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Pear Loving Bear Visits Betsy Road



A large bear, who obviously loves pears, visited the back yard of Michael-Cianchetti twice recently! After eating its fill, it rolled around on the grass and the fact it was very hot that day, decided to cool off and take a dip in the pond behind the homes on Betsy Road. One Smart Bear - Obviously Not a "Care Bear" but a "Pear Bear!"



Pictured is Elmo Aiudi leading off the Memorial Day Parade driving his 1929 Model A Roadster. Elmo often joked he finally had a car just about his age.

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Plainville
Property Transfers

36 Cody Ave: Sharon A. Restucci of Plainville to Max Castrogiovanni, \$105,000 on 6/21/2022
72 Glenwood Dr: Ronald A. Emmons of Plainville to Lynn E. Leclair, \$335,500 on 6/20/2022
33 Hardwood Rd: Peter Hrynyszyn and Lukasz Halas of Plainville to Nicholas T. Sarfo, \$380,000 on 6/22/2022
16-a Johnson Ave: Maureen A. Zommer of Plainville to Michael W. and Shannon N. Thomas, \$480,000 on 6/22/2022
127 Milford Street Ext Unit A8: Edward Malicki of Plainville to Caelen Cain, \$91,000 on 6/23/2022
81 Rockwell Ave: Ostrovsky FT and Dmitry V. Ostrovsky of Plainville to Alexander P. Vetre, \$225,000 on 6/21/2022
54 Maria Rd: Teresa Boltromiejuk of Plainville to Christen Mirando, \$400,000 on 6/30/2022
127 Milford Street Ext Unit B1: Anna Karon of Plainville to Aya E. Ammouri: \$135,000 on 7/1/2022
Neal Ct: Cynthia Rogers of Plainville to JDP Holdings LLC \$40,000 on 6/27/2022
38 Northampton Ln Unit 38: Marshal Schlesinger of Plainville to Patrick and Wendy Betterini, \$165,000 on 6/30/2022
Willow Brk Ests Unit 11: Newport Willow Brk Partn of Plainville to Donna and Joseph Ortelle, \$389,400 on 7/14/2022
48 Bradley St Unit 5: 48 Bradley Street LLC of Plainville to Jose R. Reyes, \$160,000 on 7/12/2022

15 W Pine Way Unit 4: Matthew A. and Diane M. Greene of Plainville to Todd and Patricia Glasgow, \$400,000 on 7/14/2022
12 Beechwood Rd: Hightower Corp of Plainville to David and Zachary Scholl, \$235,000 on 7/14/2022
33 Hemingway St: Argolica LLC of Plainville to Denise M. Johnson, \$280,000 on 7/12/2022
30 Wheeler Ln: Tamara N. Carlson of Plainville to Reina L. Irizary, \$270,000 on 7/26/2022
54 Pequot Rd: John and Marek Orzol of Plainville to Salman Rabbi, \$375,200 on 7/22/2022
65 Franklin Ave: Scott A. Bournival of Plainville to Olusola Oladimeji-Onawoga and Taiwo Ona
528 Camp St: Jean P. and Kathy L. Oakes of Plainville to Eric Timiraos, \$240,000 on 7/25/2022
38 Cody Ave: Paulo J. Reis of Plainville to Oleksandr Yasnikovskyy, \$311,000 on 7/29/2022
2 Cassidy Dr Unit 2: Patricia A. Queen of Plainville to Lisa Marci, \$100,000 7/29/2022.
42 Farmstead Ln: Serrano T and Peter A. Serrano of Plainville to Felipe A. Castillo, \$325,000 on 8/8/2022
15 Race Ave: Sunderland F W Jr. Est and Tim Sunderland of Plainville to Cynthia Appiahosafu and Lawrence A. Osafo, \$230,000 on 8/9/2022
137 Hollyberry Ln: Paul Lewko and Kristine Cloughlewo of Plainville to Eileen J. Maca, \$370,000 on 8/10/2022

Mangiafico's Bakery Owner Retires
 By Brian M. Johnson

Mangiafico's Bakery is up for sale as owner Sal Mangiafico announced his decision to retire after 26 years and sell the building this past weekend.

Business is great, we've done very well and we've always been supported by the community, but we just turned 26 this year and I decided that I might as well retire. " said Magniafico.

The Bakery is located at 104 E. Main St. He is hoping to sell it for \$110,000. with everything included--cases, ovens, refrigerators, etc.

Corriveau announced the sale on the Bristol Talks and Plainville Talks social media pages in a video with Magniafico this weekend. She said in her post that has been a "gem" in Plainville. "Owner Sal has been providing customers with not only fresh baked goods and pastries, but has been exemplary in his dedication th the community," she said. " Thank you for being a special piece of Plainville for all these years."

Several town leaders and residents thanked Mangiafico for his many years of dedication to the community. Mangiafico's has been an institution in Plainville for many years," said Town Manager Robert E. Lee. I wish him well in his retirement. He will be missed." Town Council Chair Kathy Pugliese said that she was sorry to hear of Mangiafico's closing." "It was a wonderful Plainville small business." she said

Sal always contributed to charities and events. I wish him well in his retirement and hope that someone will purchase the

building and keep it going," Pugliese said that Mangiafico's was well-known in Plainville for having "incomparable" sandwich rolls and Italian bread. People often went to them for birthday cakes as well.

Carl Hauburger, planning economic development director said that Mangiafico's was a "stalwart" community business."They've been a great business to have in town," he said. "They had a great following and certainly made an impact in town. They were known for having great customer service and a family atmosphere. They were one of the best examples of the type of "Mom & Pop" business that makes up the backbone of our community. Several Bristol and Plainville residents also shared memories and gave their well wishes."Good luck on your retirement," wrote Linda L. Masse. I'm going to miss you. You have the best stuff." Karel Zettergren also congratulated Mangiafico. "I wish you a happy and healthy entirement," she said. "I'll miss your angel wings for sure." Heidi Coughlin also gave Mangiafico her best wishes. "You will be sorely missed, and thank you for your years of delicious treats," she wrote. Kristen Rockwell congratulated Mangiafico and said they will be greatly missed. "I've enjoyed your bakery for the past 20 years, and would recommend everyone to go to your location. Those interested in purchasing the Mangiafico's building can find the listing at: tinyurl.com/2p9bus94. Corriveau can be reached by email: Doreen@/doreenCorriveau.com or by phone at 860-250-4443.

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

July 18, 2022



Crack Sealing – CRCOG Bid

- Town staff is proposing to crack seal twelve roads this year. A list of the specific streets to be crack sealed was included in the meeting information package.
- Town staff is recommending utilizing U-SEAL of Bloomfield, CT at a cost of \$0.87 per pound of seal installed. This is \$0.07 less than what was paid for the same work last year. The per pound amount was determined by a CRCOG Solicitation Invitation for Bid for Asphalt Pavement Crack Sealing issued earlier this year.
- The value of the work will not exceed \$50K and will be paid from the Town Aid Road (TAR) Account. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation to award the crack sealing work on 12 town road to U-SEAL of Bloomfield, Connecticut at cost not to exceed \$50K.

CWPM Condominium Collection Contract

- CWPM has had a contract with the Town to collect trash from the condominiums in Town since the early 1990's. Recently it was discovered that the contract with CWPM expired on June 30, 2019. However, CWPM continued condominium collection to this date at the same per unit price of \$208.81.
- I contacted CWPM and they have proposed extending the contract for five years beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027, at the same unit price (\$208.81) with no increase during the term of the contract. It should be noted that this unit price has been in place since 2013. It should also be noted that the unit price before 2013 was \$219.80.
- It is my recommendation that the Town Council approve the extension of the contract with CWPM for five years at the same unit price that has been in place since 2013 (\$208.81).
- CWPM has done a fine job of collecting solid waste and recycling from the condominiums for many years with minimal (if any) complaints. They are very quick to respond to issues that may arise, and they work very well with Town staff.
- Additionally, CWPM has proposed to keep the unit price steady during this the length of the contract even though the tip fee from Covanta is scheduled to increase by the rate of inflation each year going forward. CWPM will be absorbing this increase. They are also a Plainville company.
- In conclusion, there are 864 condominium units under the current CWPM contract for an annual cost of \$180,411.64. This annual amount has not changed

(other than the number of units) since 2013.

- There is an item under New Business to accept the offer of CWPM to extend the condominium solid waste and recyclables contract for the next five years at a per unit cost of \$208.81.

FAA Airport Grant Offer – PAPI/AWOS

- The FAA has made a grant offer to Plainville to construct four safety projects at Robertson Airport. These projects are: 1) Weather Reporting Equipment (AWOS III), 2) Primary Wind Cone (NAVAIDS), 3) Segmented Circle (NAVAIDS), and 4) A Vertical/Visual Guidance System Runway 2/20 (PAPI for both runway ends). The proposed grant is for \$1,318,500. This amount represents 90% of the total estimated project cost of \$1,465,000.
- The State will be contributing \$40K towards this project and the local share is estimated at \$106,500. The local share will be paid from the Robertson Airport Fund Budget.
- To enter into the Grant Agreement, the FAA requires that the Town Council give authority to execute the grant to the Town's authorized representative. There is an item under New Business that would authorize the Town Manager to execute the grant agreement on behalf of Plainville.

White Oak Project Discussion – Clean Out Proposal

- Newport/Manafort recently expressed concern with the condition of the interior of the White Oak Building – specifically – the paper, furniture, equipment, etc. that has been scattered/broken (by vandals) throughout the building. They were concerned that, in its present condition, the building could be subject to a major fire if someone gained entrance to the abandoned structure. In fact, a recent tour of the facility indicated that someone started a "bonfire" in the garage area over the winter.
- I toured the building and concurred with their concern as well. I spoke to Atty. Mastrianni regarding this issue, and he indicated that the Town does have a "financial and insurable interest" in the property and that we should consider "protecting that interest". Under our agreement with Newport/Manafort, they would be responsible for cleaning out the building once they took possession of it. However, that may take months as the remediation would need to be completed first. An estimated cost to perform this work is attached. The cost is \$84,510.
- Atty. Mastrianni, Cal Hauburger and I are recommending that the Town and Newport/Manafort enter an agreement whereby the Town pays to remove the material with Newport/Manafort reimbursing the Town when it is turned over to them. There is an item under New Business regarding this

recommendation.

Hemingway Street Drainage Discussion

- Town staff and several Town Council members recently met with some residents of Hemingway Street to discuss a flooding problem with their properties. Town staff is looking for direction as whether the Town should assist the residents with this problem.
- It should be noted that there is water draining into this area from Town-owned property as well.

Outdoor Dining

- In 2004, the Town Council adopted an Ordinance regarding "Outdoor Dining". The purpose of the Ordinance was to permit the private use of public property for outdoor restaurants and café seating in the Central Commercial Zone.
- In April 2022, the Governor signed into law that "notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, special act, municipal charter or ordinance, the zoning commission of each municipality" shall now govern outdoor dining, including on "public sidewalks and other pedestrian pathways".
- Pursuant to the new law, the Planning & Zoning Commission has already amended their regulations to include "outdoor food & beverage service".
- Because the new State Law makes the ordinance obsolete, if there are no objections, town staff will begin the process to delete the Outdoor Dining Ordinance.

Honor Heights Sewer Extension

- On May 17, 2022, the Town Council held a Public Hearing on the proposed extension of sewers to the 82 homes in the Honor Heights Sub-division.
- The estimated cost of construction is \$1.2M to 1.4M with \$820K proposed to be funded by beneficial assessments and the remainder utilizing existing State LoCIP monies.
- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council pass a motion authorizing moving forward with the project for construction next year. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation including language that would cap any potential benefit assessment at no more than \$10K. The benefit assessment amount per home would be determined after the project is completed and all the costs are known.

Vehicle Purchases – Buildings & Grounds and Building Official

- The CIP Budget included the replacement several town vehicles. This evening, Town staff is seeking authorization to move forward with two of those vehicles.
- The first is the replacement of the purchase of a F-250 ¾ ton 4x4 pick-up truck with body and plow for the Buildings & Grounds Department. The budget for this truck is \$45K.
- Town staff has secured a State

Contract price of \$47,812.40 (+\$2,812.40) for the replacement. It is a 2022 truck and is already on the lot a Gengras. This truck, if purchased will replace a truck that has already been taken off the road because of deterioration and safety concerns.

- The second vehicle is for the Building Inspector. The CIP budget included an amount of \$27K to replace this vehicle. It is proposed that a 2022 Ford Explorer be purchased under a State Contract from Gengras in the amount of \$35,307.40. (+\$8,307.40). I believe that the original budgeted amount of \$27K was outdated and understated. Coupled with the increase in vehicle prices, the \$35.3K is being recommended as the vehicle was immediately available to the Town.
- The overages will be covered by surpluses in other CIP projects that came in under budget. There are items under New Business for the purchase of both vehicles.

Police Department ARPA Request

- The "ARPA List" originally approved by the Town Council earlier this year included a line item of \$200K for the Police Department. This evening, Chief Vanghele is proposing to spend \$103,031 on 9 items for his department.
- The list includes the renovation and improvements to several areas within the Police Department Building. It also includes the purchase of new badges, the creation of an Honor Guard Unit, and the purchase of some new storage cabinets.
- Chief Vanghele is here this evening to answer any questions that you may have regarding this request. There is an item under New Business that would call for a Public Hearing at the August 15th meeting should the Town Council desire to move forward with this request.

Aquarion Water Company

- Aquarion recently notified the Town of their intent to file an application to amend their rate schedules. Aquarion filed a letter with P.U.R.A. dated July 1, 2022, they indicated that their request would increase rates over a three-year period beginning in February 2023
- Aquarion serves approximately 685K customers in 56 municipalities. Their proposal would increase rates an average of 25% over a three-year period.
- I recently had a conversation with a representative from Aquarion who informed me that their application does not include a rate increase to the former Valley Water customers as the improvements they were looking to fund did not include their Plainville system. PURA will make the final decision regarding the rate increase, and it is suggested that the Town seek intervenor status to monitor the progress and provide direct input as needed.

Michael Paulhus, Town Manager's Report to Town Council

August 15, 2022



Fire Department Dispatch

- **The Fire Department** utilizes part-time volunteer firefighters to provide dispatching of fire calls from the Fire Station. The part-time firefighters provide 128 hours of dispatching per week. Approximately 10+ years ago, the Police Department took over fire dispatching for the daytime hours - Monday through Friday - from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. This is a total of 40 hours.
- Fire Chief Tom Moschini is requesting that the dispatching of Fire Calls during the day by the Police Department be returned to the Fire Department. Chief Moschini has spoken to Chief Vanghele regarding this, and he (Chief Vanghele) supports the request.
- Chief Moschini points out that having a dispatcher at the firehouse 24/7 would assist in getting items such as annual apparatus pump testing, hose & ladder testing, etc. completed in a timelier fashion as the dispatcher would be able to assist in these requirements between fire calls.
- Additionally, there will be occasions that - when the day shift dispatcher is also an apparatus driver - he/she may be able to respond in a timelier manner as well.
- Chief Moschini also believes that this change would "a great boost in moral to" the volunteer members of the department. The cost to shift the dispatch from the police to the fire department would be approximately \$30K per year. (40 hrs. per week x \$14. Per hour x 52 weeks)
- It is expected that there will be funds available in the FY23 (current) Fire Department budget to cover the first year of operation. (10 months). It is also anticipated that some funds can be shifted in future Fire Department budget requests to cover a good portion of these cost as well.
- During the last six months the Police Department has dispatched a "total of 109 calls". Please note that fire calls can take up a significant amount of a dispatcher's time, especially when there is a working fire.
- Both Chief Moschini and Chief Vanghele are here this evening to answer any questions that you may have regarding this request.

Bond Sale Results

- On August 2, 2022, the Town received 9 bids from financial institutions to purchase General Obligation Bonds totaling \$9M. These bonds would be used to pay for Wheeler School Elementary Building Projects and the road resurfacing program.
- Before the bond sale, Town staff met with the Standard & Poor Rating Team to discuss the credit viability of Plainville. S&P then

determined that Plainville should be rated a AA+/Stable community. This rating is one notch below a AAA rating, the highest rating that is given.

- S&P pointed out that Plainville has "a strong financial management conditions, supported by a formal reserve policy and regular budget-to-actual reports to the town council". They also pointed out the Town has "Consistently strong financial operations, the continued maintenance of very strong budgetary flexibility". They also noted that Plainville has a "favorable debt-and-contingent liability profile, supported by low debt" as well as "manageable retirement costs".
- As a result of this very positive rating recommendation, the "net interest cost" for the \$9M bond came in at 3.05%. This was lower than the 3.5% amount that was budgeted. This sale was also the lowest of any 20-year bond issue sold in Connecticut this year. The Town will begin paying off this bond beginning next spring.

White Oak Project Update

- Earlier this month the State Department of Economic & Community Development finalized the Financial Assistance Proposal (FAP) for the Former White Oak Remediation & Redevelopment Project. This FAP will provide a State Grant of \$1,170,000 for the "remediation, abatement, and partial demolition of the former White Oak Corporation Office Center at 1 & 63 West Main Street".
- The proposal is for a mixed-use development consisting of approximately 13,500 sq. ft. of medical offices, approximately 16,800 sq. ft. of industrial condos, approximately 11,000 sq. ft. of retail space, approximately 175 multi-family housing units, an approximately 30,240 sq. ft. new mixed-use building, approximately 423 parking spaces, and approximately 7 acres of green space on the 15-acre parcel.
- This property has been vacant since 2003. The next step is for the Town to apply to be accepted into the Abandoned Brownfield Clean-up Program. (ABC). This program offers municipalities and developers, who are not responsible for contamination, to be afforded liability relief from responsibility to investigate and remediate off-site contamination provided that the project meet certain economic development thresholds and remediation is completed under a formal DEEP program.
- Currently, Tighe & Bond, the Town's consultant for the remediation oversight, is preparing the application for the ABC program. Once accepted into the program, the Town will take title to the property.
- Manafort/Newport is expected to begin cleaning out the debris within

the White Oak Building within the next two weeks.

