibility and details of MSP plans. Special Needs programs are available for dual Husky-Medicare enrollees or those with special chronic conditions or need long term care with skilled nursing/psychiatric facilities. Click HERE to see eligibility and details for SNP plans.

Medicare is an excellent program, but it can get

PLAINVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL

The Memorial Wall is located on the main floor of the Plainville Municipal Center adjacent to the Town Clerk's Office. Visitors may view the Wall during normal business hours. If you are interested in adding a Veteran's name to the Wall, applications are in the Municipal Center, Senior Center, and VFW Post 574.

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Leaja Johnson, Community Outreach Assistant 860.406.6864 Leaja.Johnson@hhchealth.org

Virtual: Exercise and Stress Reduction

Join our interactive class on Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., right from the comfort of your phone, computer or tablet and learn more about: what stress is and when you are chronically stressed, and learn how physical activity can help reduce your stress and which exercises are best. Presented by Mitchell Nyser, exercise physiologist, Hartford HealthCare, GoodLife Fitness.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call 1.855.HHC.HERE (1.855.442.4373) or go to HartfordHealthCare.org/Events. After you register, you'll receive an email with easy instructions on joining the class.

Virtual: Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Do you care for someone diagnosed with dementia? A support group provides emotional, educational and social support. Join the call on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. starting on Dec. 13. Facilitated by Patty O'Brian, CDP, dementia specialist, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging. Sponsored by Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging and Alzheimer's Association.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call 1.855.HHC.HERE (1.855.442.4373) or go to HartfordHealthCare.org/VirtualClasses. After you register, you'll receive an email with easy instructions on joining the virtual class.

Virtual: Staying on Your Feet on the Ice & Snow

On Friday, Dec. 15, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. join our interactive class right from the comfort of your phone, computer or tablet and learn more about: keeping yourself safe this winter, learn a few basic things we can do to prevent falls and injuries in the ice and snow with better shoes, clothing, and awareness. Presented by Christine Solimini-Swift, exercise physiologist, Hartford HealthCare, GoodLife Fitness. REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call 1.855.442.4373 or go toHartfordHealthCare. org/Events. After you register, you'll receive an email with easy instructions on joining the class.

In-Person: Home Safety

In the world of dementia, home safety considerations are an important part of setting your loved one up for success. Understanding cognitive and function changes that occur with disease progression can help us provide a safe environment. Join the class on Monday, Dec. 18, from noon to 1 p.m. Presented by Kristine Johnson, dementia specialist, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging.

Location: New London Senior Center, 10 Brainard St., New London CT 06320 REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call the New London Senior Center to RSVP at 860.447.5232.

Open House at Arbor Rose at Jerome Home set for Dec. 19 NEW BRITAIN – Arbor Rose at Jerome Home is a lovely independent and assisted living community located at 975 Corbin Ave., is hosting an open house on Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Visitors will be able to learn more about the community we serve along with the endless services we provide for our seniors.

Registration is recommended. To reserve a time, call Karen Alix, retirement counselor at Arbor Rose at Jerome Home, at 860.229.3707.

Arbor Rose at Jerome Home, which is affiliated with Hartford HealthCare Senior Services, offers independent and assisted living with memory care on the campus of Jerome Home, located at 975 Corbin Ave. in New Britain. For more information about Arbor Rose at Jerome Home, visit jeromehome.org

To: All Civic & Religious Organization

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Thanking you in advance! The Editor

Fellow American,

Parents have a fundamental right to choose a school that is best for their child. Every child is different, and families shouldn't be forced into a corner without options when deciding the best way to meet their child's education needs. One-third of the states in America have no active school choice programs whatsoever, and other states have only limited programs available. But all children should be able to enjoy education freedom.

Plainville Town Council Considering a February Referendum for MSP

A joint meeting with the Plainville Town Council and the Board of Education on November 29th revealed a likely February, 2024 referendum for a vote on the Middle School renovate like new project.

A final decision will be made at the December 18th Council meeting. Be sure to make note, a public hearing must be held before this goes to referendum.

This meeting was a follow up to a September 26th joint meeting at which an April timeframe was proposed for the MSP referendum. Apparently, the Board's Administration wishes to distance the referendum from their upcoming 2024/2025 budget request. Does this foretell large spending requests and worries by the administration as they wean themselves off the federal ESSER funding for COVID recovery? This fiscal cliff was a chief fear for the previous superintendent.

Another curious point discussed regarding the date of the referendum was raised by CSG (contractor hired for project). They stated if the referendum was earmarked for April versus February 2024 additional soft costs would be assessed at **\$258,000 per month** toward the final total. This is a remarkable development by a firm that already has **\$9.3 million in soft costs** as part of their proposal and increased the original 2022 budget total by **\$3 million.** Also, these additional "soft costs" only apply to March and April 2024 – the September 2023 estimates apparently are solid only through January 2024 – how can that be??? Coercion and deception are most assuredly at play here. It is imperative for the Town Council to protect the taxpayer and vigorously negotiate the CSG terms and conditions – or find another contractor.

Final Thoughts

Referendums should be scheduled to encourage the largest voter participation possible and maximize the opportunities for citizens to be present and voting. Voter suppression is a serious ethical concern.

There is a reason why referendums outside an election cycle have always been held in the spring after winter has passed. The timing eliminates likely weatherrelated and winter illness barriers to voting.

Tell the Town Council to do the right thing for the citizens who will be shouldering this massive spending request.

NutmegTV+

NUTMEG TV LAUNCHES FREE STREAMING APP NUTMEG TV+

FARMINGTON, CT; -- Nutmeg TV has announced that it has launched a new, free, streaming platform called Nutmeg TV+ on the popular Roku and Apple TV streaming services. The app can be downloaded on any Roku device including the Roku Smart TV lineup and the Roku Streaming Stick or Apple TV. Roku has reported over 70 million monthly active users.

"For over 30 years, we've been the platform to inform, educate and connect our diverse set of communities," said Joanie Wedler, Executive Director / CEO of Nutmeg TV. "Nutmeg TV+ expands our Digital Town Green by offering viewers the ability to watch Nutmeg TV's Public Channel 24/7/365 wherever and whenever they want to watch it."

Nutmeg TV has partnered with the TelVue Corporation to further expand digital distributions.

"Tel/ue's cloud-based Content Management Services Tel/ue Connect and Tel/ue CloudCast gives our team simple tools to manage our OTT offerings that work in parallel with our Broadcast workflow," said Chris Bennett, Director of Technology and Production Services at Nutmeg TV. "We continue to use this modern technology to break the boundaries of local public programming and bring the community's content to them anywhere, anytime, and on any device."

In addition to their Roku and Apple TV presence, they expect to launch Nutmeg TV+ on Android, iOS, and Amazon Fire TV in Q4 2023. Nutmeg TV continues to offer Video On Demand services of nearly 4,000 high definition videos on YouTube and their website NutmegTV.com for free.

Nutmeg TV is a regional 501(c)(3) non-profit community access provider based in Connecticut.

Do you agree?

Should every family be able to send their child to a good school? Take our poll here >> Write your answer to Katie and mail to the address below: For Freedom,

Katie American Patriot Poll Team

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Frederick Franklin Lodge #14 Donates to Brian's Angels

Recognizing the difficulties that homeless individuals have, particularly during the holiday season, the members of Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14 recently made a monetary donation to Brian's Angels, a homeless outreach program in Bristol.

Worshipful Master Daniel Levine, alongside Treasurer Frank Dlugoleski and Secretary Chet Russell, presented Brian's Angels with a check for \$400. They received a tour of the building and were amazed at just how much Brian's Angels provided for the homeless of Bristol.

Brian's Angels is a homeless outreach organization in Bristol, CT which provides items such as toiletries, non-perishable foods, clothing (such as socks, thermal sets, underwear, shoes, coats), temporary shelter, and supplies. It is run completely by volunteers

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Flyers available with details.

Call the Senior Center to register for the meeting.

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Thinking About Starting A Business In Plainville? Always check with the Economic Development Commission For assistance Contact: Cal Hauburger, Economic Development Director Call 860-793-0221 Ext.7178

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"Ask Sheila"

Q-1 I heard that there will be an increase in Medicare Premiums in 2024. Is this true?

A-1 Yes. Medicare Premiums will increase from \$164.90 to \$174.80 in 2024

Q-2 Can I deduct Medicare Premiums on my Income Tax?

A-2 If the premiums and other medical costs exceed 7.5% of your AGI they can be included on your Schedule A. Then all Schedule A Expenses would need to exceed the Standard Deduction for your Filing Status.

Q-3 I have Tricare for life. Should I look at Advantage Plans?

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If you decided you wanted an Advantage Plan, then Tricare for life would be the 'Last' payer. Advantage Plans have co-pays for services, so you would have to submit these copays for payment to Tricare. Though not an impossible circumstance, it would create a lot of paperwork and follow-up on your part. You could talk to your Tricare Administrator, and ask their opinion on enrollment in an Advantage Plan to go along with your Tricare.

If you have any specific Medicare questions, or if you'd just like to talk, Please feel free to give me a call! 860-965-0091 Sheila Dow

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

CRIMINAL CHARGES FOR THE GRINCH

The holiday season is upon us again and for some the ongoing saga of keeping up with the Jones pushes them to break the law in an attempt to get what they want. Hopefully, this is not your reality come this time of year. Let's just use it as an opportunity to review larceny in the state of Connecticut.

There are six degrees of larceny in Connecticut. Three are misdemeanors and three are felonies. Larceny is when a person wrongfully takes, obtains, or withholds someone else's property with the intent to permanently deprive the owner of the property, or to appropriate it to a third person. Misdemeanors are crimes punishable by up to one year in jail along with other conditions. Felonies are crimes with punishment that exceeds one year in jail and other conditions.

Misdemeanor larcenies in Connecticut are larceny in the sixth degree, fifth degree and fourth degree. These charges cover up to \$2000 worth of property or services claimed to be wrongfully taken, obtained or withheld. These misdemeanors usually result from the types of shoplifting that might occur around holiday shopping.

Felony larcenies in Connecticut are larceny in the third degree, second degree and first degree. These charges cover anything over \$2000 worth of property or services claimed to be wrongfully taken, obtained or withheld. These felonies usually result from more complicated schemes. Typically they involve embezzlement or wire fraud where it is not merely a one-time transaction, but a series of transactions over a period of time.

I hope this doesn't dampen your holiday spirit, but reinforces what should truly be what is important during this season of togetherness. Thank you for another year of support and I look forward to continuing to bring you informative and interesting articles in the year 2024!

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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MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

This season always makes us think about how grateful we are. Grateful for the people and things in our life. Grateful for the nonprofits in our communities working tirelessly to help others. Grateful for you.

The Women & Girls Fund at Main Street Community Foundation has had a constant presence in the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott since 2001. Over \$776,000 in grants has been awarded to organizations because of your generosity. And the Fund will continue to be here providing support - forever. But we still need your help; local women and girls – your friends, your neighbors, your family – still need your assistance.

Your donation is greatly appreciated and supports important programs and initiatives that make it possible for women and girls to improve their conditions and opportunities.

Give Thanks to an Important Person in Your Life

Women and girls obtaining the skills they need to lead successful lives through local programs funded by the Women & Girls Fund.

Providing basic need items and special opportunities for women and girls through grants from the Women & Girls Immediate Response Fund.

\$50,500 Awarded in Grants to 11 Organizations MSCF recently awarded a total of \$50,500 in grants from the Women & Girls Fund.

The grantees will be recognized at the Fund's Annual Meeting & Grantee Reception on January 25; be on the lookout for that invitation next month!

Donations may be mailed to: Women & Girls Fund Main Street Community Foundation 120 Halycon Drive, P.O. Box 2702 Bristol, CT 06010

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It is with great pleasure to share this Announcement of the Addition to OurVolunteer Staff Queen of the Apostles Preparatory

A few potential writers at Queen of the Apostles Preparatory Academy that would love to help with reporting and writing for the Plainville Hometown newspaper. They have a teacher that would help to oversee their work and whatever we need. *Karen Roche, Director* Queen of the Apostles Preparatory Academy www.qota-prep.org Pages 14 & 15

Question:

If a Priest changes his profession to be an Attorney, what would you call him?

