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## The 2022-2023 Town Budget

### Town Government

378 Yes  
121 No

### Board of Education

362 Yes  
139 No

## \$65.7 Million Passed for 2022-2023

As presented by the  
Town Council

The \$2,301,603 increase breaks down into \$819,778 or 4.27% increase for the town Government part of the budget and a \$1,481,825 or 3.72% increase to the Board of Education Operating Budget.

“The council has not yet set the mill rate because we are still waiting on some revenues and we want to hold off as long as we can to be sure,” said Kathy Pugliese town council chair. “We are very cognizant about what is happening with inflation--in terms of energy, food and homes. We do not to put any unnecessary burden on our local taxpayers.” However, Pugliese said, the recent revaluation and increase in home prices will result in residents seeing an increase.

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5 Mountain View Dr: Catherine Talley of Plainville to Kyrsten J. Valentine and Drew J. Hudick, \$240,000 on 3/14/2022

16 Northampton Ln Unit 14: David E. Koskoff Profit Pl and David E. Koskoff of Plainville to Edward A. and Sheila E. Petrucelli, \$110,000 on 3/14/2022

235 W Main St: Pamela Prado of Plainville to Danielle M. Cruz, \$205,000 on 3/15/2022

1 Grant Ave: Gerald L. and Beth Petillo of Plainville to Christopher Petillo, \$235,000 on 3/24/2022

29 Hamlin St: TWM Development LLC of Plainville to Cory J. Liistro, \$201,500 on 3/21/2022

43 Ledge Rd: USA HUD of Plainville to Renaldo Green, \$200,000 on 3/22/2022

17 Twining St: USA HUD of Plainville to Jennifer Gunn, \$90,200 on 3/22/2022

36 Dogwood Rd: Lois H. Lindskog FT and Kenneth C. Lindskog of Plainville to Janet L. Corder, \$180,000 on 4/1/2022

492 East St Unit 17: Joseph A. Nuzzolillo of Plainville to Whiting Street Assoc LLC, \$67,000 on 4/1/29022

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22 Timber Hill Rd: Jonathan P. and Mary K. Richardson of Plainville to Justin and Taylor Tacinelli, \$281,000 on 3/28/2022

15 Beechwood Rd: Mitchell Kevin Est and Kevin Mitchell of Plainville to Doreen Corriveau, \$95,000 on 4/5/2022

78 E. Main St: Trusted Properties LLC of Plainville to Laurel Court LLC \$300,000 on 4/4/2022

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LLc to Laurel Court LLC \$300,000 on 4/4/2022

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140 W. Main St: Bristol 9LLC of Plainville to Lamz LLC \$499,900 on 4/5/2022

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

## APRIL 4th & APRIL 18th, 2022



Town Council  
April 4, 2022

### Tomlinson Avenue Bridge Project – Road Closure

- The Tomlinson Avenue Bridge Replacement Project has begun. The bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning next Monday, April 11, 2022. Detours have been set up to direct motorists. Motorists are encouraged to avoid the area and seek alternate routes.
- Pedestrian traffic across the bridge will be maintained during the project. The closure is expected to extend through the summer.

### Honor Heights Sewer Discussion

- Town staff continues to develop the plans to install sanitary sewers to the 84 homes that are in the Honor Heights neighborhood. The project is proposed as follows:

a. Project cost estimate \$1.2M to \$1.4M.

b. Source of Funding: Beneficial assessments \$840K (\$10K each residential property) and LoCIP Funding -\$560K (already in place)

c. It is proposed that the Town Council allow for the Beneficial Assessments be paid over a 10 or 20-year period at a simple interest rate of 2%.

d. The Beneficial Assessment would be due, in full, when a property is transferred/sold.

e. According to the Town Attorney, A town can pass an ordinance allowing elderly or disabled homeowners to pay their assessments in other ways. Such alternate payment methods are available only to people who are eligible for circuit breaker, tax freeze, or municipal option tax relief. The ordinance can allow owners to defer any or all payments, to pay only the annual interest charge, or to pay in some other way that the WPCA approves. The outstanding principal must be paid when the property is transferred, or the property owner dies. Optional payment arrangements are subject to annual approval by the WPCA (CGS section 7-253a). (There are currently six property owners in the Honor Heights sub-division that currently qualify for circuit breaker, tax freeze, or municipal option tax relief)

f. Property owners would not be required to connect to the sewer system if their current septic system continues to properly function.

g. The plan would be for the sanitary sewers to be installed in 2023.

- The first step in the process would be an 8-24 referral to the Planning & Zoning Commission to confirm

that the expansion is in concert with the Town Plan of Conservation and Development.

- Second, it is recommended that an Appraiser be engaged to determine the potential benefit that would accrue to the residential properties if sewers became available. Third, the Plainville Southington Health District should review the plans and provide information regarding the possible "life expectancy" for the existing septic systems. Fourth, a Public Hearing should be held to allow residents to ask questions and provide feedback regarding the proposed project.
- It is recommended that a Public Hearing on the proposed sewer installation be held in May. A recommendation on a specific date will be made at the April 18th Town Council meeting.

### ARPA Discussion and Proposed Projects – Library & Recreation

- During the recent budget work sessions, the Town Council expressed an interest in utilizing Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act for the following proposed projects: Library – Estimated cost \$100,000 and Recreation Department – Estimated cost \$40,000 to make up for loss revenue that occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- There is an item under New Business that would schedule the Public Hearing during the April 18th Town Council meeting.

### Union Tentative Agreements

- Tentative Agreements have been executed for both the Public Works Union and the Town Hall/Library/Dispatch Union for a three-year agreement beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2025.
- The agreements call for 3% salary increases for each of the three years with health insurance employee contributions increasing by 1% in FY23 and 0.5% in the subsequent 2 years.
- There is an item under New Business that would have the Town Council ratify the Tentative Agreements between the two unions.

### Tax Sale – April 5, 2022

- Atty. Adam Cohen from Pullman & Comley, LLC will be conducting a tax auction for delinquent taxes and sewer user charges owed on 15 property accounts. The auction will begin at 10:00 am tomorrow (April 5th) in the Town Council Chambers. These 15 accounts were previously authorized by the Town Council for Tax Auction last summer.
- Under the tax auction process, the Town will receive the delinquent taxes or sewer user charges owed (or a portion thereof). The property owners will then have six months

to make arrangements to pay the amounts owed, plus delinquent interest, to the successful bidders. If the taxes are not paid within the six-month period, the bidders will then take ownership of the properties.

- Those on the list have delinquent taxes and/or sewer user charges ranging from \$9K to \$103K which the Town has not received any payments in several years.

### Police Chief Reception

- This is a reminder that a reception to welcome new Police Chief Christopher Vanghele will be held on Wednesday evening (April 6th) from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Plainville Public Library.
- Residents and business owners are welcome to attend and meet the Police Chief. Light refreshments will be served.

### Plainville/Southington Health District Update

- The Health District has recently hired two new employees and are now fully staffed. Tanielle Davis has been hired as the Chief Sanitarian for the District. She has a Master Degree in Public Health and previously worked for the Town of Manchester Health Department and the Farmington Valley Health District.
- Julia Burdacki-Krugel is a registered sanitarian who previously worked for the Chesprocott Regional Health District and is a member of the CT Environmental Health Association.
- Regional Health Director Susan Lonczak recently said that the Health District's focus – now that they are fully staffed – that over the next several months, staff will be catching up with restaurant inspections.

### Farmington Avenue Tree Planting Update

- The Town Council recently authorized ten trees be replanted on Farmington Avenue. These trees were removed by the State Department of Transportation after being damaged by several recent storms.
- The tree plantings are expected to begin this Wednesday, April 6th.

Town Council  
April 18, 2022

### Personnel Policies

- On January 18th Town staff submitted an update of the "Personnel Policy Manual" to the Town Council. This policy had not been updated and reviewed by the Town Council in many years.
- The purpose for the manual is to provide employees and applicants with important information concerning employment with the Town of Plainville, to provide a uniform policy for handling all non-union personnel matters, and

to handle and clarify situations applicable to all employees including union personnel (unless stated otherwise in a collective bargaining agreement)

- As requested, a "red line" copy of the policy was provided to the Town Council. The Human Resource Director Stacy Buden has proposed updating the Personnel Policy to reflect changes that have occurred in both federal and state law. It has also been updated to reflect some of the changes that have also occurred to benefits that are currently provided to Town employees. The Draft has been reviewed by Atty. Kenneth Weinstock as well.
- Chapter VIII – Sec. 2 of the Town Charter states: The Manager shall also cause to have prepared a set of personnel rules which together with any amendments thereto shall become effective upon being approved by the Town Council and filed by the Manager with the Town Clerk. Copies of such rules and any amendments thereto shall be distributed to all members of the classified service.
- Town staff is prepared to answer questions with respect to the proposed amendments to the "Personnel Policy Manual" and a future meeting, if desired.

### Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Discussion – Phase 1

- The State D.O.T. is finalizing Phase 1 of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail in Plainville. Phase 1 will extend from Norton Park south to Town Line Road.
- The present schedule indicates that the design will be completed this December with an anticipated construction beginning next Spring (2023).
- Between now and December, the State will be seeking environmental permits for the project and acquiring several private property rights-of-way.
- The plan is the same as what was presented at a Public Information Session last year. Scott Bushee, the Project Manager for D.O.T. has offered to attend a Town Council meeting if desired.

### White Oak Redevelopment Project Update

- The Agreement with Tighe & Bond to provide environmental site assessment, remediation planning and observation and hazardous building materials assessment, abatement planning, and monitoring at the former White Oak site has been signed.
- The maximum fee for these services total \$143,883.90 all of which will be paid by a state grant previously secured by the

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- Their first order of business will be to assist the Town in having the site enrolled into the CTDEEP Voluntary Clean-up Program.
- It is anticipated that this work will last approximately 240 days, however, certain portions of the property may become available to the developer during that time to allow them to begin work on the rehabilitation of the existing building.
- Town staff is also finalizing the Land Disposition and Development Agreement with Manafort Newport Realty TY, LLC. It is now estimated that this Agreement will be brought forward to the Town Council for approval next month.

#### 2022 Road Paving Update

- The 2022 Road Bond Program has begun with work being done on the catch basins on the streets to be paved. The plan is to mill and pave 19 streets totaling approximately 3 miles in length. These streets have not been paved in over 30 years.
- The work is expected to be completed by Memorial Day.

#### Sidewalk Bid Results

- Last Thursday (April 14, 2022) five bids were received for sidewalk replacement. The low bid was submitted by D & P Morais Construction of Ludlow, MA in the amount of \$332,350. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$500K. Town staff is reviewing the bids and will also check references of previous work.
- The project includes the replacement of 7,000 linear feet of sidewalks on portions of Maxine Road, Bernice Court, Florence Lane, Tomlinson Avenue, and Laurel Court. The project will also replace the sidewalk in front of West Main Pizza on East Main Street.
- D & P Morais is a "prequalified construction contractor" through the State of CT Department of Administrative Services for projects up to \$1M. A recommendation to award the sidewalk bid will be made at the May 2, 2022, Town Council meeting.
- The project will be done this summer.

#### Hemingway Street Drainage Issue

- At the November 15, 2021, Town Council meeting Town staff reported that several residents on Hemingway Street had contacted the Town regarding a drainage problem that was impacting their properties.

- This drainage issue is related to surface and groundwater flowing southerly toward remnants of the Farmington Canal located in Norton Park at the rear of their property. During most of the year, rear portions of their properties are unusable due to flowing and standing water. Some of the water is coming from adjacent Town owned property as well.
- It was discussed that property owners had approached the Town for a solution to this matter. Information gathered indicates that when these properties were developed in the early 1960s, a pipe and swale were installed to address this issue. There are no records of the original installation nor were there any legal documents filed identifying responsibilities for the drainage pipe.
- Over time, it appears sections of the pipe have failed and portions of the swale were regraded. The exact extent of the original installation is unknown; however, historical aerial photographs seem to indicate the installation extended northerly from Norton Park to at least to Willis Avenue.
- The most practical solution to this matter would be to reestablish the original installation with modifications. The first and most important modification would be to draft and file the appropriate legal documents outlining responsibilities. Other modifications would involve design elements that would improve the efficiency and durability of the system. It is the engineering department's recommendations the new pipe be constructed of PVC and that the reestablished swale include yard drains.
- Any installation is contingent upon complete agreement of the property owners involved. An easement will need to be secured from every property owner involved in the project. The project can only proceed northerly from Norton Park to the point where the first property owner is not agreeable to an easement.
- A conceptual design review indicates approximately 2000 linear feet of PVC pipe would need to be installed along with approximately five (5) yard drains. The cost for such installation is estimated to be in the range of \$75,000 to \$100,000. Costs could be less if Town staff were to perform the installation.

- Should Town Staff install the system out of pocket costs could just be for the materials needed.
- If the Town Council was interested in providing a solution to this long-standing drainage issue, it would be my recommendation that the property owners directly affected pay for a portion of the construction. The costs could be offset using American Rescue Plan monies as well.
- In November, the Town Council appeared willing to move forward in some way to address this problem.
- If desired, the work to replace this pipe could be done later this summer. Town staff is seeking Town Council thoughts on whether the Town staff should move forward with a plan to address this issue.

#### Honor Heights Sewer – Public Hearing

- It is recommended that the Town Council, acting in its capacity as the Water Pollution Control Authority, conduct a Public Hearing regarding the extension of sewers into the Honor Hight's Subdivision on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Town Council Chambers.
- If scheduled, the Public Notice along with an explanation of the proposed project would be mailed to all the property owners in Honor Heights approximately two weeks before the Public Hearing.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

#### Additional Appropriation – Capital Improvement Plan

- The FY22 Capital Improvement Plan included funding from the "unassigned fund balance" in the amount of \$869,150. Earlier this year the Town Council approved an additional appropriation of \$600K

- to the CIP.
- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council schedule a Public Hearing for the remaining amount (\$269,150) for May 2, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the Town Council Chambers.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

#### American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Proposed Project

- The list of potential projects to consider for ARPA Funding included the replacement of the chiller at Toffolon Elementary School in the amount of \$300K. The plan is to have this chiller replaced before the start of school in September.
- There is an item under New Business that would schedule a Public Hearing on this expenditure utilizing the Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for May 2, 2022, before the next Town Council meeting.

#### Fair Housing

- The Town is required to regularly acknowledge our commitment to Fair Housing. There are three items under New Business that would: 1) adopt a resolution entitled "Fair Housing Resolution"; 2) re-appoint the Town Manager as the Fair Housing officer and authorize him to sign and implement the "Fair Housing Statement"; and 3) authorize the Town Manager to sign and implement the "Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement".

#### Financial Dashboard

- The Financial Dashboard for the first nine months of FY22 through March 31, 2022, has been provided to the Town Council and has been posted to the Town website.

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## Everyone is Invited to..... Fire Department Open House

On Saturday, May 21st the Plainville Fire Company and Department will be hosting a community Open House at the Fire Department Headquarters located at 77 West Main Street in Plainville. The Open House will be held from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, with activities and demonstrations planned throughout the day. The rain date for the Open House is planned for Sunday, May 22nd.

We are inviting the community of Plainville, in particular those that would like to learn more about the Plainville Fire Company and those who may be interested in volunteering to be a member of the Plainville Fire Company. We have an exciting day of events planned, including:

- **11:30 am UTV Obstacle Course Demonstration**
- **12:00 pm Tower Ladder Truck Operation Demonstration**
- **1:00 pm Portable Fire Extinguisher Demonstration and Hands-on Training**
- **2:00 pm Vehicle Accident and Patient Extrication Demonstration**

Interactive activities such as a Firefighter Obstacle Course, hands-on firefighting tools, and tours of the station and apparatus will be ongoing throughout the day.

**We will also be serving hamburgers and hotdogs from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm while supplies last.**

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**Please plan to join us at our Open House, learn about your community volunteer fire department, and if interested, how you can join as well!**

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

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

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By: Cindy Porrini

### April 4th Meeting

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- \* "BETWEEN HEARTS" BOOK DISCUSSION THURSDAY, APRIL 14, AT 11:00 A.M.
- \* NUTRITION TRIVIA BINGO TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2:00 P.M.
- \* FITNESS CLASSES: The Senior Center is offering a variety of in-person and virtual fitness classes including Zumba Gold, Gentle Chair Pilates and Balance, Yoga-Lates, Cardio Chair Fitness, Power Burst and more. Call the Senior Center for more information, that number again is 860-747-5728.

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- \* MEET & GREET PLAINVILLE'S NEW POLICE CHIEF---PRESENTATION ON SCAMS AND CRIMES TARGETING OLDER ADULTS, TUESDAY, APRIL 19 11:00 A.M.,
- \* NUTRITION TRIVIA BINGO TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2:00 P.M.
- \* DOLLY PARTON-- THE LIFE & TIMES OF DOLLY PARTON THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 10:00 A.M.
- \* MEMORY CAFÉ AT THE SENIOR CENTER THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2:30 P.M.
- \* LUMINARY DECORATING FOR BRISTOL/PLAINVILLE RELAY FOR LIFE FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 10:00 A.M.,
- \* Reminder the all-day budget vote is on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 from 6am to 8pm at the Firehouse.
- \* Housing Affordability Workshop, Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 7:30PM, Room 304, Plainville Municipal Center for additional information contact Mark Devoe (860) 793-0221 ext. 7177 or devoe@plainville-ct.gov

### Steps to Be Taken by Property Owners When Sewage Back-up Occurs-If a back-up occurs during business hours call:

Business Hours Monday – Friday 7:00am – 3:00p

Water Pollution Control Department:  
(860)793-0221 Ext. 228

**If a back-up occurs during non-business hours call: Plainville Police**

**Non-Emergency Line:  
(860)747-1616**

## Leaving the Left

By: Rachel Buchanan

I am a defector of the Democrat Party. After 25 years as a Democrat, I walked away. I walked away due to the divisive nature of the party and groupthink mentality. It has been six, long years since leaving and seeking refuge with the Republicans. Walking away from the Democrat Party has had its consequences. It was incredible how short the amount of time was before I was being called horrible names by my former party members. No one thought to inquire why I left the party after so many years, especially since I had been actively involved. I worked on Ned Lamont's first political campaign for Senate and traveled to D.C. with my church group to serve President Bush Jr. an eviction notice from the White House. Instead I was called far right, Nazi, clan women, conspiracy theorist, insurrectionist, domestic terrorist, the list goes on.

The people using these words ranged from strangers on the internet to former classmates, friends, family members and the mainstream media. I was a traitor and one of the worst kinds as I am a minority four times over. I could have claimed my spot near the top of the left's hierarchy of victimhood, but instead I decided to call them out for creating one.

Thankfully many good people from all walks of life, political parties and backgrounds understood why I walked away and saw through the lowbrow name calling. The support I felt while running for the Board of Education in November was tremendous. The experience opened my eyes even further to how many of you across party lines share my frustrations and angst regarding the country's current state of affairs. I heard the phrase "enough is enough" used repeatedly. Enough with the censorship and "cancel culture", enough pushing an ideology on kids in school, enough with tyrannical rules and restrictions, enough with the destruction of women's sports, enough with big government, big tech and big pharma, enough with open borders and enough inflation!

Entire movements, such as Blexit and #WalkAway were organized by Americans leaving the Democrat Party. Too many of us stopped believing the lie. Independent journalism grew out of this revolution and is now winning in the battle for viewers. CNN's new streaming network, CNN+ is seeing less than 10,000 viewers a day!

Compare that to the millions of views of popular social media, independent journalists. This is why censorship has become such an important tool of the Democrats. Just like Hunter's laptop, if you say it isn't true or stop others from saying it is true, then maybe it won't be!

Sadly for the left, we are not as stupid as they think we are and we are much more connected in our humanity and quest for truth than they imagined.

*If you thought we had a Red Wave in Plainville and the country this past municipal election, you've not seen anything yet!*

## Stop Rinsing and Repeating!

Water hardness is the amount of dissolved calcium and magnesium in the water. In fact, you may have felt the effects of hard water, literally, the last time you washed your hands. For example, that thin "film" or residue on your fingers after cleaning the dishes? Yeah, that's hard water. As a result, you have to use more soap to clean things, whether your hands, hair, laundry or stemware.

And that's just annoying. And costly. And a total waste of time.