- There is an item under New Business for the Town Council to "ratify the Town Manager's execution of the Land Disposition and Development Agreement and attachments for the White Oak Redevelopment Project" now that the State Financial Assistance Plan has been finalized.

Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Update

- The State D.O.T. will be conducting a Public Information Meeting for Phase 2 of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Project in Plainville on Thursday, September 22, 2022 beginning at 7:00 pm. This will be a virtual meeting, however, residents can view the presentation at the Middle School Auditorium as well.
- Last week, the D.O.T. design staff met with the Conservation Commission and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to give them a preview of the Phase 2 plans and to solicit feedback and suggestions.
- Finally, the Town was notified that CRCOG has been awarded a "FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) Grant" in the amount of \$16,366,554. This grant will be used for the "design and construction of two trails in the municipalities of Plainville and New Britain. The first trail will fill the last major gap in the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail and the second trail will connect the FCHT to the CTFastrak in New Britain".
- Phase 1 of the trail from Norton Park to Town Line Road is scheduled to begin construction in the Fall of 2023. Phase 2 from Northwest Drive to Rte. 72 is expected to begin construction in the Fall of 2024. The design of Phase 3 through the center of Plainville and the trail to connect to the CTFastrak has not yet started.

WPC SBR Software and Controls

- The Water Pollution Control Capital Improvement Plan included a \$120K line item to upgrade all the software and controls for the SBR System. WPC Superintendent Joe Alosso is recommending that a contract with Aqua-Aerobic System, Inc. in the amount of \$81,820 be approved for this work. This is "proprietary software" and Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. is the authorized representative.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation. Superintended Alosso expects that there will be some additional costs related to electrical work, systems integration, and minor upgrades to make everything work smoothly as part of the upgrade.

Reserve Officer Program – Chief Vanghele

- Police Chief Chris Vanghele is here this evening to discuss implementing a "Reserve Officer

Program" for the Plainville Police Department.

- This proposal allows a town to continue to employ a Police Officer that has retired in good standing, to keep them certified and utilizing them as needed on a part-time basis. These officers would be classified differently for purposes of payroll and enjoy no other benefits from the Town.
- Specifically in Plainville, Reserve Officers will be utilized to work extra-duty assignments when no other Plainville Officer is available to work. Reserve Officers can also be assigned to large Town events where a significant need for law enforcement manpower is required.

ARPA Fund Recommendation

- Over the last two years, the Aviation Commission has overseen significant and much needed capital improvements to the Town-owned Robertson Airport. These improvements included a new roof on Hanga4, the repainting of several buildings and the renovation of the Administration Building -including the installation of a new fire alarm system. The project also included a new outdoor patio where the residents will be able to sit at picnic benches and umbrellas to observe the comings and goings of planes and helicopters at the airport. The total project cost, when completed, is expected to be approximately \$600K with \$490K coming from the Airport Fund and the remainder from Interstate Aviation.
- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council consider allocating \$250K from the Federal ARPA Funding to help back-fill some of the cost of the improvements. There are several additional projects in the pipeline, including apron rehabilitation, new fencing and security features and an update of the Airport Master Plan that will require the Airport Fund to cover a local share component after FAA Grants pay for the great majority (90%) of those projects.
- There is an item under New Business that would schedule a Public Hearing on the use \$250K of ARPA Funds at the beginning of the September 12, 2022, Town Council meeting.

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All Proceeds Benefit Dial-A-Ride.

We also need volunteers to help sort, set up, sell, and clean up after the sale.

Continued from Page 5- Happenings
MEMORY CAFE AT THE SENIOR CENTER-
 Memory Cafés are safe and supportive social gatherings for people with changes in their memory along with their care partners. Join us to Relax and socialize with other people experiencing similar life challenges.

VETERANS' SOCIAL HOUR

Tuesday, AUGUST 23, 10:00 a.m.

Monthly information and support meetings conducted by Sherri Vogt, Veteran's Liaison for Hartford HealthCare at Home. FOR ALL VETERANS OVER 60 AND THEIR SPOUSES.

AN ACCIDENTAL WEDDING COMEDY & LUNCHEON

Thursday, SEPT. 1, 11:00 a.m.

Cost \$4.00. Includes show and choice of sandwich with chips, drink and dessert or entry is free if you don't want lunch. Must register by Aug. 29.

NEW WATERCOLOR CLASS STARTS NEXT MONTH!

Fridays, SEPT. 9-OCT. 28, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Cost \$16. Class size limited to 12. Instructor Penny Kindblom

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL- SATURDAY 8/27/2022

2022 Household Hazardous Waste Collections

For residents of Berlin, Bristol, Burlington, New Britain, Plainville, Plymouth, Prospect, Southington and Wolcott.

Town of Bristol Public Works Garage
 95 Vincent P. Kelly Rd (off Rte. 229)

A list of acceptable items can be found on the City of Bristol website at www.ci.bristol.ct.us

The Record-Journal recently polled area candidates running for state House and Senate for their views on the Supreme Court decision overturning Roe vs. Wade, as well as earlier passage of the state's "Safe Harbor" law.

Candidates were asked the following:

1. Where do you stand on the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and why?
2. Do you agree or disagree with the state's Safe Harbor Law, which blocks state agencies from assisting in interstate investigations that could hold someone criminally or civilly liable for receiving abortion services in Connecticut, and why?

Here's how they responded:

22nd House (Southington, Plainville, Farmington)

Francis R. Cooley, Republican

1. "The Dobbs v. Jackson decision by the Supreme Court effectively nullifying Roe v. Wade is in line with Justice Byron White's dissent on Roe in 1973. Justice White argued the appropriate mechanism for resolving the issue of abortion was through the legislative process, a position echoed by the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg during a 2013 Q and A at the Chicago Law School, a process that eventually creates a consensus. As Justice Alito noted in his opinion the Court's 1973 opinion has only inflamed debate and deepened division rather than creating consensus on the issue. The Connecticut General Assembly has already passed law regarding Connecticut's position on the issue so the Supreme Court's decision will have little effect in the state as consensus, at least in Connecticut, has been achieved. The recent results in Kansas over a state constitutional amendment on the issue of abortion strongly suggest the majority of Americans are somewhere in the middle on the issue, echoing former President Clinton's position during the 1992 Presidential campaign, 'legal, safe, and rare.'"

2. "Simply put, state law is applicable only in that state's jurisdiction. New York does not enforce New York law in Connecticut and Connecticut does not enforce Connecticut law in New York. Interstate investigations of interstate crime is the providence of the Federal Government. State agencies in Connecticut should not be acting in any manner to aid or abet any other state from investigating any legal activities occurring in Connecticut by any person in Connecticut. To do so is simply unconstitutional and Connecticut state agencies should not need a law to remind them of this basic Constitutional fact."

Democrat Rebecca Martinez did not respond for comment.

From the Desk of: Cal Hauburger

The following update:

White Oak Update - Over the last week, the Town and Manafort Newport Realty have executed several documents to continue moving the project forward including the Land Disposition Agreement and the DECD required Financial Assistance Proposal. The next steps will include applying to the state's Voluntary Remediation Cleanup Program, an effort currently underway between the Town and Tighe & Bond, drafting a Financial Assistance Agreement with the DECD, and taking steps towards purchasing the White Oak property from the Toffolon Estate. Once under ownership of the Manafort group, the Town, Tighe & Bond, and Manafort Newport will work together to draft a remediation RFP to being abatement on the existing structures on site. In the meantime, the Town will work with Manafort Newport Realty over the coming weeks to clear out the White Oak building(s) to prevent further deterioration of the building's interior.

CT Essential Worker Premium Pay - I have been working to inform local businesses, and worth mentioning here, is the announcement by the Governor's Office of the CT Essential Worker Premium Pay Program. Eligible essential workers can be awarded up to a \$1,000 payment. To be eligible for the program, you must have been employed between the dates of March 10, 2020 and May 7, 2022 an unable to work from home. Examples of "critical workers" include grocery store employees, non-governmental medical staff, pharmacy workers, bus drivers, critical manufacturing, and other frontline occupations, and must have made less than \$150,000 salary. Federal, State, and Municipal employees are not eligible. Further program information and application can be accessed online at ctessentialworkerrelief.org.

Plainville Affordable Housing Plan - The Planning & Zoning Commission will consider the adoption of the Plainville Affordable Housing Plan which is intended to inform the town's knowledge and understanding on housing affordability, how it relates to Plainville, and how to improve housing choice and affordability for all Plainville residents. Housing availability and affordability issues have been exacerbated by recent economic factors to the point that many Plainville families have been priced out of the market. The draft plan was developed through a series of steps including a public survey, public workshop, and ongoing informational updates. The public hearing will take place at 7:30pm on September 13, 2022 in room 304 of the Plainville Municipal Center, One Central Square, Plainville, CT. Additional information on Plainville's draft Affordable Housing Plan can be accessed through the Town's website.

Business Opening - After the closure of long-tenured Elvis Pizza, Don Taco has recently opened in the location at 135 Whiting Street. The menu features a wide array of house made Mexican fare including the assumed tacos and burritos, while also offering several specialties not always found on menus including empanadas, molotes, and many other entrée offerings. While only having been open for a few weeks, Don Taco has garnered rave reviews and is another great addition the ever evolving eclectic culinary offerings in Town that have greatly grown over the last couple years.

I apologize for the relatively short update; there's currently an odd mixture of activity in Town. While overall things are slow as the outside world finishes up summer vacations, internally and day-to-day things are quite busy and moving rapidly. Please enjoy the end of your summer and continue to stay cool in this sweltering heat. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Thanks,

Cal Hauburger

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DAYNA R. SNELL

AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS

Church

Redeemer's A.M.E. Zion Church
 and Grace CME Church

- Board of Christian Education
- Former Choir Director
- Young Adult Advisor
- Praise and Worship team

Recognition and Awards

- Janet E. Williams Humanitarian Award for her work at DCF 2015
- New Britain Bar Association Public Service Award
- Bristol NAACP Community Service Award
- Plainville Volunteer of the Year Award
- Leadership Academy for Middle Managers DCF 2016
- Featured Hartford's Court's Hometown Heroes May 2016
- Bethany College Alumni Community Service Award May 2016
- Art Hero for the state of CT and 100 Women of Color 2017
- NAACP - One of the 25 most influential people
- CCSU Department of Africana Studies for commitment to the Children/youth in Greater New Britain 2018
- YMCA of New Britain - Women in Leadership May 2019

Community Work

Founder & Volunteer Executive Director
 Queen Ann Nzinga Center
 Co-Chairman - Plainville Anti-Racist Task Force



"The humanity of all Americans is diminished when any group is denied rights granted to others"....."Julian Bond"
**Donate to Queen Ann Nzinga Center
 Everytime You Shop On Amazon.
 (See Page 17)**

Plainville Lions Roar

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

- Sponsoring of Red Cross Blood Drive
- Also, we still collect used eyeglass (A list of them can be found on our website (i.e. www.plainvillelions.org) under "Collection Box Locations". *Brian Lavigne, President*

SEE SOMETHING.....

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Call the Plainville Police

860-747-1616

THE END OF AN ERA

~ Elmo R. Aiudi ~



94, of New Britain, died Saturday (Aug. 6, 2022) at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain.

Born in New Britain, the son of the late Alipio and Julia (Gregory) Aiudi, he was the owner and president of A. Aiudi & Sons Concrete, in Plainville. Elmo served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, was a member of St. Maurice Church, the Prince Thomas Savoy Club, the 100 Club, and the Marchegian Club.

Mr. Aiudi is survived by his wife, Elaine (Dupuis) Aiudi, their children, Sandy and her husband Paul DiVincenzo, Steven and his wife Karen Aiudi,

David Aiudi, Pamela and her husband Gene Genarelli, Christopher and his wife Barbara Aiudi, Janice Strasser, Alison and her husband Tom Stula, and former daughter-in-law Linda Aiudi; 15 grandchildren; a sister Lorraine Clark, and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by daughter Lauren Aiudi, and son-in-law Kevin Strasser.

Elmo was dynamic. He had a magnetic personality and an indefatigable constitution. His enthusiasm for the ready mix concrete business was infectious and he was a revered leader in the construction materials industry. He realized many close friendships through his business endeavors.

Elmo was as steady as the sun rising and

setting. He was a proud American and devoted father. He took great care of his own, but also contributed selflessly to his Church, his local community, and Italian American Organizations throughout Connecticut, where he maintained many friendships. He was well respected. He was well loved. He will be dearly missed.

Family and friends attended a Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Katharine Drexel Parish (St. Maurice Church), 100 Wightman Road, New Britain.

Entombment will be private. Donations may be made to the Hospital for Special Care in New Britain (hfsc.org), or CCARC Inc, 950 Slater Rd, New Britain (ccarc.com).

Elmo, a Solid and Enduring Legacy

By: *Dave Aiudi*

Family and Friends celebrated the life of local legend Elmo Aiudi who passed on Saturday August 6th 2022. I'm Dave Aiudi, one of his sons. Owning a local concrete company A. Aiudi & Sons with his brothers for many years and then his own children, Elmo was an exceptional figure among local citizens as well as his family and friends. Although his many businesses and the people in them attracted much of his time and attention, his family was also a large concern and focus of his life. I have 3 children of my own and 2 weeks ago my only Daughter got married and I gave her away to her new husband. However Elmo and my Dad...had 5 Daughters and 3 sons... He was able to give away 4 daughters to great men and 3 sons to great women... And we all stayed here in CT. ... we all have families of our own...

-Dad was magnetic- He was a force in our lives -He was many things to many different people -He was the real deal -with his personality larger than life he was always present in us. His dreams became our dreams and his focus was our focus. When you walked away from him you had his passion and it just stuck and you wore it and carried it away with you. He was proud, powerful and bold...

Whether he had a wonderful life he would say... "Some things could be better but" ...with that glint in his eyes and that big smile... "it was pretty good overall!"

He was always encouraging... but kept it real... When talking to him... and common sense told you that you had misjudged something or done something wrong... When he said to you... "What a beauty!!!!" "he wasn't talking about how pretty you were. Instead, you were sort of put on notice ...in a critical and mostly respectful way... and you likely were not going to make that mistake again..."

Dad was a proud veteran. He was proud of his service in the US Army during the Korean War. With young confidence and mechanical experience I imagine he knew just about everything about trucks.. He was attracted to mechanics so it's no wonder that he was quickly promoted to Sergeant... He was a Supply Sergeant. He also learned in the Army of his High IQ of 132 the top 2% of the population... and he didn't hold back that information... with those closest to him..

After the Army although he went to the University of Hartford.... he used to tell us that he went to the School of Hard Knocks"... Learned everything he needed to know and more. He ran the business the old fashioned way.. by gut feeling, long hours and hard work. He made some good decisions and some bad ones... but mostly good. He built the business with his brothers from a pick-up truck and a couple of wheelbarrows to a Major Ready Mix Concrete Enterprise. The business provided for the family, everyone's college educations, weddings and he helped those children most in need. He contributed to many Public and anonymous causes and was a very generous man as you may know. When we went to some of the dinners at the several CT Italian Clubs or the Game dinners at Harwinton Rod and Gun he knew everyone and was like a

celebrity there. He also donated many of the raffle goods including TVs and other large items that made the functions much more exciting. He cleared the snow from the driveway of this church, many times himself.

He was his Mothers love... Grandma's youngest boy who had a close relationship... And so, even after getting married he would go over to Grandma's for dinner most nights. Mom had a few kitchen skills I'm sure and was going to try hard, but there was no better meal than Grandma's as most of us soon found out. So first to his Mothers and then home to Mom. 2 Dinners...but I guess it had to be... -He gained some weight...at the time, and packing a few pounds on by the age of 40.... Even I could see the problem... Mom didn't find out he was cheating on her dinnertime for at least several years... He sure put some weight on with that slim appetite...

And having children seemed his way of having his own Army. For their child bearing years I never got to ask if the pace of buying new concrete trucks was ...more ...or less... than the pace of having kids...

At least he didn't have to repair the kids..

Dad enjoyed his Children and I can remember JJ when she was just 3 years old. He had so much love for her that it was truly enchanting to watch. How could anyone not feel the power of love when he came home and tossed her into the air. His smile was so big and bright and it was just wonderful to have him home. And before that it was Lauren, then Sandy, then Steve, then me, then Pamela, then Christopher, Janice.. and finally Alison.

When he talked about business to customers on the phone or people he met after church, it was his enthusiasm that was just a happy song of his life. He was persuasive, confident, and convincing despite whatever problems he faced in his daily battles. He had an indefatigable constitution. We're all still trying to live up to that... He was hard charging and let nothing stop his forward progress.

Christmases meant filling the Ford Country Squire with presents at Grandma's, with at least 2 trips to Gary Drive with only Steve and I before we finally made the last trip with the people... it should be known it was a nine passenger car... except we had 10...

On Sundays during the summer Dad and Mom packed food, beach blankets, toys, umbrella and finally that heavy wooden tin lined cooler that we used every summer until it fell apart. Mostly Miami Beach, but Rocky Neck and occasionally Misquamicut, with a cookout on the way home if we were lucky....I'm pretty sure that's when I started lifting weights when we got that cooler...

There was nothing Dad wouldn't do for his children... he paid for college, private schools, various lessons, doctors, dentists, Disney world, Super Bowl and other sports, and everything else that we expected in life... Spread around of course... Not to mention weddings, rehearsal dinners, and countless things that we have no knowledge of...

Dad bought the beach house to fulfill Mom & Dad's Dream which soon became our passion as well... And soon after we all discovered a social life at the beach. Chris found his passion in boating as did Steve and I and Janice. And despite great efforts to unite himself with his children, he must have found as we all do that he lost his teenagers for a bit to lives of their own. Thank God for the second half of the team!

And to all of the spouses that Dad kindly tolerated until he learned to love you as well, you helped give him Grandchildren... Thank you for your contributions...