Answer on page 32

HOLIDAY COUNTRY FAIR Grace Lutheran Church 222 Farmington Avenue

Sat. December 9th 9:00am - 2:00pm

We will be selling beautiful handmade Holiday Wreaths, Ornaments, Crafts, Cemetery Boxes, Handmade knitted items, Country Store and Decorative items.

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YOU STOPPED BY!

Make My Day by: Raymond Cormier

Dear Ray, I stopped at Gnazzo's Food Center after church on Sunday. I only needed ice cream and a frozen Fish Dinner, while standing in line at the check-out the gentleman before me was friendly and said "Hello" to me and "So Long" as he left the store.

Now, I was ready to pay the clerk for my purchase and he said that, that man paid for it! **"He made my Day!** That has never happened to me before.

I hope you are reading this today! I wish to "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart! You really MADE MY DAY!!

Here are some of your favorite places, people or things around town to rave about this month Susan Raves: I received a Gift Certificate for a Helicopter ride at the HTX Helicopter Service located at Robertson Airport. Believe me if you have never been in a Helicopter it should be on your **Bucket List**. It was one of my best Birthday Gifts that anyone could believe! Jack's Favorite: Yes, Pagliacci's Restaurant always was my favorite restaurant and always will be. Since Dennis retired after almost 30 years of being the manager, the owners have returned to serve their customers. I believe they learned from Dennis that service, best food and hospitality is the secret to success. Try it, you will love it.

> If you don't have a computer and have a Fave or Rave...... Call 860-747-4119 and leave your message OR Mail it to: Plainville Hometown Connection 27 Sherman Street, Plainville, CT 06062 Share your Faves & Raves with everyone! Let's hear what you have to say, we need your comments!

* 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 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 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 who they are the one that helped you out.



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Veterans Honored at Local Schools



Veterans near and far were honored at all five Plainville schools on November 10th. Each school planned unique, respectful, educational programs featuring guest speakers, musical performances, poems, video tributes, artwork, refreshments and more. Veteran guests visited each school and participated in the special programming Each school planned unique, respectful, educational programs featuring guest speakers, musical performances, poems, video tributes, artwork, refreshments and more. Veteran guests visited each school and participated in the speakers, musical performances, poems, video tributes, artwork, refreshments and more. Veteran guests visited each school and participated in the special programming

BOE Members Take Oath of Office



The following newly elected Plainville Board of Education members were officially sworn in by Plainville's Town Clerk Cindy Arena prior to the start of the November 13th Board of Education meeting: Roberta Lauria, Jered Bruzas, Foster White, Crystal St. Lawrence and Rebecca Martinez. The newly elected Board Chair is Becky Tyrrell, and the Vice Chair is Rebecca Martinez.

"All Star" Recognized by BOE



The November Plainville Community Schools "All-Star" award winner, Plainville High School Custodian Dan Caron, was recognized at the November 13th Board of Education meeting. The "All-Star" award recognizes students, faculty, staff and community members who go above and beyond in modeling the school district's Portrait of the Graduate characteristics and demonstrating excellence in alignment with the school district's team goals.

In photo:

Superintendent of Schools Brian Reas, Plainville Community Schools Facilities Director Mike Smith, Dan Caron, and Plainville Board of Education Chair, Becky Tyrrell

MSP HOSTS "Grit 'N Wit" Experience



MSP Students Attend Leadership Training



Nine students from the Middle School of Plainville along with faculty member / advisor, Camille Westfall, traveled to Cabela's in East Hartford to participate in a leadership training event, hosted by the Connecticut TSA (Technology Student Association). The Plainville students joined peer members from across Connecticut for the training event. The students participated in discussions and activities designed to improve their leadership skills, and several MSP students won prizes for their outstanding performance during the day.

In photo:

Front row: L-R MSP Faculty member/ advisor Camille Westfall, Raman Kasabrukhau, Ansh Patel, Evan Rodriguez

Rear row: Billy Voitkevics, Corrin Gagnon, Isabella Martin, Ryan Bohn, Devon Landrette, Henry Posner

PHS Students Explore Careers





The Middle School of Plainville community was very excited to host, for the first time, the Plainville-based organization, "Grit'N Wit" on October 27th. The Grit'N Wit group provided an inclusive, engaging experience for 7th- and 8th-graders that encouraged students to overcome an equal number of physical and mental challenges. This experience supported the Plainville Community Schools Portrait of the Graduate tenets of being: Collaborative; Communicative; Innovative; Mindful, and Resilient.



Plainville High School students explored a wide variety of careers during the Career Focused Learning Adventure Day held on November 8th! Aligned with the 16 National Career Clusters, student groups participated in several curated sessions featuring visits to host sites across the state, hands on career related activities, vocational speaker panels, and much more.

I Pledge Allegíance to the Flag....



MSP HOSTS "DRONE WORKSHOP"



Middle School of Plainville Faculty member / VEX Robotics Advisor Camille Westfall recently hosted a "Drone Workshop" for 30 educators across Connecticut in support of the VEX Aerial Drone Competition!

VEX Robotics Team Competes



The Middle School of Plainville's VEX Robotics Program, led by faculty member and advisor Camille Westfall, soared in their first competition of the season held on November 3rd in Madison, Ct. Raman and Siamion Kasabrukhau won the Excellence Award, a Teamwork Award, and the Autonomous Skills Award. Ansh Patel and Evan Rodriguez also won a Teamwork Award. Together, the two teams had the highest scores of the tournament, placing first and second out of 19 teams.

Meet & Greet for Superintendent Reas

HARTFORD WOLFPACK DONATES BACKPACKS



The Hartford Wolfpack Organization with mascot "Sonar" recently visited the classrooms of Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School faculty members Samantha Woodward and Sarah Miller to share backpack prizes for their students. The Wolfpack group held a contest over the summer asking individuals to nominate their favorite teachers. They received many nominations, and both Samantha and Sarah were selected as winners!

(Pictured is Sarah Miller and her class with their new Wolfpack backpacks!)

CUB SCOUT PACK 49 COMPLETES PROJECT



LINDEN STUDENTS SUPPORT FOOD DRIVE FOR FOOD PANTRY



Linden Street School fifth graders recently held a successful food drive to support the Plainville Community Food Pantry. The fifth graders were honored to support and give back to the community.

Plainville Boys Soccer Win CJSA CT Cup Finals

On Sunday, Nov. 5 the Plainville United Boys U14 White Travel Soccer Team played in the CJSA Connecticut Cup Finals held at FSA in Farmington. This group of boys has been playing together since 2019 and have been striving for this opportunity for the past 5 years They played an incredible game and beat an undefeated Bethel team by a score of 2/0 to become the State Champions! They dominated the entire game and both goals were scored by Mason Harland. As winners of the CT Cup, the team is invited to represent Connecticut in the 2024 Regional Presidents Cup in West Virginia. **Team Members:**

Aiden Wartonick, Ben Roberts. Carson Clifford. Christian Rodriguez, Cody Carrier. Devin Petrow. Dillon Gimpl. Evan Chamberland. Juan Gonzalez. Landen Couture. Mason Harland. Mason Parsons. Matthew Fantozzi. Michael Wojtak. Nick Serrano, Peter Montana, Ryan Gridley, Ryan Petillo

Coaches Jason Giano Julie Giano Bruce Billouin





Students, staff, parents and community members had the opportunity to visit with new Plainville Superintendent of Schools, Brian Reas, at the "Superintendent's Meet & Greet" event held on November 28th at Plainville High School. Plainville Cub Scout Pack 49 / Den 5 Arrow of Light group recently completed a service project for Linden Street School. With the talent and skills of parent Chris Parks, the group was able to refurbish a dollhouse into a Little Library. The group is gifting it to Linden Street School as a thank you for letting them meet there as a Den and Pack for many years. Soon it will be filled with books and located in the back of the school, well protected from the weather.

In photo:

The scouts from left to right are Joey Nieves, Easton Butkus, Jimmy Volinski, Kellen Parks. Kneeling in front are Jayden Grafton on the left and Den Chief,

of the United States of America!

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2023

Queen of the Apostles Treparatory Academy



Queen of the Apostles Preparatory Academy is a Classical Academy is faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. Students can enroll in grades Pre-Kindergarten to Twelfth grade. The Academy utilizes a Classical Curriculum, a curriculum that has been successfully utilized by the Church throughout the ages. All students receive instruction in Math, Science, History, Latin, Greek, Literature/Writing, Great Books, English, Theology/Sacramental Prep, Art/Music, Shakespeare/Drama, and more. The Academy also provides various extracurricular activities, such as Pickleball, Debate, Speech, Storytelling, and Film Production. Queen of Apostles' high schoolers are also linked with a program that affords them the opportunity to graduate with an Associate's Degree or up to 75 college credits towards a Liberal Arts or Theology degree. QOTA's middle and upper grades have opportunities to attend national conferences on leadership in business, politics, debate, and ethics. Queen of the Apostles also has an exceptional teaching staff where all educators are extremely dedicated to the academic and spiritual growth, as well as the formation of the students. In fact, all of the educators have extensive teaching experience/advanced degrees, and most have extensive experience in Catechesis as well. Queen of the Apostles' is very proud of the academic accomplishments of its students. Some of our students have received numerous scholarships to various colleges and universities, as well as nominations to West Point Academy and perfect scores on the Standardized College Admission exams.

Scholarships of \$1000 are available for all student's 6th grade and up who enroll for the 2023-2024 or the 2024-2025 academic year.

























"The apple orchard is my favorite field trip so far. My favorite subject is music class." - Genevieve, 4th grade

"My favorite activity at QOTA are the plays. My favorite memory is my graduation." - Callum, 1st grade

"My favorite memory is my first day. Everybody was so welcoming and nice. I am grateful for the friendships that I have made." - Illy, 9th grade

"My favorite class is the study of Sacred Art." - Niko, 11th grade

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2024

Queen of the Apostles Treparatory Academy



Dear Hometown Volunteers,

We have a few potential writers at Queen of the Apostles Preparatory Academy that would love to help with reporting and writing for the Plainville Hometown newspaper.

We also have a teacher that would help to oversee their work and your needs.

Could you please let us know if you would be interested in this help from our students? Thank you. Sincerely,

Queen of the Apostles Preparatory Academy www.qota-prep.org

It is with great pleasure we share this Announcement The Queen of the Apostles Preparatory Academy have joined Our Volunteer Staff

QOTA FAVORITES:

"The life skills learned at QOTA through experience and Socratic discussions, will forever surpass any typical 'textbook only education."" Mary-Clare, 8th grade

"My first-time meeting everyone"- Marcus, 3rd grade

"My favorite memories are the apple orchard and the Thanksgiving Feasts." - Declan, 4th grade

""My favorite memory is my first day. Everybody was so welcoming and nice. I am grateful for the friendships that I have made." - Illy, 9th grade

"I enjoy teaching the students American History." - Mr. Parkyn

Queen of the Apostles Preparatory Academy is an independent Catholic academy. Our mission is for students to access a classical, affordable Catholic education, at an affordable price. Our students learn critical thinking, have Socratic discussions, and can graduate with an Associates Degree in theo. Thank you, Karen Roche, Director

Bristol Garden Club "Holly Day" Boutique Friday, Dec. 1, 2023 2pm – 5pm and Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 9am – 2pm At the New England Carousel Museum



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Life With Wanda

My battle still goes on with the medical profession. The latest thing they are pushing is telephone health care. A few days ago I received a call from a very nice lady who said my doctor had signed me up for telephone health care. I asked what was that and she said she was going to call me every day to check on how I was feeling, w I asked what the cost was and she said, "Don't worry, my provider takes care of that." I guess she meant my insurance. Medicare. She asked how I was doing and I asked where she was from and she said Colorado. Now that really got me and I said, "If I said I felt awful and my blood pressure was out of sight what in hell was she going to do for me out in Colorado?" She said she would tell me to call 911. That's when my blood pressure really went up. I asked her if she or my doctor thought I was so stupid I had to have some woman in Colorado tell me too call 911 if I was sick. I then asked if she ever heard of something called HIPPA and my doctor had no right giving her or anyone else any information about my medical condition, telephone number or address. I had received a packet from the company a few weeks before but put it in the round file. After I mentioned HIPPA and I said my next call would be to my doctor's office she said she would be taking my name off her call list. As luck would have it I had a visit with my doctor the next morning. Well I really don't see the doctor, haven't seen her in two years, I see her PA. Poor woman. The first thing I hit her with was I was sorry I wouldn't be seeing her again, she was shocked and asked why and that's when I told her the doctor had signed me up, without my consent, with a telephone medical service. After I gave her the information on this company she left the room to find out what was going on. She came back and said none of my information had been given out but I told her, not true as the woman in Colorado told me the names of other doctors I had seen. Who can you trust, NO ONE!