To prevent this issue from occurring in your water, we highly recommend that you should test your water quality at least once annually. That's why we're offering you a free water assessment to ensure its quality for you and your family.

**Check page 40 for assistance!**

## Town of Plainville Tomlinson Avenue Bridge Replacement Project Road Closure

The Tomlinson Avenue Bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic effective Monday, April 11, 2022. A detour has been established, and signs will be installed to direct motorists. Motorists and pedestrians are encouraged to avoid the area and seek alternate routes.

**The closure is expected to extend through the summer.**

### For Voting Information or Questions Contact:

**Susan Abrams**

**Democrat**

**Registrar of Voters**

**860-793-0221 Ext. 7161**

**Beth Gasparini**

**Republican**

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## Town of Plainville On-Demand Bulk Pickup Policy

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

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

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

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

Questions can be referred to Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 x7176, or you can refer to the Public Works Department page on the Town of Plainville website, [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com).

## Thinking about a Reverse Mortgage?

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## Transitioning to Outdoor Exercise

Happy spring from Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers of Plainville. It's that time of year again! The temperature is starting to rise, and the sun is staying out for longer each day. It's time to grab those sneakers and head outside for your workout to take advantage of the natural terrain and fresh air for great mental relief. Taking your exercise outdoors is a natural antidepressant and it also challenges your body for an extra boost. Best of all, it's free!

### Avoiding Injury

If something feels tight or sore, be sure to gently massage or foam roll the given area followed by stretching for about 2-3 minutes. Do not worry about excessively stretching each muscle. What's more important is a dynamic warm up!

Dynamic warmups involve activating the muscles by performing similar movements to your workout in ways that mimic the body demands about to take place. This should be done for any type of exercise. For example, running is a very common form of outdoor exercise. Prior to running, try performing these movements to improve blood flow, gradually increase heart rate, loosen up your joints and get the leg muscles ready:

Air squats, Hip hinges (preferably single leg), Walking lunges, Single leg balance with hip flexion and extension, Light jog in place for a

minute. Lastly, do not worry about doing too many repetitions and tiring yourself before your run. 10-20 good repetitions of each will suffice. If you are unsure of your ability to perform any movements, be sure to ask your friendly local physical therapist at Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers of Plainville.

### Outdoor Activities

Running is a great form of exercise, but there are plenty of options of outdoor activities that serve as great forms of exercise! Exercises don't have to include weights. Think of it this way, if you are moving your body at a heart rate (HR) slightly elevated than your resting HR, then you are exercising! Some great outdoor activities to get your blood flowing can include: Hiking, Bike riding, Basketball, softball, flag football etc., Kayaking, Yoga. Additionally, if you have access to some free weights, resistance bands, or other workout equipment, it is always good to find some open space and perform your usual routines outside in the sun for some Vitamin D. Vitamin D is essential to our immune system and plays a role in helping us absorb the calcium we need to keep our bones nice and strong!

### Tips & Tricks

If you and your Netflix account became closer friends this winter and you spent less time exercising, do not rush back into it! Be sure to

warm up accordingly and start with lower weights, lower reps, or less distance. Remember, muscle soreness is delayed (commonly referred to as "DOMS" for delayed onset muscle soreness). So, you may be feeling great during your workout as our bodies natural endorphins leave us feeling great with exercise but push too hard and you may be in a lot of discomfort for a couple of days after. Prolonged discomfort results in less availability for your exercises!

Also, as your activity increases, your body's demand for fuel and hydration will as well. Be sure to drink plenty of water, and eat plenty of food consisting of protein, healthy carbs, and vegetables. For specific nutritional advice, be sure to ask your Professional PT for a local dietician or nutritionist!

Interesting final tip, if running is your exercise of choice and you are returning to outdoor running, consider your route. Make sure to change your route occasionally or change the direction in which you run. Believe it or not, always running the same path can actually lead to minor injuries over a period of time! This is because roads are designed to have a degree of inclination. This incline allows for proper drainage after it rains. Therefore, when running on the side of the road, one leg is technically 'reaching' more than the other. This can impact your ankle, knee, hip, or low back joints differently than the opposite limb when done excessively and expose the body to increased risk of injury.

*If you're experiencing any pain or discomfort while engaging in your workout, schedule an appointment with us at Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers of Plainville. Call us at (860) 517-8885 or visit us at [www.PTSMC.com/Plainville](http://www.PTSMC.com/Plainville).*

## Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers

Kevin M. Connellan PT Partner/Director

103 East Main St Suite, Plainville, CT 06062

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## Plainville Pet

### Cemetery

West Cemetery

180 North Washington

Street

Our Pet Cemetery will provide another way to honor your beloved household pet as we assist you in memorializing them in their forever home.

Our Pet cemetery is located in the wooded area behind our office building where the cremated ashes can be interred amongst the trees, plants and foliage along the back fence area. We have a path, leading to our memorial brick pavers. It is beautifully landscaped with grass, flowers, bushes, bird bath and benches amidst the trees.

\* *Interment of Ashes \$75 (burials are done by PCA Staff)*

\* *Personalized Memorial Brick Pavers \$125 (can be purchased with or without a burial)*

Forms are located on Town of Plainville Website (under: Boards / Plainville Cemetery Assn) or contact the office at 860-747-2314 for additional information.

## PLAINVILLE

### VETERANS

### MEMORIAL WALL

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

- BM 2 Greg Mazur – United States Navy
- SP 4 John A Murphy – United States Army
- PFC Francis H. Badon – United States Army
- CPL Raymond J. Michaud – United States Marine Corp

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.

**We are on line....[www.plainvillehometownconnection.com](http://www.plainvillehometownconnection.com)**

## LOGAN CAMPAIGN RESPONDS TO COMMENTS BY CONGRESSWOMAN

HAYES

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

"It is disheartening to hear these remarks from Congresswoman Hayes, boiling this campaign down to skin color," said Logan. "I'm running for Congress because I believe my life experiences, as a policy maker, a successful career in private industry, serving on boards and commissions dedicated to giving back to our community, and a Masters degree in mechanical engineering, make me better equipped to serve the people of the Fifth District and our community more so than Ms. Hayes," added Logan. "I'm not running for Congress on identity politics like Ms. Hayes seems to believe, I'm running to fight for the people of Connecticut and to be an advocate for common sense solutions that will help get our state and country back on track," Logan concluded.

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# P-l-a-i-n-v-i-l-l-e

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

**(Sam Raves)** We needed to install a Walk in Shower and remove the tub. We were checking prices and figured we would have to wait a little longer to save for the improvement. A friend said we should go to Plainville Plumbing Supply on East Street and talk with the owner Pat. Best advice, he gave us quotes on the project and gave us the names of a couple contractors. Today we are enjoying our new Walk-in-Shower. Thank you, Pat.

**(Jack Faves)** Saw the Rave last month about the West Main Pizza on East Main St. and the Western entertainment. The Pizza was great also. I would call it one of my favorite places in town also!

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

**Email to: plainvillehometown@gmail.com**

**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 St., Plainville, CT 06062**

**Email your Faves & Raves to share it with everyone!**

**Let's hear what you have to say, we need your comments!**

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# “HAPPY & HEALTHY BIRTHDAY TO ALL”

## MAY

- 1ST BOB PUGLIESE
- 2ND AUDREY BERGENTY  
GUNNAR BENSON (6 YRS OLD)
- 4TH LINDA ZOMMER
- 5TH FRANK COMPANIK
- 9TH LISA PERROTTI  
DOMINICK MOSHINI  
BRUCE GIANINNI
- 11TH BEV CUNNINGHAM  
BEV NOBLE
- 15TH SUSAN CHASE
- 17TH KAREN DREZEK  
RON & RICK BUCCHI (TWINS)
- 18TH PETE DARGENIO  
TORI COMPANIK
- 20TH TESSIE TAYLOR  
FRANK ZDUNCZYK
- 21ST JENNI BUCCHI
- 23RD DEBORAH TOMPKINS
- 24TH MARIA SCRICCA
- 26TH VALENA PALUMBO
- 27TH REV. WILLIAM BALDYGA
- 28TH JOEL EDMAN
- 30TH EZIO CAPOZZI



Crossword

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. ENGLISH RIVER
- 5. PARTICULAR PART OF SOME-THING
- 11. COOL!
- 14. WELSH FOR JOHN
- 15. GIVEN NAME MEANING "GREAT SPIRIT"
- 16. WRATH
- 17. SOCIAL OCCASION
- 19. MECHANICAL BELT
- 20. \_\_\_ DE LA \_\_\_
- 21. COMMANDS
- 22. BODY PART
- 23. CAUGHT SIGHT OF
- 25. FUNERAL CAR
- 27. SKIN INFECTION
- 31. SOMETIMES THEY "BURN"
- 34. RUSSIAN RIVER
- 35. FAMED SOAP OPERA CHARACTER KANE
- 38. PIE \_\_\_ MODE
- 39. ENDANGERED
- 41. SOCIALLY INEPT PERSON
- 42. ROMANIAN RIVER
- 44. SWERVE
- 45. MONETARY UNIT OF SAMOA
- 46. A TYPE OF APPROACH TO PLEASE
- 49. FORM OF HEBREW NAME FOR

**GOD**

- 51. "CARRY ON MY WAYWARD SON"
- ROCKERS
- 55. A TEAM'S BEST PITCHER
- 56. A WOODY CLIMBING PLANT
- 60. LONG, EDIBLE MARINE FISH
- 61. HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP IN AFRICA (ABBR.)
- 62. DATA
- 64. CORPORATE BIGWIG
- 65. CLIMBS
- 66. RELATING TO THE EAR
- 67. COMMERCIALS
- 68. YOU NEED IT TO EAT
- 69. POLITICAL EXTREMISTS

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. RECONNAISSANCE (BRIT. MILITARY)
- 2. ASSERTS TO BE THE CASE
- 3. STARCHY FOOD MADE OF DRIED ORCHID TUBERS
- 4. FOES
- 5. RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS SCORE
- 6. RULER OF IRAN
- 7. THE TOP OF THE HEAD
- 8. LILLY AND MANNING ARE TWO
- 9. PURCHASE ATTIRE FOR
- 10. GLITTERING WITH GOLD OR SILVER
- 11. THE BANK OF A BODY OF WATER
- 12. REGIONS
- 13. MAKES TRACTORS
- 18. ADULT BEVERAGE
- 24. FORCE UNIT
- 26. SWISS RIVER
- 28. CATER TO
- 29. WOODY CLIMBING PLANTS
- 30. SEEMS LESS IMPRESSIVE
- 31. CONSUME
- 32. BOXING'S GOAT
- 33. SOUTHWESTERN FARMERS
- 36. BEVERAGE HOLDER
- 37. A WAY TO DETERIORATE
- 39. JUDGE
- 40. NORSE EXPLORER \_\_\_ THE RED
- 43. FARM RESIDENT
- 45. ONE WHO HELPS TO GOVERN
- 47. PLANT-EATING GROUND BUG
- 48. HISTORY FINNISH COUNTY
- 49. CONIFER NATIVE TO JAMAICA
- 50. LONGED
- 52. SMALL JAPANESE CITY
- 53. ARUM FAMILY PLANT
- 54. PUTS TOGETHER IN TIME
- 57. FROM A DISTANCE
- 58. \_\_\_ CONTENDERE: NO CONTEST PLEA
- 59. REGION
- 63. MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME

## Happy Wedding Anniversary

**Conrad & Cynthia Fontaine**  
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**Answer on page 16**

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## “Ask Sheila”

**Q-1) I am thinking about relocating/moving to a warmer southern state.**

**Can I keep my Medicare Advantage Plan when I move?**

**A-2) No. Advantage Plans are 'State-based' . If you change your state of Primary Residence, you will need to change your plan. I would suggest that you consider/review the plans in the area where you are planning to move.**

**In Florida, for example, there are a numerous variety of Advantage Plans based on the County you live in. It would be advisable to do some research before you make that permanent change of residence.**

**Q-2) My 65th Birthday was last month and I didn't enroll in Medicare. I was busy and it wasn't a priority at the time. Now Access Health has notified me my coverage is ending this month. Is it too late to enroll in Medicare?**

**A-2) You should begin your enrollment in Medicare as soon as possible. You are allowed the 3 months prior to your Birthday month, the month of your 65th Birthday, and 3 months after your Birthday month to enroll in Medicare without being subject to a late enrollment penalty. Go to SSA.gov to complete your Medicare enrollment.**

**Q-3) I am turning 65 soon, but my spouse is 3 years younger than me.**

**Can she be included on my Medicare policy when I enroll?**

**A-3) No. Medicare is a personal policy for each person. Your spouse will not be eligible for Medicare until she turns 65; unless she has SSDI.**

If you have any specific questions, or would just like to talk about your Medicare coverage, feel free to give me a call at 860-965-0091 Sheila

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

### GRADUATION SEASON '22

It's that time of year again when young adults enjoy the excitement of entering their next stage in life. High School graduation brings a sense of accomplishment, excitement, and optimism for all of the graduates. For most, graduation also presents an opportunity to celebrate with a party. Whenever there is a party, the threat of alcohol being present should always be on the minds of parents. Some parents may try to control the consumption of alcohol by allowing their children to drink under their supervision. However, the dangers associated with underage drinking will persist even when adults are present.

Connecticut criminal law penalizes anyone who sells, ships, delivers, or gives alcoholic liquor to a minor, by any means, with a fine not to exceed \$1,500 or imprisoned not more than 18 months or both. The law specifically outlines parents as a person who may be guilty of this crime. If the minor child were ever to be charged with possessing and consuming the alcohol given to them by their parent(s), then the parents could also be charged with a crime. This law extends to any minor, so if you child's friends consume the alcohol you provided, you expose yourself to criminal charges. The application of the law is probably not that shocking for any parent who may be reading this article. The law may not even be enough to deter some from allowing alcohol at a graduation party. Although, after considering the potential civil liability you expose yourself to you may want to reconsider facilitating any underage drinking.

### Attorney Thomas A. Wurz

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The potential for anyone to get injured after consuming alcohol is always apparent. When that person is an underage, inexperienced drinker the odds obviously increase exponentially. Therefore, when an adult gives a minor alcohol and that minor injures themselves or others, that adult will be liable for the result. The adult is liable because they set forth the chain of events by supplying the alcohol. Civilly, this opens them up to be sued for the damages they helped create. If the parent or other adult gets a civil judgment ordered against them they may have their wages attached or just about anything they own in order to pay the judgment. Most people would not risk everything they have or may potentially have with someone they trust. So why would anyone risk everything they have to a group of people they may hardly know and have no control over? Regardless of how responsible your children and their friends may be, supplying alcohol to them will always expose you to whatever they do under the influence. Whatever perceived control you may think you have, the reality is that you can never prevent some things. You may end up being liable for something as small as a trip and fall or something as big as a death.

Graduation season is a time for joy and celebration. The last thing anyone wants to think about is an unfortunate incident when they reflect on a graduation. So don't hesitate to tell your kids "No" when it comes to underage drinking. As always, if any of these situations become a reality in your life, consult with a licensed attorney so that you may better understand and protect your rights.

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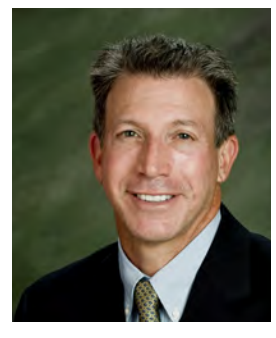
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# DENTAL HEALTH

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Fellow of the Association Orthodontics*



Researchers are finding possible links between periodontal (gum) infections and other diseases throughout the body. Current studies suggest that there may be a link between gum disease and cardiovascular disease. In fact, some research suggests that gum disease may be a more serious risk factor for heart disease than high blood pressure (hypertension), smoking, high cholesterol, gender and age. Studies suggest that people who have gum disease seem to be at a higher risk for heart attacks, although no one is certain how this relationship works. Your oral health affects your overall health, but studies that will find exactly why these problems are linked are still underway. Keep your mouth healthy! Gum disease is a serious gum infection that should always be taken seriously. Although gum disease can often show few or no symptoms at all, watch for gums that are red and irritated or bleed easily. There are many new treatments available to control and help reverse gum disease. Remember, gum disease is caused by plaque buildup. Brush and floss regularly to remove plaque that you can't see below the gumline, and remember to schedule regular checkups. If you remove the plaque, you minimize the chance for getting gum disease. If you have any

questions about your oral health, ask your dentist. The current theory is that bacteria present in infected gums can come loose and move throughout the body. The same bacteria that cause gum disease and irritate your gums might travel to your arteries. Researchers are unsure what causes the bacteria to become mobile, but it has been suggested that bacteria can be dislodged and enter the bloodstream during tasks as simple as brushing, flossing or even chewing. Research shows that your risk of developing cardiovascular disease varies according to the severity of gum infection. The worse the infection, the more likely the bacteria are to become blood-borne. Infected gums bleed, making it easier for bacteria to enter your bloodstream. If bacteria become dislodged, the bacteria can enter through cuts or sores in your mouth and can travel to other parts of the body through your bloodstream. If bacteria reach the arteries, they can irritate them in the same way that they irritate gum tissue. This could cause arterial plaque to accumulate, which can cause hardening of the arteries and decreased or blocked bloodflow. Compromised bloodflow to your heart can cause a heart attack. Also, arterial plaque can come loose and travel to other parts of the body. If a blockage occurs in the brain, it can cause a stroke.

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## Friends and Neighbors,

It's been a busy week at the Capitol. In between wrapping up our committee work and finalizing bills, the lack of scheduled session days in the early part of the month has provided me with an opportunity to attend some events within our district.

### Root Center for Advanced Recovery Grand Opening

On Thursday, I was invited to attend the Grand Opening Celebration of the Root Center for Advanced Recovery in New Britain. The Root Center does tremendous work in helping people regain control of their lives. They have a dedicated and caring staff who truly love what they do, and the testimony provided by people they've helped prove their level of care goes beyond what you might find at similar facilities.

*The Root center is located at 542 E Main St, New Britain, the former site of Angelico's Café.*

### CCA |DV Breakfast and Awards Ceremony

Friday morning I attended the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence's 11th Annual Breakfast & Awards Ceremony. I was invited to acknowledge the Class of 2022. These 100 plus individuals were recognized for being leaders who

are working to improve the lives of domestic violence survivors across Connecticut.

It was also an honor to recognize my colleague State Representative Holly Cheeseman who received the Coalition Crusader Award for her hard work and advocacy.

### Raising of the Christian Flag in New Britain's Central Park

Friday afternoon I joined the New Britain Hispanic Community of Faith for a ceremony to raise the Christian flag in Central Park as part of Holy Week.

This is the second consecutive year in which the City of New Britain raised the Christian flag. Local religious leaders said the event has prompted other cities throughout Connecticut such as Hartford, New Haven, and Bridgeport to follow suit.

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

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# Happy Mother's Day

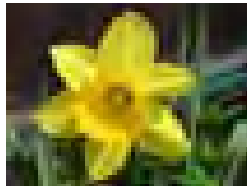
**By:  
Sally  
Miller**



When I think of Mother's Day I think of days with my Mom and Grandma. Some spring and summer mornings, we three generations would work in the garden and then sit in the yard and enjoy the splendor of springtime. Gram's favorite area was the lily of the valley garden. She would have me pick one and enjoy the faint sweetness that it emanated. I would place the white bells against my face and feel its coolness. Mom's and my favorite were the daffodils, which lit up the garden with the brightness of yellow hues; and the pansies, which lifted their little faces to say hi. Mom would point out the wonderful little faces on the pansies turned toward us and mom would say, "Their beautiful faces are saying look at me, look at me". We sat under trees filled with pink, white and red colors as if the branches were hair and decorated with brightly colored ribbons. The yard was filled with purple and pink hyacinths which wore the most fragrant of perfumes that tickled our noses. Eventually an orchestra would begin of squirrels as they scurried around the earth and the brilliantly red cardinals in their elegance sang as if in an opera house. The robins flitted from tree to tree with their red breasts thrust forward as if proud of who they

were. Signs of spring appeared as the dogwood tree turned pink and white against its chocolate colored branches. The whirr of bees looking for nectar buzzed around, and an occasional butterfly would glide by, floating on soft morning breezes. Mom was so fascinated with their stained glass like wings that we would sit quietly and watch in admiration as they joined the group of bees hovered over tulips the color of shiny red apples. Wrens and sparrows held conversations while perched near pussy willows that had soft little pods. Mom recited poetry and Gram would hum old remembered tunes. These awesome women continued to teach me by example as the sun began to shine and the earth woke. A variety of birds busily flew to and from with twigs in their mouths as they began building a community as this community of dedicated, wonderful mothers continued to spend time and teach this young girl to appreciate these wonderful treasures of life. The two women and little girl would sit, enjoying each other's presence and being oh so grateful for the wonderland they shared. Now as I walk through my garden and smell the hyacinths, see the robins, delight at the daffodils, and watch the trees shake their locks in the wind, I remember and I say to my Mom and Gram, "Thank you for the lessons beautiful ladies and thank you for showing me that wonderful world."