Even I could see that you've done well in his kingdom... we know what you've endured and its nothing that we didn't endure first!! You know what I mean...

Dad always took a genuine interest in people... he had a natural curiosity in people and in the world around him. People felt it. It was part of his magnetism and what drew people to him... He knew how to rally the troops whether it was his staff at work or his family or when he was traveling to heavy equipment shows. He had an innate ability to connect with everyone he met and if you remember his eyes he had great emotional intelligence before we knew what that was... with one sentence from him, you knew that he understood you.

He always had a way to make people feel good in a bad situation. That was the thing about him that made him a natural leader and someone who commanded respect.... In the most difficult times he was mentally strong..., and could concisely express just what you needed to hear to bolster you up and give you courage and reassurance. He never faltered.. and people inherently knew they could count on him. That ability made you feel stronger.

When Janice's Husband Kevin passed away... he was the first one at the house the next morning.... Handicapped and all... and he said to her..... "we are survivors"..... he showed up at the door!!

In church at St Maurice, in New Britain, he would love to sing and impress us with his voice. He came in with a pocket full of quarters and thumbed them into everyone of the kids hands for the basket... He had quite a St Maurice church following and loved seeing people after Mass. When he wasn't here in the past couple of years people would ask for him. He always found a way to connect with others and they got a kick out of it. Even in his 90's he was still someone people wanted to know.

He was a force of nature. The burdens he shouldered and the challenges he faced, seemingly never afraid to meet the challenges head on.

Thank you Mom for caring for him for many years.. You married a loving, entertaining, interesting and caring man.. Thank you Sandy for your daily and selfless trips to take Dad to work and elsewhere until 2 days before he passed at 94.. And thank you Grandsons, Greg and Hans for your Saturday and Sunday Chauffeur gigs with Grandpa, and especially Hans who by now has had his eyes opened to the stark realities of life! You are blessed with the badge that we could never give you but it is one of courage that you can forever be proud of. We are grateful for everyone that cared for Dad, especially Julia, his caregiver. It was no small feat for anyone.

And so.. I am grateful that all of you that can honor and appreciate Elmo and understand a local one-of-a-kind man who supported the community and had the ability to leave life affirming encouragement among those that knew him well.

Needless to say we are beaming with Pride at having known this man, sharing our lives, sharing our work and sharing the joy of being in his company. Thank you...

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

Janice raves. In search of a weatherproof table top to repair a small metal outdoor side table, I discovered Cortina Tile right here in Plainville. The owner took the time to advise me on proper material and then retrieved one tile from the back. It turned out to be the perfect choice. Personal face to face expert attention. Amazing in today's world.

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If you don't have a computer and have a Fave or Rave

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27 Sherman Street, Plainville, CT 06062

Share your Faves & Raves with everyone!

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

Thinking About Starting A Business In Plainville?

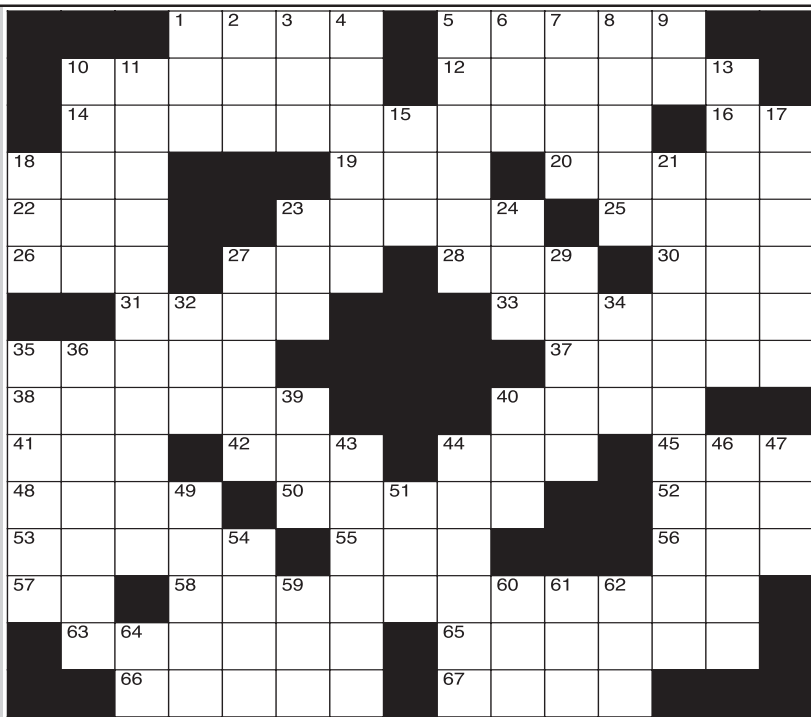
Always check with the Economic Development Commission

For assistance Contact:

Cal Hauburger, Economic Development Director

Call 860-793-0221 Ext.7178

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. CROPS SOWN IN WINTER IN INDIA
- 5. NURSEMAIDS IN EAST ASIA
- 10. INVESTIGATES
- 12. TREATED LIKE A CHILD
- 14. ABOUT RELIGIOUS BELIEF
- 16. WIDELY USED EXCLAMATION
- 18. CAR MECHANICS GROUP
- 19. NOT GOOD
- 20. INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF ALBERTA
- 22. EVERYONE HAS ONE
- 23. FENCING SWORD
- 25. SOAKS
- 26. THE HUMAN FOOT
- 27. OF SHE
- 28. ERYTHROCYTE (ABBR.)
- 30. SOLDIERS
- 31. ENERGY, STYLE AND ENTHUSIASM
- 33. PLAYWRIGHT O'NEILL
- 35. STONE PARSLEY
- 37. SMALL STONES
- 38. GAS DESCRIPTOR
- 40. MONETARY UNIT OF SAMOA
- 41. JEANS MANUFACTURER
- 42. NHL GREAT BOBBY
- 44. COOL!
- 45. BRAVO! BRAVO! BRAVO!
- 48. WINGED

50. PARTNER TO "OOHED"

- 52. DEFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPON
- 53. COATED
- 55. FURRY HOUSEHOLD FRIEND
- 56. CHINESE PRINCIPLE UNDERLYING THE UNIVERSE
- 57. PREFIX MEANING "WITHIN"
- 58. MAKES EASIER
- 63. TRANSFERRED PROPERTY
- 65. BRANCHED
- 66. HILLSIDES
- 67. ABBA __, ISRAELI DIPLOMAT

CLUES DOWN

- 1. EGGS IN A FEMALE FISH
- 2. MILITARY MAILBOX
- 3. UNIT TO COMPARE POWER LEVELS
- 4. LINE ON A MAP CONNECTING SIMILAR POINTS
- 5. ONE WHO ACCEPTS
- 6. PARTNER TO CHEESE
- 7. ANCIENT GREEK SOPHIST
- 8. ABOUT HILUS
- 9. SOUTHEAST
- 10. WHERE ACTORS PLY THEIR TRADE
- 11. BELOVED PHILLY SANDWICH
- 13. INTEND
- 15. TALK EXCESSIVELY
- 17. BRONX CHEERS
- 18. DRAIN
- 21. RENEWS
- 23. MONETARY UNIT IN ASIA
- 24. RELATIVE BIOLOGICAL EFFECTIVENESS (ABBR.)
- 27. CARTHAGINIAN STATESMAN
- 29. AGED
- 32. MAUNA __, HAWAIIAN VOLCANO
- 34. FIREARM
- 35. CONSOLATION
- 36. AN ISLAND IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC
- 39. PITCHING STATISTIC
- 40. DISCONSOLATE
- 43. A PART OF A RIVER WHERE THE CURRENT IS VERY FAST
- 44. CALL IT A CAREER
- 46. BEHAVE IN A WAY THAT DEGRADES SOMEONE
- 47. HEALTH INSURANCE
- 49. RECOMMEND
- 51. BALTIC PENINSULA
- 54. FATHER
- 59. AFTER B
- 60. BAR BILL
- 61. DOCTORS' GROUP
- 62. 2,000 LBS.
- 64. EQUAL TO ONE QUINTILLION BYTES

"HAPPY & HEALTHY BIRTHDAY TO ALL" SEPTEMBER

- 1ST MARILYN MAY
- 4TH MARY LOU FERNANDEZ
- 8TH BOB CORNISH
STEVE MARTINO
- 9TH RITA BOLTON, NEW JERSEY
- 10TH ED RAPACKY
- 13TH LYNETTE HIDAY
- 14TH JOAN BERGENTY
CHRIS WAZORKO
- 17TH BARBARA DAVISON
TRUDY KIJANKA
- 21ST MARGARET ARCARI
ROBERT MICHALIK
- 23RD COURTNEY BERGENTY
GERT LACOMBE
- 24TH BRIANNE BERGENTY
NANCY O'TOOLE
- 25TH JOANNE EDMAN
- 29TH MARC MILO



Happy Anniversary SEPTEMBER 7th

Wayne & Sandy Klapprodt
With Love, Momma

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ANNUAL Friends of the Plainville Public Library

Book & Jewelry Sale

Friday, Sept. 9th 12 pm - 3 pm

&

Saturday, Sept. 10th 9am - 3 pm

Saturday from 1-3pm is the Fill-A-Bag Sale,

\$3.00 for the first bag; \$1.00 for subsequent bags

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE PLAINVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Donations of jewelry, books, DVDs and CDs in good condition

welcome, items can be dropped off during normal library business hours.

"We cannot accept textbooks, reference books, encyclopedias, computer books, video tapes, or cassettes."

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers to sort materials and work the sale needed beginning now to September 10th. Interested individuals may call the library at 860-793-1446 or email friendsofplnv@gmail.com

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KATHY PUGLIESE

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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 who 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

I am sure, I am not the first person this has happened to, while shopping in Grazzo's Food Center. The older I get the shorter I get. Trying to reach something on the top self is never a problem because the Gnazzo clerks are always there to assist. And believe me to have these young clerks ready to help always "Makes my day".

I stopped at Mike's Auto on Farmington Ave. the other day to have them check the air in my tires. Without me asking they checked my oil, water and something with my engine (*I don't know what*) and they said I was all set! Boy!!

They really "MADE MY DAY"
..... Thank You, Mike
For the most caring employee's I am sure everyone gets the same attention that I received.
.....Just a satisfied car owner.

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

NONRESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS

Business owners will always have to weigh whether they should buy or rent their commercial space. If you choose to rent you should be fully aware of your rights if for some reason your landlord wants to evict you from your space. One essential right was recently enacted by Public Act No. 12-133, effective on October 1, 2012. Public Act No. 12-133 changed the pertinent section of the Connecticut eviction statute to require a claim for the forfeiture to the plaintiff of the possessions and personal effects of the defendant in a commercial eviction. The statute used to provide commercial landlords with the option of making such a claim. However, there was an apparent lack of notice the legislature recognized for defendants in commercial evictions. Therefore, the legislature changed the language to require landlords to make a claim for the defendant's possessions so that it

would be clear that the business being evicted had the potential to have all their possessions on the property removed as part of the eviction. This change in the law seems to fall in line with residential evictions as tenants being evicted from their homes run the risk of having their personal possessions removed if they fail to leave after judgment has been rendered against them. Ultimately, under the old law a commercial tenant would run the same risk, which is exactly why the law should be definitive in its language. Most of the time landlords do not want what is in any given space. Regardless, it is about having all parties properly notified.

While no business ever wants to be in such a circumstance the reality is they might find themselves there... even if it is not their fault. There are always pros and cons to renting, but the most important thing is being well informed about what the terms are in your lease and your rights as a renter in a commercial setting.

Attorney Thomas A.Wurz

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

132 East Street, Plainville Phone 860-793-9879



"Ask Sheila"

Q-1) I turned 65 in March. Now, in September, it's 6 months after my 65th birthday. Since I missed my Initial enrollment Period, do I sign up during the Annual Enrollment Period Oct 15-Dec 7th ?

A-1) No. If you miss your Initial Enrollment Period, and don't have a 'SEP' (Special Enrollment Period) i.e. loss of employer coverage; you must wait until the General Enrollment Period Jan1- March 31 to enroll. Then your Coverage will begin July 1st. You may be subject to a Part B late Enrollment Penalty.

Q-2) I recently received a phone call from someone who said they were calling to verify my Medicare information. Does Medicare call to update or verify information?

A-2) ABSOLUTLY NO ! Medicare will never randomly call you and request personal information or ask for your Medicare Number, Social Security Number or Banking information. NEVER give this information to any unsolicited callers. Medicare will NEVER try to sell you anything, and they will NOT call you unless you have called them first, to set up an appointment for a phone interview.

Q-3) If my Initial Enrollment month is November and I enroll in an Advantage Plan, do I have to enroll in a new Plan to begin in January?

A-3) You have the option of Rolling over your 2022 Plan to the 'New' 2023 Plan with the same Insurance company; or selecting a different Plan with a different company for the 2023 Plan year. If you have an Agent who helps you enroll in November of 2022, they should show you your 2023 options at the same time you complete your Initial Enrollment.

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*Thank you,
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With the cost of everything rising out of sight many of us have had to find ways to cut costs on things we normally use and find products that might be a little cheaper. Just this morning I was talking to my friend who related a couple of things she found cheaper and have all but changed her life. Some months ago, after suffering from aches and pains she happened to be in Tractor Supply and noticed some Horse Liniment on the shelf. Having some aches and pains, which seems to come on with age, she figured maybe she would try it and she picked up a bottle, it worked. Many of us who tried her cure, we have all found that horse liniment sure did the trick for our aches and pains. This morning I was talking to her and she said how she now uses horse shampoo and horse conditioner. She said not only is her hair shinny and more manageable but as she trots around town she's found her giddy- up and go hasn't quite gone yet. As they say, the old gray mare ain't what she used to be.

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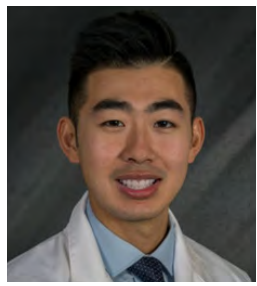
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It is with great pleasure to welcome

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Dr. Blake Ma grew up in Storrs, CT, and attended the University of Connecticut where he was a cum laude graduate. He then earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Connecticut with several honors and awards, including the UCONN Honors Scholar and Leadership Scholar. He completed his advanced education in general dentistry residency at the Eastman Dental Institute for Oral Health at the University of Rochester.



Dr. Ma practices patient-centered dentistry where he takes time to fully understand each of his patient's concerns. He is described by his family as friendly, caring, and meticulous in his work.

Dr. Ma is skilled in many areas of dentistry. He is experienced with procedures that replace missing teeth, improve your smile, and straighten teeth. He is also highly capable of providing emergency services to get a patient out of pain. All his work is completed using the latest digital technology and dental research. He is a member of the Connecticut State Dental Association, the New York State Dental Association, the American Dental Association, and the Academy of General Dentistry. When he's not performing dentistry, he enjoys spending time outdoors, playing tennis, and cooking.



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

**Rep. Petit Receives 100% Voting Record
for 2022 Legislative Session**

HARTFORD – State Representative William A. Petit Jr. (R-22) has once again achieved a perfect score for votes taken on the floor of the House of Representatives during the 2022 legislative session.

Each year, the House Clerk's Office releases the data on members' votes during the Regular Session and Representative Petit was present for all 264 votes taken during that time, one of only 62 lawmakers out of 151 to receive a perfect score. On average only 20 to 30 percent of legislators able to do so in a given year.

"I have always been committed to my role as a state representative and ensuring the voices of those who live in Plainville and New Britain, regardless of their political affiliation, were always present during every single vote," Rep. Petit said. "I am proud to have been able to fulfill my duty to the 22nd District and the wonderful residents who have put their trust in me to represent them in Hartford."

Rep. Petit serves as the Ranking Member of the legislature's Public Health Committee and is also a member of the Energy and Technology and Education Committees.

**Passport to Health & Wellness
Expo Features New Englands'
Holistic Community**

The Passport to Health & Wellness Expo will be held October 16, from 10am to 4pm, at The Bristol DoubleTree by Hilton.

The call for exhibitors has begun and applications are taken online: www.yourholisticevents.com

The Benefit Holistic Expo, presented by the Holistic Community Professionals, will feature speakers on the half hour and a Keynote Speaker at 1PM. Come enjoy more than 75 vendors and readers, free raffles all day and a grand prize of a Hilton overnight stay with breakfast for two, as well as a free sound and drum healing with Fred Maerke as a closing ceremony on the patio.

Interested exhibitors and speakers may apply online at: www.PassItOnLLC.com

For more information, call Shirley Bloethe at 860-989-0033, email YourHolisticEvents@gmail.com or visit PassItOnLLC.com.

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 or email

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.

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"Polio RETURNS"

The polio virus in the US returned in New York recently. Doctors think, the infection came from abroad, because vaccines are still not used in some countries.

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DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SECURITY NAMED FOR PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Plainville Police Department Support Services Sergeant Richard Marques has been named Director of Safety and Security for Plainville Community Schools, according to Superintendent of Schools, Steven LePage. He was selected through an extensive search and screening process conducted by a comprehensive committee that included Superintendent LePage, Plainville Chief of Police, Chris Vanghele, and several school district administrators.

Marques brings a wealth of experience to the newly created Director of Safety and Security position, having served in law enforcement for more than 27 years, and encompassing patrol functions, criminal investigations, behavioral health, supervisory and administrative positions. Additionally, he has had specialized training in the instruction of personnel and implementation of department policy, and has worked in conjunction with Plainville Community Schools personnel to assess school security measures, and design, modify and apply enhancements to the overall safety of the school district. In his role as Support Services Sergeant, he has also partnered with school district administration and personnel to enhance school security and implement emergency response training (ALICE). He has served as the liaison between the police department and the school district concerning safety and security, planned and executed district emergency management drills, assisted in updating district hazards plans, and served as the point of contact for and conducted physical security assessments.