Think of the Turkey, He trusted the nice farmer who fed him every day. Have a great Thanksgiving.





Over the last decade, cannabis has gained attention for its potential therapeutic benefit in the treatment of various neurological disorders.

Cannabis compounds including tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD) are proposed to work on neurological diseases through anti-inflammatory, neuroprotective and modulatory effects on the endocannabinoid system. Cannabis medicine has been researched as a potential treatment for the following conditions:

1. Epilepsy: CBD has been studied for its anti-seizure properties. Epidiolex, a CBD-based medication, has been approved by the FDA for treating seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome and Dravet syndrome.

2. Multiple Sclerosis (MS): Cannabis has been investigated for its potential in managing symptoms such as pain, muscle spasms, and bladder dysfunction in MS patients. Some studies suggest that cannabinoids might have a neuroprotective effect in MS.

3. Parkinson's Disease: Research indicates that cannabinoids may have neuroprotective properties, potentially helping manage symptoms such as tremors and pain in Parkinson's disease. However, more research is needed in this area.

4. Alzheimer's Disease: Some studies

CANNABIS CONVERSATION with **Dr. Paulina Miklosz DNP, APRN**

suggest that cannabinoids could help in reducing inflammation and protecting brain cells, which might be beneficial in Alzheimer's disease. However, concrete evidence supporting this is still limited.

5. Neuropathic Pain: Cannabis, especially CBD and THC, has been investigated for its potential in managing chronic neuropathic pain conditions such as diabetic neuropathy. While there's promising preliminary evidence suggesting the therapeutic potential of cannabis in neurological disorders, more high-quality research, including clinical trials, is needed to better understand its efficacy, dosages, potential side effects, and long-term effects on these conditions. Consulting with a healthcare professional with expertise in cannabis medicine is important if considering its use for any neurological disorder.

To learn more about Cannabis for neurological conditions, please contact Higher Med at 959-900-8206 and visit our clinic websites at HigherMed.org and HMLive.org.

Dr. Paulina Miklosz is a doctorallyprepared Family Nurse Practitioner with over 10 years of experience in primary care, population health and advanced diabetes management.

She is the owner and medical director of Higher Med, a Plainville-based health clinic specializing in Cannabis Medicine.







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Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from Physical Therapy & Sports **Medicine Centers of Plainville!**

In this holiday version of PTSMC's article, we would like to introduce you to a very special person in our office.



This is Michaela Narus. She volunteers her time with us at PTSMC of Plainville. She is 30 years old and is originally from Romania, but was adopted by a family in Southington, CT when she was 3 years old along with her sister who was 2 years old. She is now 30 years old and continues to live in Southington in a group home that she loves very much.

We first met Michaela, or Mickey as she likes to be called, in January of 2018. She came to us as a patient for shoulder pain. As we saw and treated her weekly, our tight-knit clinic crew realized she was a special person. She came in every day with a smile on her face and instantly made the office a happier, more entertaining place with an infectiously relieving and enjoyable vibe.

She got better with physical therapy and both the staff, and the patients were all sad when she was discharged. She came back to us during the covid pandemic in 2020 and our office immediately felt the effect of her positive energy and wonderful personality. It was at that time that we realized that she should be a permanent part of our office.

Michaela now volunteers at PTSMC of Plainville every Thursday afternoon. She brings joy and a huge smile every day she is here and brightens the spirits of all the staff and patients as she helps them run through their exercises and assists the staff with anything they may need and extra hand with.

Gwen, a patient who comes in on Thursday afternoons shares, "I love having Michaela around when I come for therapy. She is always smiling, cheerful, and willing to help! She loves hugs!"

Lorna, another regular Thursday patient who sees Mickey during her treatment sessions each week says, "Michaela is a special person. I enjoy and love having Michaela at PTSMC because she adds a great touch of joy, her smile, and hugs. I simply love the ways she tries to be very helpful. She found my

phone on the floor and made sure I had it back." Some of the things our staff members love about having Mickey in the office include the joy she brings to the office that we didn't know we lost during the covid pandemic. Since returning to our office, Michaela has aided in reminding us all of the simplicity of a good laugh. She has an exquisite ability to identify when one of us, patients included, may be feeling stressed or down from a long workday or a tough to overcome injury. She noticeably goes out of her way to initiate conversation including jokes and positive remarks to help boost the spirits of all around her. She has infectious energy and makes everyone in her atmosphere happier.

When asked what she enjoys most about her time volunteering at PTSMC Plainville, Michaela describes that she loves being with the staff because, "we are all one big family." She also enjoys meeting new people and talking with the patients, specifically sharing her love for the New York Yankees and New England Patriots. She is pleased to help the patients with their exercises and likes that when the patients come into the office with pain, she is able to help them leave smiling.

If you have not yet had the pleasure of meeting Michaela and are in need of a good pick-me-up or just want to experience a good laugh and fun time, be sure to schedule your next physical therapy appointment with us on Thursday afternoon, or just stop in to say hi to Mickey & staff! She would be more than thrilled to meet new people and assist in your road to recovery in the most uplifting, and enjoyable way possible.

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etters to the Editor......

Dear Editor,

A Satanic club will open for five year olds! We need to act NOW! Superintendent Andrew Gonzalez, of Lebanon Public Schools in Lebanon, Connecticut, confirmed that an "After School Satan Club" (ASSC) will take place in one of the school's class rooms, beginning December 1.

The club, which tries to present itself as harmless fun with a devilish name, will give practicing Satanists access to elementary children.

Please sign the petition against the After School Satan Club According to reports:

" An unsanctioned 'After School Satan Club' for elementary school children has raised more than a few eyebrows in the Town of Lebanon.

"A Salem, MA based group that calls itself The Satanic Temple said the club will launch at Lebanon Elementary School on Dec. 1."

(Source: ktvz.com)

This is political correctness at its worst.

These clubs are a serious danger to children. They push the idea that Satanism is normal and acceptable. This will destroy a child's innocence by breaking the barriers of horror for the devil and for evil that children have.

Satanism is not a religion, but the antithesis and mockery of it. This blasphemous sect should not be allowed near impressionable children.

Sign the petition against the Satanic club, and protect our children

Satanists are planning to have a Satanic club at every school that has a Christian club.

But not if we can help it!

Please sign our petition to Lebanon Elementary School, urging it to block the Satanic clubs from its premises.

> Sincerely, John Howat Vice-President, Tradition, Family, and Property (TFP) www.returntoorder.org

To: Lebanon Elementary School,

I am disturbed that you have allowed an openly Satanic group, The Satanic Temple, to rent school facilities for an "After School Satan Club."

Satanism is always evil. And this particular group is known for holding blatantly impure events that mock Christian morality and holding gatherings that are inversions of Christian worship. Added to this, the same group uses sado-masochistic acts as its own "religious" practices, and has even desecrated graves.

You must not allow such an organization on school property!

I urge you to cancel any association with this dangerous group at once, and to protect the innocence of children.

Keep Satan away from our kids!

Sincerely and urgently,

Name

Address

"If you wish you can also send a donation."

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Dear Editor:

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I am currently in the MOST competitive House election in the country AND need your help to WIN in 2024.

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WILL YOU HELP ME FIRE JAHANA HAYES IN 2024?

Sincerely, George Logan

The Women's Club of New Britain

The Women's Club of New Britain will meet at 2:00 PM on Thursday, December 7, 2023.

The meeting will be at the First Congregational Church, 830 Corbin Ave. New Britain, CT.

The name of the program is: "NUTCRACKER EXCERPTS" (From the classic Holiday ballet)

Enjoy a family holiday tradition where sugar plums dance, flowers waltz, and snowflakes leap across the stage weaving

a splendid tale of little girl's dream of first love. The majesty of Tchaikovsky's music combines with a talented cast to make a Woodbury Ballet's Annual NUTCRACKER a treat for all.

Following the program, coffee, tea and cookies will be served. Guests are welcome to attend for a \$10.00 fee.

New members from The Greater New Britain Area are welcome to join the club.

New England 12th Bi-Annual Spring Benefit EXPO

To be held in May, 2024. The Holistic Community Professionals is accepting exhibitor applications for The Passport to Health & Wellness Expo. The event is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, 2023 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at The DoubleTree by Hilton 42 Century Drive Bristol, CT 06010. The Expo is FREE to attend. Donations are accepted for the benefit organization. Also the tea cup raffle will benefit the Children's Health defense with items donated from all the exhibitors. The benefit Expo is presented by the Holistic Community Professionals and will feature speakers on the half hour beginning at 11AM, with a Keynote speaker at 1:00 PM. The event will have more than 75 vendors offering hands on body workers as well as holistic wellness products and treatments. A free sound healing closing ceremony with Zentastic Wellness (Fred Maerkle will be offered at 4pm. For more information, call Shirley Bloethe at 860-989-0033, email YourHolisticEvents@gmail.com or visit https://www.yourholisticevents. com/fairs-vendorspeaker-application/ Warmly, Rev. Shirley R Bloethe



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PLAINVILLE'S HOMETOWN CONNECTION OBITUARIES

~ Carol Ann (Neri) Accousti ~



76 of Plainville, wife of the late Francis Accousti, passed away peacefully on Thursday November 9, 2023 in Newtown. She had her son and his family, affectionately known to her as "her tribe" by her side, just as they were as she

courageously fought ovarian cancer for the past year.

She was born in New Britain on June 11, 1947, daughter of the late Carlo and Josephine (Forino) Neri, and was a lifelong resident of Plainville, graduating from Plainville High School in 1965. Carol went on to earn her BS in Elementary Education from Southern Connecticut State University, and would spend her entire, impressive, 42 year career at Wheeler Elementary School, where she loved being around her students. She taught thousands of students throughout her career, with each of them having a special place in her heart, and often shared stories of her days in the classroom that would always bring a smile to her face.

Above all, Carol's adoration for her family was unmatched, most especially for her grandchildren Lila, James, Nikolas and Joseph. She would make it her mission to attend their sporting events, graduations and every important milestone throughout their lives. Carol and her family enjoyed countless vacations together, with her favorite trips being to Disney World or relaxing in Naples Florida, and returning to her beloved home of 45 years brought her much peace and joy.

A woman of strong faith, she was a dedicated communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church. Carol impacted the lives of many with her gentle heart and infectious smile. She was a devoted friend, maintaining lifelong friendships from childhood to college, to her colleagues from Wheeler School, all who became her extended family and a source of love, strength and support throughout her illness and beyond. She will be missed beyond measure and remembered fondly.

She leaves behind her son, James Accousti and wife Leslie of Newtown CT, her grandchildren who each had their own special bond with their Granny, James, Nikolas, Joseph and Lila Accousti; her sisters-inlaw, Roberta Accousti of Southington and Judy Accousti of Milford; two nieces and three nephews. In lieu of flowers, Carol's love for teaching may be remembered with contributions to the Carol Accousti Memorial Fund, c/o Frank T. Wheeler School, 15 Cleveland Memorial Dr, Plainville, CT 06062, for the purchase of school supplies. Additionally, a collection area will be available at the funeral home for supplies to be brought during the visitation.

Funeral services were held from Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, with a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. Family and friends may gathered at the funeral home. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.

~ Barry Wayne Creswell ~



75, of Plainville passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at the Hospital of Central CT New Britain General Campus surrounded by his beloved family. He was the devoted husband to Elizabeth "Betsy" (O'Neil) Creswell for 26 years, sharing many

wonderful life adventures together that were full of love and laughter.