As a note: I just recently told my daughter to dig up some daffodils from my yard for hers. These are daffodils the two ladies and a child planted many many years ago.



**Happy Mother's Day  
to all Mothers!!**

## The Gift that Keeps on Giving

In honor of National Volunteer Week, Jerome Home recognized Diane Poplawski.



Over a decade ago, Pat Cardella lived at Arbor Rose. Cardella filled the community with her smile and easy-going demeanor that made her approachable. Her daughter, Diane Calvo Poplawski, visited her every day, until her last day. Cardella lived 102 years of a meaningful life. Poplawski describes her mother's fondest memories to be celebrating holidays and birthdays with their family in the community room at Arbor Rose. They would also gather every Sunday for dinner. Her mother appreciated spending time with her family and being able to connect with her great, great children. Together Poplawski and her mother enjoyed strolling through the garden on the warm summer days on the Jerome Home Campus.

"The Jerome Home team goes above and beyond. They are excellent. They treated my mother as if she was family. I wanted to give back to Jerome Home for how well they cared for my mother," says Poplawski, where now she has been a volunteer for about two years. Poplawski also received care of her own at Jerome Home, therapy for her knee.

Today, she supports the activities team by rounding up the residents interested in the musical selection and monitoring them at the event. Poplawski enjoys the sense of closeness she gets from the residents, the friendships she is building, taking the residents to the garden and popping in to visit them. Poplawski has built her own family here, she looks forward to spending quality time with her newfound family. Poplawski hopes to make an impact on the residents and their families just as the team ensured for her and her mother. "Until I can't walk," Poplawski attributes a sense of loyalty and commitment to the community.

**For more information contact Leaja Johnson at 860.406.6864.**

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### CT Governor Visits PHS



On Friday, April 22nd, Connecticut's Governor Ned Lamont visited Plainville High School where he met with a group of students and discussed Connecticut's plans for energy, employment, and making Connecticut a positive place for youth to remain after graduation.

### MSP Art Club Creates Spring Chicks



On April 6th, members of the Middle School of Plainville Art Club created a fun spring surprise for the Pre-K students at Louis Toffolon Elementary school. MSP Art Club students hand painted beach rocks to look like spring chicks hatching. Art teachers Laura Meehan and Lori Vigue accompanied the Middle School students to Toffolon where they hid the chicks in the school's field for the Pre-K students to find.

### "Music in Our Schools Month" Celebrated at Linden Street School



In celebration of "Music in Our Schools Month", Linden Street School students enjoyed a piano performance from high school student, Katherine Tang. The sounds of Bach, Mozart, and The Beatles resounded in the Linden gymnasium during the first live in-person performance for the students since the beginning of the pandemic. Tang, an award-winning pianist and student at The Ethel Walker School, took students on a musical journey through the baroque, classical, romantic, and modern periods of music history.

### April "Portrait Pioneer" Introduced by BOE



The April Plainville Community Schools' "Portrait Pioneer" award winner, Plainville High School Nurse, Tricia Rapacky, was recognized at the April 18th Plainville Board of Education meeting. Tricia was nominated by Plainville High School Principal, Carl Johnson, District COVID Compliance Liaison, Julie Simard, and Director of Special Services, Vicki Trzcinski. This award was established to recognize those who exemplify and model the characteristics of the school district's Portrait of the Graduate framework, which include being: Mindful, Resilient, Communicative, Innovative and Collaborative.

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



### Song Writer Visits Linden Street School

Writing a song can seem daunting for anyone, especially elementary school students. Mrs. Bajek's 3rd-grade students at Linden Street School recently learned that writing a song is easier than you think. Linden parent, Bonnie McGee, led students in the creative process of songwriting. After brainstorming ideas, the students came up with several verses about how they can like themselves, even when they are having a hard day. McGee accompanied the students on guitar as they sang their verse, "I'm gonna like me even when I rage on my game; I got frustrated and broke my game; Next time I'll take a deep breath and walk away; I'm gonna like me anyway."

McGee has written music under the name Bonnie Lee Panda for two decades. She has performed and recorded in Nashville and now resides in Plainville. In addition to the 3rd-grade songwriting workshop, McGee led Mrs. Smith-Johnson's kindergarten class in musical exploration. While McGee played guitar and sang a few of her original songs, the students danced and grooved to the music.

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Plainville Adult Education

About the funding organization: Men & Boy's Fund

This program is made possible by a generous grant from the Men & Boys' Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation. This fund was established in 2016 by a group of committed community leaders to make it possible for men and boys to improve the quality of their lives and make a positive difference in their communities. Visit to learn more: <https://www.mainstreetfoundation.org/donate-men-and-boys-fund>



### GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRAND-CHILDREN

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 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 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 to register

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

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

### Make My Day.by:

.....Raymond Cormier

Have you ever had someone do something that made your day? Be it an employee of a business, a police officer, town worker, neighbor or even a co-worker that you would like to thank.

Perhaps you would like to thank a neighbor for a kindness and we would like to help you give this person recognition for a job well done. If this person works for a local business, we are sure his or her employer would love to hear their employee is going that extra few steps to help their customers.

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

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

You may also E-mail your "Make My Day" to: plainvillehometown@gmail.com

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I was shopping at Gnazzo Food Center last week and purchased more than I expected. As I was going to my car, a young employee came over to me and offered to help me. I was very happy because I have problems walking and was worried that I may have trouble. He MADE MY DAY, I didn't get his name but he is the one that picks up the shopping carts in the parking lot, in fact he never stops running. God Bless Him!!

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*The employees at Ocean State in Southington "Made My Day"! I needed to purchase a case of chlorine for my swimming pool, problem was it was at the rear of the store and I hadn't taken a carriage. A clerk said she would get it for me. That is not it! Not only did she carry it up to the checkout, at check-out the clerk never asked if I needed help putting the case in my car, she on her own, called for someone to assist me. It was a young man and I wanted to tip him for helping me and he refused, saying "It's against company policy, It is my pleasure to do it for you!". I could not leave without going back into the store and telling the manager how wonderful her employees were and what an asset they were to the company. She Thanked them and told me "I Made Her Day" It doesnt take much to make someones day!*

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# I KNOW A GUY

By: Myke Roy



2. Scrub out and deodorize your trash cans.
3. Stock up on sunscreen and bug spray.
4. Feed your lawn, now is the time to add high nitrogen fertilizer.
5. Repair any wood fences or gates. Check for signs of loose or rotted boards.
6. Mulch flower and vegetable beds (one cubic yard of mulch with typically cover 100 square feet at 3 inches deep)
7. Book your summer vacation time...after the last two years, we all deserve one.

That's if for May folks. See you in June, same time, same place...

And as always, when you are asked where you are getting this outstanding information just tell them..."I know a guy". And never ever forget...

*"Doing it right costs less than doing it over."*

It's May and allergy season has officially started. I know this because my eyes have started watering, my nose has started running and I've already had 2 cases of hives. Fun times. Let's start this month with a serious topic...fire extinguishers. Recently, an acquaintance of mine had a small kitchen fire that ended up as a total loss of his home. All because he did not have a fire extinguisher. I recommend a fire extinguisher in every homes kitchen for just this reason. Had he had a fire extinguisher, he would have had some minor damage to his kitchen instead of losing everything. I know I have talked about fire extinguishers in the past, but I feel this subject needs to be on the forefront of everyone's mind. It would amaze you to know how many homes I have worked in that do not have an extinguisher anywhere in there home or garage. So please, please, please...if you don't have a fire extinguisher in your kitchen...get one. Now for my seven tips.

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### Wanda

Today, I got one of those unwanted calls from a woman who asked if I was over 65. I said yes and then she said, "That's wonderful; I'm going to tell you about some exciting experiences for you Seniors ." That is when I stopped her and told her at my age I've had about all the exciting experiences I want and I think I can speak for most of my friends. Social Security sucks, most senior's bones ache, our medicine cabinets look like a isle a the drug store, our doctor bills are out of sight, we need glasses to read, glasses to drive and glasses to watch TV. We've seen every movie they are showing on TV and we know the reruns by heart. She hung



up! Today things are so confusing and not just for the older folk. Government tells us to wear a mask or we will get sick, then they say you don't have to wear a mask.

I expect to see signs at the bank that read, "It is not necessary for our customers to wear a mask any longerr, unless you are planning to rob us." Holdup men must be so confused. The other day I spoke to a woman in the grocery store and she said, "Do I know you?" We both pulled down our masks and nope, wrong person. Maybe we should put our names on our masks if we have to keep wearing them.

## Dattco School Buses Catalytic Converters Stolen

Dattco, located at 63 S. Canal St. entered the yard by cutting a large hole in the fence. The thief or thieves stole 18 catalytic converters from as many gas-powered school buses.

Catalytic converters metals have increased in price in the last 20 years and can be scrapped.

The superintendent of schools made parents aware early that there would be delays in the morning pickups while Dattco officials procured buses from other locations. This caused some minor delays in getting the children to school.

Plainville police said they are still gathering evidence and investigating the thefts.

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.....Jane Bate

## Incremental Islam 25

Regarding taqiyya, the sanctioned deception of non-Muslims, there are several types, though the term taqiyya is commonly used to cover all of them. Typically, taqiyya is used to paint Islam as beneficent. An example might be to tell a non-Muslim that lying is not condoned by Islam, or that Islam does not allow the beating of one's wife.

The second form of taqiyya is kitman, which means to lie by omission. An oft-used and well-known example of kitman is to quote only part of Quran 5:32-5:33: "We ordained for the Children of Israel that if anyone slew a person.....it would be as if he slew the whole people." It sounds like they're against killing, doesn't it? Yet, in verse 5:33 we are told: "The punishment for those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger [Muslims] .....is execution, or crucifixion,....." Hmm.

The third form of taqiyya is tawriya. Tawriya entails saying one thing when it's likely that the listener will interpret your words differently. An example given by Raymond Ibrahim is: When answering the phone for a family member who does not want to talk to the caller, the person answering says, "He's not here," meaning "He's not in the room I'm in, though he may be elsewhere in the house."

Muruna is the fourth form of taqiyya, meaning 'to blend in,' and Huma Abedin furnished us with some terrific examples. By marrying a Jew, Anthony Weiner, she appeared to be at peace with those of the Jewish faith regardless of the centuries-old Muslim hatred of Jews. Huma also dressed to fit in with American non-Muslims. This despite the fact that the Abedin family (including Huma) is deeply involved in the Muslim Brotherhood, which upholds the Islamic values expressed in the trilogy. Oh, what a tangled web they weave!

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### May Reception to Dedicate Library Youth Services Room to Betty Boukus

Members of the Plainville community are invited to attend the dedication of the Plainville Public Library Youth Services Room in memory of Elizabeth A. "Betty" Boukus on Friday, May 20th at 5:30 pm at the Library. New signage, commissioned by the Plainville Town Council and Library Board of Trustees, will be unveiled at the reception. Refreshments will be served.

Ms. Boukus faithfully served Plainville and the State of Connecticut for many years through her role as State Representative from 1995-2016. She passed away in 2016. During her years in the State Legislature, State Representative Boukus accomplished many things that benefited her beloved hometown of Plainville; especially dear to her heart were those accomplishments which impacted the lives of children and teens. She was the recipient of the Library Champion Award from the Connecticut Library Association.

"The Plainville Public Library Board of Trustees voted enthusiastically and unanimously to honor Betty in this permanent and meaningful way," said Pat Fongemie, Chair of the Library Board. "She was a steadfast advocate for literacy and education, and a dear friend to the library community both here in Plainville and statewide."

Those interested in attending the event should RSVP no later than Monday, May 16th to Trish Tomlinson, Library Director, by emailing boukusreception@gmail.com, or by calling (860) 793-0221 x7201. Respondents are asked to include their name and number of people attending.

### PARC offers Adult Life Skills

PARC, Inc. is offering an Adult Life Skills program for people with developmental disabilities. The class is held on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at PARC located at 28 E. Maple Street in Plainville. The class includes interactive, engaging activities that teach adults with special needs how to function semi-independently by offering a curriculum that includes phone and social media safety and etiquette, basic shopping transactions, food safety, general housekeeping and hygiene, and much more.

This program runs concurrently with the Plainville Community Schools schedule and requires a fee of \$35 per school year. Participants must be over 18, have their own transportation, and be able to work independently without an aide. This program is open to residents of Plainville, Southington, Bristol and Farmington. For more information or to register, contact Erica Donovan, executive director of PARC, at edonovan@parcdisabilitiesct.org or 860-747-0316.

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

Robin Michel, freelance writer (860) 620-2989 cell



## Crossword Answers

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### Ask the Brayne...

Q. I have a 'burning' question. Last year, I'm not sure if it was early or late summer, Route 10 was milled and newly paved. It was paved, I'm assuming by the state of CT, from the corner near CVS and Walgreens all the way into Southington. I think they went up to or past Walmart.

Now, this spring, they are digging up this newly paved beautiful, expensive project to do utility work! I'm not sure if this is the state again, but did they not know that this utility work would need to be done last year and could they not have done that BEFORE they paved a new road?? Talk about state money wasted! And will they now replace the road AGAIN or are we going to have to deal with a road that is now bumpy and disfigured once again and for how many more years Thanks! Joan

A. Good Question!! In checking with the Town Manager, by the State milling and using heavy equipment to repave the road it damaged the very old utility(gas) lines. After the work was done did they find out the old lines were damaged. I will keep checking to see who will be paying for any repaving that should be done. The Gas Company, the State or both.

To submit questions call 860-747-4119

E-mail: plainvillehometown@gmail.com or write to: Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman Street, Plainville, CT 06062

Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of the month Thank you for this issue quesdaytions. Please keep them coming!



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**Letter to the Editor:**

By now it's becoming increasingly harder to ignore that there is a deliberate attack on parents, parenting and our children. Whether it's the Biden administration or "woke" corporations, there is a power grab for what our rights as parents and the future of our children truly are.

In the last two years we have seen the government criminalize parents who have spoken up about issues regarding their children's health and education. The Biden administration even went as far as involve the FBI, branding parents domestic terrorists if they opposed the teaching of racially divisive ideology of CRT.

They tried to remove rights and freedoms to get parents to vaccinate their children against a virus that they are not at risk from, punishing those who didn't.

Corporations now have joined forces with this administration. Take Disney, which once represented the purity of childhood. Recently in a Zoom meeting, Disney execs and creators talked about their "not so secret gay agenda", the need for more " queer stories" and " trans and pansexual children".

Who are this people at the helm of one of America's biggest corporations and why should they decide to try indoctrinate our children? Why are they allowed to get away with this?

Certainly you have heard of Ron DeSantis passing House Bill 1557, a bill that protects kindergarten children from being groomed and taught about sexual ideology without parental consent. You may know it by the name which the media has pushed it as, the "Don't Say gay bill".

The truth is once you read the bill, the correct name for it would be the "Don't Groom My Kids" bill. When you poll Florida Democrats -- actual

**To the Editor:**

For over two years Dr. Fauci has lied. \*Lied about masks. \*Lied about treatments for COVID-19. \*Lied about the origins of the virus and the funding behind it. \* And then he's lied to cover up lying about all of it!

There's no doubt about it: he's a menace to society.

But I think we've learned an important lesson from all of his dishonesty and failure: it's time to FIRE FAUCI and make sure no one ever has the authority to harm our nation in the way that he did.

Fauci was wrong, over and over again, but his position allowed him to become a dictator in chief.

That position should never exist in America.

No one person should have unilateral authority to make decisions for

Democrats who live and work in Florida, not the psychos in the media -- they agree with us. They don't want to see children being groomed. Only the psychos that are in the government do. Probably because they are in on the human trafficking that happens in and around Florida. We're one of the top regions in the country.

It used to be that parents had the right to decide what was taught to their kids, but the government wants to remove our rights and decide what they or their corporate sponsors deem is right for our children, no different than it is in China.

As a parent and father I am disgusted, horrified and worried and I need your help to make sure this doesn't happen on a national level. Biden has not hesitated to come out in full support of child groomers in Florida who oppose this law. I promise you that I will fight for your kids as hard I fight for mine and will fight for your parental rights because I am fighting for mine.

I'm a father who cannot stand to see what has become of this nation. Our children are being taught their LGBTQ's before they're taught their ABC's. It must be made to stop. If you support parental rights, I need you to help me win this campaign.

My primary opponents are not going to push for these issues - they're too busy worrying about their next race or next position. I'm worrying about the future of this country. Stand by me now and let's save our children!

I am a father, a pastor, & a Fredrick Douglass Republican.

I value faith, family, and our country. I am unwilling to watch my community decompose under the radical Left's agendas.

**God Bless You,**  
**Dr. Willie J. Montague**  
Willie Montague For Congress |  
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millions of Americans -- especially not an unelected bureaucrat at the NIAID.

To ensure that ineffective, unscientific lockdowns and mandates are never foisted on the American people ever again, I introduced an amendment to eliminate Dr. Anthony Fauci's position as director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and divide his power into three separate new institutes.

The truth is, firing Fauci would just be the FIRST step in eliminating the bureaucracy that enabled COVID tyranny. That's why my bill makes sure that no matter who is in power - that power will NEVER be as great as Anthony Fauci's.

I'm doing all I can to move my bill forward, I could really use your help.  
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**Intoxicated Instagrammers:  
Plainville ranked  
56th in Connecticut  
for number of  
booze-related social  
media posts during  
the pandemic**

Middletown came first in Connecticut for alcohol-related social media posts. South Windsor placed last.

Infographic included. Almost exactly two years ago, Nutmeggers in towns and cities across the state hunkered down, unaware that a global pandemic would render them largely homebound for such a long period of time. Like so many other Americans, Nutmeggers were affected by anxiety – worry about the coronavirus itself, the economic repercussions and what the future may look like in a post-pandemic world. As is the case in more normal times, when people feel stressed or depressed, they reach for the bottle in what they perceive to be a short-term solution.

As the pandemic well and truly set in, two things happened: people began to consume more alcohol, and they spent more time on social media – their primary channel with the outside world. In 2020, state officials introduced a crowd-pleasing salve: a temporary legalization of to-go alcoholic drinks from bars and restaurants. As the months progressed, the term ‘Quarantini’ entered our mainstream lexicon, becoming a catch-all term for any cocktail made during lockdown, and soon social media was flooded with alcohol-related content. In one study, Nutmeggers' favorite homemade cocktail during the pandemic was found to be a Coquito.

National rehab directory, Rehabs.com, commissioned a study in which the 100 largest towns and cities in The Constitution State were ranked for their number of alcohol-related Instagram posts over the course of the pandemic. The researchers analyzed 5,000 Instagram posts starting from March 2020 - the unofficial start of lockdowns for most states - to identify how many were related to alcohol or being drunk. The results reveal

which town/cities posted about it the most, which could possibly indicate a problematic relationship with alcohol.

Rehabs.com made some interesting discoveries: the first being that Middletown, which has a population of 47,717, came in the number one spot with 411 alcohol-related Instagram posts (per 5,000 posts) during the pandemic. This represents 8.22% of all Instagram posts in that city during that period. This might not be all that surprising when you consider that Middletown is in Middlesex County, which has among the highest amount of excessive drinkers in the state at 23%, according to County Health Rankings. This places it in the top 15th percentile of the whole country and is higher than the average excessive drinking rate in Connecticut of 20 percent.

Coming mid-table was Tolland with 156 alcohol/drunken-related posts representing 3.12% of all posts during that time.