Marques holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Haven and a Master's Degree in Law Enforcement Administration from Central Connecticut State University. He has completed a wide and extensive variety of professional development courses, trainings and certifications throughout his tenure including Protecting Our Schools – Blue Line Physical Security Assessment Training Levels 1-3, ALICE Instructor Course, Critical Incident Scene Management, Police Sniper Supervision / Team Leader Course, SWAT Team Command Leadership Decision Making, Capital Region Basic Special Weapons and Tactics School, De-escalation of Force training, and more. He is a member of the National Tactical Officers' Association, the Police Association of Plainville, and the American Sniper Association.

“Security and safety are our first priority, and a foundational need for all human beings in order to activate higher order thinking and learning. If basic needs of safety are not being met, it is very difficult to focus on learning, skill acquisition, relationship development, and other higher order skills and opportunities that align with our district vision and values” added LePage.

“It is an honor to continue to serve our community in this new role. I understand the responsibilities of this position and I'm ready to go to work.,” said Marques. Marques will begin in his new role as Director of Security for Plainville Community Schools on August 29th.



Sergeant Richard Marques

Director of Safety and Security Plainville Community Schools

NEW DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES NAMED FOR PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Michael Smith, former Vice President of Operations for CCARC, Inc., in New Britain, Connecticut, has been named Facilities Director for Plainville Community Schools, according to Superintendent of Schools, Steven LePage. Smith will replace former Facilities

Director, Steve Busel, who retired in July after serving in that capacity for 18 years. He was selected through an extensive search process conducted by the school district.

Smith brings a wealth of experience to the Facilities Director position having served in various facilities management roles at both CCARC, Inc., and the New Britain Museum of American Art, in New Britain, Connecticut.

Smith holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Central Connecticut State University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Hartford. He currently resides in Plainville with his wife and two children.

“Michael Smith brings the right balance of skills and experience with facilities leadership, coupled with a collaborative and positive leadership style. This district leadership role is critical to ensuring the continued excellent condition of our district facilities. I am confident that Mike will do an outstanding job, working with our dedicated staff, to keep our facilities looking and operating effectively and efficiently. Given that Mr. Smith is a Plainville resident and parent of children in our school district, we know he will be highly committed to serving our community in his new role,” said Superintendent of Schools, Steven

Students Complete Summer Math Challenge



First grade students in the Plainville Community Schools Summer RAMP program recently completed the 2022 Commissioners Summer Math Challenge. In the "ice cream shop challenge" the students used picture graphs to solve real world problems about events that could happen in an ice cream shop.

MSP Students Create Toys in RAMP Program



In photo:

Raveyn Garrow-Cooke, Kenisha Cayones, Blade Olsen, Donovan Hall, Joey Rodriguez, Raissa Couto-Soares

Students at the Middle School of Plainville have been busy creating wooden toy ducks equipped with rotating wheels, artwork, and a valuable lesson in STEAM as part of the summer RAMP program. Led by faculty member Camille Westfall, students were engaged in planning, measuring, cutting, and creating the lovable duck toys utilizing a variety of science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) skills. The dynamic, hands-on learning project was enjoyed by all and the paddle of duck feet could be heard throughout the school as students walked them up and down the hallways!

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag....



Students Attend Camp Invention Program This Summer

Learning, fun and exploration continued for a group of Plainville fourth and fifth grade students this summer through the Camp Invention program held at Louis Toffolon Elementary School, June 20th-24th. Organized by district Elementary Math and Science Instructional Leader Kirsten Penner, students from all three Plainville elementary schools enjoyed a variety of STEM related activities reinforcing the district's Portrait of the Graduate tenets, including being creative, collaborative, innovative, mindful and resilient. The program was facilitated by Plainville Community Schools faculty members Amy West, Sarah Miller, Samantha Woodward and Jessica Cochrane.

Louis Toffolon Elementary School's Community Garden



The garden is in full bloom this summer, thanks to the efforts of the school's Garden Club. The garden project was created under the direction of Toffolon School's Teacher of the Year, Rob Silliman. This past year, over 40 students participated with him in the school's Garden Club. The children volunteered their time one morning each week, selecting the types of plants, planting seeds,

caring for them indoors and transplanting them outside. The garden, located in front of the school, contains a variety of peppers, squash, zucchini, basil, tomatoes, broccoli, eggplant, strawberries, herbs, lettuce, kale, green beans, snap peas, and more! Toffolon families and community members are welcome to pick and enjoy the garden's bounty!



Plainville Adult and Continuing Education

It's never too late to return to school!

Plainville Adult and Continuing Education will offer evening programming, free of cost, this fall in the following areas: Adult Basic Education (Math and Reading/Writing), Adult High School Credit Diploma Program, Citizenship Preparation, English as a Second Language, and GED Preparation. Most programs are offered mornings too, with cost-free child care provided by professionals from the Plainville Family Resource Network, at Linden Street School.

Plainville Adult and Continuing Education's Fall enrichment course offerings (see class list) are held evenings and moderately priced. Pre-registration is required for all classes. The Program Guide will be mailed to all Plainville residents, For further information, please call Plainville Adult and Continuing Education: (860)793-3209 or visit: http://www.plainvilleschools.org/departments/adult_ed

Enrichment Class List: Bob Ross Joy of Painting Workshop Conversational Spanish, Crochet a Homemade Scarf, Crochet in Rounds and Make a CT Security Guard Trainin, Daddy Boot Camp, Foundations of Excel Grammar and English Usage for High School Graduate, The Heartsaver Program with Certification

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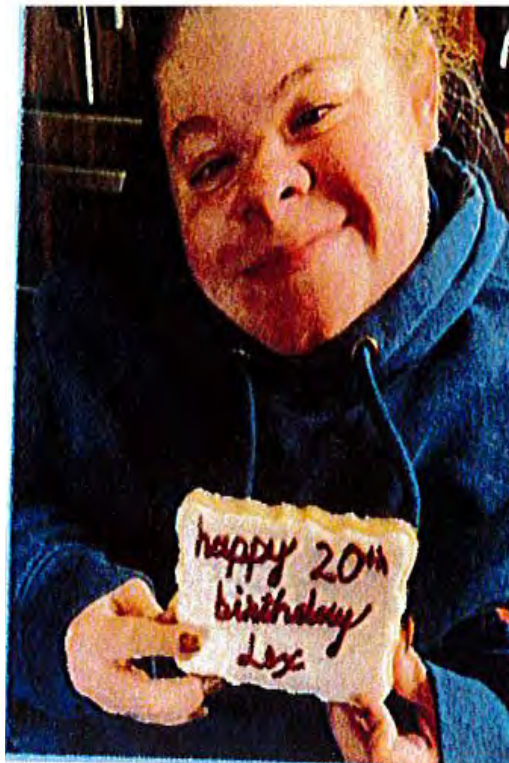
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PARC Presents 21st Coughlin Walk

Throughout 2022, PARC, Inc. has been celebrating its 65th birthday. The festivities will continue on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the 21st Annual Helen & Danny Coughlin Walk at Norton Park. This event is the biggest PARC fundraiser of the year.

The walk was named in honor of Plainville residents Helen and Danny Coughlin, mother and son, who were instrumental in the founding of PARC. Although both individuals have passed away, members of the Coughlin family join in the event each year by welcoming participants and walking.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. followed by the walk. A chili cookoff will also be held with entrants welcome – call PARC at 860-747-0316 for more information. Participants and supporters are welcome to just come to the walk or can register through the website www.parcdisabilitiesct.org. Rain date is Saturday, Oct. 8.

Sponsorships – being referred to as “PARCnerships” - are being accepted now for six levels from \$75 (bronze) to \$2,000 (MVP). Each level will receive special perks and sponsors will be featured in signage, publicity and on the custom T-shirt. ‘PARCnerships’ are available by contacting PARC through the website www.parcdisabilitiesct.org or by calling the office at 860-747-0316.

PARC advocates for 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. Membership is open to residents of Plainville and contiguous towns.

For more information about PARC and the 21st Annual Helen & Danny Coughlin Walk, visit the website at www.parcdisabilitiesct.org or PARC, Inc. on Facebook, or call the office at 860-747-0316. PARC, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) organization.

**PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER
SEEKING VENDORS FOR
HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

The Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, Plainville, is seeking vendors for their popular Holiday Craft Fair on Sat., Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Vendors who offer handmade items including jewelry, crafts, dolls, clothing and artwork are encouraged to participate. For more information, contact Assistant Director Ronda Guberman at **(860)747-5728** or by email at Guberman@plainville-ct.gov.

Three Of Our Feature Writers On Vacation Until October

“Can not wait to see what they will have to offer”



MYKE ROY



SALLY MILLER



KEVIN M. CONNELLAN

Dear 5th District Voters,

I am writing with a recap of the week in Congress and highlights of my work.

On Wednesday, I hosted U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Secretary Dr. Jewel H. Bronaugh for a tour of Freund's Farm in East Canaan and a visit to Paley's Farm Market & Garden Center in Sharon. During the visit, Deputy Secretary Bronaugh was able to see some of the incredibly innovative farming pursuits happening across the Fifth District of Connecticut. I was excited to convene an informational roundtable with small and beginning farmers during the visit.

I wrapped up the day with Deputy Secretary Bronaugh at Paley's Farm Market in Sharon. Paley's boasts 40 years of success in the agricultural sector. Recently, Paley's Farm Market was awarded \$3,808 in REAP Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Grant funding to install a new energy-efficient refrigeration and lighting system.

As Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Nutrition Oversight and Department Operations, and a member of the House Committee on Agriculture, I remain committed to supporting American farmers and expanding access to agricultural education and nutrition programs. I am thankful for the partnership of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and look forward to continuing to bring federal resources back to the Fifth District of Connecticut. Thank you for taking the time to read this update. As always, please continue to share your thoughts and priorities with me. To hear more about my work in Congress, subscribe to my newsletter here.*Jahana Hayes*

Member of Congress

**PAINT YOUR PET AT THE
PLAINVILLE LIBRARY**

Tuesday, September 27 at 5:00 P.M. Watercolor artist, Nancy Roman, will teach you how to paint a picture of your pet using watercolors. Her instructions allow for participants, ages 13+, of any skill level to attend this workshop. You must bring a 5x7 inch photo of your pet to use as inspiration for the painting. All supplies will be provided.

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Dear Editor,

I'm writing in support of Rebecca Martinez for the 22nd District's State Representative.

I met Rebecca in 2017 during the Wheeler School renovation, and her level of dedication to the town, depth of understanding issues, and charisma impressed me. Martinez's involvement and volunteering with numerous town groups including Plainville's Board of Education, PTO, Rotary Club, Plainville Positive Youth Coalition, and the State Board of Examiners of Nursing demonstrate her commitment to Plainville and the state. During the pandemic, Rebecca worked tirelessly as a nurse advocating for her patients and for Plainville's children as a Board of Education member. She always has the betterment of the next generation in her work ethic and is willing to work with both sides of the aisle which is so critical in today's political environment. Rebecca will be a great addition to Hartford.

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Hartford Man Arrested
For Forgery & Tampering

Hartford man Junior Jumpp, 31 faces charges of assault on a police officer, first-degree reckless endangerment, interfering with an officer, reckless driving, traveling too fast for a construction zone and second-degree breach of peace.

The arrest warrant stated "A police officer, working a private duty job at a construction site on New Britain Ave., had jumped out of way, when Jumpp sped through the site, after eluding Middletown police during a car chase." If the police officer didn't jump out of the way, he would have been struck.

A witness said he saw the vehicle park nearby in an empty lot before Jumpp abandoned the car. It was later traced back to Jumpp, he was found nearby and detained until Middletown police could arrest him. Judicial records, show Jumpp pleaded guilty to the charges in connection with the Middletown charges.

"Thanks to the man who Saw Something & Said Something"

Plainville Walgreens Shoplifting

Sheniya Lanier, 19 with two other persons to steal thousands of dollars worth of items from Walgreens on Farmington Ave. in July. They went in the store and began filling up carts with merchandise, while another person waited by the car.

They were able to take four carts of stolen goods out to the car. One of the persons attempted to bring a 5th cart out to the car, when he was stopped by an employee of Walgreens. The male suspect assaulted the employee, who was injured during the incident.

The other two suspects have not been identified in the theft. They fled the area.

The stolen merchandise was reported to be about \$2,300.

To help identify the police, Plainville police shared images via Facebook and the manager of the CVS in Southington said 2 of the suspects tried to steal from his store. An employee was able to take the full cart from them before they left the store.

Wheeler Receives Federal Quality Recognition for Health Center Services

Community Health Quality Recognition (CHQR) Badges Awarded in Six Categories Spanning Access, Quality, Health Equity, Information Technology, and More

Tied for the most awards in the state, Wheeler received six out of eight Community Health Quality Recognition (CHQR) badges from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) following an annual Uniform Data System (UDS) review for 2021.

The Community Health Quality Recognition (CHQR) badges recognize Health Center Program awardees and look-alikes (LALs) that have made notable quality improvement achievements in the areas of access, quality, health equity, health information technology, and COVID-19 public health emergency response.

In nearly every case, the awards received by Wheeler placed it in the top one-third of centers nationally.

Categories for which Wheeler was recognized include:

Health Center Quality Leader (Bronze) recognizes achievement of the best overall clinical quality measure performance among all health centers through the following tiers: Gold (top 10%), Silver (top 11-20%), or Bronze (top 21-30%). Wheeler was among nearly 30% of health centers nationally to receive this award.

Access Enhancer acknowledges increases in the total number of patients served and the number of patients who receive at least one comprehensive service (mental health, substance abuse, vision, dental, and/or enabling) by at least 5%. Wheeler was among 38.16% of health centers nationally to receive this award.

Health Disparities Reducer recognizes health centers that demonstrate improvements in selected clinical quality measures in consecutive UDS reporting years, 2020 and 2021, for at least one racial/ethnic group(s); or meets established benchmarks for

all racial/ethnic groups served within the most recent UDS reporting year. Wheeler was among 32.77% of health centers nationally to receive this award.

Advancing Health Information Technology (HIT) for Quality is awarded to health centers that meet all criteria for optimizing HIT services that advance telehealth, patient engagement, interoperability, and collection of social determinants of health data to increase access to care and advance quality of care.

Addressing Social Risk Factors recognizes health centers that screen for social risk factors affecting patient health and are increasing access to enabling services. Wheeler is among only 24.84% of community health centers nationally to receive this award.

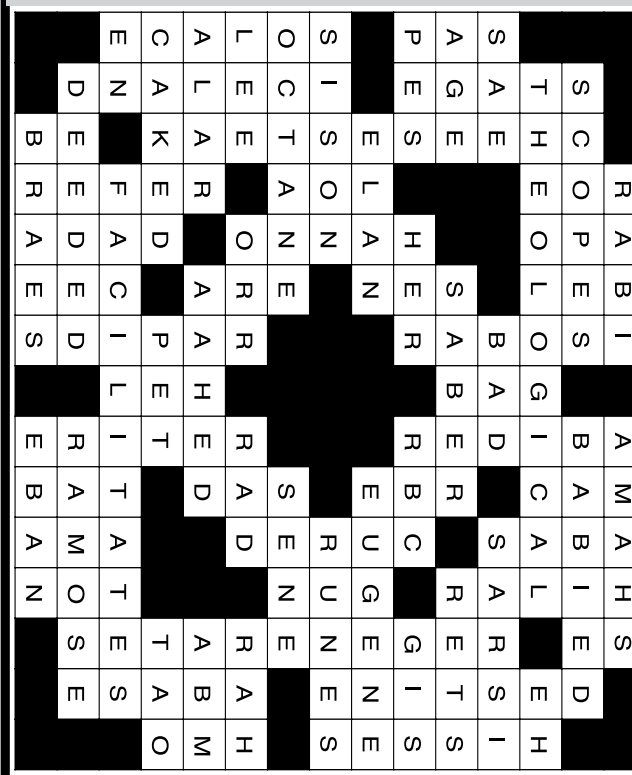
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Wheeler Family Health & Wellness Centers
Wheeler's Family Health & Wellness Centers in Hartford, Bristol, New Britain, Plainville, and Waterbury are community health centers that provide medical and dental care for the whole family, as well as behavioral health care and referral and linkages to specialty services.

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Congratulations to Queen Ann Nzinga Center on receiving a \$10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Sen. Richard Blumenthal delivered the news that the organization was the recipient of an investment of federal grant money.

Believing in the power of young people, Ms. Snell continued her work as a Program Supervisor providing administrative oversight of statewide services for adolescents and young adults. As Program Supervisor she developed contracts and supervised statewide mentoring programs, developed, trained, and implemented life skills and transitional services. Believing that all children need to be valued and supported, she developed programs that empower transitioning adolescents and young people to dream dreams and celebrate their diversity. Among her proudest achievements were the development of a Formal Rites of Passage program for 27 girls in the state's custody and DCF's first Arts and Music Academy. Both programs combined Ms. Snell's own talents, passions, to highlight the arts, music, and the humanities, and help young people to recognize and achieve their own full potential.

Besides the DCF work, Dayna Snell, wanted to do more on a local level. She wanted to give back to her Plainville community. Ms. Snell understood deeply that no one person can make it alone and that it takes a community of people to encourage and support success. This is when she developed the Queen Ann Nzinga Center, Inc. A nonprofit organization designed to empower youth in this community through cultural awareness and the arts. The Queen Ann Nzinga Center, Inc. (QANC) emphasizes artistic expression and collaborative interaction to enhance the growth of program participants. QANC is named after an 15th Century African queen who protected people from being enslaved. The name symbolizes the organization's aim to empower young people with skills and experience to thrive. QANC serves young people 5-17 in greater Plainville afterschool and weekends. The design strives to serve youth and the community at large by encouraging them to develop confidence and talents and then highlighting their talents in a focused art-infused production for the greater community to enjoy. Ms. Snell has been the volunteer Executive Director of this organization since its inception over 32 years ago. Her work with the Department and QANC is a true testament of Ms. Snell's commitment

to our community. "I have done a lot for the state of Connecticut and in retirement I look forward to giving more on a local level. I want to show others that anything is possible".