Barry was born on June 3, 1948 in Hartford, CT son to the late Luther and Ruth (Johnson) Creswell. He graduated from Bloomfield High School and worked as a butcher for many years, retiring from Noel's Market after many dedicated years, where he established many lifelong friendships with colleagues and customers with his quick wit and expertise in preparing meats. In retirement, and not quite ready to settle down, Barry worked for Westwoods golf course where he could golf at any time he wanted! He had a passion for golf, enjoyed a good round of card games, or an occasional trip to the casino. Barry was a member of the Saint Joseph Polish Society in Forestville, a social club that allowed Barry's bubbly personality and contagious funny sense of humor to come to life. He was a sports fanatic, especially an avid fan of the New York Yankees and he loved his Budweiser; it always had to be a Bud Heavy, don't even dare try to give him any other beer! Barry loved to listen to the tunes of Billy Joel and enjoy life. Above all, family was the most valuable treasure to Barry, most prominently his grandchildren who always put a smile on his face. Barry will be missed tremendously by his family and leaves behind many cherished memories for them to live on his legacy with.

In addition to his wife, Betsy, Barry is survived by his daughter, Karen Kulesa (Shane Abram), of Terryville, his son, Jonathan Creswell, of Killingly, his step-daughters, Kristina Willis (David) and Rebecca Ballinger (Garrett), all of Plainville, his 7 grandchildren, Michelle Grenier, of Plainville, Alison Kulesa, of Cromwell, Jamison Kulesa, of Terryville, Jonathan Creswell and Jacqueline Joyce Creswell, both of Killingly, and Brianna and Nicholas Ballinger, both of Plainville, his sister, Pam Creswell, of Windsor, and several extended family members and friends. In addition to his parents, Barry was predeceased by his siblings, Ruth and Luther Creswell and his son-in-law, Carl Kulesa.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville. A prayer service and words of remembrance were shared at the funeral home. Guests were encouraged to wear their best sports attire to the gathering, specifically Yankees gear, as Barry was a die-hard Yankees fan. Burial will be held at a later date privately. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in memory of Barry to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (stjude.org). For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.

com.

~ Thomas Eric Drachenberg ~



beloved husband, father and grandfather, accomplished veteran, and avid outdoorsman, peacefully passed away on November 12, 2023.

Born on January 15, 1948, in New Britain, where he was raised and educated, he was one of two sons to the

late John and Thelma (Rinas) Drachenberg. He and his wife, best friend and travel partner Lois (Roberts) shared over 50 years of love and life adventures and settled in Plainville where they raised their daughter.

As a young man, Tom was called to serve his country during the Vietnam War, proudly serving in the United States Marine Corps. His time in the military shaped his values of bravery, loyalty, and perseverance, which he carried throughout his life. Tom possessed remarkable skills as a handy man, had an innate ability to fix anything that crossed his path and could always be relied upon to find a solution. A deep thinker with a sharp mathematical mind, his brilliance extended to his love for music, where he skillfully mastered various musical instruments including the piano, accordion, guitar and drums. The great outdoors was Thomas's sanctuary, and he found tranquility and joy in exploring nature's beauty. His love for camping, canoeing, fishing, and hiking knew no bounds. Remembered for his sociable nature, had a way of making everyone around him feel comfortable and valued, most especially amongst the Laotian community. His presence at any gathering would light up the room, and his zest for life was contagious. Tom lived a life filled with adventure, dedication, and a profound love for family, nature, and his country. His passing leaves a void in the hearts of those he loved, but his impact will be cherished forever.

In addition to his wife, Lois, he leaves his daughter Amanda Hintz and her husband Keith of Bristol; and his granddaughter, Elizabeth Hintz of Somersworth, NH. He also leaves his brother, Robert Drachenberg; his sister-in-law Diana Drachenberg, her son Jacob and his two children of Western Australia; his niece Bonnie Benson and her husband Robert of New Britain, and nephews Michael Johnston of New Britain, Richard Johnston and his husband Joseph Perkins of Revere, MA and James Daoust of Aurora, CO; and his much loved feline companion "Kitty" who will greatly miss their evening games of catch and morning treats.

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

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Tom's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of Remembrance led by Life Celebrant Jesse Gnazzo were shared at 6:00 p.m., followed by military honors. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.

PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

A Mother's Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for my mother. She is always loving, encouraging and providing for her children and those around her. She serves as a wonderful example of what it means to nurture and live out love for those around her. I ask that you guide her with your wisdom as she carries on along Your path. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.



Prayer to St. Jude

St. Jude, patron of the desperate and Saint of the impossible, I turn to you in trusting prayer. Centurues of Christians have found you to be a mighty helper in overcoming seemingly impossible barriers.

I entrust to you my present need. Pray that I never lose heart when the way seems dark and dreary.

I await your help and praise God for guiding me to seek your help in especially difficult situations. **AMEN.**

Franciscan Mission Associates

OBITUARIES

~ Lee Ellen Jurgen ~



of Bristol, wife of the late Michael Perrotti, Sr., passed away peacefully on Friday, November 10, 2023.

Born in New Britain on May 2, 1943, she was a daughter of the late Ernest F. and Marie (Schneider) Jurgen. She resided in New Britain and Old Saybrook during her younger

years, before moving to Plainville, where she was a 1961 graduate of Plainville High School. She held a longtime career as a legal secretary, while continuing to operate her own typing service since 1977.

She is survived by her two aunts, Agnes Jurgen and Catherine Egan; two nieces and their families, Margo George and Tracy D'Amico; several cousins, including Walter Jurgen; Michael's three sons and their families, Michael Perrotti, Jr., William Perrotti and Denis Perrotti; and her best friend and road trip partner, Thomas Carney.

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

A celebration of Lee's life will held on Saturday December 9, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St. Plainville. Family and friends may gather one hour before, from 11:00 to 12:00 p.m. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www. PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Charles Robert Kraut, Jr. ~



63 of Berlin, passed away on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain. Born on July 1, 1960, he was one of four children to the late Charles Kraut, Sr. and Diane (Dagata) Kraut. Upon graduating from Granger Lane School in Plainville,

Charles went on to work for many years at Big Y, where he was well known and loved by his community. Always ready for a conversation and to put a smile on your face, his customers would often choose his post and wait in line just to say hello. Charles had a passion for music and could name countless songs and artists, with the American Top 40 on Sunday nights being a weekly ritual. Having learned the accordion at young age, he made each family gathering complete with his singing and dancing. Charles was always eager to shop for magazines and newspapers to share with much excitement the latest gossip about singers and movie stars. In order for each of his outings to be a success, they would have to end with the purchase of his favorite mints, and a trip by Dunkin for a coffee and donut. Charles was a longtime member of PARC where he made many friends. Together they went on many adventures, including going to the movies, out to restaurants, dances, fairs and sporting events, and competed alongside each other at the Special Olympics where he earned several medals. Above all, Charles loved being surrounded by his family. Annual trips to Misquamicut Beach, and loudly and enthusiastically

~ Patricia Grace (Pagliaro) Lapila Labbe ~



beloved mother, sister and dedicated educator, peacefully left this world on November 17, 2023, surrounded by the love and warmth of her family. Patty was born on May 15, 1969, in New York City, where she spent her childhood and early adulthood. She was the

baby of six children to the late Joseph and Barbara (Hughes) Pagliaro, and raised in a nurturing and loving family, Patricia received a stellar education, culminating in her graduation from St. John's University in Queens. Armed with a teaching certificate, she embarked on a rewarding career shaping young minds. Her dedication to education led her to attain a Master's Degree from St. Joseph's College, all while raising her cherished twin sons, alongside her late husband James Lapila with whom she shared 21 wonderful years until his untimely passing in 2013. She found love again in her longtime friend and fellow autism advocate, Michael Labbe, sharing his final five years by his side until his passing in 2021.

With a heart overflowing with compassion and kindness, Patricia dedicated over two decades as a selfless and devoted teacher at Great Beginnings. Her genuine care and patience touched the lives of countless students, leaving an indelible impact, and her colleagues became her second family. She brought the same enthusiasm and dedication to her most recent role as a literacy tutor in the Plainville School System, where she continued to make a difference in the lives of students.

Patricia was the embodiment of a loving mother, placing her twins at the center of her world. She showered them with unwavering love, support, and guidance as they grew into remarkable young men. The bond they shared was unbreakable, and her legacy will forever be carried in their hearts.

Outside of her career and family, Patricia possessed a gentle spirit and a loving nature that endeared her to all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Her selflessness and compassion knew no bounds, and she was always ready to lend a helping hand or offer a listening ear. Patricia's genuine care for others will be remembered as an inspiration to lead a life filled with kindness and empathy.

She will be missed dearly and remembered fondly by her boys, Matthew and James; her siblings Ro Reader and her husband Mark, Cathy Pirillo and her husband Louie, Joseph Pagliaro, Terry Deeks and her husband Glenn and John Pagliaro and his wife Donna; and her many nieces, nephews and extended family, all who she cherished.

In lieu of flowers, Patty may be remembered with contributions to PARC, 28 E. Maple St, Plainville CT 06062 http://www.parcdisabilitiesct.org or The Friends Room, 55 Brookfield Rd. Harwinton, Ct 06791 https://thefriendsroom.org/

~ Ronald J. Noveck ~



82 of Farmington, formerly of New Britain, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Wednesday November 1, 2023. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and pillar of the New Britain community, Ron faced his illness with

an admirable strength and optimism. He was the devoted husband, best friend, and business partner of Sonya (Shlatz) Noveck, with whom he shared 44 years of love and laughter.

Born in New Britain on June 10, 1941, he was one of two children to the late Morris and Nell (Vaness) Noveck. Class President and 1959 graduate of New Britain High School, Ron was a star athlete having set records on the basketball court; was much loved and looked up to as Captain of the football team; and well deserving recipient of the Burns Memorial Trophy. He went on to excel in college sports at UCONN in both football and basketball. A longtime local restaurateur, Ron owned and operated the Gartenhaus Café in New Britain before relocating to Plainville, where he managed the nationally recognized and award winning slow pitch Gartenhaus softball team, having been inducted into the Connecticut ASA Softball Hall of Fame. In 1987, the Gartenhaus became the Stonecrest which he proudly ran until it's closing in 1998, when he became the co-owner of the former Tom's Café in Plainville. Awarded the prestigious Man of the Year by the City of New Britain, Ron was recognized for his efforts in athletics and his generous support of countless organizations. A man who truly made an impact in his community and beyond, he leaves a legacy of kindness, selflessness and love.

In addition to his wife, Sonya, he leaves his daughter, Kimberly Butler, her husband, Ben and their son, Ben Butler, Jr.; his sister, Bev Newberg and her husband, Al; his niece, Courtney Kaloyanides, her husband Jimmy and their children, Cleo, Adriana, and Max; and his nephew, Jeff Newberg and his daughter, Kai.

In lieu of flowers, Ron may be remembered with contributions to Hartford HealthCare at Home, 81 Meriden Ave, Southington, in appreciation for the kindness and compassionate care shown to Ron.

Family and friends may gathered. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Prayers and words of remembrance were shared at the funeral home. Burial will be held privately at a later date. For online expressions of sympathy please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

WEST CEMETERY

The groundwater and faucets will be turned off throughout the Cemetery for the Winter

cheering on his favorite teams, the NY Giants and Boston Red Sox, are just some of the many cherished times shared together. He will be missed dearly every day and will live on for eternity in the hearts of those who loved him.

He is survived by his brothers, Michael Kraut and his wife Caryle of Pahrump, NV and Kevin Kraut and his wife Jeanne of Farmington; his sister, Kathryn Kraut of Newington; nephews Sean, Kyle, Robert and Michael; nieces Jayme, Katelyn, and Olivia; two great-nephews Cooper and Crosby; along with several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, Charlie may be remembered with contributions to Hartford Association for Retarded Citizens, 900 Asylum Ave, MS 1002, Hartford, CT 06105 or at http://www.harc-ct.org

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 183 Church St, Newington. Committal followed at St. Joseph Cemetery Plainville. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their sincere gratitude for the honor of caring for Charles.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A celebration of her life was held at the funeral home. Committal will follow at West Cemetery, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

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starting at the end of October.