In 56th place came Plainville, in which there were 141 Instagram posts related to alcohol or being drunk. This represents 2.82% of all posts of its 17,525 residents.

And, positively saintly in last place, was the community of South Windsor, which has a population of 26,918. It clocked up just 22 alcohol/drunken-related posts equalling a minimal figure of just 0.44 percent. And this is despite being located in Hartford County which, according to the County Health Rankings, has an excessive drinking rate of 19 percent - just below the state average.

Infographic ranking Connecticut's towns and cities by their alcohol-related social media posts (click on 'embed' to host on your own site)

While the term “alcoholism” is clinically ambiguous and out of use, Rehabs.com have included below some signs to be aware of that are indicative of problematic relationship with alcohol:

Difficulty controlling one's level of alcohol consumption.

Wanting to decrease or stop drinking alcohol but being unable to do so.

Developing a higher tolerance for alcohol and needing more over time to reach the desired effects.

Experiencing alcohol cravings when not drinking as well as withdrawal symptoms such as sweating, shaking and nausea.

Facing personal problems at home, work, or school due to alcohol use.

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## Inflation: The Cruellest Tax

By Francis Rexford Cooley

The late economist Milton Friedman stated that, "inflation is the cruellest tax." It is most often the result of governmental policies and impacts every segment of society and the economy.

Currently inflation is officially running at 7.9% but for many costs are up much higher. While some politicians attempt to lay the blame for the current bout of inflation on supply chain issues creating shortages and corporate "greed" at its core the inflationary spike hitting Americans in their pocketbooks is the result of American fiscal policy, specifically "Quantitative Easing," as well as other economic policies.

### "Quantitative Easing"

is simply the expansion of the available money supply. In 2000 the federal money supply was \$4.9 trillion, twenty years later in 2020 the federal money supply was \$18.8 trillion. The effect of the expansion of the money supply can be seen in the price of gold. In 2000 the price of an ounce of gold was approximately \$400, today (4/11/2022 at noon) it is \$1,953.26. The rise in the price of gold has mirrored the expansion of the United States supply of currency and reflects the laws of supply and demand. As supply increases the price drops, in this case as the supply of money increases each dollar's purchasing power decreases. This economic relationship has existed since the creation of currencies. In the Middle Ages Kings often would try increase their holdings in gold by debasing the coinage, using less gold (or silver) to make their coins thus keeping more for themselves through a backhanded tax on those holding, or buying and selling goods using the "Coin of the Realm." The result was always the same, the actual purchasing power of each "new" coin was less than the older coins which contained more gold. Debase the coinage and inflation would follow. "Quantitative Easing" is merely the modern equivalent of this medieval financial policy that is ruinous to the economy.

The current bout of inflation has coincided with serious supply issues created by the economic shutdowns enforced by governments in reaction to the Covid-19 pandemic and labor shortages in key industries like agriculture and food production which are historically lower paying than other industrial trades. The USDA is predicting 4.5-5% increases in food cost this year. However, what is not covered in that estimate is the impact of shortages in certain foods, especially shortages in generic brands, are having on the consumer. For the working class, the working poor, and those on fixed incomes when generics are unavailable their real cost skyrockets beyond inflation.

For many the Dollar Tree, Family Dollar, and Dollar General have become part of their grocery shopping routine through the lack of larger supermarkets where they live and their array of low-cost items. The increase of Dollar Tree items from \$1 to \$1.25 is a 25% jump in price. It is not "transitory" nor "temporary" as many Washington D.C. politicians and political pundits have been claiming. It is an economic drain on the consumer's pocketbook. Given the rise in food staples and energy it is also a cost that cannot be avoided. The price of going to a concert or sporting event increases one can avoid that cost by simply not attending those events. Food and energy are necessities that must be purchased, the cost will be borne by the consumer.

The idea being bandied about in Washington to deal with inflation by spending more money, more "Quantitative Easing," will not help the American consumer, it will only spur on more inflation. Expand the money supply with more dollars, each dollar buys less just as it was in the Middle Ages when Kings decreased the amount of gold in the coins, each coin lost purchasing power. The laws of economics are laws for a reason, no amount of political spin will change economic reality. While inflation is technically not a "tax" in the sense of directly paying the government it is the product of national fiscal policy to spend more than tax revenues brought in and functions as the cruellest of political policies as it robs the citizenry of the hard won fruits of their labor by devaluing what each person has earned.

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## FROM MY BALCONY

By Jeannette Hinkson

I don't have to ask anyone if they can afford to live on the money they are earning and those who have put away a few dollars for their retirement will find it going down the drain faster than the water you run in your sink to wash your dishes.

Scammer's call over and over every day trying to get your last dollar and even family members stand in line thinking they are entitled to what you have just because they might get it someday and like that ad on TV they say, "We want it now!" "FAT CHANCE. Some have been known to say, when you remind them of what they have been given in the past. "You're not going to throw that in our face?" Prices at the grocery store are out of sight and even gas to get you there and back puts a financial drain on everyone's pocket book. No one cares about the other guy and lending a helping hand is a forgotten art. People elected to office do little for the people and only seem to line their own pockets or the pockets of their family members. Watching the news is not only sad but angers the people trying to survive in this dog eat dog world. Tax dollars paid to our government is sent to other countries and as one reporter stated today, "How do we know who's

getting this money?" If all the money we have sent to other countries to help the people, was used for those people, then why are all these people trying to cross into the United States. We send billions of our tax dollars and what is being done with it, does anyone know or is this money sent by those we elected just so we will think they might really be doing something they were elected to do. I feel most of the people we elected couldn't hold a 9 to 5 job or head a business so why do we think they can run one of the largest countries in the world.

Be you a Republican, Democrat or Independent, how are things going in your life? Are you happy the way your town, state or federal government is being run? Many of those working inside government, if they are honest, will be able to tell you what is really going on. Those that are honest might even say, "I'm not doing this anymore." Perhaps, and it's only my feeling, maybe honest men and women can see no matter how hard they try, their devotion, dedication and hard work is just like a drop of water going down that drain with the dish water in the morning.

To those politicians that are truly there for the people, I will say thank you.



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## \$100,000 Gift Supports Plainville Students,

### Bristol Health Center

Wheeler has received a \$100,000 gift supporting its campaign for a new health center in Bristol, as well as numerous programs benefiting students at Northwest Village School in Plainville.

The gift is from the estate of Hall "Cap" Adams, Jr., a longtime philanthropic investor in Wheeler's work. Adams passed away in Illinois in June 2020 after a notable and generous life, including a nationally recognized career in advertising. Working with his estate, two priorities quickly emerged that honored his life's legacy and passion for providing others with opportunities for good health and quality education.

Half of the gift supports Wheeler's fundraising campaign in Bristol, helping to fund the construction of a new community health center and administrative headquarters. The other half will support students at Northwest Village School (NVS) in Plainville, a therapeutic day school serving students K-12th grade and a post-graduation transition program for students up to age 21. At NVS, Cap's legacy will carry on through an outdoor fitness trail for students, as well as through the Samuel Marszycki Scholarship, which supports graduating seniors pursuing post-secondary education. Finally, the gift supports the Basic Needs Fund at the school, which provides immediate help for the basic needs of life for students and their families, providing support that is not available through other means.

"Cap's life was devoted to helping others achieve educational and health goals," said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, Wheeler's president and CEO. "We're honored that his legacy lives on in our work helping patients stay healthy and well and helping students and their families thrive. It's the perfect representation of what he lived for."

Wheeler's new health center and administrative headquarters in Bristol was approved by the City Council in February. The project consolidates Wheeler's two existing health centers in the city and helps to anchor the downtown Bristol Centre Square development with professional jobs and accessible health care for the entire community. The public phase of the four-year fundraising campaign was announced at the same time, and now stands at \$330,000 out of a \$500,000 goal. An educational training area in the center will be named in honor of Adams to represent and continue his love of learning.

The Samuel Marszycki Scholarship is named in honor of a former paraprofessional at Northwest Village School who passed away in June 2020. It was established by family and friends in 2021 in Marszycki's memory and is supported through donations and the annual Sam-O Scramble Golf Tournament, which will celebrate its second anniversary this September. Its first award in 2021 helped support a graduating NVS senior who went on to study at a local community college.

The Basic Needs Fund at Northwest Village School helps students and families with unexpected and pressing basic needs of life and has been used in the past for offsetting unexpected medical costs, food assistance, and help during the holidays. A similar fund at Wheeler's five federally qualified health centers has helped more than 5,500 individuals and families since 2018.

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## Politically Correct Language...

First, I want to be really clear about one thing: as far as other people's feelings are concerned- especially these "victim groups"- when I deal with them as individuals, I will call them whatever they want. Okay, so who exactly are these victims? Well, first of all, I don't think everyone who says he is a victim automatically qualifies. I don't think a homely, disfigured, bald minority person with a room temperature IQ who limps and stutters is necessarily always a victim. Although I will say that she probably shouldn't be out trying to get work as a receptionist. But maybe that's just the way it ought to be.

I'm More interested in the real victims. People who have been screwed over by the system. Because the United States is a Christian racist nation with a rigged economic system run for over three hundred years by the least morally qualified of the the two sexes, there were bound to be some real victims. People who have been elaborately screwed over. The way I see it, this country has only four real victim groups: Indians, blacks, women, and gays.

I purposely left out the Spanish and Asians, because when you look at what happened to the Indians and the blacks, the Spanish and Asian people had a walk in the park. It's not even close. In about one hundred years the Spanish and Asians are going to be running this country, so they'll have plenty of chances to get even with the gray people.

Let's get to some of these other non-victims. I use the word fat when it fits the description. I used that word because that's what fat people are. They're fat. They're not large; they're not stout, chunky hefty, or plump. And they're not big boned. Dinosaurs are big-boned. These people are not necessarily obese either. Obese is a medical term. They're not overweight. Overweight implies there is some correct weight. Heavy is also a misleading term. An aircraft carrier is heavy, it is not fat. Only people are fat. That's what fat people are. They're fat. I offer no apology for this. It is not intended as criticism or insult. It is simply descriptive language. I don't like euphemisms. Euphemisms are a form of lying. I prefer seeing things the way they are. Not the way some people wish they were.

I don't believe groups deserve extra-special names. For instance, midgets and dwarfs are midgets and dwarfs. They are not little people. Infants are little people; leprechauns are little people. Midgets and dwarfs don't get any taller by calling them little people. I wish their lives were different, but I can't fix that. The politically sensitive commandos would probably like me to call them "vertically challenged." They are not vertically challenged. A skydiver is vertically challenged.

Also, crippled people are crippled. They are not differently-abled. If you insist on using such tortured language then you must use it on all of us. We're all differently-abled. You can do things I can't do, and visa versa. Crippled people are crippled. It's a perfectly honorable word. There is no shame in it.

### Plainville Lions Roar

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

- **Sponsoring of Red Cross Blood Drive** – tentatively late May
- **New Britain Stadium Bees Event** – to benefit the Lions Low Vision Center – July date tbd

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

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

*Brian Lwigne*

It's in the Bible: "Jesus healed the cripples." He didn't "engage in rehabilitative strategies for the physically disadvantaged."

So, I've narrowed it down to blacks and Indians. Let's talk about what we ought to call them. Remember, this has nothing to do with the people themselves, it has to do with the words.

By the way, when it comes to liberal language vandals, I must agree with there underlying premise: White Europeans and their descendants are morally unattractive people who are responsible for most of the world's suffering. That part is easy.

The impulse behind political correctness is a good one. But like every good impulse in America, it has to be grotesquely distorted beyond usefulness. Clearly, these are victims, but I don't agree that these failed campus revolutionaries know what to do about them. When they're not busy curtailing freedom of speech, they're running around inventing absurd hyphenated names designed to make people feel better.

Remember, these are the white elitists in there customary paternalistic role: protecting helpless, inept minority victims. Big Daddy White Boss always knows best.

So, let me tell you how I handle some of these speech issues. First of all, I say black because most black people prefer black. I don't say "people of color" People of color sounds like something you see when your doing drugs. Besides, the use of people of color is dishonest. It means precisely the same thing as colored people. Besides, the whole idea of color is BS anyway. What should you call white people? "people of no color." Isn't pink a color? in fact, white people aren't really white, at all, they're different shades of pink, olive and beige. In other words, they're colored. Black people are rarely black.

I see mostly different shades of brown and tan.. In fact, some light-skinned black people are lighter than the darkest white people.

Look how dark the people in India are. They're dark brown but they're still considered white people. **What's going on here?**

May I see the color chart? "people of color" is an awkward, BS, liberal-guilt phrase that obscures meaning rather than enhancing it. **Shall we call fat people, "people of size?"**

By the way, I think the whole reason we are encouraged in this country to think of ourselves as black and white (instead of pink and brown) which is what we are is that black and white are complete opposites that cannot be reconciled.

Black and white can never come together. Pink and brown, on the other hand might stand a chance of being blended, might just come together.

**Can't have that!**

Doesn't fit the plan.... Just more BS of the Politically Correct Language folks.

**Food for thought... Marriage lets you annoy one special person for the rest of your life.**

.....John Gasparin

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**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**  
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**MAY SCHEDULE**  
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**REGULAR EVENTS**  
Tuesday Ladies... Tuesday, 9:30 AM  
AA.....Sunday, 7 PM  
Single Purpose Women's Group.....  
Saturday, 9:30 AM  
Boys Scouts.....Thursday, 7 PM

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**Sunday, May 1, 10 AM**

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

**Registration for next year's faith formation classes K - 5, Now through May 20 and receive a discount. Pre-Registrations before May 20, \$40 per child/max per Family \$80, Non-parishioners \$55/max per Family \$110 Registrations after May 20 \$75 per child/Max of \$135 per Family Non-Parishioners \$100/ Max of \$170 per Family**

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**Scripture Study Monday evenings at 6:30p at 19 S. Canal St., Plainville**  
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May 8th- 10:30 Mass  
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Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 am  
Morning Worship Service 11:00 am  
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Evening Worship Service 6:30 pm  
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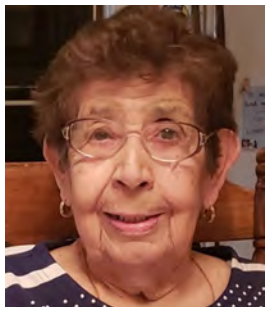
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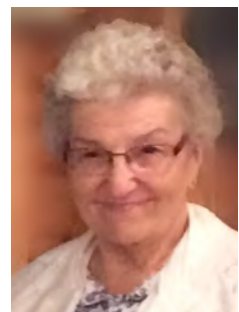
## OBITUARIES

### ~ Emilia Bucci ~



89, passed away peacefully on March 28, 2022. She was the last surviving member of a devoted family of 9 brothers and sisters. She was born in Catamarca, Argentina in 1932. She grew up playing with horses, cows, goats and chickens across a beautiful landscape that she loved. Here she learned the secrets that made her an amazing cook and gardener. As the fairy tale story goes, one day she met her husband Galliano and they happily married in Buenos Aires. They enjoyed their times together and eventually pursued their dream of coming to the United States in 1965. They settled in Plainville, CT and she began to use the knowledge she had to grow bountiful vegetable and beautiful flower gardens at home. There were countless amounts of tomatoes and flowers of every color. She also cooked some of the best tasting food you could imagine. Pasta and meatballs, grilled meats and chicken, chimichurri, empanadas, milanesa, bunuelos, fried cauliflower and potato salad to name a few, were all specialties that you looked forward to. She loved spending time with family and having large gatherings with lots of food. She took great pride in repaying the help she and Galliano received in coming to the United States by helping several family members from Argentina join her here as well. Without that, there perhaps may have not been another generation of relatives that met different people and created new families of their own. She was married to Galliano for 60 years prior to his passing in 2020. Emilia is survived by her son Daniel, daughter-in-law Jennifer, grandson Dylan and many other friends and extended family members. A prayer service in celebration of Emilia's life was held at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Family and friends gathered before the service. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

### ~ Barbara (White) Letourneau ~



85, of Southington, formerly of Plainville, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her family, on Thursday, April 21, 2022. She was the wife and best friend of Norman Letourneau, with whom she shared 65 years of love, hand-

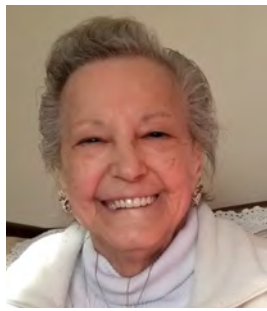
holding, and life adventures.

Born in North Vassalboro, Maine, she was one of thirteen, and the last surviving child, to the late Carroll and Hazel (Sherman) White. Barbara and Norman settled in Plainville over 50 years ago, where they raised their family of four and enjoyed watching their family grow and prosper for two more generations. A retiree of Stanley Works, Barbara centered her life around her family, creating many cherished memories with camping trips and vacations, and was happiest when all were together as she hosted family gatherings and weekly Sunday dinners. She could be found many days tending to and enjoying the beauty of her flower gardens, or quietly reading a favorite novel. Remembered for her bright blue eyes, her love of country music, always sharing a kind word and her ever-present smile that would light up the room, she will be missed beyond measure and is now at peace.

In addition to her husband, Norman, she leaves her children, Norman "David" (Karen) Letourneau, Debi (Gary) Tetro, Lisa (Robert) Gaber, and Tina (Mark) Pandolfo; her grandchildren, David and Jessica Letourneau, Melissa (John) Gwizd and their children, Zachary, Jayden and Destiny; Nicholas (Chantal) Tetro and their children Tanner, Ryder, and Carter; Robert (Cindy) Gaber and their son Abel; Michelle Gaber (Mark Dryden) and Matthew and Ryan Pandolfo. She was predeceased by her twelve siblings, and leaves many nieces, nephews and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, Barbara may be remembered with contributions to the Make a Wish CT at <http://www.ct.wish.org> or 56 Commerce Dr. Trumbull, CT 06611. A celebration of Barbara's life was held at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

### ~Teodosia "Tina" (Chieffo) Capozzi ~



87, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 7, 2022. She was the beloved wife of Ezio Capozzi, Sr. and together they shared 61 loving years of marriage.

Tina was born in Bagnoli Irpino, Italy daughter to the late Joseph and Josephine (DiSabato) Chieffo. Tina was

a devout Catholic and a member of the Saint Anthony Society. Her passions included knitting, cooking, and raising her family. She enjoyed being surrounded by family and friends, always welcoming company into her home with open arms and with great hospitality. The matriarch of her family, she will be missed deeply by all who were blessed to have known her or were lucky to have indulged in her delicious home cooked meals.

In addition to her husband of 61 years, Ezio, Tina is survived by her daughter, PJ Marcella, of New Canaan, her sons, Anthony Capozzi and Ezio Capozzi, Jr. and his wife, Susan Whalen, all of Plainville; her sister-in-law, Anna Chieffo, of Newington; her 3 grandchildren, Nina Capozzi, Joseph Capozzi and Johnny Marcella; her 2 step-grandchildren, Kylie and Kristen Whalen; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. She was predeceased by her sister, Rosalie Prezioso and her two brothers, Michael and Vincent Chieffo.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Church of Saint Patrick, 110 Main St., Farmington. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Tina can be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, Northeast Regional Office, 65 High Ridge Road, Box 395, Stamford, CT 06905, or to Autism Families Connecticut, PO Box 370162, West Hartford, CT 06137, or to the Epilepsy Foundation of CT, 386 Main St, Middletown, CT 06457. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com).

### ~ Joan M. Cote ~



86, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at Autumn Lake Health Care Center in New Britain after a brief illness. She now joins her beloved husband, the late George Cote, in eternal peace.

Born in Milford, ME on

June 26, 1935, Joan was the oldest of four children to the late Gilman and Donna (Buchanan) Dunn. Joan married the love of her life, George, in 1952, and moved to Connecticut in 1958, shortly after George was honorably discharged from the US Army to begin their life together. They made Plainville their home for more than 50 years, where they raised their two children. Joan worked in the Plainville school system for many years, and was a friendly and familiar face as a lunchroom monitor at both Wheeler and Linden St. Schools. Additionally, she worked for the Plainville Senior Center, where she coordinated the delivering of Meals on Wheels to area residents.