On the occasion of her recent retirement, she was humbled that Commissioner, Vanessa Dorantes, of DCF took the time to come to Plainville and present her with a Proclamation from Governor Ned Lamont, applauding her meaningful contributions and exemplary service to the most vulnerable children of Connecticut. It was a milestone occasion in her life, joyous even, crossing the finish line triumphantly. "It was confirmation that I had accomplished all that I have worked for. That I had beat the odds and triumphed despite negative expectations."

Dayna Snell is truly a social worker, by profession and in her heart. She views the retirement from her day job as a major life goal. All that has come before has led her to this place and she finds it a time of relaxation, reflection, and renewal. Recently she returned from a "girlfriends retreat" visit with friends who began their career together in their young twenties. As the State was interested in diversifying the workforce, "we were given an opportunity to enter the profession." We have all branched out professionally and we come together annually, some of us practice in other states, to support each other and appreciate the work."

In speaking with Ms. Snell, she takes nothing for granted. A proud graduate of the Plainville school system, she reflects on the milestone and goals achieved along the way. She earned both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in social work, being on the Dean's List often as an undergraduate resulting in her acceptance in SCSU's accelerated Master's program. She was selected one of 12 people nationwide to earn a Post Master's Certificate in Clinical Supervision from Smith College, being the first to graduate from Smith with such a prestigious degree and she has been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) for the State of Connecticut since 1992. These accomplishments allowed her to support and teach other professional clinicians and be a role model of success. She recalls the

love and all-in support she received from her mother, Gail Williams, her grandparents Lutt and Val Johnson and extended family, church, and Plainville community through this time along her path. "I knew I could be successful because I had a community of people who believed in me. They said it wasn't going to be easy and life isn't always fair but never give up. I, as you can see, never did give up and shine as a Plainville High School graduate."

Sharing this story is important because the beginning wasn't kind as she shares the story of a little girl who had a rough beginning. The little girl who was told by her Principal at Ivin E Trask Elementary School, Elizabeth Baronowski, "You will amount to nothing. I don't expect that you will ever amount to much." It was an abusive stinging insult that Dayna never forgot, and she shares often. As it was, in her own words, motivation to her as she decided to prove Ms. Baronowski wrong and do the opposite by telling all children that they can be anything they desire and "I expect that they will amount to everything." An adult Dayna tells me that she didn't believe her, even then. But she always recognized the power teachers, principals and other authorities have on the future of all the children. How important it is to be careful about what you say and the seeds you plant in others.

Dayna R Snell L.C.S.W., social worker extraordinaire is an amazing woman. She is stunningly candid, wise, and charming. She is far from the end of her mission and plans to spend her energy and ideas in Plainville. The heart of her work is now the Queen Ann Nzinga Center (QANC) which will be holding their annual Open House at Norton Park Pavilion on Saturday September 24th, 1:00 – 4:00. There will be food, fun activities, and an opportunity to learn about the program and sign up. For more information, please go to QANC.org. The center has many opportunities for children, adolescents, young adults, and volunteers.

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Plainville Sports Hall of Fame

The Plainville Sports Hall of Fame is proud to announce a star-studded list of honorees which has been named as its Class of 2022. The newest members of the Hall of Fame to be inducted in October are Nicholas Cavallaro (Class of 2006), Eric Butkiewicz (Class of 2001), Paul Cugno (Class of 1987), Tania Gil (Class of 1990) and Amanda Pierlioni (Class of 2007). Also being celebrated is the 1999 state championship baseball team and John McDonnell, who will be presented with the Distinguished Service Award.

Amanda Pierlioni Fontaine

Amanda was a four-year starter for the PHS Lady Blue Devils. A versatile player, she could hit the three, drive to the basket, run the floor, and handle the ball. A tenacious rebounder throughout her career, she helped control the boards thus allowing for an explosive running game. Playing in the very good, competitive Northwest Conference, Amanda was named to the All-Conference team three times. She was also named to the Class M All-State team twice. A captain her senior year, she finished with 1,356 points at PHS where she averaged 14ppg and 8 ppg on 50% field goal shooting and 69% free throw shooting.

In addition, she earned MVP honors at the Senior All-Star game. After an outstanding senior season, she was nominated to play in the McDonald's Senior All-American game. Said coach Lisa Mandeville, "Amanda was an amazing talent! She could have easily scored more points and gotten more rebounds, but she was a selfless member of very talented teams. She deserved every recognition she received! She was a huge part of our success during those four years!" Amanda earned an athletic scholarship to play Division II basketball at Bryant University. She finished her career at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Nicholas Cavallaro

Graduated from Plainville High School in 2006 as a two-sport athlete in Soccer and Wrestling. Was a two-time captain in both sports while at PHS during his Junior and Senior year. In Wrestling he accumulated 124 total career wins, even with a shortened Junior year due to injury. During his Senior year, Nicholas went undefeated with a regular season record of 48-0 and many first-place invitational victories. He finished the season with 33 pins and only wrestled two full-length matches during the regular season. Nicholas only gave up a remarkably low total of five points to opponents all season. During

this time Nicholas captured two Northwest Conference Championships (2004 & 2006). He won two state championships during his time at Plainville High School. His Sophomore year; 2004 Class S Champion 112lb weight class and his Senior year 2006 CIAC Class S Champion 125lb weight class. Also, during his Senior year, Nicholas won the CIAC State Opens in the 125lb weight class and finished fourth at the New England Championships. As a soccer player Nicholas was a four-year starter and was considered one of the most coachable student athletes in the program.

After high school, Nicholas was a four-year wrestler for Division I Sacred Heart University. He graduated honors with a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Music. Nicholas went on to compete as a Professional Body Builder. Winning several titles most notably: 2015 INBF Champion, 2015 US Pro Cup Champion, 2016 Colorado Cup Champion and in 2016 NPC Nationals Champion.

Paul Cugno

Paul was a 1987 graduate of Plainville High School. He was a two-sport athlete playing both football and baseball. Paul was a 3-year varsity starter in both sports, and played quarterback and first base in his Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years. As a Senior year captain of both the football and baseball teams, Paul earned All-Conference honors in football and All-State honors in baseball. As a quarterback for PHS, Paul threw for over 3,100 yards and 18 touchdowns in just two seasons. He started as quarterback the second half of his sophomore

season after recovering from a broken leg. Unfortunately, no stats were recorded for this season, and indications are that his actual career yardage was closer to 3,800 yards. After catching the flying bug at Robertson Airport, Paul decided to use his baseball skills to assist in pursuing his goal of achieving a degree in Aviation. Paul played baseball for 3 years at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL., and ended his career as a Captain for the ERAU Blue Eagles. Today, Paul puts his education to use flying a Challenger 350 for one of the nation's premiere private jet operators.

Eric Butkiewicz

Eric Butkiewicz took his place in the Plainville baseball program's long lineage of incredible pitchers at the turn of the century by putting together two spectacular seasons while also helping lead the offense.

During his junior season in 2000, Butkiewicz earned six of Plainville's 13 wins, going 6-2. He displayed power and control on the mound, striking out 78 batters in 56 innings while walking only nine. His work with the bat was just as impressive that season, as he drove in 16 runs in 19 games and recorded a .429 batting average.

That splendid season was just a precursor to what Butkiewicz would achieve in his senior year, however. Butkiewicz helped lead the Blue Devils to 17 wins and a spot in the Class M state championship game by throwing 79 2/3 innings of absolutely brilliant baseball. Butkiewicz allowed just 55 hits and pitched to a 1.23 ERA, striking out 121 and walking just 15. Star pitchers really make their mark in the postseason, however, and Butkiewicz certainly left his. He threw 19 innings in the tournament, fanning 31 and walking five on the way to a 1.84 ERA. He capped his All-State season with two sparkling innings for team Connecticut against Massachusetts at Fenway Park, striking out four and allowing just one hit. Butkiewicz went on to put his name all over the record books at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. After starting strong by earning Rookie of the Week honors from the Northeast Conference, Butkiewicz went on to one of the best careers of any UMBC pitcher ever. He tied a school record with 50 starts for the Retrievers, throwing 337 2/3 innings, which is still the most in school history. His 230 strikeouts also stand as the school record and his 16 complete games are second-best by any UMBC pitcher. A captain in his senior year, Butkiewicz took a no-hitter into the ninth inning against Maine, but it was his ability to stack great game upon great game that made him special.

In summer baseball, Butkiewicz earned All-League recognition in the prestigious Alaska Baseball League thanks to a 2.06 ERA.

Wherever Eric Butkiewicz, now a police officer in West Hartford, plied his trade, records fell and wins accumulate.

Tania Gill

Tania was a 1990 graduate of Plainville High School. She was a 4-year varsity letter winner and captain as a senior for the girls' swimming and diving team. Tania was a 4-time All-Conference and 4-time All-State athlete in the 200- and 100-yard freestyle events. She competed at the State Open and as a junior Tania was a member of the Class S State Champion 400 Yard Freestyle Relay. That same year that relay team broke the Plainville High School record and set a new Class S State Championship record as well as finishing 2nd at the State Open.



**The Plainville Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held October 22 at
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1999 PHS Baseball Team

The 1999 Plainville High School baseball team entered the season with question marks

It ended the campaign as Class M state champions and one of the most dominant squads in the illustrious history of the program. The Blue Devils compiled a record of 20-3 and added a league title to its state crown, taking sole possession of the Northwest Conference over Class L state champion Berlin and Class S semifinalist St. Paul. Led by the dynamic pitching duo of Nick Macellaro (6-1, 1.52 ERA) and Byron Treado (5-1, 2.55), the Blue Devils allowed just three runs in four games as they rolled through the state tournament.

Offensively, Phil Rothkugel led the way with a .500 average, adding eight homers and driving in 39 runs. Brett Federowicz hit .459 while striking out only twice all year in the leadoff spot, and Macellaro hit .462 with seven home runs. Keith Mirante stole 11 bases and Brian

Sparks nine for a team that could win with power, speed or pitching.

After starting the season with two losses in its first three games, coach Bob Freimuth had concerns about the team's chemistry, and his team looked off again in a setback against St. Paul in early May. He and assistant coaches Lou Mandeville, Brian Edge and Frank Marchione implored the group to get back to fundamentals, and the players heeded his words. Two days later Macellaro beat future major leaguer Jesse Carlson and Berlin, sending Plainville off to the races. In fact, Plainville never lost again.

Forced to play home games at Norton Park much of the year, Plainville opened its new field at the high school with a win over Farmington on a Macellaro no-hitter and two Rothkugel homers. Mirante helped lead Plainville over East Catholic

to clinch Plainville's first outright NWC title, and T.J. Susco punctuated the regular season with a no-hitter of his own, the second in three games on the new field.

After Plainville got a bye in the first round of the state tournament, Freimuth credited stellar defense for a second-round win over Plainfield. Macellaro struck out 16 in a quarterfinal win over Tolland, and Niko Koutouvides got the game-winning hit in a 2-1 thriller over Notre Dame-Fairfield, backing Treado's strong pitching effort and an incredible catch in left by Susco, putting Plainville back in the finals.

It was only fitting for the 1999 season to end with a no-hitter, as Macellaro blanked Nonnewaug 3-0 in the final. Jason McIntyre, Federowicz, Sparks and Macellaro keyed a rally early, and Koutouvides was brought home by Mirante

John McDonnell Distinguished Service Award

for another run that provided the final margin. When McIntyre made a diving catch for the final out, the 1999 Blue Devils had etched their names in school and state history.

John McDonnell began his service to Plainville at the age of 16, when he began working for the town's Parks and Recreation department. Whether it was as a lifeguard at the Norton Park pool, a coach in baseball and basketball, or as coordinator for many of the town's recreational programs, McDonnell was forging a path of leadership and dedication to his hometown which would span five decades.

A fantastic athlete in his own right, McDonnell was a member of Plainville's first midget and pony football teams, as well as an All-Star on the Little League field. In high school, McDonnell was a part of seven state track and field championships for the Blue Devils under legendary coach Fred Kalbach. He captained the 1964 Indoor Track and Field title winners, and also served as captain for the outdoor track

and cross country teams during his senior year of 1964. McDonnell also played basketball for three years, but Kalbach helped him find his niche, which was helping others.

The first stop on his path was Toffolon Elementary School, where McDonnell served as a physical education teacher for a year, writing the PE curriculum for the new school. After making his mark at Toffolon, McDonnell left a legacy at the Junior High School (later Middle School of Plainville). Charlie Palmer, then the Athletic Director, asked him to move to the junior high to not only design and teach the PE classes, but establish an entire interscholastic athletic program. Starting with boys basketball in 1970, the school added a host of sports for boys and girls in the next few years, with McDonnell coaching the boys basketball and wrestling programs. He also helped conduct the school wrestling championships for 30 years, part of an exceptional record as an administrator and official which continues to this day.

McDonnell first served as an official in 1968, covering an opening at an OLM game and beginning a career of over 30 years calling high school and college competitions. McDonnell had the whistle for 16 CIAC boys basketball state championship games, two football state finals, and seven NCAA basketball tournaments. He garnered numerous merit and service awards from the CIAC and state coaches among others, served as the president of multiple high school officiating organizations, and is a member of the New England Basketball Hall of Fame and the Connecticut Football Officials Association Hall of Fame. He and Susan, his wife of 52 years, who he met on his first day at Toffolon, now live in Arizona, where McDonnell trains and evaluates high school officials. He also has served as an evaluator for basketball officials in the Big 12, SEC and AAC.

Congratulations To All!

OBITUARIES

~ Lauren L. Akins ~



Our sweet soul, Lauren L. Akins, 68, passed away suddenly of natural causes on June 7, 2022, with family by her side in Lexington, SC. Although Lauren led the most beautiful life filled with love and laughter, her life feels unfinished to the ones

that will miss her every step of the way.

Lauren was born on September 6, 1953 to her late parents Edward and Rose Waryas. She was raised in Plainville, CT with her four siblings in "the red house". She was described as "the cutest little sister ever" and made quite the Little Miss Sunbeam. She was a member of Our Lady of Mercy and had a natural talent for music and dance; performing in school plays and cheer squad with her older sister. She went on to Graduate from Plainville High School in 1971 then proceeded to Southern Connecticut State University where she graduated in 1975 with a degree in Psychology. She blessed a few companies with her presence, made friends along the way, and retired from Wheeler Clinic where her kids called her twenty times a day.

On May 26, 1973, while celebrating her sister's college graduation at Dial Tone Dance Club in Southington, Lauren met the love of her life, Lee Akins. While dating, they enjoyed traveling to the mountains in Virginia and North Carolina. They always held a special spot in their hearts for Skyline Drive and the Blueridge Parkway. Whether enjoying one of the five John Denver concerts they attended, playing tennis or skiing, they had a ball along the way. They wed October 1, 1977 and shortly after they welcomed their children Kelly and Ian.

Lauren enjoyed music, camping and loved Grey Fox and Podunk bluegrass festivals. She was always down for a road trip. Her two favorite musicians were her husband, Lee and her son, Ian. Listening to them play guitar and sing at a campsite or at an open mic (with a lemon drop martini in hand) was her true happy place. Her sense of humor and inside jokes (some in song form) were unsurpassed. She loved being outdoors in general, going for hikes and walks, especially with her daughter Kelly and their dogs. Lauren's family was her life and she adored every second with her granddaughter, Monroe. They went to stables, went swimming, for walks and talked frequently about elephants, horsies and the heart of Te Fiti.

Throughout the years she had many fur children and even fostered dogs in retirement. She was a vegetarian, famous for saving bugs and even nursing a baby animal back to health.

She leaves behind her beloved husband of 44 years, Lee Akins; her daughter, Kelly Zang and her husband Jerry and their daughter River Monroe and her son Ian Akins; her fur babies Sawyer, Dolly, Midnight and Callisto; her siblings Edward Waryas, Debbi Oparowski and her husband Joe, Janice Waryas and Jacki Andelin and her husband Mark; her brother and sister in laws Glenn Akins, Lisa Nadeau and Lynda Fite; and her granddaughters Halina and Carolina Vidal. She was predeceased by loved ones lost along the way including Linda Akins, Pam Waryas and John Lumpkin & Harriet McCormick. Lauren also leaves behind many other close family and friends that will truly miss her.

Calling hours were held at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad Street, Plainville. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. If you would like to make a memorial in her name to a cause she felt strongly about, please do so to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org) or Great Divide Animal Rescue (www.greatdivideanimalrescue.org).

~ Valdor Caron ~



devoted husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family, on Monday, August 1, 2022. He was the loving husband of Yvonne (Bonenfant) Caron, with whom he shared over 61 years of marriage.

Born in St. John, ME on May 31, 1937, Valdor was one of nine children to the late Fred and Edna (Charrette) Caron. Raised and educated in Maine, he moved to Connecticut in 1955, settling in New Britain shortly after his marriage to Yvonne where they have resided for nearly 60 years and were communicants of St. Francis of Assisi Church. A dedicated family man, whose hard work ethics were ever present, Valdor worked alongside Yvonne at Fafnir Bearing, from where he retired after 38 years, and proudly served in the Connecticut Army National Guard for six years. They shared a love for the outdoors, as regular campers along the banks of the Connecticut River and, for the past 30 years, at their trailer in the mountains of Vermont, always making it home for their weekly card games with family and friends. While his Earthly presence will be missed dearly, he leaves many cherished memories of a life well lived.

In addition to his wife, Yvonne, he leaves his daughter, Diane Caron of New Britain; his grandchildren, Chantal (Nicholas) Tetro, Travis (Megan) Caron and Danielle (Andrew) Soneson; his great grandchildren, Tanner, Ryder, Carter, Rylee, Landyn and James. He also leaves his sister, Edith Ouellette, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Daniel V. Caron, his grandson, Brandon D. Caron, his great-grandchildren, Rachel and Skylar, four brothers and three sisters.