Water will be available at the faucet in front of the Office Building.

Fall / Leaves Clean-up is from September through November.

No plants or decorations on flat marker until after Fall Clean-clean-up.

Christmas decorations may be placed after Fall Clean Up until March 1, 2024. All items not picked up, will be removed by Staff in March

Thank you,

Plainville Cemetery Association

OBITUARIES

~ Robert Edward Young ~



69 of Farmington, passed away at his home on Saturday, November 11, 2023. He was the best friend and life partner of Marilyn Young.

Born in Southington on March 21, 1954, he was one of six children to the

late Charles and Leona (Baker) Young. Raised and educated in Plainville, his journey led him to graduate from EC Goodwin Technical Institute, equipping him with the skills he needed to excel in his career. He proudly served his country in the US Navy, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to protecting the nation. For over four decades, Robert dedicated himself to the manufacturing industry, working at Stanley Works. His hard work and dedication were commendable, and he left a lasting impact on his colleagues and the industry as a whole. He was a dedicated individual who lived life to the fullest, finding joy in simple pleasures and creating lasting memories along the way. Robert was passionate about playing golf and cribbage, and he loved the friendly competition of going bowling. He was also an avid sports enthusiast, supporting his favorite teams, including the UCONN women's basketball team, the Boston Red Sox, and the Dallas Cowboys. Beyond his professional achievements, Robert treasured the meaningful relationships he built throughout his life. A devoted father, and proud grandfather, his family will carry his memory forward with love and admiration.

In addition to Marilyn, he leaves his children, Terri Smith, Michael Myers, and Joshua Young; his grandchildren who brought much joy to his world, Jonathan and Allison Myers, Emily Smith and Charlene Young; his great-granddaughter Evelyn Myers; his siblings and their families Karen Lindskog, William Young, Kenneth Young, Thomas Young and Catherine Crandle; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his son, Robert Myers.

In lieu of flowers, Robert may be remembered with contributions to the House of Heroes CT, 3342 Whitney Ave. Hamden, CT 06518 or at www. hohct.org or the Sphinx Temple Shrine, 3066 Berlin Turnpike, Newington CT 06111 or www. sphinxshriners.org

Honoring his wishes, his family will celebrate his life privately. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to Robert's for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

NOTICE: SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY

~ John A. Maciag, Jr. ~



70 of Plainville passed away at home following a short illness on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

John was born in New Britain on September 13, 1953, the only son of the late John A. Maciag, Sr.

and Helen (Chapor) Maciag. Raised and educated in Plainville, he was a 1971 graduate of Plainville High School. John furthered his education at Cornell University where he earned his Bachelor of Architecture degree. Following graduation from Cornell, he held a successful career as an architect until retirement. He was an officer of Cornell Club of Greater Hartford, and member of The American Institute of Architects and The Connecticut Society of Architects.

A devoted and faithful catholic, John was a longtime member of Our Lady of Mercy Church. Remembered and known for his passion for gardening, John spent many blissful hours tending to his massive gardens, where he found peace in nature. A member of the Connecticut Gladiolus Society, he followed in his parent footsteps growing plentiful gladiolus spreading beauty and joy to everyone they shared them with.

John is survived by his aunts, Monica Maciag and Alice "Rena" Chaper, and many cousins, including his special cousin Regina "Queenie" Galligan; his good friend and neighbor Greg Granger; and his four legged best friend, his beloved dog Crystal.

In lieu of flowers, John may be remembered with contributions to Our Lady of Mercy Church, 19 S. Canal St, Plainville or to the charity of the donor's choice.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St, Plainville. Committal followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. Family and friends gathered prior to the mass at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

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~ Frances (Berry) Rose ~



82 of Plainville, sadly left her family, friends and her community on Thursday November 9, 2023, surrounded by her adored family.

Born in Milford on July 29, 1941, Fran was one of

four children to the late Arthur and Emma (Ross) Berry. Educated in Milford, she received college degrees from Tunxis Community College and Central Connecticut State University.

Fran lived a life of love for her family and of selflessly giving to others through her career path and volunteerism. She worked for the Department of Developmental Services and Central CT Regional Center as a dedicated case worker, as an Industrial Engineer for Fafnir Bearing and Pyramid Technology, and was known to many as the proprietor of Marion's prior to her retirement. A member of the Board of Directors for PARC, her many other community affiliations included Constructive Workshop, Visiting Nurses, the United Way and Nutmeg T.V. An active member and familiar face at the Congregational Church of Plainville, Fran served and volunteered on various committees. She opened and shared her home for many years with women of varying exceptionalities, another testament to her selflessness. These women became members of her family, with whom she shared countless holidays and special occasions. She had a love for traveling, visiting Europe on several occasions, with her most cherished trips being to Canada and to celebrate her Scottish heritage in Scotland. Above all, her family was the center of her life, all who will miss her beyond measure and are grateful for the many precious memories she created.

She is survived by her son, Michael Rose (Marianne) of Plainville; her daughter Sandra Ives (Kenneth) of Farmington, her grandchildren Melissa Kiley (John) of Southington, Bethany Bastille (Ryan) of Plainville, Hannah Reisser (Stephen) of Lititz, Pa and Connor Ives of Charlotte, NC; her great-grandchildren, Raelynn and Ryan Bastille and Michael and Corinne Kiley; her dear friend Maria Duval and many nieces, nephews, friends and extended family. She was predeceased by her brothers, Arthur Berry, Jr. and John William Berry and her sister, Patricia Crocker.

In lieu of flowers, Fran may be remembered with contributions to PARC, 28 E. Maple St, Plainville, CT 06062 or at www.parcdisabilitiesct.org

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A memorial service was held at the Congregational Church of Plainville, 130 W. Main St. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

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OBITUARIES

~ Barbara R. (Varrone) Tracz~



74 of Burlington, beloved wife, mother, educator, adventurer, and art enthusiast, peacefully left this world on November 2, 2023, surrounded by her family. She was the beloved wife, best friend and childhood sweetheart of Henry J. Tracz, Jr., with whom she shared 50

vears of love and life adventures.

Born on September 26, 1949, one of three children to the late John and Barbara (Zorick) Varrone, Barbara was raised and educated in Plainville. After graduating from Plainville High School in 1967, she pursued her passion for learning by obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Education from Elms College in Chicopee, Massachusetts. Barbara's zest for life led her to travel to various schools throughout the state, where she shared her knowledge and love for education as a substitute teacher. Barbara's fondness for Cape Cod was undeniable, where she managed a self-storage facility with much kindness and generosity. Always eager to expand her horizons, Barbara also worked in retail at Lord & Taylor, lending her warm demeanor and impeccable customer service skills to those she served. During the winter months, Barbara found respite in the warmth of Del Ray Beach, Florida. It was here that she embraced the sunshine and lived life to the fullest, creating countless memories with friends and loved ones. One of Barbara's greatest passions was art. With a perceptive eye, she developed a hobby of collecting, joining in auctions of unique artistic pieces from all over the world. Her appreciation for creativity and talent was evident as she carefully curated her ever-growing collection. Her indomitable spirit will continue to inspire and she will forever hold a special place in the hearts of all who knew her.

In addition to her husband, Henry, she leaves her son Henry J. Tracz, III and his wife Stephanie; her brother John Varrone and his wife June; her sister Elizabeth Barrachina and her husband Michael; her brother-in-law John Tracz and his wife Norma; along with many nieces and nephews. Barbara was anxiously awaiting the arrival of her first grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, Barbara's generosity towards others may be remembered with contributions to St. Mary Star of the Sea, 145 Main St, Unionville, CT 06085.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A Mass of Christian burial was held on Friday at St. Mary Star of the Sea, 145 Main St, Unionville. Friends gathered at the church. Committal will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, Unionville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Lloyd E. Wark ~



passed away on June 28, 2023 at the age of 84. Lloyd was born in Caribou, Maine on May 9, 1939. Lloyd was the son of Mona Mullin Wark and Thomas Sherman Wark.

He graduated from Caribou High School in 1957, and served in the US Army

Reserves. Lloyd was employed by the Caribou Police Department, as well as the B&A Railroad, before his family moved to Connecticut. He then joined the Plainville Police in 1966 and retired as a Sergeant in 1986. He made many lifelong friends while with the Plainville PD and had many fond memories of his years of service. The work came with many challenges, but Lloyd was someone that was respected by his fellow officers and he enjoyed Police work.

Lloyd had a love for fishing and hunting. These were his passions that he enjoyed all his life with his friends and family. After his retirement, he and his wife, Gilda, moved back to their home state of Maine, settling this time in Brownville. Once back in Maine he worked for the railroad and also had joined the local Brownville Police Department. In addition, Lloyd became a licensed Maine Guide, continuing his love of the outdoors and hunting, while happily sharing it with others.

Once the cold winters of Maine became too much, he and Gilda headed south to Florida. There they enjoyed living on the Gulf Coast where they could enjoy the sunsets and boat trips out on the Gulf. Watching the beautiful sunsets over the Gulf from their dock was a favorite of Lloyd's. Lloyd and Gilda also found a love for cruises while in Florida. They were able to take trips to the Caribbean and loved visiting the Islands.

Lloyd was a Boat Captain at the Weeki Watchee Springs State Park. He would take visitors on the River Boat Cruise and share information on the local Florida wildlife, including his beloved Manatees.

Once again retiring, Lloyd and Gilda moved to Martin, Georgia. There he had several acres of land to fully enjoy the outdoors and wildlife.

Lloyd loved his family and loved to tell stories of his childhood and adventures in life. He always had a smile for you and a positive outlook on life. Ultimately, he was a joy to be around and his loving family and wide circle of friends will miss him dearly.

He is survived by his wife, Gilda Wark, of Holiday, Florida, his son, Bryon T. Wark, of Plainville, his daughter, Beth LaBella, of Plainville, as well as his grandsons, Nick LaBella and Alex LaBella, both of Plainville. He also leaves behind his stepson, Bill Cameron and his wife, Kelly, of Holiday, Florida, and several nieces and nephews.

Lloyd was predeceased by his parents, his brother, Vernon Wark, his sister-in-law, Lillian Wark, as well as his stepdaughters, Wendy Cameron and Debbie Cameron.

~ Louis P. Mandeville Sr. ~



treasured husband, father, sports enthusiast, and story teller, passed away peacefully on November 20, 2023, at the age of 83, joining his beloved wife Theresa in eternal peace during the month of what would have been their 58th wedding anniversary.

Born on May 23, 1940, in Wauregan, CT, Lou proudly served his country, having been drafted into the US Army in 1963. Upon his honorable discharge in 1965, he met the love of his life, Theresa. They settled in Plainville soon after, where they raised their family, and together embarked on countless road trips, taking statewide Sunday drives along the beautiful Connecticut shoreline. Their shared love for country western music led them on many adventures, making lasting memories, and making it a point to try their luck at local casinos along the way. Sports played a significant role in Lou's life, and he was a passionate baseball fan of both the NY Yankees and Plainville Blue Devils, rarely missing a game. He also followed the New York Giants and was an ardent supporter of UCONN Women's basketball. In his free time, Lou was a fixture at Angelo and Jeff's Modern Barber, where he shared endless stories and created lasting friendships. His magnetic personality and ability to connect with others made him a cherished member of the community.

The family extends their gratitude to Lou's caregivers, allowing his last few years to be in the comforts of home, especially Tammy, whose care and concern went above and beyond, as well as the staff at Day Break in Plainville where Lou enjoyed his weekly visits.

He is survived by his children, Louis P. Mandeville, Jr., his wife Lisa and their son, Tyler; Michelle Moss, her husband Scott and their children Eileen, Ethan, Justin, and Alex; Felecia Mandeville and her son Jacob; and Paul Springer, his wife Ricci and their children Rosemary and Richard; his siblings, Claire Englehart, Andre, Alan and Adrian Mandeville; his second family, The Cianchetti's, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family. He was predeceased by his sister, Anita and brothers, Lucien and Alfred.