Joan is survived by her son, Bruce Cote; her daughter Donna Solis and her fiancé Jon; and her grandson Christopher Cote; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, William, Michael, and Malcom Dunn and her aunt, Ruth Legassey.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of remembrance were shared by family and friends. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

### ~ Betty Jane (Martin) Pye ~



86, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 21, 2022, joining her husband of 45 years, Richard S. Pye, in eternal peace.

Born in Ft. Fairfield, Maine on September 23, 1935, she was one of five children to the late Earl and Gertrude (Ireland) Martin. Raised

and educated in Maine, she and Richard moved to Connecticut shortly after their marriage in 1956, where they raised three devoted children and became proud grandparents.

Betty relished in being surrounded by her family. She was a wonderful cook and baker, hosting family gatherings at her home where all looked forward to her famous lemon squares. She enjoyed talking, laughing, looking at photo albums, and playing card games with her children and grandchildren.

Betty's other favorite activities included annual trips to Delray Beach, FL, and the coast of Maine. She always had a vegetable garden and cared for the flowers on her deck and around her yard. She loved going to baseball games at the A. Bartlett Giamatti Little League Center in Bristol, where she volunteered at the concessions and was Dugout's #1 Fan. She knew everyone and had many friends among the staff and umpires who returned annually from throughout New England and the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Betty is survived by her son Richard, his wife Lisa, and their children Emma and Trevor Wielert, Carly and Olivia, her daughter Laura, with whom she shared the bonds of Little League, traveling and gardening, her son Steven, his wife Cindy, and their children Zachary Pye, Nicole France (Justin), Bethany Pye (Curtis Mazure), and Mackenzie, and three great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Zoey, and Madison.

The last survivor of her generation, Betty was predeceased by her three brothers and one sister, and leaves many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, Betty may be remembered with donations to Little League Baseball East Region, in honor of Betty Pye, Dugout's Mom, 335 Mix Street, Bristol, CT 06010.

Honoring Betty's wishes, her family will celebrate her life with private services in CT and ME.



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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Stanley P. Grandy ~



87, of Rocky Hill, formerly of Plainville, passed away peacefully on March 30, 2022 at Saint Francis Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband to Joan E. (Fallo) Grandy and together they shared 66 wonderful years of marriage, full of

love and laughter.

Stan was born on May 12, 1934 in New Britain, CT son to the late Peter and Wladyslawa (Mynarski) Grendzinski. He married his sweetheart Joan on June 18, 1955 and together they raised a beautiful family in Plainville. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and enjoyed his time spent surrounded by his family, especially during the Holidays when they all gathered together. He loved spending time with and playing with his great-grandchildren, as they brought him much joy and kept him on his toes. In his free time, Stan enjoyed rooting for the women and men's UCONN basketball teams, completing word and crossword puzzles, and spending time at the casinos, Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun. He was formerly employed by Stop and Shop as the meat manager where he spent many years assisting customers and creating bonds within the workplace. The patriarch of his family, Stan will be missed dearly as his family cherishes the memories they have shared over the years.

In addition to his wife, Joan, Stan is survived by his daughter, Debbie Grandy, of Winsted; his son, Peter Grandy and his fiancée, Gabriella Albini, of Farmington; his grandson, Alexander Grandy and his wife, Annie, of West Hartford, Nicholas Grandy and his wife, Chrissy, of NC, and Adam Bell, of CT; his granddaughters, Lauren Grandy and her partner, Kevin Boylan, of Farmington and Rachel Kimber, of MA; his great-grandchildren, Brady and Braelyn Kimber, of MA and Jackson and Hannah Grandy, of West Hartford; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his 3 sisters, his 2 brothers, and his 2 nephews.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Church of Saint Patrick, 110 Main St., Farmington. Burial followed in Saint Mary Cemetery, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Stan can be made to the Rocky Hill Human Services, made payable to Town of Rocky Hill, 699 Old Main St., Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or to the American Lung Association in CT, 45 Ash St., East Hartford, CT 06108.

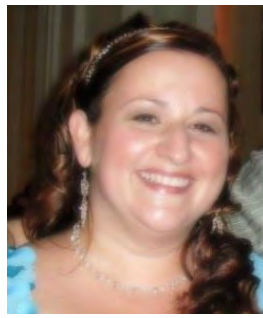
## ~ Russell I. "Rusty" Stilwell, Sr ~ 1930-2022

Rusty died on March 23, 2022 of natural causes in Rutherfordton, North Carolina. He was 91 years old. Rusty was a long time resident of Plainville, CT, he spent 19 years (1986-2005) in Grand Gorge, NY, and 16 years (2005-2022) in Rutherfordton, NC. He is survived by his wife, Agnes, sons Russ Jr. (Joyce), Gregory, and Lee (Melodie), grandchildren Adam, Christopher, Casey, and Laura (Andrew) Perbeck, and great grandchildren Dylan, Emilia, and Reagan.

He was a successful businessman in Plainville where he started as a mechanic for the old Studebaker dealership in the late 1940's and was hired by Stan Parsons as his first mechanic in the early 1950's. Rusty also worked at Anthony's on Blossum's Corner for several years. Around 1959 he opened Sherwood Service Station on 50 West Main St. in Plainville which became a mainstay in town until 1974.

Rusty bought a Cox camper dealership in 1960 and began selling and renting campers. He obtained a Yamaha motorcycle franchise in 1963 that eventually became the largest Yamaha dealership in New England, selling over 500 new Yamahas a year by 1973. It became known as Sherwood Yamaha (his son's idea) around 1971. They also sold over 100 campers a year by that time. Everybody knew Rusty.

## ~ Stacey Mae Mills ~



loving mother, daughter, and sister, 43, of Plainville, left her family and friends heartbroken with her unexpected passing on January 19, 2022 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain after a brief illness.

Stacey was born on October 3, 1978 in Bristol, CT daughter to Leon R. Mills and Lorraine M. (Haag) Colagiovanni. She grew up in Plainville, attended local schools and graduated from Plainville High School. She went on to receive her medical assistant certificate from Branford Hall Institute and was currently employed by Apria Healthcare working within their collections department. Stacey was full of life, the jokester in any crowd and was admired for her sarcastic personality that made others have no choice but to laugh or joke along. She enjoyed lounging at the beach to enjoy the sunsets or relaxing in the comfort of home with a nicely scented candle burning and her Herbal Life Tea in hand. Her craftivism and artistic side shined through her pottery and ginger bread houses that she meticulously created. An old soul at heart, she found an interest in antiques and going antique shopping, spending many hours on weekends sharing this passion with others and creating a collection of antique keys that she treasured. She also enjoyed playing BINGO. Above all, she was happiest surrounded by the love of her family and friends and her loyalty to those she loved was unmatched. She will be deeply missed and will never be forgotten as her family carries on her legacy of love and laughter.

Stacey leaves behind the center of her world, her son, Shawn Mills and her daughter, Adriana Mills. She also leaves behind her fiancé, Sean Willard; her father, Leon R. Mills, her mother, Lorraine M. Colagiovanni and her step-father, Bryan Was; her maternal grandfather, Alfred Haag; her maternal grandmother, Terry Hansen; her sisters, Carrie Was Aradhye and her husband, Yogiraj, Michelle Lee Was, and Krystal Polito and her husband, Jeremy; her nieces, Aria Aradhye and Hailey Polito; her nephews, David Was, Jordan Polito, Jayden Polito, and Wil Riccitelli; her best friend, Shannon Hinds; her Boston Terrier fur babies, who brought her much joy, Fiona, Claire and Mabel; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family members. She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Gerald and Mary Mills her nephew, Bryan Was and her step-father, Anthony C. Colagiovanni Sr.

A celebration of Stacey's life was held at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville.

On the personal side he was an avid skier, a patrol leader at Mt. Southington and a member of the National Ski Patrol for over 30 years although he may be better remembered for his motorcycle prowess. Rusty didn't begin racing motorcycles until he was 35 years old but he made up for lost time by taking a third place in his first ever race on Labor Day in 1966 and becoming an expert in New England by 1968. He often raced against kids half his age and schooled them much of the time. By 1968 there were about 8 racers affiliated with Sherwood Service and the "team" became quite a force in New England and New York State scrambles and motocross.

In his younger years, right out of high school, Rusty played semi-pro football for the Southington Gems. He also coached Little League baseball for a number of years (the Seals). He led the Plainville All Stars, with famous Plainville athletes like Earl Jackson and Billy Lasher, to a second place in Connecticut.

A longtime volunteer fireman, in his spare time he built a home for his growing family on Fairbanks Street, which he finished in 1955.

Rusty had a magnetic personality and a great sense of humor. He could tell a joke better than almost anyone. There are not many people who knew him that didn't like him. He was loved, widely respected, and will be missed. I love you, Pop.

## ~ Robert "Bob" Michalic ~



81, of Plainville passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Bristol Hospital, Connecticut. He was the husband of Krista (Piispanen) Michalic with whom he shared 58 years of marriage with three beautiful children Lia, Paul and Erik

Born in Brooklyn, New York on February 17, 1941 he was the oldest of four brothers to the late John and Wanda (Bartnikowski) Michalic. He was raised and educated in Queens, New York.

Bob enlisted in the U.S. Army, proudly serving his country for 25 years. During those years he had toured Vietnam twice from 1965 to 1966 and from 1969 to 1970. He also toured in Antarctica as a helicopter mechanic and toured in Greenland working with a scientist. He retired in 1985 from the Army as a 1st Sergeant. Stateside, Bob had also been stationed in many wonderful places. Always getting involved wherever he was living with his family. In Pennsylvania he also was a volunteer firefighter. After his retirement he joined the United States Postal Service (USPS), serving 25 years and retired in 2010 as a supervisor. After his retirement from the post office, he also participated in different community services in the town of Plainville—he served as the Wetland Commission's Secretary and as a town moderator. He enjoyed crafting and spending time with his family during his free time.

In addition to his wife, Krista, he leaves his daughter, Lia (Michalic) Martin and her husband, Wayne and their children, Sara, Amy and Mary-Kate; his son, Paul Michalic and his wife, Kemche (Donig) and their children, Ashley, Kayla, Olivia, Jack and Nicholas; his son, Erik Michalic and his wife, Stacey (Rabideau) and their children Riley and Joseph; his brother, John Michalic; four great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother, Dennis Michalic with wife, Carol, brother Gary Michalic and his sister-in-law, Suzan.

Family and friends gathered at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A service in celebration of Bob's life was held at the funeral home. Burial with full military honors was held at the CT State Veterans' Cemetery, 317 Bow Lane, Middletown. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com).



## ~ Henry Martel ~

90, passed away on April 6, 2022, at the UConn Health Care Center. He was the loving Husband of Mildred (Twombly) Martel.

Henry was born on December 19, 1931 in Bristol, CT to the late Edward Martel and Rose Martel.

Prior to retirement, Henry spent his career working for General Electric. He is survived by his sons: Paul and Cathy Martel of Coventry, Edward and Susan of Terryville and Mark Martel of Plainville. He is also survived by his seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by his sons: Henry, Jr., Frank and Robert. Family and friends visited Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville. A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St, Plainville. Burial followed at St. Joseph Cemetery, Farmington Ave, Plainville.

Memorial donations can be made in Henry's name to Our Lady of Mercy Church or Wheeler Clinic. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit [www.BaileyCares.com](http://www.BaileyCares.com)

### NOTICE: SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY

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



## OBITUARIES

### ~ Walter Shelton ~



The world lost a giant on Sunday, March 27th when Walter Shelton peacefully left this earth for God's Kingdom. Walter Shelton was a beloved husband, uncle, brother, cousin, friend, colleague, coach, teammate, and counselor.

Walter was born in Hartford on November 19, 1949 and was the son of the late Arline Benford Jackson and Walter Cee Shelton. Walter and his Mom Arline were two peas in a pod. Walter lived in Plainville where he excelled as an athlete in basketball, baseball and football. At Southern Connecticut College Walter was a star on the football and track and field teams. In 1967 Walter was selected as an All-State Connecticut (Football) and in 2003 was inducted into the Plainville High School Sports Hall of Fame.

After graduating from Southern Walter moved to Southern California where he continued his love of athletics by teaching Physical Education. In 1997 he received the California PE Teacher of the Year award. Walter received his master's degree from Azusa Pacific University in 2001 and went on to a successful career as a Counselor at Etiwanda High School. His passion for guiding and mentoring young people was always a priority in his life.

In 2015 Walter retired and he and his wife, Pat moved back to Connecticut. As a resident at River Highlands, TPC Walter liked to say, "Life is Good...I can golf every day." Walter took that passion for golf to First Tee – Connecticut where he coached and mentored young people.

When a loved one passes, we sometimes ask ourselves, what is the measure of a life well lived? You can look no further than Walter Shelton because he had it figured out. He made a difference in so many lives. Walter was a man that radiated positivity, kindness, and compassion for others. If you spoke to Walter for five minutes, you'd know he loved his soulmate and wife of 34 years - Pat, his friends and family, mentoring youth, Tiger Woods, golf, the Cowboys and the Lady Huskies! Despite battling a disease that was slowly taking away his physical abilities – he remained so grateful for all his blessings. His final post on social media demonstrated that, "I feel the prayers, support and hope. I am challenged every day, but I don't quit. I still believe in a power greater than myself. Thank you all for everything."

The outpouring of tributes from former teammates, colleagues, students, friends, and family are a testament to Walter's well lived life. He is being remembered for his courage, honesty, ability to give, fortitude, inspiration as a high school counselor, encouragement, words of wisdom, positive influence, nurturing, his laughter, his booming voice, his hugs, his genuineness, his athletic prowess, for changing so many lives for the better, having your back, making others feel appreciated, knowing the right thing to say to someone who needed a pep talk, being authentic, providing a safe space for others and being a super human being.

Walter knew how to make people feel appreciated. He influenced many students who credit him with making a huge impact on their lives by encouraging them to reach for goals they didn't think possible. His pep talks left students feeling lighter! His colleagues all said it was an honor to work with Walter. One colleague said, "Most of the kids were in awe of him to begin with, then as they got to know him, they loved him. They respected him so much and wanted so much to follow him in doing the 'right thing.' What an impact he had on so many kids!!"

We should all take a page out of Walter's playbook as to how to achieve a life well lived. Walter – you are loved and are missed by everyone who knew you. You crossed the finish line far too soon. We hope you are playing your best round of golf in Heaven. You have left us all with memories that will never fade and shown us the way to live. You made difference to so many.

Relatives and friends called at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville A short service was administered by a Minister where friends are invited to speak. The service was live-streamed and can be accessed through Walter's tribute page. A Celebration of Life event will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 1 PM to 3 PM at First Tee – Connecticut, 55 Golf Club Road in Cromwell, CT. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations in Walter's name be made to First Tee – Connecticut by visiting <https://firstteeconnecticut.org/> or mail to 55 Golf Club Road, Cromwell, CT 06416.

### ~ Teresa Milkovits Brow ~



of Lighthouse Point, Florida, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, April 20th 2022 at the age of 74.

Teresa is survived by her husband David Brow, daughters Cheryl McCullough, Valerie and Raymond Packowski, Kimberly Connolly and Neil Richardson, Jennifer and Chris Thatcher of Connecticut, Peter Milkovits and Vanessa Carrico, grandchildren Eric and his wife Cheryl, Stephen, Brandon, Stephanie, Kacey, and Keith, 16 great grandchildren, her brother Peter and Beth DiCarlo, sister Patricia and Joe Fagioli, brother in law Bobby Marinello, many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws. And a large honorary family, Melanie Marcano, Mimi and Joe Murphy, Danielle Marchante, Amanda Smith, Nina, Jimmy and Jade Fernandez, Dianne Peck, and Kelley McGregor. David Brow's Aunts Pat Lostocco and Helen Bergenty of Connecticut.

Teresa is preceded in death by her first husband, John Milkovits Sr, son John Milkovits Jr, sons-in-law Wayne Lemoine and Gary Connolly, parents Sal and Gloria DiCarlo, step-mother Rose DiCarlo, brother Joseph DiCarlo, sister Gloria Marinello.

Teresa was born in Medford, Massachusetts on January 24th, 1948. She fell in love with the ocean during summers in Plymouth and later could not resist the sunny south Florida beaches. She moved her family to Pompano Beach in 1978, where she raised a loving family with John Milkovits.

She was a faithful Catholic and member of St. Clement in Medford and St. Ambrose in Deerfield. There she called Bingo and volunteered for decades. Her family and service did not slow her down though, she enjoyed socializing, dancing, going to the beach, playing tennis, boating, swimming, and playing poker.

Her outgoing personality was a perfect match for hospitality. She and John owned several restaurants and clubs in south Florida, where she did everything, including managing and bookkeeping.

Once widowed, Teresa was blessed to meet David Brow and all of his family, locally and in Plainville, Connecticut. She fell in love, married and spent her remaining years with him. Their time together was full of excitement, adventures, joy and happiness. They loved boating, fishing, traveling and spending time with their added family members. She will be dearly missed by David's daughter Loren and Noah Jones and their children Max and Ella, and his son Jeremy Brow.

Teresa will be remembered for her beautiful smile, the light in her eyes, her strength, passion wit and strong love of life. She lit up every room she walked into and was the life of the party. We will cherish every memory with love and she will live in our hearts forever.

Mom, we know you are still in charge, may you rest in peace. With all our love, your whole family.

Funeral Mass: Was held Saturday, April 30, 2022, 9:30am at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 380 S. Federal Highway, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441.

Interment: at Deerfield Beach Memorial Cemetery, 380 NE 6 Ave, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441.



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will be placed  
at Deerfield  
Beach,  
please reach  
out to  
your nearest  
family member  
for details.*

### ~ John "Jack" Leo Riley ~



76, of Mansfield, formerly of New Britain, passed away peacefully on April 21, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. He is now reunited with his loving wife, Jacqueline "Jackie" (Levesque) Riley, with whom he shared 48 years of marriage.

Jack was born on May 2, 1945 son to the late Leo and Naomi (Jones) Riley. He married his best friend, Jackie, and together they shared many life adventures, full of love, laughter, and good times. They enjoyed cruising to favorable destinations and camping the summers at Wolf's Den in East Haddam, building lovely friendships and relationships with everyone they met along the way. On the weekends, Jack loved to entertain, setting up karaoke for friends to all gather and sing along. He loved singing so much and continued to sing until his last day on earth. He was formerly employed at Goss + Deleuw in Berlin where he gave many years of dedication and hard work as a gear shaper and overhead crane operator. As a young child and into adulthood, Jack played sports including basketball and baseball and also loved to play horseshoes, perfecting his ringers, which he did so well over the years. He loved to discuss sports and movies with anyone who would lend an ear to listen. He often reminisced with his daughter about his school days; conversations she will always remember. He was so proud of his grandson, Benjamin; watching his soccer games, shooting hoops, earning his black belt in Taekwondo and most recently learning the drums. In his downtime he enjoyed watching movies and he was always up for discussing movies with others. A sweet, kind man, who loved to laugh and have a good time, Jack will forever be remembered and will be deeply missed by all who were grateful to have known him, as he was truly grateful for his friends and family.

Jack is survived by his daughter, Tammy Riley-Nguyen and her husband, Huy; his grandson, Benjamin Nguyen; his brother-in-law's, sister-in-law's and their spouses, Marie and Larry Ouellette, Bernie and Monique Levesque, Patricia and Ray Pelletier, Romeo and Jeanine Levesque, Paul and Donna Levesque, Roger Levesque and Lisa and Rick Negro; and many nieces, nephews. In addition to his wife and his parents, he was predeceased by his step-father, Fred Pierce; his brother, Donald Jones; and his special friend, Janice Bunce.

A special thank you to the entire Bliss 11 ICU department at Hartford Hospital. The compassion, professionalism, knowledge and patience they displayed is so deeply appreciated.

Family and friends gathered at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville. A service in celebration of Jack's life was held at the funeral home. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. Donations in memory of Jack can be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 101 Centerpoint Dr., Suite 107, Middletown, CT 06457.

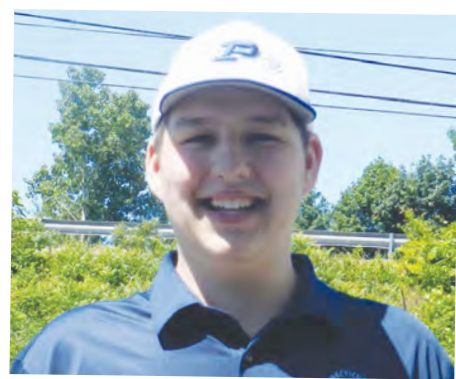


### MOM

I miss the warmth of your gentle hug and the love I felt when my arms were wrapped around you. I miss seeing your beautiful smile and the sound of your voice saying my name. I miss hearing you say, "I love you," and me saying, "I love you" in return...