The family extends their gratitude to the nurses and staff at the Hospice and VNA of Central Connecticut, especially Tom, Romir, Jeff and Karen, for comfort and care given to Valdor during his final days.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Funeral services were held on Saturday at the funeral home, followed by committal services with military honors at St. Joseph Cemetery Bristol. Valdor may be remembered with

~ Rose (Labato) Lefemine ~



99, of Plainville, passed away on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain. She was the wife of the late Vito Lefemine, who predeceased her in 1984 after 38 years of marriage. Born and raised in Bristol, Rose was one of seven children to the late Anthony and Catherine (Palmisano) Labato. Raised and educated

in Bristol, where she met the love of her life, Vito, Rose worked for New Departure for 35 years. Just shy of her 100th birthday, Rose's zest for life and sense of humor was infectious and embraced by the friends that she made everywhere she went. She had a deep love for God, her family, and her friends. Her daily rituals included watching mass, praying the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, along with keeping a clean home. Always on the go, Rose had a love for shopping, playing poker and traveling, often driving herself to the casino to run the craps table where she was affectionately known as "Aunt Rose" to those playing alongside her. Her family and friends will greatly miss her spunk and hearing her say "Thank you kindly and I love you dearly!" She leaves her nieces and nephews, Gerard and Sandy Nadeau, Karen Gagnon, Anthony Labato, Jack and Barbara DiCrisantis, Josephine and Frank Acampora, Jerry Colapinto, Frank and Mary Ann Colapinto, MaryAnn and Tom Sherman, Judy Sperduti, Roberta Accousti, Carol Accousti and several great-nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her three brothers, Michael and Casario Labato and Angelo DiCrisantis; her three sisters, Angie Mozalak, Esther Nadeau, and Julia Lagasse; her nephews, William Accousti, Frank Accousti and William Nadeau; and her niece, Eileen Colapinto. The family would like to thank all of her family and friends, the staff at the Farmington Station and the hospice team at the Hospital of Central Connecticut for their kindness and compassionate care. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. at St. Anthony Church, Bristol. Committal followed at St. Joseph Cemetery Plainville.

~ Leosina Celli ~



91, of Plainville, passed away peacefully at the Hospital of Central CT New Britain Campus on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 surrounded by her loving family. She is now reunited with her devoted husband, Elio Celli, who predeceased her.

Leosina was born on August 27, 1930 in Corvara, Italy, daughter to the late Gabrielle and Maria (Ciccone) Giuliani. In 1954, Leosina immigrated to Venezuela where she and her husband started a family and were blessed with four children. The family immigrated to the United States and settled in Plainville where they made their forever home. Leosina, a woman of strength, courage, and determination went through many life obstacles always with a great sense of humor and optimism. Though she traveled through countries, barely able to speak or understand the languages, she always succeeded and made many friendships along the way. Leosina was a homemaker, tending to the home and raising children, but the loss of her husband found her working several jobs to support her family. She was strong-willed and a hard-worker and did not let anything stop her. If there was anyone ever in need, Leosina would lend out a helping hand and was always very generous. She had a passion for cooking and loved to share her recipes, passing down many of them to the next generation. You never left her house without a full stomach and a great story to remember. Leosina was a very special lady, full of love, generosity and a great sense of care. Above all, family was the center of her world and she found the most joy in being surrounded by her loved ones and especially her grandchildren. She will be missed sorely as her family carries on her legacy of her love, humor, optimism, and generosity.

Leosina is survived by her son, Gianni Celli and his wife, Xiomara, her daughter, Angela (Celli) Delgado (predeceased by her son-in-law, Carlos Delgado), her son, Adriano Celli and his wife, Silvia Mendez, her son, Henry Celli and his wife, Jennifer; her grandchildren, Stefano and Gianfranco Celli, Juan Carlos Delgado and his wife, Yasmin, Mariangela and Andres Delgado, Adriana and Silvana Celli, and Sofia and Francesca Celli; and her great-grandchildren, Santiago and Sebastian Delgado, all of whom she loved dearly and completely.

Family and friends gathered at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad Street, Plainville at. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Leosina can be made to the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East St, Plainville, CT 06062.

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

~ Mark Adam Colello ~



beloved son, husband, father, brother and friend, met his Lord and Savior on Sunday, August 14, 2022. He was at his home, surrounded by the love of his family, after a valiant two-year battle with brain cancer that he faced with strong faith and positivity.

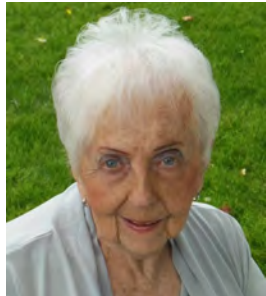
Born in New Britain on February 12, 1965, Mark was one of two sons of Jerome P. (Jerry) Colello, Sr. and Sandra (Roncaioli) Colello. A lifelong resident of Plainville, Mark was a 1983 graduate of Plainville High School where he excelled in the pool as an all-state record setting diver. Upon completing his degree in exercise physiology, he returned to PHS as an energetic and effective diving coach, and worked as an exercise physiologist at the YMCA, where he met the love of his life, Yvonne, and later at Southington Care Center for over 14 years. He and Yvonne shared twenty years of marriage and raised two sons, all of whom share his passion for the Lord, sports and traveling. Mark was an ordained minister and most recently was the Recreation Director for Worthington Manor and other retirement communities throughout the state, where he enriched the lives of senior citizens with activities, his outgoing personality, story-telling and smile that could light up the room. A softball enthusiast, who traveled with his teams throughout the US, he also enjoyed the game of golf, bowling, fishing and any and all racket sports, as long as he was on the move. Remembered for his bright spirit, infectious energy and love for life, he will be greatly missed, leaving many cherished memories.

In addition to his wife Yvonne and his parents, Jerry and Sandra, he leaves his sons, Shawn and Ethan; his brother, Jerome P. (Jerry) Colello, Jr. and his children, Robin Colello Maisonet and her husband Dymetric, Amber and Jacob Colello; his uncles, Joseph (Barbara) Colello, Donald (Mary) Colello, Gus (Diane) Roncaioli, and John (Michele) Roncaioli; his mother-in-law, Monika Egetenmeir; her children and extended family in Germany; and countless friends and clients.

In lieu of flowers, any contributions received will be used for Mark's sons to further their education.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Prayers and words of remembrance were led by Pastor Barry Brown. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Cecile R. (Cloutier) DiDonato ~



95, of Southington, passed away on Tuesday July 12, 2022 at Southington Care Center. She is now reunited with her beloved husband of 55 years, Danny P. DiDonato, who predeceased her in 2006. Born in Hartford on July 2, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Emile and Jean (Levesque) Cloutier, and has been a resident of Southington since 1976.

Cecile leaves behind her only son, Gregory DiDonato, and his wife, Susan (Schunk) DiDonato of Bristol, her grandson Bryan DiDonato and his wife Chelsea (Pepe) DiDonato of Southington, and of course, her "great grand-dog" Cooper. She is also survived by her four sisters, Lorraine DeGostin of Farmington; Irene Dagneau of Cromwell; Doris Brown of Laguna Niguel, CA; and Bea Puchalski of West Hartford; and a sister-in-law, Carol Cloutier, Hebron. She is also survived by her brothers-in-law, Joseph "Yogi" DiDonato of Hartford and John DiDonato and his wife sister-in-law Pat of Manchester, along with many nieces and nephews on both sides of the family. She was predeceased by her siblings, Norman Cloutier and Claire Ennis.

Some of her joys with being raised in "The Silent Generation" were growing up in Hartford and meeting her future husband roller skating, working at the Travelers Insurance Co., as well as Macca Plumbing, spending early vacations at the cottage in Old Saybrook and doing plenty of vacationing and camping. While in Southington meeting her future daughter-in-law, she was involved in Jensen's Mobile Home senior activities, including bingo, and had fun in retirement life fulfilling her days with gardening, cooking, and baking. She adored all the animals over the years, which include two parakeets named Frisky and her dogs Queenie and Princess.

She was a devout Christian, mother, grandmother, and a dedicated military wife. Her favorite TV shows, The Bachelor, Bachelorette and Dancing with the Stars, kept her plenty busy until it was time for an early bed. A sports enthusiast, The Yankees were her team! She loved Derek Jeter and, quite frankly, was able to see him in every game he ever played. She also couldn't wait until the UConn Woman's season started and loved following the games and championships. She was "all in" for the Northern Little League White Sox in Southington where her son managed, and was a constant spectator at baseball, soccer, football, and basketball in Bristol where her grandson played. She loved her family and friends dearly, and will be remembered for her smile, her good nature, and low-key attitude.

The family extends their gratitude to the staff and nurses at Southington Care Center for the expert care shown to Cecile.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Southington Northern Baseball League (SNBL) with a memo to "Alan S Bator Scholarship," PO Box 125, Southington, CT 06489.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St, Plainville. She will be laid to rest privately at the discretion of the family, alongside her husband, at the State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Michael A. DeAngelo ~



77, of Southington, formerly of Plainville, passed away on July 25, 2022, at Bristol Hospital. He was the loving Husband of Rachael DeAngelo with whom he shared 34 beautiful years. Michael was born on July 14, 1945, in New Britain, CT to the late Louis DeAngelo

and Susan (Petrucci) DeAngelo. He graduated from Plainville High School in 1963 and immediately went to work for Five Star in Plantsville. He did work for Quality Coils, Don DeAngelo Construction, and DeAngelo Trucking Company over the years, ultimately retiring from Mastrobattisto Construction, Inc. of Bristol.

Michael was very patriotic and loved his country. He served proudly in the United States Army National Guard for 6 years until his honorable discharge. Michael always said, "When it comes to classmates and cousins, I'm there". He loved people, and social gatherings and connecting with friends and loved ones are where he derived the most joy. He spent much of his free time caring for his home, yard, vehicles, and machines. He liked Jazz, Blues, Golden Oldies, and the music of Frank Sinatra and was known for making the best spaghetti sauce around. Michael will be greatly missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Michael is survived by his wife Rachael S. DeAngelo, beloved kitty Salem, and many cherished cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Family, friends, classmates and cousins visit edBailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville, Funeral service followed the visitation in the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

~ Milton Guerrette ~



73, of Southington, beloved Husband, Father and Pèpère, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family, on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor, Maine. He was the husband of Pamela (Mickiewicz) Guerrette. Born in St. Agatha, ME on April 13, 1949, he was the baby of nine children to

the late Wilfred and Bernice (Corriveau) Guerrette. Raised in Maine, he moved to Connecticut in his late teens to join many of his siblings. He met his wife, Pam, in New Britain where they shared 52 years of marriage, raised their two daughters and became proud grandparents. Milton worked 25 years at Fafnir's and upon closure he joined Aiudi Concrete. He enjoyed driving the big trucks as it reminded him of home on the farm. He was a care-free, loving, kind, gentle giant that never forgot a name or a face. He couldn't go anywhere without running into a friend. He was a man of many names, whether you knew him as Milton, Mel, Moose, Mal-Come, or Bazoo, he was loved by all that knew him. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, gardening, snow-mobiling, playing cards, eating, visiting with family and friends, taking a ride to enjoy the fresh air, and watching "Law and Order" and "Vanna White." In addition to his wife, Pam, he leaves his children, Lorrie Steele, of Windsor; Becky Hills and her husband, Sean, of Berlin; his precious grandchildren who brought him tremendous joy, Meghan Steele, Zachary Hills, and Rowan Steele; his beloved dog, Moxie; his sister, Edwina Dube; many nieces, nephews, and extended family. He was predeceased by seven loving siblings: Angelo, Evelyn, Nelson, Nelda, Rachel, Candide, and Pauline.

Family and friends gather in celebration of Milton's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Committal services followed at West Meadow Cemetery, 679 Willard Ave., Newington. Donations in memory of Milton can be made to the American Heart Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231 or by going to www.heart.org

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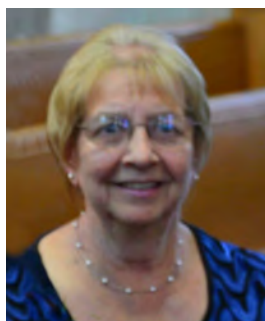
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~ Patricia Anne (Doucette) Doughty ~



73, of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly, while on a fun-filled vacation with her family, on Friday, July 22, 2022. She was the beloved wife and best friend of Dennis Doughty, with whom she shared 55 years of marriage.

Born in Bangor, Maine on April 15, 1949, Pat was one of three children to the late Harold and Ana Maria (Forcella) Doucette. She met the love of her life, Dennis, while in junior high school and they were sweethearts since that day. They settled in Plainville upon their marriage in 1966 where they raised their devoted daughter Bonnie, and were lovers of travel and road trips who could get to Cape Cod or Lake George with their eyes closed. A longtime member of the Connecticut Junior Women, Inc., she and Bonnie were the first mother/daughter team to serve on the state board together. Pat's love of Sherlock Holmes, daisies and plastic canvas crafts were prominently displayed throughout her home and shared with others. When they weren't traveling, she and Dennis shared their spare time with trips to the casino where Pat could fulfill her love of BINGO. Pat lived simply, loved her family deeply and will be missed dearly each and every day.

In addition to her husband Dennis, she leaves her daughter Dr. Bonnie-Marie Doughty-Jenkins of Terryville; her brothers, Randy Doucette and his wife Carmella of Burlington and James Doucette and his wife Marianne of Columbia, SC; and her brother-in-law, Douglas Doughty and his wife Diana of Plainville. She also leaves her nieces, Michelle Rawcliffe, Rebecca Stefanczyk and Dana Johnson; her nephews, Taylor Doughty, and Craig, Matthew, Michael, and Mark Doucette. She was predeceased by her son-in-law, John Jenkins, and leaves her step-granddaughter, Abbey Crook and her daughters, Kayla, Alana, and Madelyn, all who brought Pat much joy.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave, Forestville.

~ Lois M. (Sanford) Nilson ~



86, of Bristol, formerly of Plainville, beloved wife of Dwight Nilson, passed away on Friday, August 12, 2022. A woman of strong faith and devotion to the Lord, she was at peace with meeting Jesus.

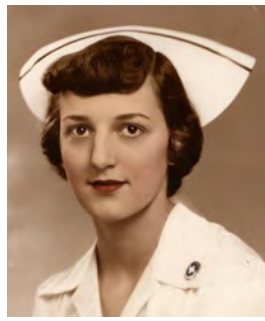
Born in Plainville on August 29, 1935, she was one of three children to the late Weston and Frances (Schwab) Sanford.

She was a devoted member of the Plainville United Methodist Church, where she was well-liked Sunday School and a dedicated volunteer and supporter of countless committees and fundraising efforts. Additionally, she ran her own neighborhood vacation Bible school at her home in the summers. She and Dwight shared 66 wonderful years of marriage, raised five children and enjoyed many memorable road trips throughout the U.S. They made annual visits to York Beach, Maine which held a special place in their hearts, and fulfilled Lois' interest in history with frequent trips to Gettysburg. A loving wife, mother and grandmother, she will be missed dearly and remembered fondly for her kind heart, generosity and love for her family.

In addition to her husband, she leaves her children, Debora (Jim) Hugo, Nancy (Chris) Sylvester, Kenneth (Barbara) Nilson, John (Anita) Nilson, and Randy (Kelly) Nilson; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brothers, Weston and Bob Sanford.

Lois gave generously to many organizations, and may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, PO Box 233, Plainville CT 06062 or to the charity of the donor's choice. Honoring Lois' wishes, her family will celebrate her life and place her to rest with private services.

~ Jeanne Francis Raducha ~



passed away peacefully, while in Hospice Care at New Britain General Hospital, surrounded by her loving family on July 14, 2022, after reaching her 93rd birthday.

Born on June 28, 1929, in Southington to Josephine and Dominic Pedrolini, Jeanne attended New Britain General

Hospital School of Nursing. One of her patients, a football player who sustained a broken nose, would become her husband of 52 years, Chester "Chappy" Raducha. In 1950, Jeanne obtained a degree in Nursing and a future husband, broken nose and all, from New Britain General Hospital.

Jeanne is predeceased by her beloved husband Chester Raducha, who shared 52 years of marriage, and her brothers Robert and Thomas Pedrolini. Jeanne is survived by her sister Betty Walston and her children Nancy Raducha of Plainville, Michael Raducha of Plainville, Joann Healey and her husband Jim of Newburyport, MA, and Paul Raducha and his wife Beth of Bristol, RI; her grandchildren Rachel Valentine and husband Jamie; Abby Gagnon and husband Mike; Nicholas Raducha; Justin, Meghan, and Lauren Healey; Aleksey Greenfield; Quinny and Piper Raducha; and her great-grandchildren Addison, Jack, Kaedin and Zoey; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

When Jeanne was not working as a Registered Nurse at Andrew House Healthcare or Whiz Kids Daycare or tending to raising her family, she and Chappy loved playing cards with their close-knit friends, especially her sister-in-law Ida Pedrolini and her cousin, Terry Pedrolini. The Golden Girls, as some referred to them, also traveled extensively and undoubtedly got themselves in predicaments that can only be referred to as: "You did what?"

She possessed a dry sense of humor that caught you off guard and her laugh was infectious. She treasured her collection of dolls and music boxes which she loaned for display to the Plainville Library.

A special thanks to the outstanding and compassionate staff at the C-5 floor of the Hospital of Central Connecticut - New Britain General Campus.

Calling hours were at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville, CT. The Funeral was held from the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville to Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad Street, Plainville. for a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be held at St. Thomas Cemetery, 351 Meriden Ave, Southington. Donations may be made in Jeanne's memory to the American Heart Assoc., National Center, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231 or by going to <https://www.heart.org>.

Firefighters Prayer

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

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

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

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

~ Samuel John George ~



82, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at the Hospital of Central CT Bradley Campus.