In lieu of flowers, Lou may be remembered with contributions to the House of Heroes CT, 3342 Whitney Ave Hamden CT 06518 or http://www. hohct.org

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Lou's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of Remembrance led by Life Celebrant Jesse Gnazzo were shared, followed by military honors. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.plainvillefuneralhome.com



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Lloyd had the honor and privilege of serving with Robert M. Holcomb on the Plainville Police Department. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Robert M. Holcomb Scholarship Fund, c/o Plainville Police Association, 19 Neal Court, Plainville, CT 06062.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville. Words of remembrance led by Life Celebrant Sarah Sullivan were shared Burial will be held privately in Maine at a later date. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com.

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OBITUARIES

~ Henry G. Bentley Jr. ~



83 of Bristol, CT, husband of Taffie Ann (Walker) Bentley, passed peacefully with his family by his side on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, in Bristol. Henry was born on August 25, 1940, in Vidalia, Georgia, and was the son of the late Henry G. Bentley Sr. and Willa (Horne) Bentley.

He served his country honorably in the United States Air Force and he was a member of the

Redeemer's AME Zion Church in Plainville. Henry graduated from Dickerson Training High School in Vidalia. He was employed by Don Caster (New England Aircraft) before his retirement in 2005. He was an avid golfer who loved to golf in many tournaments, including TPC in Cromwell. Many trophies were won from the time he spent on the Green and Fairways. He also enjoyed fishing, playing his saxophone and making CDs to share with family and friends.

Henry was a member of the Sam Kimble's Band for 30 years; he joined the band back in 1960. Years after leaving Sam Kimble, Henry joined Nzinga's Daughter in 1996 and continued to play with them until he was unable to play.

In addition to his wife, Henry is also survived by his children: his daughter, Stephanie (Damon) Esposito; his sons, Damian (Rhianna) and Paul (Erica) Bentley, all of Bristol, CT; his eight grandchildren: Dario (Lauren), Dandre (Lindsay), Donte (Madline) Esposito, Dante Woods, DaQwon, Davondre, Anayah and Aria Bentley; his three great grandchildren: Donavan, Christian, and Xander; his five brothers: James, John, George, Julius, and Bill Bentley; and his three sisters: Rheta Jenkins, Barbara Sneed, and Cynthia Yerokum. Henry was predeceased by his two brothers, Frank and Walter Bentley.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Henry's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville. A prayer service and words of remembrance were shared at the funeral home. In honor of Henry's service to our country in the U.S. Air Force, full military honors will be accorded following the funeral service. Burial will be held privately at a later date.

~ Robert S. "Bob" Dargenio ~

88, of Windsor, beloved husband for 55 years of the late Arlene Dargenio, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

Bob was born and raised in Queens, NY, son of the late Samuel and Florence (McCaffrey) Dargenio, and graduated from a technical high school in New York. He moved to Granby in 1959 after he and Arlene were married, settling with their family in Windsor in 1972, where he lived until 2023. He was employed with TWA as an Air Freight Manager, retiring after over 40 years of service, and worked at Aglow Auctions during that time as well. In his retirement, he was employed at The Soldier's Trunk for over 15 years. Bob was

a faithful and active member of Trinity Methodist Church in Windsor and then Crossroads Church in East Hartford.

Bob will be remembered as a friendly and kind man who loved his family dearly. He had a very big and generous heart and always gave without expecting anything in return. He was also extremely supportive of his wife, Arlene, and encouraged all her endeavors. Together, they welcomed families in need into their home and helped support them until they found their way to a better life. As much as he cared and gave to others, he was a very private man who just wanted to help people. Education was very important to him, and he often worked several jobs so he could send his children to private schools to help them achieve their goals and succeed at whatever they set their minds to. His work ethic and drive inspired them to be the best they can be every day.

Bob was an outdoorsman and loved to fish and camp. He loved trains and was a collector of model trains from the time he was a young man. He also enjoyed taking train rides, going to trade shows, and every Christmas he created an amazing Christmas village with trains around his tree for the holidays. Bob was an avid New York Yankees and Giants fan, enjoyed watching old Western movies, listening to Kentucky Blue Grass music, eating a nice cold Frosty from Wendy's, and bragging about Tommy's amazing potato soup.

Bob will be greatly missed and forever cherished by his children, Robin Ross and her husband Greg, Richard Dargenio and his wife Emily, Thomas Dargenio and his wife Alicia, Tracy Dargenio and her significant other Jerry Lattal, and Peter Dargenio and his wife Kris of Plainville; his grandchildren, Amanda and her significant other Marc Farrelly, Alex Ross, Andrew Ross, Anna Ross, Aidan Ross, Anne Dargenio, Holly Antoun and her husband Noah, Joseph Dargenio and his significant other Kendel Seabury, Lacey Dargenio, Emma Dargenio, Jordan Sprague and his significant other Lara Carleto, Abbie Berube, Jason Miller and his significant other Sarah Lamson, and Troy Miller and his wife Kayla; his great grandsons, Jaxon and Lucas; and many other relatives and friends. A Memorial Service to celebrate his life will be private.

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- 5. Held 2 Pancake Breakfasts, one in April and one in October
- 6. Awarded 5 Students scholarships in May for continued education
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- 8. Added 3 new Fantastic Members
- 9. Performed roughly 50 deliveries of food from BigY to the Plainville Food Pantry
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The Loss of the Common Parlor, Living Room, or Den

By Francis Rexford Cooley

For generations of Americans the parlor was the room in the house for the family and friends to gather for social conversation and interaction. Similarly the living room and den provided a space in the house for such interaction whether it was through card games such as bridge, board games like Monopoly, music via the piano, stereo or for more recent generations though television. This room, whatever term was used for it, existed to bring the generations of family and friends together to enjoy each other's company. A byproduct of these activities was the transmission of cultural knowledge from one generation to the next.

In the 19th and early 20th centuries the piano was a focal point for many family parlors. Children would be exposed to the songs their grandparents and parents knew. For families of lesser means guitars, banjos, fiddles and other instruments were used. The creation of the phonographic record and early Victrola provided a similar means for families to listen to music together. The development and advent of radio in the early 20th century saw families gather together to listen to their favorite programs whether music, comedy or drama. Television would start to become widespread in the 1950s following the Second World War. Whichever technology was used however one thing stayed consistent, a common room in the house for such activities.

Being a child of the Seventies I can vividly remember the TV in the den and the gathering of the family together to watch shows as a collective whole. My mom would gather the kids together to watch "The Wizard of Oz" every year something her parents had done with her back in the 1950s. She would share her love of music whether folk, country, or Elvis Presley with her kids playing her guitar or by the stereo while my father focused more on folk and jazz. Though the musical taste of my sisters and myself would run much more to rock each of us ended up absorbing some to the tastes of our parents, the folk, jazz and Elvis for me and the country more for my sisters (my enjoyment of classical music came more from my grandparents than parents). It was the exposure to this music, film and other parts of American culture that came from the time spent together as a family in a common room that created a generational transfer of cultural knowledge and awareness. Watching and listening together during family activities in a common space became a huge part of my cultural education expanding my horizons beyond that of my generation of friends, a number of whom I tried to "turn on" to jazz and black and white films of the 1930s and 40s in high school, college and graduate school.

Unfortunately, today, the idea of the common entertainment area in a house has, in too many cases, become a relic of a bygone era. Digital technology allows each individual to follow their own entertainment choices. Mom and Dad (if there is a Dad around) can watch what they want with no worry as to the appropriateness of content for their kids while the children watch or listen to what they want without their parents checking whether the content is appropriate for their age. The battle of what goes on the stereo or what is watched on TV is essentially gone as our smartphones allow each of us to listen or watch what we want with no need to negotiate or parental veto. My mom would not allow Alice Cooper on the stereo much to my chagrin as a young teen and my father did not get my love for Kansas' prog-rock as it was just noise to his jazz inclined ears. Parents today often don't know what is on their child's playlist.

While some argue that this new digital age makes it harder for parents to monitor what influences their children it is also true the new technology limits their cultural growth. Without my parents and grandparents exposing me to a variety of musicians, films and art outside my generational vantage point, it is doubtful that I would have been able to expand my cultural sensibilities to delve further on my own into jazz and classical, to appreciate Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Tchaikovsky, Bach and all the others outside my generational slice of the Seventies and Eighties. For all the benefits new technology brings there is also a loss. The loss of the parlor at home is one this and future generations should think about restoring.

Francis Rexford Cooley spent 23 years teaching at Paier College of Art and is an active member of the Popular Culture Association.

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Letters to the Editor.....

Fire that killed 3 Generations of NYC Family Sparked by Lithium-ion Battery

By: Social Links for Amanda Woods

A massive blaze that killed members of three generations of a Brooklyn family over the weekend stemmed from a lithium-ion battery used to power an electric scooter owned by one of the victims, FDNY officials said Monday.

The ignited battery created a "wall of fire" that made it extremely difficult for residents to escape 242 Albany Ave. in Crown Heights — where the three-alarm blaze erupted shortly after 4:30 a.m. Sunday, killing matriarch Albertha West, 81, her son Michael West, 58, and grandson Jamiyl West, 33, the FDNY said.

"The volume of fire we see from these batteries creates untenable conditions both for residents to get out, but also for [FDNY] members to get in," Fire Commissioner Laura Kavanagh said at a news conference announcing the cause of the inferno.

The three West relatives were pulled from the three-story home and initially hospitalized with critical injuries, before being pronounced dead later Sunday, the FDNY said.

At least 14 other people were also injured in the conflagration — including one firefighter who suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries, and was recovering at home Monday, FDNY officials said.

The FDNY responds to the massive fire at 242 Albany Ave in Crown Heights.

The inferno, that caused the deaths of three generations of a Brooklyn family, was sparked by a lithium-ion battery.

Courtesy next door neighbor

"This was a difficult and dangerous fire that drew a massive response from our members and seriously injured one of our firefighters," Kavanaugh said.

The lithium-ion battery was found "extensively damaged" in the home, the FDNY boss added.

The scooter that used the powering device belonged to one of the victims killed in the fire, according to Chief Fire Marshal Daniel Flynn, who did not specify which one.

Two scooters were found on the ground floor, where the blaze erupted, Flynn said.

"I would bet very much that the West family thought when they bought this device that it was safe," Kavanagh added. "The single greatest thing we could do is make sure that unsafe devices can't be sold."

Debris seen outside the home where the deadly fire broke out: 242 Albany Ave in Crown Heights.

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The scooter belonged to one of the victims killed in the fire, FDNY officials said.

Lithium-ion battery-related fires now account for 17 of the 93 fire-related deaths reported across the city so far this year, the top fire official told reporters.

Family, Friends, & Editor

I don't know if you were following our national House of Representative Speaker of the House nomination process, but it was looking very grim! We, the Republican majority, were making no progress to finding a likeable candidate to secure the necessary minimum votes. Then along came Mike Johnson, a relatively unknown and I feel that is why he got elected! Now that he has been appointed to that position, he is letting it be known how much of a real family man he is and how much of a devout Christian he is as well! This certainly isn't what the Democrats were looking for. Under the circumstances, with the turmoil in our country and within Congress, this turn of events to get the Speaker of the House to have such strong positive Christian values is truly an act of God. I call them a" God Thing"

If you could, please send our new Speaker of the House a small donation to show our support of God's blessing. Hopefully this is a sign of things to come in the upcoming election. Thanks. Stan Pelcher

<info@awakenouramerica.com> Subject: I cannot even begin to thank you To: <stanley.pelcher@gmail.com>

Stanley – it is no secret that my life has changed drastically in the last seven days.

I am running on little sleep and late nights, but it is all worth it because I know we are working for a shared goal: to preserve freedom in this great country.

Among all the chaos, I have truly been blown away by the outpouring support from conservatives across the country, and I want to take a moment to offer my sincere gratitude.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Thank you for the chance to lead.

We are stronger as a team. I know we have a long road ahead of us, to get this country back on track, but I am bullish about the future of America.

Thank you for supporting me on this path. God bless,

Speaker Mike Johnson



Worldly News !!