# Jake's Sport Talk



**Hi! Welcome to my article.**

**This month.....** I will be discussing Plainville Baseball and Plainville Softball games with Game Notes and stats from the games.

Plainville Softball Interview with Coach Fusco assistant softball coach. Here are my questions and Coach Fusco's Responses.

**How do you feel about the upcoming season?**

*I feel very excited and ready for a great eventful season.*

**Do you think the team will be ready for the first game of the season?**

*I believe the team is just as excited as the coaches are. We travel to Platt High School for our first game. The important factor is to improve and get better everyday.*

**What is your favorite thing about coaching Plainville softball so far?**

*My favorite thing about coaching Plainville Softball is seeing the girls improve from the first day of Practice to the last game. Getting the most out of our student athletes and seeing how much they can accomplish without knowing is special.*

**Predictions for the upcoming season?**

*My Predictions are goals and everyone needs them raised high to achieve. We want to get better everyday and master the fundamentals of the game. Also be playing in June in the Playoffs.*

**How do you think the pitching is going to be this season?**

*Pitching this year is going to be very creative and competitive. We have 5 potential pitches in the rotation which is the most we've had. 2 Freshman, 2 Juniors, and a Senior.*

**How do you think the hitting in the lineup will be this season?**

*We want to come to the plate with an aggressive and positive approach no matter who is there. We want to get better every at bat and battle.*

**How did you feel about the first varsity softball scrimmage?**

*Always nice to see how the first scrimmage plays out. It gives the opportunity to get the rust out and to see what the team has for the upcoming season.*

**How do you think the coaching staff helps the team win games?**

*The coaching staff prepares the team at practice in the best way possible. We preach focus and positive energy. When it comes to game time, the coaches guide the players in the right direction. From there it's up to the players to put in the work to come out on top.*

2021 Record- 6 wins and 14 losses.

Head Coach - Scott Marcucio

Assistants - Dylan Fusco , Jennifer Shea

**2022 Plainville Baseball preview Plainville Hometown Connection by Jake Brown.**

Plainville baseball interview with Coach Lou

This is coach Lou's answers to my questions.

**1.How do you feel about the first Plainville baseball scrimmage?**

*Scrimmage went well! Happy about the way we competed!*

**2. How do you feel about the coaching staff this season?**

*Confident the staff will have our team ready to compete!*

**3. How would you evaluate the Roster so far 15 players on Varsity?**

*Hard workers with good coachable attitudes!*

**4.Predictions for the upcoming season or a team goal for the season**

*Goal is to make the tournament and play as many games as possible!*

**5.Will the baseball team be ready for the first game next Saturday Vs Somers?**

*We are preparing to compete against all teams on our schedule!*

**6.How do you think the Pitching rotation has been so far?**

*Strike 1 is key to getting hitters out!*

**7.How do you think the hitting will be in the lineup this season?**

*Good at bats by looking for a good pitch to hit is key!*

**8. What has been your favorite thing about coaching Plainville baseball so far in year 10?**

*Being a part of our kid's experience is memorable!*

Assistant Coach Raponey interview questions with his answers to my questions.

**How do you feel about the first Plainville baseball official game vs Somers on Saturday?**

*I feel like we did some good things on the field that put us in position to win the game but unfortunately we didn't capitalize on all of those opportunities during the course of the game and came up a bit short in the end.*

**How do you feel about the coaching staff this season?**

*I am really excited to be a part of the coaching staff for the 10th season. Head Coach Lou Mandeville is a tremendous leader of the program. He bleeds Plainville blue and gives everything he has to make this a great experience for the players and coaching staff. We are excited to have Coach John Bibisi on staff this season running our sub-varsity program. Coach Bibisi has many years of experience and has already proven to be an asset to the program. Ed Smith also returns and continues to do an excellent job helping the staff statistically.*

**How would you evaluate the Roster so far 15 players on Varsity?**

*Our varsity roster is a great group of student athletes. To this point in the season they have been a coachable group of players that come to practice to get better and make an effort to compete to the best of their ability each game.*

**Predictions for the upcoming season or a team goal for the season?**

*Our goal is to improve each day and compete to the best of our ability each game. We want to play winning baseball, qualify for the state tournament and be playing our best baseball at the end of the season to give ourselves a chance to play as long as we can in the tournament.*

**How do you think the Pitching rotation has been so far?**

*Our pitching staff is relatively inexperienced at the varsity level, having logged only 38 out of 122 innings last season. That being said I am happy with the progress that has been made in a short amount of time so far. They certainly put us in position to win the game Saturday and we look forward to their continued development as a staff.*

**How do you think the hitting will be in the lineup this season?**

*We return three players to our lineup that were regulars in our lineup last season. We will be looking for those players to be our catalysts at the top of the line up. The other two thirds of the line up is seeing their first opportunity to produce at the varsity level. I expect that the line up will improve as players gain more experience throughout the season.*

**What has been your favorite thing about coaching Plainville baseball so far in year 10?**

*My favorite thing about coaching baseball at Plainville has been the personal relationships that I have been able to develop with the coaches and the players that have been in the program. Plainville has such a rich tradition when it comes to high school baseball and I am really appreciative that I have had the opportunity to coach here for almost 10 seasons.*

**How do you feel about tomorrow's game, the second game of the season vs Rocky Hill?**

*As a coaching staff we always take the field with a positive mindset. We believe that we are prepared and that the players will take the field confident in their ability to perform. Rocky Hill is a well coached and competitive team and we look forward to the challenge. We have to put ourselves in a position to win by attacking the strike zone, making the plays defensively and capitalizing on our opportunities offensively.*

Rocky Hill Baseball Coach Interview with Coach Frank.

**How did you feel about the first Rocky Hill official baseball game vs Vinal Tech in the teams 15-0 win on Saturday?**

*Any win is a good win and the players were excited and it was a good start to the season.*

**How do you feel about the coaching staff this season?**

*I like our coaching staff and they are knowledgeable about the game and we work well together.*

**How would you evaluate the Roster this season?**

*Good group of Kids and they are excited about this season.*

**Predictions for the upcoming season or a team goal for the season?**

*Number one goal is to try to get better every day.*

**How do you think the Pitching rotation will do this season?**

*Still trying to figure it out.*

**How do you think the hitting will be in the lineup this season?**

*Still a work in progress and hitting will continue to improve throughout the season.*

**What has been your favorite thing about coaching Rocky Hill baseball so far as a first year head coach?**

*Coach Frank grew up in Rocky Hill and is very excited to work with this group of Players.*

**How do you feel about Monday's game vs Plainville?**

*Very competitive game and Rocky Hill was fortunate to come away with the win.*

**April 2nd 2022**

**Game notes vs Somers**

**Plainville lost 6-3**

#2 Owen Leader 2B, P had two singles and two strikeouts and a RBI.

#11 Brennan Staublely SP, 3B had one walk and three singles and a RBI.

#15 M.J. Bakaysa 3B, 1B had a single and 3 ground outs.

#7 Keith Lagassey CF had two strikeouts, a Double a RBI and Reached first base on an Error.

#1 Tyler Durling DH had one walk, two strikeouts and a fly out.

#12 Owen Davidso C had three strikeouts.

#10 Dylen Cianci pitch hitter had a ground out.

#5 Jacob. Lagassey LF had three strikeouts.

#16 Brody Davidson 1B had a strike out.

#19 Matt Boney Pitch hitter had a single and a ground out.

#3 Mike Ouletette SS had three walks.

**April 4th**

**Game notes vs Rocky Hill**

**Plainville lost 5-4**

#2 2B, P Owen Leader had a ground out and he reached first base on a Error and had a single and an RBI.

#11 Brennan Staublely C had a triple, a double, a strike out and a walk and a RBI.

#15 MJ Bakaysa 3B had a ground out and three singles and 2 RBI.

#7 Keith Lagasey CF had three strikeouts.

#9 Josh Elliotte Pitch hitter had a ground out

#14 Matt Boney 1B had a strike out and two ground outs.

#1 Tyler Durling LF had two ground outs and a single.

#5 Jacob Lagasey P had two Strikeouts

#10 Dylan Cianci RF reached 1st base on a bunt.

#8 Sean Egan RF, P had a single and two strikeouts.

#3 Mike Ouellette SS had one ground out, a strike out and a single.

**"Hope you all enjoyed my monthly article.**

**See you next month."**





# Look at What We Did!!

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE & TAG SALE



Gary and Janice Eisenhauer, Rosemary Morante & Michael Buckley in the 1st floor Gift Shop



Society members assisting guests at the Tag Sale Seated Gert LaCombe, left to right Sue Marinelli, Rachel St. Onge and Trudy Kijanka.

## St. Anthony Society Spring Tea



Father Ray, Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church stopped by to Thank the women for sharing their home-made desserts with him. Members of the Society Phyllis Luddy, Francine Walko and Leona Bisson paused from serving the guests for taking of this picture.



Winner of one of the 60 Basket Raffle was Julie Zaleski, (holding her basket) with her Aunt Maryann Truszkowski



President of the St Anthony Society Elane Osipowicz stops to visit with Linda Valeri after the Gift Basket drawing.



### Town of Plainville Congratulates Long Serving Police Officers

The town of Plainville recognized two officers for their years of dedicated service. Officer Russ Huntley, with 35 years of service and Sergeant Jonathan Eno with 25 years of service.

Thank you for your years of dedication to the department and the town of Plainville

*Shown in photo Lt. Peterson, Chief Vanghele, Officer Huntley and Sgt. Eno (front)*

### Welcome Reception For Police Chief Vanghele



Pictured with Police Chief Christopher Vanghele are his fellow Police brothers at the Reception held at the Plainville Library last month.



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*We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream.*

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*Ronald Reagan*



# Plainville Senior Center News.....

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

## **THE PEAK FITNESS CENTER IS OPEN NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED!**

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

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### **BRAIN HEALTHY COOKING ...FOR ONE!**

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COST: FREE! SIGN-UP BEGAN .  
RSVP BY MAY 6.**

Senior Living Residences' chefs will show you how to prepare multiple tasty dishes using a short list of healthful staples, helping you cut the waste and stretch your shopping budget when cooking for one. This award-winning brain health specialist Dr. Rifeay will discuss different ways to manage spine injury pain. Bag lunch will be provided and includes bottled water, cookies, chips and a deli turkey sandwich with lettuce and tomato.

### **BACK PAIN & ORTHOPAEDICS LUNCH & LEARN**

**THURSDAY, MAY 12, NOON.  
COST: FREE.**

**PLEASE CALL THE SENIOR  
CENTER TO REGISTER  
MUST REGISTER BY MAY 9.**

Comprehensive Orthopaedics surgeon and back specialist Dr. Stockton and pain management specialist Dr. Rifeay will discuss different ways to manage spine injury pain. Bag lunch will be provided and includes bottled water, cookies, chips and a deli turkey sandwich with lettuce and tomato. Co-sponsored by Comprehensive Orthopaedics and National Health Care.

### **NEW PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP**

**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 10 A.M.**

**COST: FREE!**

**CALL TO REGISTER.**

Informational meeting for people who might be interested in learning about photography, sharing pictures and possibly getting involved in a photography group at the Senior Center. Beginners welcome! You don't need a fancy camera. Cell phones work great or whatever you use to take photos.

## **FORMER WHITE HOUSE BUTLER SHARES STORIES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2:00 P.M.**

**COST: FREE.**

**SIGN-UP BEGAN APRIL 6.  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

Former White House butler Alan DeValerio is coming to Plainville Senior Center!! He's going to give you the inside details about all the preparations involved in White House entertaining. Not only will he relate his first-hand experiences with history, but he will pass on the stories from those people that he worked with who have been taking care of our First Families since the Franklin Roosevelt administration! Alan will also display many of the White House artifacts he's collected over the years. After the program, his new book "A History of Entertainment in the Modern White House" will be available for purchase and signing. This is a presentation that you won't want to miss! Call the Senior Center or register online at: [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

## **MEALS ARE BACK!**

Call Bonnie here at the Senior Center between 10 a.m. to noon to reserve a meal.

### **MCLEAN GAME REFUGE HIKE & THE BREWERY AT MAPLE VIEW FARM**

**FRIDAY, MAY 13 (RAIN DATE  
FRIDAY, MAY 20)**

**LEAVES PLAINVILLE AT 1:00 P.M.  
RETURNS APPROXIMATELY 6:00  
P.M. COST: \$5.00. SIGN-UP BEGAN**

Join adventure leader, Eileen Cyr, as we travel on the Senior Center bus to the McLean Game Refuge in Granby. We will walk on the blue and yellow easy trail loop (3.3 miles) for approximately 2 hours. After burning some calories, we will go to the Brewery at Maple View Farms. You can bring your own food/snacks or purchase (on your own) light snacks from the Farm Store or from the food truck (at the time of printing, we did not know what food truck will be on-site). Bring a lawn chair or blanket, in the event that the comfy Adirondack chairs are all occupied.

### **EVERY SMILE COUNTS!**

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**THURSDAY, MAY 5, 10:00 A.M. -2:00 P.M.**

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## **Plainville Community Pharmacy COVID-19**

The COVID-19 vaccines are available at the pharmacy.

They will be administering vaccines

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Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Sign up via [healthmartcovidvaccine.com](http://healthmartcovidvaccine.com)  
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*The pharmacy is located at 170 East Street-*

**Phone 860-222-9422**

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**OR 19, REGISTER FOR A TIME**

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**1:30-2:00 P.M., 2:00-2:30 P.M.**

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**SIGN-UP BEGAN**

**SPACE IS LIMITED.**

Pet, feed and snuggle with the goats and enjoy a free ice cream from the ice cream truck. Ice cream provided by National Health Care & The Pines of Bristol. Goats are from Got Your Goat in Washington Depot, CT. Call the Senior Center or register online at: [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

## **EMMY AWARD WINNER WILL TOMLINSON**

**FRIDAY, MAY 6, 10:00 A.M.**

**COST: FREE!**

**CALL THE SENIOR CENTER TO REGISTER**

Join us as we welcome Will Tomlinson to the Senior Center. Will is a 2020-2021 Emmy Award Winner as a Producer on SportsCenter, which won for "Outstanding Sports Show - Daily." He will bring his beautiful Emmy Trophy and speak about his award winning program. Will was a Producer with ESPN for 12 1/2 years and is currently a Producer for CBS News Streaming Network's show "Red & Blue" about politics. If you've never seen a golden Emmy in person, you're in for a big treat!

**DID YOU KNOW?** There are more than 11,400 senior centers across the country that together serve more than 1 million older adults every day. The average age of a senior center participant is 75 Source: *Pew Research Center*

## **PLAINVILLE BOWLERS! EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**MONDAYS, 1:00 -2:00 P.M.**

**LESSARD LANES. \$12.00 A WEEK.**

Thanks to our great leader, Frank Robinson. Three games, shoes, free beverage. Call the Senior Center to join and for more information.

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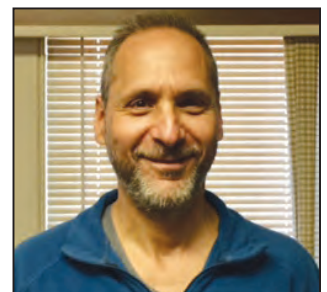
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# "Some Happenings for Everyone"

## Plainville Rotary Club's 47th Annual Penny Sale Saturday, May 7th Robertson Airport

### WHAT IS A PENNY SALE???

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

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

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

Occasionally, substitutions are required.

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

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

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

**Special Prize:** We have a special gift this year donated by the Plainville Fire Company - a ride to school in a fire truck. Three lucky Plainville students will have the opportunity to win this special prize, one from Wheeler, Toffolon and Linden Elementary Schools.

When you received your program, you were given a red ticket for each person in your group. If you want to try and win one of these prizes or want to give it to someone, you can enter your ticket at the TV raffle table. Put your ticket in the appropriate Wheeler, Toffolon, or Linden container. One ticket will be drawn for each school and the winner will be able to select a student from that school to receive a ride to school on a fire truck.

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

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

## PARC's Spring Dance to honor Petits and two 'stars' on May 7

PARC, Inc. – a Plainville-based non-profit which has served individuals with developmental disabilities and families for 65 years – is hosting its Spring Dance for the first time since 2019. The event is set for Saturday, May 7, from 6 to 10 p.m., at Testa's, 26 S. Center St. in Southington. A buffet dinner, music with DJ Joe with Audio Visual Anarchy, and dancing will be included.

In keeping with a tradition to honor a business or individual that has supported and promoted the mission of PARC, the John Sullivan Award will be presented. The 2022 honorees are William and Barbara Petit Sr., Plainville residents who have exemplified lives of service to their community. In addition, two PARC individuals will be announced at the dance as the "Shining Stars."

PARC promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes by providing family centered support, direct services and advocacy. The program is open to people who live in Plainville and surrounding towns. "We are thrilled to be able to finally hold the Spring Dance – it is a night of great fun celebrating our individuals, families and supporters," said Erica Donovan, PARC executive director. Tickets are \$55 per person and \$35 for PARC individuals and students. To purchase tickets or for more information about PARC, call the office, (860) 747-0316; visit [www.parcdisabilitiesct.org](http://www.parcdisabilitiesct.org); or see PARC, Inc. on Facebook. PARC is a 501(C)(3) organization.

**Robin Michel**

*(on behalf of PARC)*

### Class of 2022 Clothing Drive

**Saturday May 28th**

**10 a.m. to Noon**

**Plainville YMCA**

**Farmington Ave.**

**Accepting used clothing, bedding, linens and shoes**

**Plainville High School Project Graduation, in partnership with the Wheeler YMCA, meets the 1st Wednesday of the month. Volunteers are needed to help plan an all-night drug and alcohol-free party for the Class of 2022.**

**All levels of commitment are appreciated.**

**Call Stevie at 860-463-3600**

## Plainville Boys Tennis

Area boys tennis teams started their seasons over the past four weeks.

Head coach: Mercurio Evangelista (Ninth season)

Key returners: Kevin Rondini (senior)

Outlook: The Blue Devils were unable to compete last year due to a low turnout in part due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rondini is the only player on the roster that has played a varsity match.

The rest of the group are first year freshmen and sophomores.

Evangelista has been extremely pleased with the effort and hard work that the new faces have put in.

**Expectations are that the go out every day, work hard and get better in every match.**



## Plainville Food Pantry

The Pantry welcomes food and monetary donations.

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

## Girl Scout Cookie Sales

Girl Scout Troop's 66051 and 66046 sold over 3,000 boxes of cookies. The sale ended the last day of April.

The girls sold cookies to family and friends plus at Lowes, 246 New Britain Ave., Starbucks 275 New Britain Ave., Pottery Piazza, 17 Farmington Ave. and Gnazzo Food Center, 73 East St. The Girl Scouts had a new cookie for 2022 Adventurefuls, a brownie-inspired treat topped with caramel flavored creme with a hint of sea salt. Thin Mints and Samoas are also back.

**Sincere Thank You for all your support!!**

**Troop 66051 & Troop 66046**

## Wheeler's 37th Annual Golf Classic

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

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

## House of Heroes

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

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

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

[info@houseofherosct.org](mailto:info@houseofherosct.org)

## Queen Ann Nzinga Center

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

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

**For more information, visit [QANC.org](http://QANC.org)**

## Red Cross Blood Drive

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

1-800-733-2767 / 1-800-RED CROSS

Or go to: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

## Relay For Life

### Plainville-Bristol

Twenty-one teams attended the meeting at the Plainville VFW to make plans for the Relay for Life to be held at Norton Park on June 4th and 5th.

The event is a community based fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and other cancer related societies and associations. Communities all over the world have come together to honor and remember loved ones and help to take action for lifesaving change.