Samuel, affectionately known as "Sunny" or "Sam," was born on June 20, 1940, in Yonkers, New York, son to the late Jacob John and Ida (Brunette)

George. Samuel proudly served our country in the United States Army 82nd Airborne Division and was honorably discharged after serving a tour of duty. He lived in California and Arizona, then returned to his hometown New Britain where he resided for several years before making his forever home in Plainville. As an avid hunter and fisherman, he was a Berlin Fish and Game member in his younger years. More recently, Samuel was an active member of The Improved Order of Red Men in the Plainville-Southington Tribe. He was a motorcycle enthusiast and a lover of animals. Samuel was a gifted, intelligent, worldly individual who could live off the grid or anywhere else. He will be missed dearly but his family takes comfort in knowing that his battle is over and he is now at peace.

Samuel leaves behind his sister, Martha Trask, his niece, Sandra Trask-Tyler and her children, Taryn and Tia Tyler, his niece, Cinthia Trask, his niece, Susan Trask and her significant other, Derrick Fitzgerald, his niece, Cheryl Desiato and her husband, Peter, and their children, Anthony and Julia Desiato, and his niece, Sarah Bandzak and her husband, Joseph.

Samuel's family would like to thank the Hospital of Central CT Bradley Campus third floor staff and the nursing team for their outstanding care they provided to Samuel during his time of need.

Family and friends gathered at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville. There was a procession leaving the funeral home to Saint Mary Cemetery, 1309 Stanley Street, New Britain. A graveside service was held. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Samuel can be made to a charity of the donor's choice. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville extends their gratitude to Samuel's family for their trust.



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Dr. Akshay Patel was born and raised in Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

After graduating from the top of his class at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Patel pursued his residency training in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery and facial plastics surgery at St. Barnabas Medical Center in New Jersey, where he also served as chief resident. Shortly thereafter, he obtained fellowship training in head and neck surgical oncology and microvascular reconstructive surgery at Case Western University-University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Patel's clinical interests include head and neck surgical oncology and reconstructive surgery, as well as program development, patient outcomes, resident teaching and reconstructive techniques. He has presented nationally and published on subjects relating to reconstructive surgery and head and neck cancer.



Kyle Chambers, M.D.
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Dr. Chambers provides evidence-based surgical and

medical treatment for adult and pediatric patients with sinus, ear, nose and throat conditions. Dr. Chambers received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and his medical degree from the University of Washington. He completed his surgical training through Harvard Medical School. Following his surgical training, he received additional training in allergy diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Chambers is an active member of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy. He has won awards for his teaching and research.



Carl Moeller, M.D.
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Dr. Moeller is an ear, nose and throat (ENT) doctor, serving

both pediatric and adult patients. Dr. Moeller treats common ENT ailments, such as acute sinus infections, allergies and ear infections, as well as more complex problems, such as sleep apnea, snoring, salivary gland tumors, thyroid tumors, chronic sinusitis and nasal polyps. He is one of the few surgeons in the Northeast to offer Inspire hypoglossal nerve stimulation to treat sleep apnea.

Dr. Moeller joined Connecticut Ear, Nose & Throat Associates in 2011 after attending Loyola University Chicago-Stritch School of Medicine and completing his residency and training in otolaryngology-head & neck surgery at Loyola University Medical Center.



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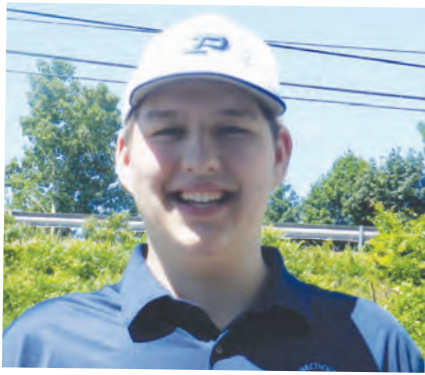
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Jake's Sport Talk



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I am ranking all the NFL head coaches from 32nd to 1st. Hope everyone enjoys the football season. Thank you.Jake

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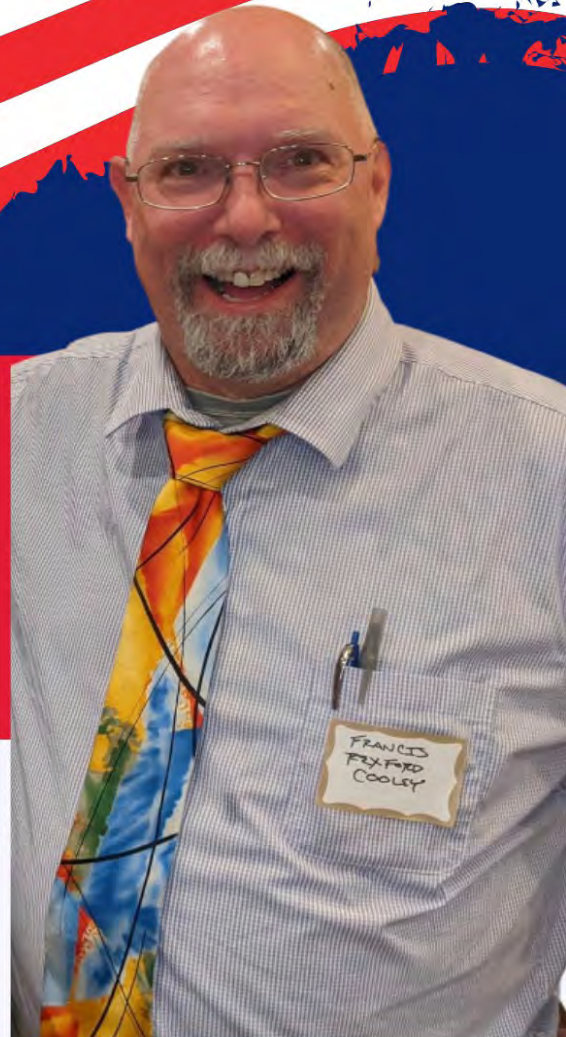
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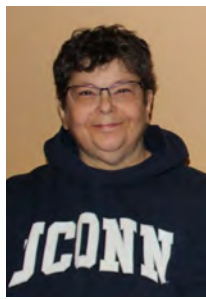
embraced her final pink sunset at her "happy place" on the Rhode Island shore on Wednesday, July 6, 2022. While her family is heartbroken, they find comfort in knowing she is reunited with the love of her life, her husband Roger, who passed in 2014 after sharing 53 wonderful years together. Born on November 5, 1935, daughter to the late Ernest and Louise Valery, Vivien was a beautiful person filled with endless love and giving. She shared a deep devotion and love for the Lord, her family, neighbors and friends. A devout Catholic, she prayed endlessly for all, happily performed daily acts of kindness, and loved teaching her confirmation students at Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Vivien always said her purpose in life was to help others heal their physical and spiritual natures.

A giver of gifts and of herself, Vivien (also lovingly referred to as Viv, Mom, Grammy, and Auntie Viv) loved sharing her joys with others including festive celebrations, reveling in the beautiful changing skies, listening to songbirds sing, evenings playing cards and rummikube, telling jokes, or walking along the beach. She had a keen eye for decorating, floral arranging, fashion, planting, and gardening - passions which always brought further beauty into the world. Always a lover of God's wondrous earth and its creations, she reveled in nature and it's bounty - particularly loving horses and animals having grown up on a family farm in Stafford Springs. Remembered for her tasty treats, her signature 'up-do', and her unyielding faith, generosity, hospitality, strength, independence, and love for her family, she will be missed beyond words, leaving her family and friends with endless memories that will forever be cherished.

She leaves behind her daughter Joann Kirk and granddaughter Ashley, her son Paul Pegolo, and her son Dr. Peter Pegolo along with his wife Tiffany and their daughters Sophia and Marlena. Vivien's granddaughters, who she affectionately called her "dollies" brought immense joy and love into her life. She is also survived by her sister Cynthia Valery Zimmerman, sister-in-law Elaine Pegolo, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Honoring Vivien's wishes a private family Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. A Mass can be made to EWTN (The Eternal Word Television Network).

~ Andrea Jean Lombardo ~



beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, 63, of Plainville passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer on Saturday, July 30, 2022 with her loving family surrounding her. Andrea was born on July 2, 1959 in New Britain, CT daughter to Jean (Dulac) Lombardo and the late Andrew Lombardo.

Andrea grew up in Plainville attended local schools and graduated from Plainville High School. She was a die-hard fan of the Boston Red Sox, the UCONN men's and women's basketball, and the NY Giants. Andrea was an avid reader and enjoyed dinners with friends, traveling to Cape Cod and was grateful for the time she spent traveling to Europe. She was a history buff who knew many facts about our veterans and World War II. She was proud to be an American and looked forward to celebrating every American holiday, especially Memorial Day. Above all, Andrea enjoyed spoiling her nieces, nephews, and her great-nieces, as if they were her own children. Andrea had a heart of gold and cherished the ones she loved most. She will be missed dearly as her family and friends carry on her legacy of love, laughter, and good times.

In addition to her mother, Jean Lombardo, Andrea is survived by her brother, John Lombardo, her brother, David Lombardo and his wife, Tammy, her sister, Susan Lombardo, her niece, Alicia Lombardo, her niece, Kristen Polletta and her husband, Raffaele, her nephews, Jacob and Jared Lombardo and their mother, Shelly, her grandnieces, Alexa and Lydia, and her best friend, Susan Abram. She also leaves behind several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Andrea's family would like to thank the nursing staff at Countryside Manor in Bristol for their exceptional care and unwavering support they provided to their family during Andrea's courageous battle. They will forever be grateful for everything they did for their family.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Burial will be held privately. Donations in memory of Andrea can be made to the American Cancer Society, 111 Founders Plaza 2nd floor, East Hartford, CT 06108 or by going to www.cancer.org.

~ Cynthia A. Mitchell ~



81, longtime resident of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, after she battled a lengthy illness. She is now reunited with her loving husband, Gerald Mitchell, who predeceased her in 2002 and her beloved son, Kevin Mitchell, who predeceased her in 2021.

Cynthia was born on April 17, 1941 in New Britain, CT, daughter to the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis and Stella Weksner. She graduated from New Britain High School. During that time she met the love of her life, Gerald. Soon after they married and settled in Plainville, and raised their two sons. Known as a tireless worker, she at times held two jobs while raising a family. After decades of administrative positions, Cynthia retired from the Connecticut Probate Administration, where she created lasting friendships with her coworkers. She was a Boston Red Sox fan like her Dad, and loved following along with the teams her husband and family rooted for. Much of the family time together was spent playing cards and board games, trying new restaurants and planning day trips together to seek out unique and little known destinations. Cynthia was an absolutely wonderful cook. Cynthia had a very outgoing and engaging personality which was usually accompanied by a smile on her face. She was a great conversationalist and had a wonderful laugh. She was a well-mannered, polite woman and very thoughtful, always putting others before herself. She adored her grandchildren and was always willing to watch them even at a moments' notice. Cynthia is survived by her son, Kenneth Mitchell and his children, Lauren and Alex Mitchell, all of Plantsville; her brother-in-law, Kenny Jones, of New Britain; her brother-in-law, Robert Mitchell and his wife, Lynn Mitchell, of The Villages, FL; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and her son, she was predeceased in May of this year by her sister, Elaine Jones.

Family and friends gathered at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A service in celebration of Cynthia's life was held at the funeral home. Cynthia will be laid to rest with her husband and her son in Plainville West Cemetery privately. In memory of Cynthia, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd S #4b, Southington, CT 06489 or by going to alz.org.

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George Orwell's Newspeak and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022

By Francis Rexford Cooley

George Orwell coined the term "newspeak" in his disutopian novel 1984. "War is peace," a blatant contradiction as peace is the absence of war, was one of the classic examples from Orwell's novel. "Newspeak" intentionally misuses language to obscure meaning and intent. The use of "newspeak" is to mislead the intended audience into accepting something that it is not. As French philosopher Jaques Ellul noted the bombardment of propaganda through modern media technologies can create the effect of "white noise" effectively making it almost impossible for the public to discern what the true policy intent is. "The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022" is such an example of Orwellian "newspeak" and Ellul's theory of propaganda.

Based on the title of "The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022" one would expect the law passed by the Democrats in Congress and signed by President Biden to be focused on a policy to reduce the inflation currently eroding the purchasing power of the dollars in American wallets. In an article in Slate, an analysis of the bill had it reducing inflation by 0.03%. That was one of the most positive forecasts for "The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022." The Tax Foundation noted "this bill may actually worsen inflation by constraining the productive capacity of the economy." Their analysis of the long-term impact of the bill has it

shrinking GDP, GNP, capital stock, the wage rate, and costing at least 29,000 jobs. For a bill, whose title indicates it is focused on the economy, this analysis indicates the bill won't help, and probably will hurt, the overall economy and "worsen inflation." So, what is "The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022" about?

The three main components of the Act are Green Energy subsidies, extending Obamacare subsidies, and funding more IRS agents and changes in the tax code. The bill is a slimmed down version of the failed "Build Back Better" bill. Forbes looked through the 730 page Act and noted the "winners" were wind and solar energy companies along with energy companies transitioning to "renewables" (wind and solar) through a plethora of subsidies and tax credits promoting the conversion of home appliances to electrification and away from natural gas (ironically less than a decade from the Malloy Administration in Connecticut's major push to expand natural gas use by Connecticut residents), tax credits for electric vehicles, and companies for the extraction of lithium (which occurs mostly outside the United States). The bill also includes a three-year extension of Obamacare subsidies which the New York Post noted should push more people onto the exchanges and out of employer-based health insurance plans. Given the current Federal debt and the impact of quantitative easing (expansion of the money supply by the government) due to increase Federal government spending this portion of the Act is, by definition, inflationary. Finally, "The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022" contains numerous changes to the tax code including a new excise tax on company stock buy backs, an alternative minimum tax of 15% for corporations, and an additional \$80 billion to hire more IRS employees for more aggressive tax collection. The Congressional Budget Office estimates those earning \$400,000 or less a year should

see themselves paying an additional \$20 billion in taxes over the next decade.

Thus "The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022" has little to do with reducing inflation but rather is an Act to promote a "Green" agenda of more wind and solar energy production along with electric car subsidies, an extension of Obamacare, and a tax bill rolled together. It is a classic "bait and switch." The title makes the public think the Democrats in Congress and the President are focused on the major economic issue of 2022. However, what has been actually passed is a slimmed down "Build, Back, Better" bill, touted as a "Green New Deal," that was firmly rejected by the public and died in the United States Senate. In "newspeak" Inflation Reduction is the New Green Deal. The public assumes the Act is focused on reducing inflation due to its name while the Federal government spends monies on Green policies and Obamacare subsidies.

The "ugly and inaccurate" language George Orwell warned us about in his essay, "The Politics of the English Language," hide true meaning. The "newspeak" bombarded to us through modern media technology make it extremely difficult for citizens to determine what the true intent of policies are, as Jacques Ellul warned nearly sixty years ago. It is important for an informed citizenry to know what policies their representatives stand for and what those policies will do. In order to do this those elected to represent the people must use clear and precise language. "Newspeak" has no place in our Republic. For as Orwell and Ellul warned so many decades ago such a use of propaganda is the providence of those seeking to impose conformity and control upon a populace.

Francis Rexford Cooley is the GOP candidate for State Representative for the 22nd District

Dear Editor,

Thank you for forwarding these to me. It does have the feel of these people writing their letters being a shared effort. At least twice in my 20+ columns, I have mentioned that when I criticize ISLAM, I am criticizing the doctrine of Islam, not the individuals that were born into it, have married into it, were tricked into converting to Islam, etc. I am discussing the rules/doctrine of Islam, which is very antagonistic to those of other religions. Yes, Muslims can quote sections of their doctrine that seem to contradict what I am saying, but the rule of "abrogation" says that when one verse seems contradictory to another, that the later written verse is the one that is valid.

I have used my Constitutional and God-given right of free speech to quote the sources of Islamic law, but many Muslims don't want the non-Muslim population to be aware of the truth. In fact, Ilhan Omar came up with a bill to disallow any criticism of Islam; other religions, of course, may be ridiculed without penalty to the one who ridicules! How is that equitable?

The first writer makes the point that we have freedom of religion in this country, and can practice our religion however we want to. Sadly, though, Islam is far more a political system than a religion. Women are not equal to men; gays are not equal to straights; those of other religions are not equal to Muslims. Punishments in Islam are horrific: beheadings, amputations, stonings, whippings, etc. Does this sound like a religion on a par with Christianity, Judaism, etc.?

I'm sorry that you had to bear the brunt of these women's anger.

Please let me know how you would like to proceed. Jane Bate

To: Jane Bate,

Thank you for your explanation that caused this misunderstanding. I hope this is satisfactory. The Editor

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It is important to keep in mind that any mention of "Islam" or of "Muslims" should be understood by the reader to be a reference to the rules of Islam drawn from the major sources of Islam: "The Reliance of the Traveller," the "Hadith," and the "Sira," and not a guarantee that a Muslim will always act in accordance with Islamic rules. Just as Baptists, Jews, etc. often disagree on exactly how to interpret their teachings, the same is true of Islam. There is no guarantee that any given member of a religious group will necessarily follow the rules of that group, but when the penalties are life-threatening (as they can be in Islam), the likelihood is there. The best approach to understanding the teachings of any religion is to read well-researched and reasoned literature by an expert in that subject. Regarding Islam, I would recommend beginning with Dr. Bill Warner's statistics -based series, especially his primer, Sharia Law for Non-Muslims. Regarding the matter of Muslims running for elective office, I would suggest starting with Dr. Stephen Kirby's Islamic Doctrine Versus the U.S. Constitution: The Dilemma for Muslim Public Officials.

Minnesota's Keith Ellison was the first Muslim elected to Congress. Ellison started his first term in January 2007, as one of Minnesota's representatives, and later retired to run for Minnesota Attorney General. In 2008, Andre Carson was successful in his run for Congressman from Minnesota. In January of 2019, Ilhan Omar became the first Muslim to replace another Muslim (Keith Ellison) for the fifth district of Minnesota. At the same time, Rashida Tlaib was successful in winning the 13th district of Michigan. So, from Keith Ellison's beginnings as the lone Muslim representative in 2007, we now have three Muslim representatives in Congress. As their numbers grow, we can expect their power to grow as well.