Thought I'd recap the yearly news of the year in case anyone missed it. See what went on.

Finally the U.S Army announced that it was true that during the first part of the 1960's they had performed LSD tests on human beings which destroyed their minds. However, they have claimed that none of the victims has been promoted beyond the rank of lieutenant colonel.

A man who was attempting to walk around the world drowned the other day.

Twenty-six people were killed today when the funeral processions crashed into one another. Police say the casualty list does not include the two men who were already dead.

The ASPCA announced that they have filed a criminal complaint against a man who was keeping tropical fish in a moving blender. The man says it's true but that he never turns the blender above mix . The ASPCA claims he's had it up to whip and puree several times.

A passenger shot six people on the downtown bus, then asked for a transfer and shot six people on the cross-town bus. In order to prevent this from happening again. authorities are discontinuing the transfer system.

Here are the results of the blind person's golf tournament. They've just came in. The winner was Johnny Downing with 1,829 strokes. Just enough to beat Larry Powell who lost any chance he might have had when he took a 312 on the final hole.

A 65 year old woman who was trotting backwards from Winnipeg to Rio was killed when she was hit by a truck head on from the rear.

A small town in Tennessee just downwind from a nuclear plant believes it may have received some radiation. Everyone is dead, and the trees are humming.

Although the Internal Revenue Service has begun to crack down on businessmen for the 3 martini lunch, they will not bother the working man and the 2 joint coffee break.

A man who was attempting to circle the world in a hot air balloon died when he stepped out of the balloon to admire it from a distance.

A spokesman for the Biden Administration has said that many dead people are really only sick and trying to collect illegal death benefits.

On the lighter side of the news, a couple who was celebrating their 90th wedding anniversary died of shock at the beginning of a surprise **party.**

Happy New Year!!! Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!!!!!

John Gasparini



"This number is staggering and is devastating and it underlies a problem that we have been sounding the alarm on for some time," Kavanagh said.

She referred to the devices as "ticking time bombs" that the city has "gone above and beyond to address" — but argued that the private sector is not doing its part.

The highly explosive charging devices are "ticking time bombs," Kavanagh said.

"There is blood on the hands of this private industry, both from the online retailers who continue to sell these illegal devices to this day. And from the food delivery apps who continue to think that this problem will solve itself," she said.

"We cannot and we will not stand by while the industry does nothing to solve a problem that lies squarely at their feet and that they can do something about today," Kavanagh added.



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TREE TRIMMING AND CAROL SINGING TUESDAY, DECEMBER. 5, 2:00 PM

Let's kick off the season and spread some holiday cheer with our annual decorating of the living room Christmas tree while singing holiday songs with our very own choral group. Enjoy hot cocoa, cookies and being with friends.

BEAT THE HOLIDAY BLUES LUNCH & LEARN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 12:00—1:00 PM, FREE

The holiday blues are temporary feelings of anxiety or depression during the holiday season. We know this time of year is usually viewed as a time of happiness and rejoicing. But for some people, it can be a period of painful reflection, sadness, loneliness, anxiety, and depression. Join Heather Hitchcock CDP, Community Education Manager from Bristol Behavioral Health as she discusses the signs & symptoms of the holiday blues and how you can HELP alleviate them. Lunch will be sponsored by Maple View: Turkey sandwiches, Cookie, Chips, & a Bottle of water. Please call to reserve our spot.

FRAUDS AND SCAMS FACING SENIORS- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

State Senator Henri Martin and State Representative Francis Cooley invite you to attend this Free event at the Plainville Senior Center. Catherine Blinder from the Department of Consumer Protection will give a broad overview about what the Department of Consumer Protection does and present on common frauds and scams facing seniors. It is an opportunity to let seniors share what scams they have experienced so she can give ways to avoid them. For more information, please call Klya LoPresti at 1-800-842-1421 or e-mail at Kyla.LoPresti@cga.ct.gov

PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 3:00 – 3:30 PM

The Plainville High School Chamber Choir will be getting us into the holiday spirit with a special concert featuring a combination of traditional carols, classic holiday songs, and winter choral music. A little reception of treats to follow the concert. Please call the Senior Center to register.

CAREGIVING CONNECTIONS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 10:00 AM

Join your caring friends at the Senior Center as we support one another on our journeys & recognize the challenges & frustrations of 24/7 caregiving. You must register to attend. Call the Senior Center to register.

VACCINATION CLINIC WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

We will be hosting a COVID, high dose Flu, RSV, Shingles, and Pneumonia Vaccine Clinic in partnership with Stop and Shop. Appointments are required and you must bring your insurance card. Sign up at the Senior Center.

SANTA ORNAMENT CLASS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

INSTRUCTOR: PENNY KINDBLOM, COST: \$10.00. Register and pay at the Senior Center. Includes all materials—see sample is display case. Using decoupage, you will create a beautiful wooden Santa ornament with tile, greenery and ribbon. The Petit Family Foundation will be packaging Michaela's Four O' Clock seed packets. Join us for this worthwhile activity for a great cause. Pizza will be served following the event. Please sign up at the Senior Center.

HELP FOR VETERANS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 10:00 AM —BY APPOINTMENT

Our Veterans Service Officer, CT Department of Veteran's Affairs, Jason Coppola, will be at the Senior Center at 10:00 AM BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To schedule an appointment, call Jason at 203-805-6340.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 10:30 AM

If you are a grandparent or relative who is raising a grandchild, niece or nephew, you are not alone. Come to the support group at the Senior Center and share resources, ideas, struggles, joys and more with others who are raising their grandchildren. Funding for this program is made possible in part by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging. You must register to attend. Call the Senior Center or register online at www. schedulesplus.com/plainville.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING PARTY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1:30 PM COST: \$2.00

Enjoy a sweet afternoon decorating Christmas cookies, sipping hot cocoa, festive music and reminiscing of your favorite holiday traditions. Wear your favorite holiday sweater!

MEMORY CAFÉ AT THE SENIOR CENTER-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2:00PM CALL

THE SENIOR CENTER TO REGISTER

Memory Café is a warm and welcoming program for individuals with memory loss. Anyone

experiencing memory loss is welcome to attend with their loved ones or caregivers. Memory Café is a social gathering with a safe, supportive, and engaging environment that gives everyone a place to make new friends and interact with other. Enjoy appropriate activities such as crafts, games, music and conversation. Memory Café, which meets monthly, is free and welcome to all. For more information about Memory Café or to sign up, please contact Karen Pagliaro, Stephanie Soucy or Victoria Nadolski at the Senior Center. 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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE SENIOR CENTER DECEMBER 25 - DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM– MEAL SERVED At 12:00 PM

This special meal is for Senior Center members and any Plainville resident who is 60 years of age or old and who will be alone on Christmas Day. Join us for a delicious, homemade, traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Please register by Wednesday, Dec. 20. Volunteers will provide transportation for those who need a ride to the Senior Center. Let us know when you register if you will need a ride. We do not provide "take-out meals". However, if you are homebound and would like dinner delivered to your home, call us to let us know. There is no charge, but donations are greatly appreciated. *Thank you to Danielle Rivera and all the volunteers who make this

INSTRUCTOR: KATHLEEN MARSAN

"AMERICAN DIRT" by Jeanine Cummins is available beginning December 1st at the library's main desk. The author leads us through a world in which freedom of the press can be fatal and a mother's fight for a brighter and safer future.

And for your January reading pleasure, "THE LAST STORYTELLER" by Frank Delaney will be available at the Library beginning January 2nd. This Irish historical fiction is full of intrigue, drama and love. Both American Dirt and The Last Storyteller will be discussed at the January meeting. Join us for coffee and tea and lively discussions. Our group is unique in that a person is not required to attend every month, if the book of the month appeals to you, be sure to sign up as seating is limited (we keep the group small and comfortable). The book is held specifically for our group at the Plainville library and is available as an e-book if you prefer.

SLEEP TIPS BY DR. WENDY HURWITZ TUESDAY JANUARY 30, 2:30 PM—3:30 PM, *Free, Sign up required.*

Did you know that during restorative sleep the body not only rests and recharges, it also cleans the brain of toxins and debris, consolidates memories, repairs tissues and organs and grows new cells, including brain cells? Come learn about tips to improve sleep and restorative rest. Dr Hurwitz is a graduate of Yale Univ. Sch. Of Medicine and a nationally recognized expert on stress. A former medical researcher for ABC News, she is an expert in two fields: Mind/ Body Medicine and Energy Medicine. Dr. Hurwitz helps organizations and individuals achieve peak performance by enhancing vitality and wellness. She translates the latest and most sophisticated scientific research into practical, easy-to-use techniques people can use to maintain and enhance vitality even under the most trying circumstances.

DECEMBER/JANUARY - Events at a Glance

December 5, 2023 2:00 PM Tree Trimming and Carol Singing. Senior Center Living Room. Call to register. December 6, 2023 12:00—1:00 PM Beat the Holiday Blues Lunch & Learn. Call to register.

December 6, 2023 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM Frauds and Scams Presentation by Catherine Blinder from the Department of Consumer Protection. State Senator Henri Martin and State Representative Francis Cooley invite you to attend this Free event at the Center. Call to register.

December 11, 2023 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Plainville High School Chamber Choir Concert. Call to register.

December 12, 2023 10:00 AM Caregiving Connections support group. Call to register.

December 13, 2023 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Vaccination Clinic. COVID, high dose Flu, RSV, Shingles, and Pneumonia Vaccine Clinic in partnership with Stop and Shop. Appointments are required and you must bring your insurance card. Sign up at the Senior Center.

December 14, 2023, 9:30 AM—12:30 PM Santa Ornament class COST: \$10.00 includes all materials. Register and pay at the Senior Center.

December 14, 2023 1:30 PM Witches of Connecticut by the CT Museum of Culture & History. Call to register.

December 18, 2023 9:30 AM—12:00 PM Michaela's Garden Seed Packing Day. The Petit Family Foundation. Call to register.

December 19, 2023 10:00 AM Help for Veterans. Call Jason Coppola at 203-805-6340 to make an appointment. December 19, 2023 10:30 AM Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group. Open to the public. Call Stephanie at the Senior Center for more information. December 19, 2023 1:30 PM Christmas Cookie Decorating Party. Cost: \$2.00. Register and pay at the Center. December 21, 2023 2:00 PM Memory Café at the Senior Center - Open to the public. Call for more information or to register. December 25, 2023 11:30 AM Christmas Dinner at the Senior Center. Open to Senior Center members and any Plainville resident who is 60 years of age or old and who will be alone on Christmas Day. Call to register. January 18, 2024 10:00 AM Snappy Seniors Photography. New members welcome. Call to register. January 26, 2024 10:00 AM Book Buds. Enjoy discussions on two great books: "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins and "The Last Storyteller" by Frank Delaney. Call to register.

WITCHES OF CONNECTICUT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1:30 PM, FREE

Please join us as we explore the harrowing story of the hanging of witches in Colonial New England. The CT Museum of Culture and History will enlighten us with stories that continue to haunt our present-day imagination. The trials and executions of witches in Connecticut predated the famous Salem witch panic by over 40 years. Hear the stories of some of the women and men accused, tried, and executed as witches and learn how Connecticut successfully controlled the spread of witch accusations long before Salem erupted in panic and violence.

MICHAELA'S GARDEN SEED PACKING DAY MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM day possible.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27th 2:00 PM FREE, SIGN UP NOW!!

Join us as we say goodbye 2023 and ring in 2024. We will celebrate with music, sparkly photo station, hors d'oervres, "champagne toast" and dessert. SNAPPY SENIORS PHOTOGRAPHY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 10:00 AM (No December Meeting) CALL TO REGITER (860)747-5728

Members with all kinds of cell and digital cameras, and various levels of photography experience are welcome. Instructional topics include how to take better pictures with available lighting and scenery and how to overcome low lighting and scenic distractions.

BOOK BUDS DECEMBER/JANUARY BOOKS: FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 10:00 AM (No December Meeting) COST: FREE!

January 30, 2024 2:30 PM—3:30 PM Sleep Tips by Dr. Wendy Hurwitz. Free. Call to register.

Merry Christmas & Happy Holiday's to All!