Plainville-Bristol Relay for Life organizers are selling purple bows which are to be displayed outside homes and businesses on May 20th, "Paint the Town Purple Day" To purchase a bow, email Cheryl at [regurnurse111@gmail.com](mailto:regurnurse111@gmail.com). **For more about the Plainville-Bristol Relay, visit: [relayforlife.org/plainvillect](http://relayforlife.org/plainvillect)**

## Memorial Wall

The Veterans Memorial Wall is located on the main floor of the Municipal Center adjacent to the Town Clerk's Office. If you are interested in adding a veteran's name to the wall, applications are located at:

Municipal Center  
Plainville Public Library  
and VFW Post 574

## To: All Civic & Religious Organization

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

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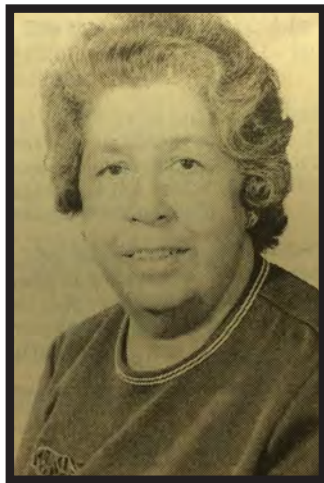
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## APRIL OPEN HOUSE

We are happy to report an enthusiastic turn out at the Historic Center April 9. It was so fun to welcome you. Our heritage gift shop was busy and the tag sale made a hit.

The children enjoyed the rainy afternoon, visiting each room, while searching for Rosie our resident spider. Only one positive sighting was recorded.

## MOTHERS DAY



May is the month of monuments, milestones—and mothers. We should also honor those women who invest time, talent and attention touching the lives of other people's children. There are so many; teachers, church group leaders, women who are active in scouting and sports, mentors and child care workers.

**Sophia Browne** served as Chairman of the Plainville Board of Education for nearly two decades. She directed the education of an entire generation of our children, adequately preparing them to succeed in the dawning age of internet technology.

You will find her tribute memorial at the Wall of Honor in the Plainville High School. We have extensive research information and a nice display of photographs of Sophia and her extended family on the loge gallery at the Historic Center.

**Bertha Wheeler** had no children of her own. She took great interest in Plainville's children with a focus on their education. A woman of means, she quietly and privately funded college for students who otherwise would not have had that opportunity. We can thank her for our YMCA and The Wheeler Clinic, so vital in today's environment, serving a special needs community of children and she funded the first addition to the library incorporating a Children's Room. Mrs. Wheeler also received a prestigious award from the national Girl Scouts for her unfailing support and volunteerism.

Her legacy continues to benefit the children of Plainville. The Historic Center has a copious file on her generosity and accomplishments.

## THE PATH FORWARD

Springtime is a time of renewal and also heralds new beginnings. As we complete our successful winter season here at the Historic Center we look forward to following the path set before us to keep up the business end of the Plainville Historical Society. It is essential that we renew the interest and the spirit of our members to make this journey lasting and productive. The Executive Board will soon meet in preparation for the annual gathering of members on June 4 for the purpose of reporting, revision and renewal. At that annual meeting there will be an election of officers held to serve our community for the next two years. This is crucial right now following the prolonged Covid hiatus and the loss of our President Nancy Eberhardt last summer. **It is essential that we have our member support to continue on this new path forward together. The door is open. WELCOME BACK**

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## Plainville's First Monuments

Monuments have been being built by humans since they began to walk upon the earth. From Stonehenge and the Pyramids to present day, it always has been important for us to mark the location of a special person, place or event to be remembered. One memorable event that took place here on the Great Plain of Farmington was during the Revolutionary War.

During late 1767 an Act was passed that gave the local towns guidelines for the placement for the mile markers or monuments. They were to be placed on the right side of the highway, a distance of 39 miles between the Hartford Courthouse and the New Haven Courthouse. They were marked at the top with an H for Hartford, then roman numerals, and an M for the number of miles to Hartford.

In June of 1781 three thousand French troops under General Rochambeau arrived at New Haven Harbor. This colorful entourage probably followed the markers as they marched upstate through Plainville as was the custom of the day. The troops made an encampment near the Farmington border while on their way to Wethersfield where the Yorktown campaign was planned. This event created a well-traveled road they called the New Haven to Hartford Turnpike. It was also known as the College Highway as it ran between two college towns. When the State took it over it became Route 10.

In our village, three mile markers were placed along the highway, but through the years they were forgotten and only one marker (XIV) was left standing at the time of our Centennial in 1969. Ruth Hummel formed The Plainville Historical Society and one of her first projects was to seek, find and replace the monuments. She found number fourteen near the Southington town line damaged and it was reset.

The other two monuments were still missing so she wrote an article in the newspaper about the missing markers. Success was finally accomplished when mile marker X11 was found holding up a camper at a local garage. Then in the spring of 1971 number X11 was found sleeping in a Wethersfield state highway garage. With much celebration, monument marker numbers 12, 13 and 14 proudly stood again to mark the miles along the road. If you would like to learn more about the mile markers contact the Plainville Historical Society.

Gertrude LaCombe

## NEW TO THE COLLECTION...

An "automobile robe" from the 1930 Pierce Arrow that belonged to the Wheelers. A gift from Laurie Allen, granddaughter of Robert and Rosalie Allen, life-long friends of Frank and Bertha Wheeler.

The blanket is on display at the Historic Center, with a picture of the car.

## Plainville's Civil War Monuments

While still a part of Farmington the first monument placed in our village was a wooden Civil War memorial erected at the West Cemetery. It was dedicated to the fallen soldiers in 1865 at an Independence Day Celebration where Mr. Tomlinson suggested that we should have "a more suitable shaft commemorating the 70 men who served in the Civil War." He made an initial donation and encouraged others to follow. He quickly raised \$121.41 at the celebration and founded the Connecticut Monument Association.

On November 25, 1875 the monument money was received by T. P. Strong, Chairman of the Association, and deposited in the Farmington Savings Bank. It was then renamed the Plainville Soldiers Monument Association. An appeal was made to the citizens to contribute \$1.00 to be a member. Unfortunately the list of original donors was lost when a fire engulfed the Plainville Railroad Station where the list was kept. Years went by as the money lay dormant due to a poor economy.

Then in 1903 the Newton Manross Post of the Grand Army of the Republic took up the monument project. They appealed to the Connecticut General Assembly to pass a bill making the town Selectmen custodians of the funds so they could build a monument. The veterans then asked the Selectmen to call a meeting to authorize and award a contract. A few hundred dollars had increased with interest to \$2,200. A place for the monument was found when the railroad company agreed to lease to the town a plot of land called Central Square where the Woman's Christian Temperance Union had already leased land to erect a drinking fountain. Central Square, where the Municipal Center now stands, then became our first memorial park.

Gertrude LaCombe



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
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Friends and Neighbors,

As we wind down the 2022 legislative session, I wanted to provide you with a few updates on the types of bills being debated at the State Capitol and other related information.

### Republicans Propose \$1.2 Billion in Tax Relief



On Thursday, my House and Senate Republican colleagues held a press conference to unveil 'An Affordable Connecticut,' a \$1.2 billion tax relief package for working- and middle-class families.

The proposal would reduce the state sales tax, eliminate the meals tax, extend the gas tax suspension, cut the tax on diesel, expand property tax relief, eliminate the state's new truck tax, accelerate the elimination of the income tax on pension and annuities, and reduce burdens on job creators.

### Republicans Offer Amendment to Address Flaws in Police Accountability Bill

#### Amendment to Address Police Accountability Bill Flaws

Amendment would restore a limited version of qualified immunity, revise the statewide pursuit policy to permit the use of stop sticks, consent searches, among other items



On Wednesday, my colleagues proposed an amendment that would address items within the police accountability bill passed two years ago. This amendment would restore a limited version of qualified immunity, revise the statewide pursuit policy to permit the use of stop sticks, consent searches, among other items. Unfortunately, this amendment failed to garner enough support from my colleagues on the other side of the aisle.

### CCSU Students Visit the State Capitol



On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of meeting with Physical Education and Health students from CCSU at the State Capitol. Thank you for your engagement in state politics and I thoroughly enjoyed our discussions about educational mandates and the important role physical education plays on learning and overall health.

### House Overwhelmingly Supports Food Donation Bill



HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS

*Food Donation Bill*

As part of Tuesday's legislative session, the House voted unanimously in support HB-5146, An Act Concerning Food Donation, partners grocery stores and other food relief organizations with food rescue programs designed to help alleviate hunger.

This bill will go a long way in ensuring we are doing whatever we can to help individuals in need while also reducing unnecessary waste.

For daily updates, please like and follow my legislative activity on Facebook. Please feel free to share this information with anyone who might also find it useful. Contact me:

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# Lion's 65th Year of Pancake Breakfasts

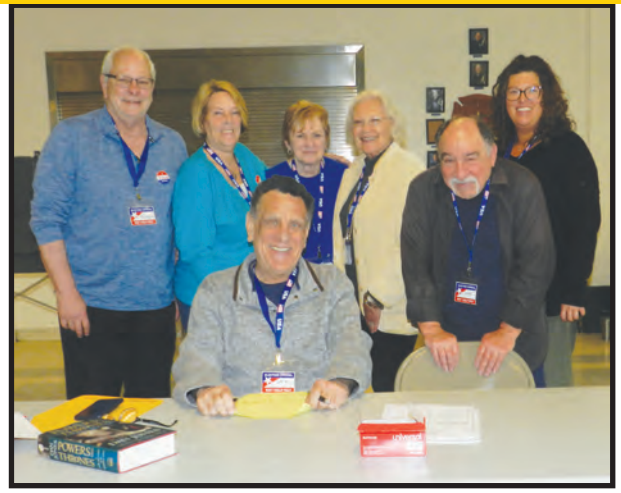


The Lions Club 65th Anniversary Pancake Breakfast held at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center. Pictured left to right are the Chefs, Michael Verrett, Kati Graham-Handley, Tad Graham-Handley, President Brian Lavigne and Mark Zakuzewski. They are looking forward to 65 more years and to "Thank Everyone" It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



The Center picture are the Greeters Diane Plante, Flo Nixon and Craig Banks

# 2022-2023 Budget Voting



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## Letters to the Editor.....

Dear Editor & Friends,

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Recently, I announced my candidacy for Alaska's United States House of Representatives seat because we need a TRUE America First patriot fighting for our state in Washington.

Now, I want YOU to join our fight as an **Official Day 1 Sarah for Alaska Member**. Together, we will unite the America First movement in Alaska and **SAVE OUR COUNTRY**.

Public service is a calling and I am proud to be fighting for the great people of Alaska. By becoming an Official Day 1 Sarah for Alaska Member you are joining me in the fight for:

- \* Restoring our Alaskan values
- \* Fighting the left's socialist Agenda
- \* Providing energy security for America
- \* Revitalizing our economy
- \* AND SO MUCH MORE

Friend, taking back our country from the radical Left and restoring President Trump's agenda in Washington will not be easy. That's why I'm counting on great patriots like YOU to join me in this fight.

Please contribute ANY AMOUNT TODAY to become an Official Day 1 Sarah for Alaska Member and help me SAVE ALASKA & OUR COUNTRY

### DAY 1 SARAH FOR ALASKA MEMBERSHIP

I won't lie to you. This is the final chance we have to reclaim the America we love before Biden and the socialist Left destroy our country for good.

Alaska needs a proud conservative fighter representing it and that's exactly what I plan on being. Don't just take my word for it. Here's what President Trump said about me:

***"Sarah Palin is tough and smart and will never back down, and I am proud to give her my Complete and Total Endorsement, and encourage all Republicans to unite behind this wonderful person and her campaign to put America First!"***

– President Donald J. Trump

This is our moment. Together we will take back our country and put America First again. Friend, I need to know, will you be standing with me?

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## Gun Rights After New Law

Georgia's state assembly passed a bill protecting carry rights. Georgia's move means half the states now have constitutional carry laws. Gun rights are spreading across the US. Georgia's General Assembly passed a law recognizing carrying a firearm as a constitutional right that doesn't require a permit. The Georgia Constitutional Carry Act went through easily in a 94-57 vote.

In a press release, The National Rifle Association said Georgia's addition brings the number of constitutional carry states to 25 – halfway to the

## Marriage Makes You Happier, Better, And More

BY: JORDAN BOYD

Fewer Americans are interested in seeking out a life partner even though data shows that marriage often leads to flourishing.

New polling from Pew Research Center suggests that more than half of single U.S. adults, 56 percent, are not interested in romantic relationships or even going on casual dates. As noted in the survey results, that number is up six percentage points from 2019.

Only 32 percent of those Americans who are looking for dates say they want committed relationships. Approximately 16 percent say they are content to stick with casual dating.

Those men and women who do enter the dating pool are less and less satisfied with their prospects. At least 63 percent of U.S. adults claim that dating has become more difficult, especially during the last two years. Seven-in-ten Americans say their dating lives are not going well at all.

The poll attributes part of this strain to the “pandemic” — a.k.a., government-mandated lockdowns and isolation encouragement from health bureaucrats. In reality, Americans' perceptions that dating has grown harder is a trend that's been on the rise for the last decade.

There's also an age gap when it comes to how different generations view the challenge of dating. Approximately 71 percent of adults younger than 30 years old are say dating is tougher now, a statement with which 58 percent of adults above 30 years of age agree.

On the flip side, 22 percent of single adults younger than 30 say the pandemic sparked their interest in entering a serious relationship while only about 10 percent of those older than 30 say the same.

Marriage is one of the greatest measures of flourishing for U.S. adults. Fewer Americans are choosing marriage over casual dating and cohabitation but those who do tie the knot report lower divorce rates and higher general happiness.

“Compared to Americans who are unmarried, married Americans are more likely to report that they have a satisfying social life and a larger group of close friends. They also say they are more satisfied with their personal health than their single peers do,” the American National Family Life Survey notes.

Married couples who add kids to their families are even more satisfied. Even during the pandemic, married couples with children were less likely to report sadness or unwanted weight gain than any other group.

In addition to bringing lovers together, marriage offers a wide range of physical, mental, financial, and spiritual health benefits. Recent reports of increasing anxiety and depression in Americans, especially among younger age groups, signal how much our instant-gratification, anti-commitment culture damages young people and leaves them lonely. When fewer U.S. adults are even interested in entering the dating pool that would lead to a committed relationship and possibly marriage, it hurts their chances of thriving.

***Jordan Boyd is a staff writer at The Federalist and co-producer of The Federalist Radio Hour. Her work has also been featured in The Daily Wire and Fox News. Jordan graduated from Baylor University where she majored in political science and minored in journalism. Follow her on Twitter @jordangdavidson.***

NRA's goal.

The shift represents a massive change since 2011 when Vermont was the only state allowing permitless concealed carry.

Democrats and gun control advocates fiercely opposed the new bill. Claiming the state had refused more than 2,500 carry permit applications, showing the need for the permit system.

Still, a majority of the state's legislators – and the governor – disagree. Now, Georgia residents can exercise their constitutional right to bear arms without first obtaining the government's permission.

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There is a place for you that will fit your needs. Volunteer needs include:

- Make visits to homes and/or facilities to offer companionship for patients and respite for caregivers.
- Provide activities such as reading, singing and playing music.
- Provide massages and reiki sessions.
- Certified pet therapy teams.
- Provide emotional support, companionship, bereavement, veteran and vigil support when needed.
- Administrative support.

### Volunteer Training

Training classes will prepare you for your experience as a volunteer. You will explore the history of hospice, physical symptoms, spirituality, grief & bereavement, and how to be a great volunteer.

Tuesdays and Thursdays in June 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30 from 6-8:30 p.m. For this training series, prospective volunteers will join a live zoom meeting a total of six times.

To find out more about these remote training classes, please contact any of the below:

Fairfield/Watertown/Southington regions: Holly Beck, volunteer coordinator, at [holly.beck@hhchealth.org](mailto:holly.beck@hhchealth.org) or call 203-321-3008.

Hartford/Mansfield/Northeast Corner Regions: Laurie Steiger, volunteer program manager, at [laurie.steiger@hhchealth.org](mailto:laurie.steiger@hhchealth.org) or 860-405-7126.

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## Punster alert-

1. What did the elephant do when he hurt his toe? ***He called a tow truck.***
2. Why didn't the two worms get on Noah's Ark in an apple? ***Because everyone had to go on in pairs.***
3. How much money does a skunk have? ***One scent***
4. Question: What do Canada, Norway, and Brazil have in common? ***The answer to this riddle, however, is not trivial. In fact, it's very important. Answer: All of them are not named Russia... and all three of them happen to hold massive oil and gas reserves.***

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

## Award Winner Brings His Emmy to the Plainville Senior Center

Have you ever seen a golden Emmy award in person? Now is your chance! The Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, will welcome Emmy Award Winner Will Tomlinson on Friday, May 6, at 10 a.m. Tomlinson won an Emmy as a producer on SportsCenter, which won for "Outstanding Sports Show-Daily." As part of the free program, he will bring his beautiful Emmy trophy and discuss his award-winning program. Tomlinson worked as a producer with ESPN for 12 1/2 years and currently serves as a producer for CBS News Streaming Network's show "Red & Blue" which features daily political news and conversation. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register.

## Senior Center hosts Monthly Caregiving Connections Program

The Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, will host its monthly Caregiving Connections program on Tuesday, May 10, at 10 a.m. This free program provides caregivers with much needed support and a chance to share their challenges and frustrations with each other. These meetings help participants relieve stress, restore energy, prevent exhaustion and isolation and also offers valuable resources. Registration is required. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register.

## Senior Center Hosts Free Brain Healthy Cooking Program for One

An award-winning, free Brain Healthy Cooking Program for One will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street. Chefs from the Senior Living Residences will show participants how to prepare multiple tasty dishes using a short list of healthful staples, helping cut waste and stretch a shopping budget when cooking for one. This program, sponsored by the Farmington Station Senior Living Residence, offers protective benefits and enhances cognitive function. RSVP by May 6. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register.

## Two Additional COVID Booster Clinics Offered on May 9, & June 20 at the Plainville Senior Center

Hartford Healthcare will offer two COVID Booster Clinics from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 9, and Monday, June 20, at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street. Both Moderna and Pfizer will be available. People who had their first booster shots before Jan. 9 are eligible for the May 9 clinic and those who had their first booster shot before Feb. 20 are eligible for the second clinic on June 20. First and second shots and first boosters are also available at both clinics. To register, call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728.

## Center Hosts Free Lunch & Learn Program on Back Pain & Orthopaedics on May 12

Comprehensive Orthopaedics surgeon and back specialist Dr. Stockton and pain management specialist Dr. Rifeay will discuss different ways to manage spine injury pain during a free "Back Pain & Orthopaedics Lunch & Learn" program on Thursday, May 12, at noon at the Plainville Senior Center. Participants will receive a bag lunch that includes bottled water, cookies, chips and a deli turkey sandwich with lettuce and tomato. The program is co-sponsored by Comprehensive Orthopaedics and National Health Care. Registration is required and must be made by May 9. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register.

## Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group

Meets at the Plainville Senior Center on May 17 The Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, is holding its monthly Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group on Tuesday, May 17, at 10:30 a.m. This group, which is for grandparents or relatives raising a grandchild, niece or nephew, gives people a chance to share resources, ideas and share the struggles and joys of raising grandchildren. This free program is funded in part by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging. Registration is required. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register.

## To Submit Articles

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## New Photography Group Forming at the Senior Center

A new monthly Photography Group is forming at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street. A free informational meeting for people who might be interested in learning about photography and sharing pictures will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 19. Beginners are welcome! A fancy camera is not necessary. Cell phones or whatever you use to take photos work great!

The group plans to travel to interesting places in Connecticut to take photos of places, people, animals, birds and Mother Nature's beauty. The group will also view videos by professional photographers that will offer additional information and guidance

Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register.

## Rosie the Riveter Program Offered on May 26

Joe "The History Guy" returns to the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, on Thursday, May 26, at 10 a.m. to discuss Rosie the Riveter, a cultural icon of World War II. Rosie the Riveter represented the women who worked in factories and other businesses, replacing the male workers who were serving in the military. She is considered a symbol of feminism and women's economic power. Through this free presentation, you will meet Mary Doyle Keefe and Geraldine Doyle, the original models. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register.

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

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## Volunteer Appreciate Event Held at Jerome Home/Arbor Rose

In honor of National Volunteer Week, Jerome Home/Arbor Rose recognized 33 volunteers. Volunteers were recognized on Wednesday, April 20 at 975 Corbin Ave., New Britain for their commitments to the elderly community.