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As The Plainville Historical Society calendar year ends, December is a busy month. We will have a visit from a group of local students, a program about the Children's Room with an Open House, and a reckoning of our outreach accomplishments in preparation for a report to the Connecticut Humanities, who honored us with a 2023 grant geared to that goal.

The entire year has been successful, with an increase in foot traffic in the Research Room, tours, attendance at programs and just plain fun, in a large part due to the efforts of the executive board, the volunteers, and the generous support from our members and benefactors. Plans are underway for another banner year in 2024.

Let us wave a flag to you as we cross the finish line, and wish you a joyous holiday season and a good new year.

FOLLOWING UP:

Dear Plainville Historical Society:

Kudos on your nostalgic piece about the bakery!!! Melvin Rogers (my grandmother's brother) and Aunt Helen lived across the street on Broad Street. I believe their daughter, Jane, still keeps it in her family. I have many fond memories of the bakery! We always had their goods at our family parties at Cedar Lake in Wolcott. The Rogers family had a cottage on the lake and I spent lots of time there with my grandparents, Dorothy (Rogers) and Elmer Thomas. My great grandfather, Myron, started the bakery long ago. My husband, Carl, has researched the Rogers' genealogy. Helen's daughter, Jane, would always compare notes on the family.

Thanks so much for the wonderful stroll down memory lane!

Evening Radio News Programs -- "Good evening Mr. & Mrs. America and all the ships at Sea." Lowell Thomas 1948

IMPORTANT

Please register for programs on line at plvhistorical@gmail.com Our guest capacity is limiterd. We will confirmyour seat.

PROGRAMS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 2:15 -4:00 Sue Marinelli presents "TREASURES FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM" OPEN HOUSE FOLLOWING

Snow date December 10

EASTERN CONNECTICUT PARANORMAL SOCIETY

David Bray BS, LMT, EP-C "The Truth Behind Investigating the Unknown." SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 2:00 P.M.

Snow date Sunday, January 21

Historical Video Project

The Historical Society owns an extensive library of VCR tapes dating back to 1969. Featured are TV programs and interviews by Ruth Hummel, special events and activities in town. They are precious and irreplaceable.

We are converting them to digital thumb drives. The process began with Mike Buckler, who cataloged them. Thankfully, some wise member saved the old television set that plays VCRs. Each one is reviewed for content, condition or duplication. The goal is to make them available to be used in programs, on the internet, and TV.

We have completed one group funded by our CT Humanities grant and prepare to begin a second for next year. The goal is the preservation of the tapes that have survived intact so that they can be used and enjoyed by the people of Plainville.

Only through the efforts of our volunteers and benefactors are we able to accomplish this project under the direction of Rosemary Morante.

With a day off from school these kids could not resist to jump the fence to play hockey at Norton Park Pond on February 13, 1989



Snow Day By Gert LaCombe

Wintertime is close at hand and we are anticipating and watching for our first sighting of those gossamer flakes falling from the heavenly skies. Finally the day arrives and we awake on a dark, frosty morning.

The parents and children turn on the radio and listen intently to the list of school closings. Finally we hear "Plainville -No School." Yea!

In the early days of Plainville, the No School message was sent out early in the morning on the Plainville Fire Department whistle. What a welcoming sound. That meant you could just roll over for a few more winks of sleep. The only time this would happen was when we had a heavy over night snowfall, otherwise it was up and off to school, bundled up from head to toe in snow pants and jackets.

Snowbound! The first chore after breakfast is to get out the old snow shovel and dig in. Then, when your scarf starts to stick to your face and you can't feel the tips of your fingers or toes, it's time to thaw. Mom welcomes you in and directs you to stand over the furnace to peel off the snow caked clothing to thaw out. I used to love to hear the sizzle of the water as it dropped down through the grillwork on to the heater below. By now it's lunchtime and you start to anticipate how soon all your friends would be up and out on the hill with their sleds, if they weren't already out there, packing down the snow.

Our home was a gathering place for the children on the west end of Plainville, as our property of five plus acres was surrounded by homes, two hills and an open field for our playground.

We all worked together to prepare the area with ski jumps and sled trails. My brother was the skier and I was a sled rider. Down one hill and up the other we went, trying not to crash into each other, as we made our way around the hills and valley. When we got tired we sat on our sleds at the top of the hill and talked about how many more days it would be until Christmas, and looked forward to the arrival of the man in the red suit making sure we were always doing the right thing. Now I could hear Mother calling me, it was time for supper and another melt down over the furnace. We all gathered at the table to listen to the evening radio shows. Then it was off to bed, I was always the reluctant one who would stall off as long as I could . I would climb to the top of the stairs and call down "Goodnight Mother Dear," listen for her reply, "Goodnight Father Dear" listen for his reply, and slowly move down the hall with my hot water bottle in hand and climb into bed. Goodnight!

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RememberingGarfield Jones.....



On the corner of Whiting and West Main (where Adna Whiting 's store and warehouse on the canal stood) you will find, if you look closely at the Whiting side of the building, a giant wooden, fading sign and insignia of Hart, Schaffner & Marx-- at one time worldwide merchants of elegant men's attire-- now the last vestige of Plainville's own fashion center-- Garfield Jones. The men's door was on the Whiting St. side of the building. Truly a haberdashery of the day, they dispensed indisputable advice on trending styles for men, offering three piece suits properly tailored, dapper accessories, shirts, fedoras, socks, they would pick you out a tie, even some men's toiletries. High end and classy, it was one stop shopping long before the mall or even the Commons.

managed by Josephine Squillicote. The same quality and service extended to that department. They knew most customers by name and could recall your taste and size in a moment.

At Christmas time, the entire store would be tastefully decorated and filled with all manner of merchandise for gifting: fuzzy sweaters and slipper sox, to warm wool coats. Gentlemen shoppers would shop for "m'lady" there, choosing on the perfect advice from Josephine. They beautifully gift wrapped the boxes with hand tied bows to make a stunning presentation. Talk about full service.

Most customers had their own Garfield Jones charge account. No worries. Shop happy. Merry Christmas! ... Janice



It's Just Another New Year's Eve....



Time was, when December 31 called for reservations at Wright's Roadhouse on Farmington Ave. for the ultimate New Year's Eve. Known throughout our surrounding area for its opulence, this was the place for very special celebrations. Often, entertainers from New York and beyond were booked to entertain revelers in the very elegant Lady Margaret Room. On New Year's Eve there would be ample champagne, a fine dining experience and dancing the year away to a live big band.

Some of us greeted the new year at Annie's Bar on Cooke Street. Whatever your plans this year, we wish you a happy 2024.



Do you Remember Dancing With the Stars at Wrights on New Year's Eve?

CHRISTMAS DINNER

AT THE

SENIOR CENTER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - DOORS OPEN

AT 11:30 AM- MEAL SERVED At 12:00 PM

This special meal is for Senior Center members and

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FROM MY BALCONY

Answer:

this day possible.

By: Jeannette Hinkson

This month has been another red letter month of violence around the world and people ask what is causing all killings and crime. My thought is perhaps it might start with respect. Respect for each other. Just the other day, after a shooting by a young man, when he was asked why he shot the other boy his answer was, because he disrespected him. That might be somewhat true but respect of one's own parents, grandparents, teachers, police officers or anyone of authority, has gone out of society.

Cursing at someone seems to be the norm and in today's world it seems to be all right. Stealing from parents or grandparents seems to be all right and if a parent or grandparent objects then the child goes on social media and describes their grandparent as a "piece of s--t." This I know of as fact. Using such a hateful way to attack someone is unforgivable. You might multiply this a thousand times by this generation and soon the hate grows around the world.

When you get persons in government who might call the leader of another country a dictator do you think that can lead to a friendly relationship between super powers? When you have two countries, who obviously hate each other and are killing their own citizens, do you think they are ready to say, "Oh, I'm sorry, let's be friends?" I don't think so.

The press further fans the flames of hate and if there isn't a story for the news, perhaps the reporter might make things up which further causes hate. Let us start with respect and when a child disrespects their elders, like a teach, expel them! Let us go back to the old way and a good old spanking is in order. When a child asks for something let them earn it themselves. Shaq O'Neal once said to his children, when they asked for some outlandish thing, "We aren't rich, I'm rich, you go out and earn it."

Believe me when I say this from experience, when you lavish money and gifts on your children or grandchildren, some day they will turn on you and when you refuse to give them what they want they will say, "The only reason you give is so we'll like you." My answer was, "Well, I guess you don't have to like me anymore."





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Hometown Religious Directory

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A congregation of the United Church of Christ 130 West Main Street, Plainville Phone 860-747-1901 ALL ARE WELCOME! **Rev. Don Erickson, Senior Minister** Email: revdon@cccplainvilleorg 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**

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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

Faith Bible Church

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:

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222 Farmington Ave., Plainville Phone 860-747-5191

Rev. Chris Dion, Pastor Worship: Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

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56 RedStone Hill. PlainvilleConnecticut **Rev. Kim Bosley, Pastor** Church (860)747-2328 Parsonage (860)747-2592 Email: plainvillunited@sbcglobal.net Website: www.plainvilleumc.org

Sunday Worship 10 a.m. **Sunday School TBD Regular Weekly Events** AA. Sundays 7p.m. Single Purpose Women's Group Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Special Events: All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion (Gluten Free) December 3, 10 a.m. ******

Women's Christmas Tea Sunday Dec. 3, 4 p.m.



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For info please contact Pastor Andrea Osborn at (860) 919-7470 ozzyunk@gmail.com Visit our website: www.spiritualistloveandlight.org also on Facebook: https:/www. facebook.com/CongregationSCLL/

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> **Liturgy Schedule** Saturday 4:00 P.M. Sunday

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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. *****

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE AT BOTTOM OF PAGE *****

Advent/Christmas Plans Avent Begins December 3rd Spend these 37 days of Advent well (Doing something for the poor.)

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WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Nursery Care is provided for all Sunday Services Sunday 10:00 am Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 am 11:00 am Morning Worship Service Junior Church Ages 4-8 11:00 am **Evening Worship Service** 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer Wednesday7:00 pm For information about the church visit our website @cobplainville.org

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OUR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 17th: Sung Vespers at 4 p.m. December 19th: Extra Confessions at 7 p.m.

Fourth Week of Advent: December 23rd: The Vigil Mass at 4 p.m. December 24th: Sunday Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Wrapped and ready, make no mistake and thanks to you, Santa will be arriving here at the pound right on schedule.

Your staff here at Plainville Animal Control sends all best wishes for a safe and happy holiday!



When Plainville first grader, Ruby celebrated her 6th birthday recently, she asked that her guests bring dog or cat food, which she donated to the Plainville Paws Pet Food Pantry. The pantry, administered by the Plainville Paws team, helps families in town to be able to keep their beloved pets in their home during tough times. Ruby is helping not only the pets, but the children who love them. We, and they, thank Ruby for her kindness and selfless generosity. Plainville Paws, and all of the animals, and all of the children wish Ruby and her family, and Milo, the very happiest of holidays.



Bo Sheer Happiness



Autumn - Look at that tongue!



Bo Sweet in new owners bed



Max relaxing in his new home





Baby with new daddy Nils



She's a beauty



They sure have grown



Rex with new coat from Mama

BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

Lea Michelle

The bottle and can drive for the benefit of PAWS will continue. You can leave your returns at the pound at 29 Granger Lane or at the front lobby of the Police Department. **Thank You for Your Support!**

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PumpkinFest Committee Awards Checks to Local Charities



\$10,000 check to the **Plainville Community Fund**



\$1,500 check to the Masons of Plainville



\$2.500 check to P.A.R.C.



State Representative Cooley presents Proclamations to Kathy Pugliese, Kris Dargenio and Tammy Lombardo

Linden Street School Families Visit Shelter and Decorate for Christmas

A group of Linden Street School families (Baran, Bruzas, Jalbert, Procko) spent Black Friday morning decorating a local homeless shelter for Christmas. The families received a shelter tour, decorated with children living at the shelter, and shared some cookies. They learned about the challenges the homeless face, including the 50+ children sleeping outside tonight in Connecticut.







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