Opening the event with a few words from Executive Director of Arbor Rose, Lori Toombs. "A minute makes a world of a difference. We recognize each one of you for your services because it is so special to our residents. You are priceless to us, we can't thank you enough," Executive Director of Arbor Rose, Lori Toombs.

Each volunteer was recognized by name and service by Life Enrichment Director and Volunteer Coordinator of Jerome Home, Jenna Sweet and Activities Director of Arbor Rose, Donna Valente, with a presentation, handwritten thank you note from all the residents and a gift card.

Volunteers are an integral part of the Jerome Home/Arbor Rose team that is important to the enhancement and enrichment of the senior community. Volunteer services include:  
Concierge Services: escorts to programs, hair salon, GoodLife Fitness and walking paths. Honored volunteers include:

- Diane Poplowski
- Lori DelVaglio

Companionship and Resident Visit: spend 1:1 time with residents while enjoying various activities like reading or baking. Honored volunteers include:

- David Gorski companion to the Polish community.
- Terry Moylan visits blind residents.
- Pam Bombrowski

Life Stories: booklets published by Shutterfly for residents of their life stories. Honored volunteers include:

- Karen Palmunen
- Carol Haddad helps
- Nancy Roman helps
- Kelly Shea-Gallagar

Pet Therapy: a guided interaction between a resident and a rained animal. Allowing residents to cope with emotional, physical and mental disorders. Volunteer, Linda Nadeau brings her furry friend to the community.

Recreational Assistants: assist in programs such as bingo, social hour, music, and escorts residents to outings. Honored volunteers include:

- Eveie Ramos
- Hannah Aldridge
- Joyce Chan
- Nathan Papandrea
- Susan Cellino

- Lily Freer
- Lori DelVaglio

Spiritual Services: can include communion, prayers and massage therapy of all religious affiliations. Honored volunteers include:

- Barbara Cass
- Mary Fournier
- Ann Gurr
- Hilda Perez
- Bob and Judy Anderson
- Jeanne Wischenbart
- Gail Steele
- Lori ChudziK
- Barbara Kirejczyk
- Patty Bedard
- Joan Vancor
- Karyl Beloin
- Dennis and Mary Beaupre
- Sister Barbara
- Louise Cody
- Pam Bombrowski

For those interested in learning more about Jerome Home or volunteer opportunities, please visit: [www.jeromehome.com/join-our-team/volunteer-opportunities/](http://www.jeromehome.com/join-our-team/volunteer-opportunities/) or call Jenna Sweet at 860.356.8236.

Jerome Home, which offers skilled nursing, short-term rehabilitation, residential care, memory care and assisted living, is affiliated with Hartford HealthCare Senior Services.



# GOP State Seeks To Completely Outlaw Abortion -Liberals In Full Freak-Out Mode

The Texas Heartbeat Bill caused a nationwide uproar from baby-killing liberals and far-left progressives, so there's no telling the level of insanity this new bill will cause.

Oklahoma's House of Representatives passed a bill earlier this week that would ban nearly all abortions in the state. If it is signed into law it would be the strongest pro-life law in the nation.

The law, HB 4327, would outlaw doctors in the state from performing any abortions unless the life of the mother is at risk. Private citizens could also sue doctors or others in the state in violation of the law for up to \$10,000.

The bill next moves to the state's Senate where it will likely pass under the GOP-led majority. The governor has not yet stated whether he would sign the bill into law. If enacted, the bill is set to go into effect on November 1, 2022.

The proposed law would surpass even the recently enacted Texas law as one of the strictest abortion laws in the country, banning nearly all abortions after the point of conception instead of at the detection of a fetal heartbeat. In 2021, the new legal action in Texas banned abortions after the detection of a fetal heartbeat, generally at about six weeks of pregnancy.

The Supreme Court allowed the Texas law to stand, leading other Republican-led states to begin pursuing similar legislation.

"House Bill 4327 does not end abortion, but it will induce compliance because no abortion provider will violate it and risk a lawsuit," said bill sponsor and Republican Rep. Wendi Stearman.

"The legislation also includes an exception for women who seek an abortion due to rape, sexual assault or incest so long as the crime has been reported to law enforcement," the report noted.

Oklahoma is among several GOP majority states to pursue new abortion restrictions this year. Tennessee Republican lawmakers introduced a new abortion restriction law last week modeled after recent legislation

in Texas that would ban most abortions.

The Volunteer State already has some of the strongest pro-life laws in the nation. The new bill would further limit abortions, allowing private citizens the ability to file civil lawsuits against those who perform an abortion.

"This bill is modeled directly after the legislation passed in Texas last year. Abortions, since that bill has been passed, have dropped 60% in Texas," Republican Rep. Rebecca Alexander, the bill's sponsor, told a House subcommittee.

The Idaho House of Representatives also passed a new bill last week that bans abortion after six weeks of pregnancy. **Cue the liberal shrieking!**

Author: Elizabeth Tierney

# Disney and Teachers Sure do Want to Groom Kids Over Florida's New Law

The Walt Disney megacorporation and teachers' groups around the country are outraged at the suggestion that many teachers might be trying to sexually groom small children in the classroom by constantly talking about their weird personal lives. They say that never happens. Also, they are super mad that Florida has passed a law banning teachers from sexually grooming little kids in the classroom.

We can understand why someone who is a teacher and a pedophile would be upset about this law, since it directly affects them. But why does Disney feel like it has a stake in this?

Disney is angrier than the teacher groups about the law. They're so mad, in fact, that senior Disney executives are now saying they plan to sexually groom little kids by inserting gay and transgender propaganda into all of their children's shows.



# Biden Makes A Decision So Bad Even Team Obama Is Screaming "Stop!"

According to former Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, the present stalemate on the US-Mexico border, sparked by Biden's administration, is "unsustainable" because of the high number of illegal entries.

The Department of Homeland Security has predicted that up to 18,000 undocumented immigrants a day will enter the United States during the peak spring and summer seasons, especially after Title 42 expires. 42 has been used since the beginning of the COVID-19 epidemic to keep the virus from spreading in Border Patrol holding facilities, but it may be phased out as COVID curbs have relaxed.

"The border is a tough problem. I'm waiting to see whether they eliminate Title 42 on the southern border. It's simply a method to keep the numbers down; however, these numbers are very high," Johnson added.

Typically, the peak months are March and April... In six months, we will reach a million. My career-high was 68,000 for the whole year; that felt like the world was coming to an end in terms of politics. "The numbers are massive. In my opinion, they are unsustainable," he added. "You make a compelling point; if Title 42 is lifted, the public health debate may shift to the southern border."

Border Patrol apprehending 1,000 individuals each day has previously been described by Johnson as a significant problem. When 15,000 Haitians were forced to camp under the international bridge after illegally crossing into Texas due to a lack of space, DHS is having to prepare for more than one Del Rio bridge from September 2021 a day.

Democrats clearly want to flood America with as many people who would vote for them as possible. But the thing that never gets spoken about is that this same dynamic is playing out in Europe, Canada and Australia. All nations with majority or formerly majority white populations. Also, the conservative parties in all of these countries seem to be allowing this huge movement of third world people. It's almost as if the whole thing is a part of the plan for globalization. Republicans must grow a spine and call this agenda out if western civilization is going to survive.

.....Author: Blake Ambrose



## Wonder of Women

The 21st annual Wonder of Women (WOW) event will be held on May 3, 2022, at the Aqua Turf Club in Planstville. The guest speaker this year will be Ayodele Casel. Proceeds from the event support grants to programs assisting women and girls in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. Save the date!

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# Plainville youth wins citizen award

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By **BRIAN M. JOHNSON**  
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Local youth Michael Ahern will be presented with the 2022 Citizen Honors Award for Youth Service from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society.

This honor will recognize his efforts to raise more than \$30,000 for wounded veterans through "Scoops for Troops."

The Congressional Medal of Honor Society was established by the 66 living recipients of the Medal of Honor. The "Citizen Honors Awards" program was launched in 2007 and "reflects the mission of the Society to promote the principles behind the Medal of Honor and to show that they are relevant to all Americans."

The Community Service Award recognizes a community-based organization for its "exceptional impact or mission in supporting our nation's military service members and families."

According to a statement from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, Ahern was selected following a national search for individuals and an organization whose "service or act of heroism greatly distinguished themselves."

"Michael's passion and commitment reflect great credit upon himself, his family, and the state of Connecticut," the statement read.

In 2019, at the age of 9, Michael Ahern founded "Scoops for Troops" to pay for kids' ice cream while their families were on vacation at Travis Mills Foundation's retreat in Maine. The Travis Mills Foundation helps post-9/11 veterans who have been injured in service to our nation — many who have lost one or more limbs — overcome their physical obstacles and enjoy well-deserved

rest and relaxation.

Ahern quickly exceeded his initial \$400 goal and decided to go for a larger goal of sending families on an all-expenses paid vacation to the retreat. Last year, he presented a \$31,733.66 check to Travis Mills in person, which covered the expenses for eight families.

"Meeting Travis in person was amazing," Michael Ahern said. "I also got to meet some of the families up there."

Ahern will be traveling to Charleston, South Carolina to be formally presented his Community Service Award by a Medal of Honor recipient on July 20. Michael Ahern's father, Scott Ahern, said that it was "amazing" to see how his son's hard work was being recognized.

"Michael was speechless when we found out," said Scott Ahern.



Dennis Buden

Michael Ahern

"He was absolutely ecstatic."

Scott Ahern said his son intends to continue fundraising to support veterans.

"He wants to raise at least \$30,000 every year and his goal is to hit a \$500,000 before he goes to college," he said.

To that end, "Scoops for Troops" has been registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

"Our work is very important and we want to keep going," said Michael Ahern.

This year, Michael Ahern recently helped serve breakfast to Vietnam War veterans in Maine. He will also be serving ice cream at the "Miles for Mills 5K" over Memorial Day weekend, which also supports the Travis Mills Foundation. Scott Ahern said that this event attracts more than 5,000 people from all over New England.

Ahern also plans to hold another "swimathon" fundraiser in Connecticut this July. Last year, the "swimathon" was held at Shuttle Meadow Country Club in Berlin.

Swimmers pledged to do 100 laps each from 8 a.m. to noon.

"We're hoping that Travis Mills will come down for the swimathon," said Scott Ahern.

"Scoops for Troops" came about when the Ahern family was visiting their vacation home in Maine. Over the years, they saw the Foundation's retreat being built. Then, in 2018, on the Fourth of July, the family watched a parade in Belgrade, Maine, where Michael Ahern spotted a soldier who had lost both of his legs across the street.

"I went over to tell him 'thank you for your service,'" Ahern said. "Ever since I was 3 years old, I was really interested in the Army and what they do. I would always say 'thank you for your service.'"

This event sparked Ahern's desire to give back to those that have served.

For more information on Scoops for Troops, visit [scoopsfortroops.org](http://scoopsfortroops.org). For more information about the Travis Mills Foundation, visit [travismills.org](http://travismills.org).

## Wheeler Health Named "Top Performer"

### in Human Rights Campaign Foundation's 2022 LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Index

WASHINGTON/PLAINVILLE, Conn. — Today, Wheeler Health has received an evaluation of 95 out of 100 and the designation of "LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Top Performer" in the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's 15th anniversary edition of the Healthcare Equality Index (HEI), the nation's foremost benchmarking survey of healthcare facilities on policies and practices dedicated to the equitable treatment and inclusion of their LGBTQ+ patients, visitors, and employees. A record 906 healthcare facilities actively participated in the 2022 HEI survey, and 251 of those earned an "LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Top Performer" designation. Of the 906 participants nationally, only 38 were federally qualified health centers. "Wheeler Health has an unwavering commitment to providing compassionate, equitable care to the LGBTQ+ community, and this designation underscores our commitment," said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, President and Chief Executive Officer, Wheeler. "We strive to meet the unique health care needs of the LGBTQ+ community through a full continuum of integrated primary and behavioral health care services, as well as policies within our organization that acknowledge, affirm, and promote health and wellness among our LGBTQ+ clients, patients, and students. We also celebrate our diverse workforce by establishing inclusion opportunities for all staff to be seen, heard, and celebrated."

"Every person deserves to have access to quality healthcare, be respected and heard by their doctor, and feel safe in the facility where they are receiving care. But LGBTQ+ people are often subject to discrimination in all spaces, including healthcare facilities, which leads to members of the community avoiding care and anticipating our voices will not be respected in an incredibly vulnerable environment," said Tari Hanneman, Director of Health & Aging at The Human Rights Campaign. "The Healthcare Equality Index, at its core, strives to ensure LGBTQ+ people are protected and affirmed by their healthcare providers and feel safe seeking services. Our HEI active participants are truly pioneering the healthcare industry by implementing robust, comprehensive LGBTQ+ inclusive policies that hopefully, because of their work, will become standard practice."

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## Dear Editor,

Each spring, a nationwide high school arts competition is sponsored by Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in collaboration with the Congressional Institute. The competition is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in our Congressional District.

Congresswoman Jahana Hayes welcomes participation by high school students who attend schools in or live in Connecticut's Fifth Congressional District. The winning artwork of our district's competition will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol, as part of an exhibit with winners from around the country. Second place artwork will be displayed in the Congresswoman's D.C. office and third place will be displayed for one year at the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, CT.

All submissions will be on exhibition at the Mattatuck Museum from May 7-May 22, 2022. Visitors will be welcome to visit the exhibition. Please visit <https://hayes.house.gov/services/art-competition> for all necessary details regarding the competition.

The Mattatuck Museum  
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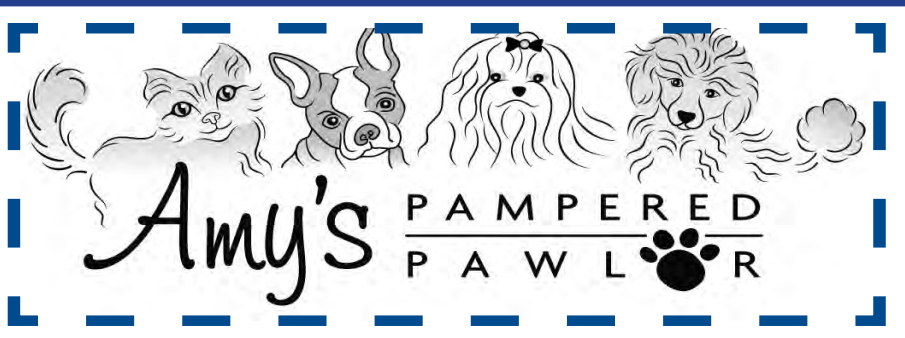
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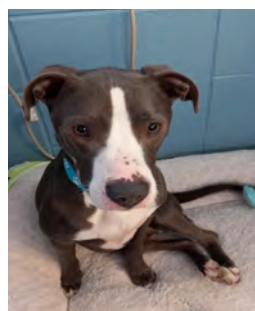
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In a grand gesture of love and the sharing of good health and her good fortune with her furry friends, Princess has decided to partially fund the Rabies Clinic on May 21. She invites pets from Plainville and surrounding towns to attend. And, oh yes, she continues to search for her

**PLAINVILLE PAWS**

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

Plainville PAWS enjoys the support of the Plainville Police Department employees.

*Your donations will be welcomed at the Plainville Police Department front desk. Thanking you in advance for your kind donations.*

**PLAINVILLE**

**PET CEMETERY CREATED**

To honor your beloved pets, the Plainville Cemetery Association has created a Pet Cemetery at the West Cemetery at 180 North Washington Street. Located in a wooded area behind the office.

For information, call Plainville Cemetery Association at (860)747-2314.

**Share with us some pictures of your pets and their thoughts about you, your family, and life in general!!**

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# Pet Page

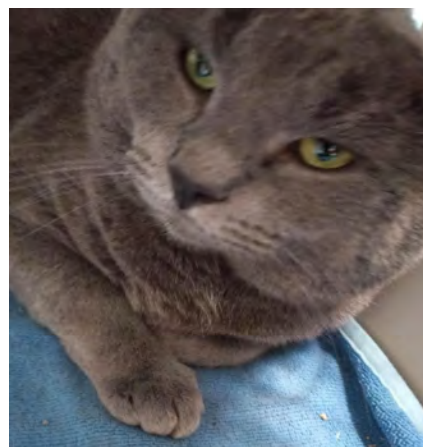
**From the Plainville Animal Control Desk:**

In the dark of night on April 5 two cats were left outside the town pound in a pet carrier. They were found safe when the staff arrived for work in the morning. A note explained that the owner was very ill and could no longer care for them. The note did include their names, no other information. It is so helpful to have some information about an animal when it is placed for adoption. Its name, any diet requirements or health issues, shot and spayed status, and age helps to get them more quickly resettled. These are good boys, both handsome, friendly, and obviously they care for each other. One was terrified, but is adjusting. There will be no problem placing them in a good home. All is well and they are lucky.

We need to have a serious discussion about this. Clearly, it is not safe to abandon any animal on the grounds of the pound, or anywhere else, at any time but especially not after dark. The pound is located in a wooded area near a wild life sanctuary and the dump. We know that Plainville has a nocturnal wild animal and predatory bird population. Any cage, or worse, a cardboard box would make short work for a pack of coyotes. A huge predatory bird could frighten a small animal to death. It is not necessary to reach such a desperate decision to do this in Plainville. If you cannot keep your pet, whatever your situation, your Animal Control Team stands prepared to help you.

*This service is free of charge, confidential and, trust us, we will understand. Call us at 860 747-1616.*

**We Have Two Sweet Boys Who Are Ready For Their New Homes**



We recently had two beautiful cats surrendered to the Plainville ACO who are now ready to find their furever homes! Colby: about 5-7 years old, Dark Grey color, he is shy when he first meets someone but once he warms up he is a sweet boy! Grant: 5-7 years old, Orange (Buff) color, he is as sweet as pie and enjoys being the center of attention! Both boys are UTD with their shots and both are neutered. If you have any interest in one, or both of these sweet boys contact Animal Control Officer, Donna Weinhofer 860-747-1616.

**Plainville PAWS will be hosting a Rabies Clinic!**

**Here is what you need to know:**



Information: Rabies vaccines will be given at a discounted rate, only cash accepted (Plainville Paws is paying the difference!) Vaccines will be given by Dr. Shapiro of Ragged Mountain, Plainville. Rabies Certificate is required to receive a 3 year vaccine.

**All Dogs must be on leashes & All Cats must be in carriers. Please remain in your vehicle!**





# ~ Profession of the Month ~

## Louise and Kevin Holmes of Plainville's Bagel Plus Deli

### Local Bakery Thrives



Starting the day at 3am, Louise Holmes and her husband, Kevin, begin work to open Plainville's Bagel's Plus Deli for the day.

Freshly baked bagels that are produced on site, are just one of the delicious options that they offer.

Louise bakes several times throughout the day. From Spinach Herb and Whole Wheat to Cherry Chocolate Chip and Blueberry there is sure to be a flavor to fancy everyone's palate. The best seller is her Everything bagel – there is just nothing else like it.

For those who are looking for something lighter, they have wraps, croissants, various breads, English muffins, hard rolls, and gluten free rolls. There are deli sandwiches and

breakfast sandwiches that are available anytime.

Famous for her chicken salad, that is made from scratch, Louise also makes pasta salad and an amazing potato salad. Customers have been known to special order the potato salad and pass it off as their own. Her tuna salad and egg salads make a wonderful summer sandwich.

Dessert is also available! Cookies are baked fresh daily. Chocolate chip and oatmeal are delicious. Customers rave about the Almond Joy cookies, calling the day before even to have some set aside.

Louise makes sure nothing goes to waste. They donate to the Plainville Community Food Pantry and Plainville Seventh Day Adventist Church Regional Community Services on Broad Street. Then make bagel chips from whatever bagels may be left over.

Louise Holmes said, "We were pretty lucky business wise with staff during the pandemic.

"It's the increase in prices and the supply chain issues that have been our biggest challenge."

*Despite these challenges, Bagels Plus Deli continues to be a community-based business that has continued to prosper in Plainville for more than 22 years.*

Each month we feature a Plainville business or profession be it your anniversary, expanding your business or promotions of employees and etc. Send information and pictures to our e-mail: plainvillehometown@gmail.com

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