Jane Bate

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 Powerhouse Motorsports is presenting the Nugent Poker Run to benefit PARC on Saturday, Sept. 10. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at Powerhouse Motorsports, 151 East St., Plainville. Run leaves at 10 a.m., ends at VFW Post 574, 7 Northwest Drive. Last card in at 2 p.m. The event features the ride, prizes, music and food. Organizers said two, three, or four wheels are welcome. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 11.
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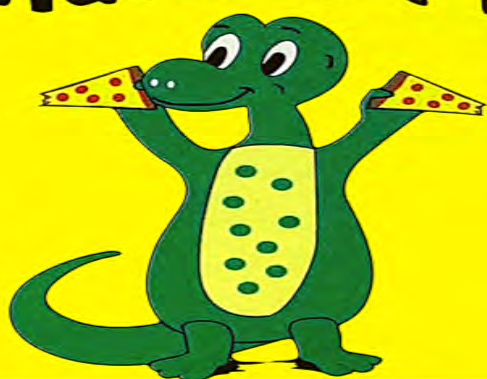
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RENTERS REBATE PROGRAM

The Town of Plainville's Assessor's Office has begun to make appointments to take applications for the Renters Rebate Program for elderly and disabled renters. Income requirements for the Renters Rebate are: for single people \$38,100, and married couples \$46,400.

Qualifications for the renter's benefit are:

- Applicants must have been 65 years old prior to Dec. 31, 2021, or have a 100 percent disability rating from the Social Security Administration.
- Applicants must have been a resident of CT for any one year.
- Persons filing must provide a copy of their 2021 SSA 1099 from Social Security & their 2021 income tax return. If not required to file a return, they must supply copies of their 1099s from all sources of income.
- Renters applicants must also have rent receipts for all 12 months of 2021 and all utility receipts for 2021. Call the Assessor's Office for an appointment at (860) 793-0221, ext. 7134.

DIAL-A-RIDE DRIVERS NEEDED!

The Plainville Senior Center is looking for on-call drivers for our Dial-a-Ride Program. Drivers must have a CDL or F-endorsement in order to drive our wheelchair lift-equipped bus. Training and hourly wage provided. Hourly range between \$15.50—\$16.61. Hours are on-call to assist when regularly scheduled drivers are out or when the schedule is busy and more drivers are needed. F-endorsement is now easier to obtain and can be done without going to DMV and can be completed in two weeks. Contact Shawn or Ronda at the Senior Center for more information or visit www.plainvillect.com for an application.

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RAISING GRANDCHILDREN CONFERENCE

14th Annual Conference for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Plainville Senior Center. "Moving Through Grief and Loss". Presented by Heidi Levitz, Early Childhood Specialist, Wheeler Clinic. Registration required by Sept. 14. Complimentary Box Lunch Included! Raffle Prizes! Call (860)747-5728 to register. This program is funded in part by Title III of the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. and the State Unit on Aging, the Plainville Senior Center and Plainville Youth Services.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ANNUAL STAND DOWN EVENT

This event will be held on Friday, Sept. 23, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Bristol Sports Armory, 61 Center Street in Bristol. Attendees will have access to a variety of benefits, services, personal need items, vaccinations, medical screenings, and meals to go provided by the DVA, Federal VA, Veteran Organizations, State & Federal agencies, and community-based providers. For more information, call (860)584-6258 or 860-616-3803. Transportation for Plainville residents 60 and over by appointment only (Call 860-747-5728).

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FOOD SHARE PROGRAM - THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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MyHomeCT Helps Eligible Homeowners With Mortgage Difficulties Due to COVID-19

Connecticut has been awarded approximately \$123 million to establish MyHomeCT, a program funded by the Homeowner Assistance Fund.

The goal of MyHomeCT is to cure mortgage delinquencies and defaults, and prevent foreclosures among eligible homeowners that occurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program also includes assistance for qualified non-mortgage expenses including, but not limited to, non-escrowed real estate taxes and insurance as well as condominium or homeowners' association fees.

The CT Dept. of Housing is the responsible entity for the program and has designated the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) to administer on its behalf.

The MyHomeCT Program offer reinstatement, up to 12 months of forward payments or a combination of both, to eligible Connecticut homeowners.

For eligibility requirements and more information, call the MyHomeCT Call Center at (877)894-4111 Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

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!

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FROM MY BALCONY

By Jeannette Hinkson

I would like everyone to stand in front of a mirror and take a good hard look at yourself. What do you see? Do you see a stupid person? If you don't feel you are a complete fool then why do you believe everything these politicians are trying to feed you?

Everyone has a calculator on their cell phones so the next time you go to the grocery store check out the prices and just see if what you bought last week only went up 8 percent as the president would have you believe.

Last week I went to a big box store where I usually buy my butter. You can get four lbs for \$9.99 which will last me a month. Problem, this week it was \$14.99!

Now any idiot will tell you that is a lot more than 8% more, more like 50 plus percent more.

If you notice the price of gas is coming down, WHY? That is so us idiots will say in November, **"Look they are lowering the price of gas, lets vote them back in."**

Clean house!! If you only vote for these people at election time then go find another job. Oh, I forgot if they leave office they still are set for life.

Many years ago, around 1975, I went into my favorite grocery store, one that I had worked for, for years, I picked up a can of dog food and noticed the price

had been re-stamped from ten cents to twenty-five cents, you can see how long ago that was. I took the can to the store manager, who I knew very well, and brought this to his attention. His reply was, **"Mark it up a dime, mark it up a nickel, these dumb broads will buy it anyway."** With that I plopped the can back in his hand and said, "Not this dumb broad!"

I formed a group called "RAPE" which stood for Retaliation Against Price Escalation, you may remember us. We picketed grocery chains in Connecticut and Massachusetts and after a few months a group called Nader's Raider's took over our cause so stores no longer could markup merchandise already purchased and stamped with the lower price, it was called unit pricing.

Now they have found a way to get around it they just change the label on the shelf so the customer doesn't know the profit the store is making on the old stock.

With the help of the politicians the people are paying the higher price and there doesn't seem to be anyone out there to help us. If someone tries to help the people they or anyone affiliated with them are doomed.

Is it time we cry RAPE again? Problem, there is no one like Ralph Nader left to take up the cause of the people, or is there?

they are attempting to move authority over election away from the states and impose regulations and conditions on the election process. In doing so, they would have the power to grant rights to illegal immigrants and allow mail in ballots from anyone. (much different than absentee ballots, which are always verified). Mail in ballots are important because an election isn't going their way they figure out how many votes that need to win and, suddenly, the poll workers are counting the arriving write-in ballots. This is how one party gains control over our country.

Pay attention in Washington regarding our election.

What can you do? Get involved in your local politics ensure that true patriots are being elected to public office, and vote out those who refuse to stand up and put America first.

Directions

Step 1

In a large dutch oven over medium heat on the stove-top, add the ground beef, salt, and pepper.

Step 2

Thoroughly brown the beef, then remove it from the pot using a slotted spoon.

Step 3

Add in the butter, onion, and cabbage, and cook until the onions start to caramelize, for about 5 minutes.

Step 4

Add in the diced tomatoes, crushed tomatoes, beef broth, and cooked beef.

Step 5

Reduce the heat to low and let the soup simmer for 15 minutes.

Step 6

Stir in the cooked rice and cook until thoroughly warmed.

Step 7

Serve immediately!

Dumb Americans...

You can say what you want about this country, and I love this place. I love the freedoms we used to have. I love it. I love it when it didn't take a catastrophe to get us to care for one another. I love the fact that we're on camera all the time from all angles. But you know, you can say what you want about America. I wouldn't have it any other way. I wouldn't live in any other time in history in any other place. Land of the free, home of the brave.

But we have some dumb idiotic characters in this country Dumber than a second coat of paint.

Now this just isn't ranting and raving. This isn't just blowing off steam. I got a little evidence to support my claim. It seems to me that only a really low IQ population could have taken this beautiful continent, this magnificent American landscape that we inherited... Well actually, we stole it from the Mexicans and Indians. But, hey it was nice when we stole it. It looked pretty good. It was pristine, paradise. Have you seen it lately? Have you taken a good look? it's really embarrassing.

Only a nation of unenlightened half-wits could have taken this beautiful place and turned it into what it is today, a shopping mall. That's all you got here folks. Mile after mile of mall after mall. Many, many malls. Major malls and mini malls. They put the mini malls in between the major malls.

In between the mini malls they put the mini marts. In between the mini marts, you've got the car lots, gas stations, muffler shops, Laundromats, cheap hotels, fast food joints, strip clubs, and dirty bookstores. America the beautiful. One big transcontinental commercial cesspool. How do people feel about living in a coast-to-coast shopping mall? Well they think it's JUST JIM DANDY! They think it is as cool as can be. Americans love the mall. That's where they get to satisfy their two most prominent addictions at the same time. Shopping and eating, millions of semiconscious Americans day after day shuffling through the malls shopping and eating. Especially eating, Americans love to eat. They are fatally attracted to the slow death of fast food. Hot dogs, corn dogs, triple bacon cheeseburgers, deep fried butter dipped in pork fat and cheesewhiz, mayonnaise-soaked barbecue, mozzarella patty melts. America will eat anything, if you were selling sauteed raccoons butts on a stick, Americans would buy them and eat them. Especially if you dipped them in butter and put a little salsa on them.

This country is big-time pig time. Forget the bald eagle. You know what the national emblem of this country ought to be? A big bowl of macaroni and cheese. A BIG BOWL, because everything in this country is king size. King size, extra large and SUPER JUMBO. Especially the idiotic people. Have you seen some of the people in this country? Have you taken a good look at some of this big, fat, lard butts walking around? Huge piles of redundant protoplasm lumbering through the malls like a fleet of interstate buses. The people in this country are immense.

fat butts. And if you stand there for a minute and you look at one of them, you'll begin to wonder. How does she go to the bathroom? And more frightening how can she reach to wipe. She must require assistance. Are paramedics trained in this field. And standing right next to her of course with a plate full of nachos and a mouthful of pie is her clueless husband Joe Six Pack. With his monstrous swollen beer belly hanging dangerously out over his belt buckle. This guy hasn't seen his private part since the Nixon Administration. And if you stand there and look at the two of them, you begin to wonder to yourself. Do these people play bed time sports. It doesn't seem structurally possible. maybe they're in that "Cirque du Soleil" or something. I'm telling you the people in this country- every one of them- is 50 lbs. overweight. they are GARGANTUAN.

In the summertime - God help us - they will all want to wear short pants or spandex. Deliver us from fat people in short pants and spandex. They also have a couple of dumb kids. The whole family ie wearing T-shirts, and every one of them has got the same T-shirt... I'm with stupid." Apparently in this country, the Stupids are an extended family. Besides wearing the T-shirts, everyone in the family has on a backpack. They got a backpack strapped to their back so they can carry around lots of stupid crap. the reason they got to carry their stupid crap strapped to their backs is because their hands must remain free at all times to hold food. So they can get that food up to the mouth where it gets shoveled in with all the rest of the disgusting crap they ate that day. Another reason for the backpacks is these people are going to buy even more stupid crap. They don't have enough crap at home. They just had a stupid crap sale, they're going to buy more. They're going to go out in the parking lot and stuff this crap into the big, fat, ugly, oversized SUV that's got plenty of room in it. Stopping on the way of course for a jelly roll and some fried dough. These people are efficient, professional, complusive cumsumers. It's their civic duty.

Consumption. It's the new national pastime. The hell with baseball. It's consumption. The only true lasting American value that's left. Buying things. People spending money they don't have on things they don't need. So they can max out their credit cards and spend the rest of their lives paying 18 percent interest on something that cost 12.50. And they didn't like it when they got it home anyway. Not too bright, folks. NOT TOO BRIGHT!

Food for thought...

Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it. John Gasparini

Have a safe Labor Day



Taste Buzz

Stuffed Cabbage Soup STOVE-TOP

Time: 40 minutes

Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 1 head cabbage, chopped roughly
- 14 ounces tomato, diced
- 14 ounces tomato, crushed
- 3 cups beef broth
- 3 cups rice, cooked

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TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME

As the daylight hours become shorter we will again hear the words “spring forward, fall back” then try to remember to set all our clocks back an hour to standard time. We must give thanks to the brilliance of Ben Franklin who long ago came up with the idea of daylight savings time to give us a few extra hours of daylight.

How we tell time over the centuries has changed greatly from the invention of the first sundial to today’s modern electronic communication devices. During the colonial days school and church bells rang to tell the villagers when it was meeting time and in family homes a large floor clock chimed the daily hours.

The manufacture of clocks had a great impact on this quiet little village of Plainville. Before the 1800s most timepieces were imported as large parts to be fitted into tall wooden floor cabinets. Then, Eli Terry of Bristol learned to reduce the size of the clock works by making them of brass. This made it easier for him to handle the parts and carry them in his saddlebags to the area cabinet makers. By 1837 Chauncey Jerome, also of Bristol, started to mass produce the brass clock pieces.

This was about the same time as the Farmington Canal was at its peak. Area clock makers shipped their products out of Bristol Basin located on the canal way. Warehouses, clock makers and small businesses popped up all around the basin which soon formed the center of our town.

One of these clock makers was John Hunt. This is of great importance to us at the Historic Center because we were blessed to be given one of his early clocks. The clock was in need of repair so our friends from the Bristol Clock Museum volunteered to fix the problems. With grateful thanks, it has now been returned home to the Center for all to enjoy.

John Hunt’s shop stood on the north side of West Main St. near the corner of North Washington St. Here the components were assembled, clock faces were decorated, then installed into handmade wooden cabinets. John, along with many other local makers sold them under their own brand names and sent them out on boats and trains across the countryside. Some clock makers and manufacturers chose to set up along the Pequabuck River to power their businesses. In 1845 George Hills and Jared Goodrich manufactured clocks on the south side of the river near the covered bridge on North Washington St., which became a very popular area, where a dam was built forming a mill pond.

When the old school house at the intersection of Broad and Washington Streets got in the way of the increasing travel, Deacon Lucas Carter purchased this landmark building. He moved it down to the river, placed it on the southeast corner of the bridge and started a brass foundry that lasted for many years.

A new two story school house was then built on the northeast corner of Broad and Washington Streets in 1859. The second floor was used for the upper grades and the first floor for the younger school children. Sadly, on July 14, 1862 the West District School was burned down under suspicious circumstances. After many meetings and heated discussions, a new consolidated school was built and dedicated on January 6, 1874 and became known as the Broad Street School. This building still stands today and is known as Tarrant House.

Today’s generation of children now wake up to many magical time devices, instead of bells, that tell them it’s time to go to school. No matter how, or when, it’s never easy to get them up.

...Gertrude LaCombe



IT’S ABOUT TIME

Is it late summer? Or maybe it’s early autumn. Harvest time. The time has come to return to school. Time was when that meant new shoes, new underwear, socks, a 3 ring notebook with dividers and yellow Ticonderoga pencils like the teacher used.

No returning students in your world? Perhaps it’s time to return from the beach. *No beach?* We welcome you to return here to the Historic Center. We are greeting old friends during September and welcoming new members of the Plainville Historical Society.

Rachel St. Onge, our Membership chair is conducting an outreach to all members at this time as we gear up for a season of new friends, fun and service to the community.

Definitely do plan to visit us on Saturday, September 24th for our family **Open House and Tag Sale**. *Our gift shop will be open.*

A program and event schedule is coming together for the winter season and the Society’s by-laws are being revisited with an eye to updating. It’s high time for that.

You might like to do some research. With new families moving to Plainville, there seems to be great interest in researching vintage homes. Make an appointment to research your new/old house and its history. Contact us by e-mail to make an appointment. There is someone to greet you if you drop in on Monday or Wednesday between 10 and 1 o’clock.

Oh, look for us at the Pumpkifest, 2022 in October. It’s always a good time.

Remembering...summers past

The welcome coolness of the children’s room at the library on a very hot day— long before air conditioning. Oh, the sweet scent downtown in the early morning wafting from Roger’s Bakery. The angled green wooden screen door would slam and a smiling Mrs. Rogers would greet you there in her white apron. You could take your empty bean pot in on Friday. They would fill it with their wonderful beans and bake them all together in the big ovens. Pick up on Saturday for a traditional weekend supper in your cool kitchen. Take-Out, the old fashioned way. How about the Saturday matinee at the Strand? Popcorn, Pathe News, cartoons and then Cowboys and Indians—18 cents....*Plainville Historical Society*

THE BELL AND THE SUNDIAL

The original bronze Broad Street school bell, stamped 1874, has been preserved and you can visit it in the Linden Street schoolyard along East Maple Street. While you are there, check the time by the sun at the Mary Rose Faith DiMinno memorial sundial.

Remembering... Before women drove.

The Fuller Brush man, the Bond or Viking Baking Co. bread man, home delivery of fresh dairy milk. Then there was the Watkins man and if you recall far enough back, the rag man who picked up any rags that were not stored for fall house cleaning rags or set aside to become braided rugs. If you do, then you probably remember penny postcards.

September is Membership month at the Plainville Historical Society. Rachel St Onge, Membership chair will be contacting all members and we welcome new members. We appreciate your continuing support.

OPEN HOUSE & TAG SALE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

10:00am – 2:00pm
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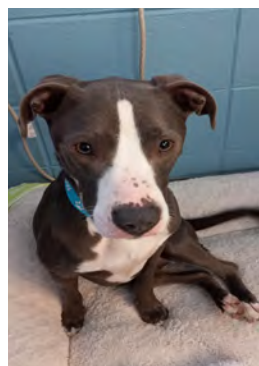
PLAINVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS THROUGH-OUT THE YEAR.



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THE PRINCESS NEWS

Plainville's puppy Princess is completing her Physical Therapy at the Wizard of Paws, the dog rehab center in Cromwell. She has recovered completely following her surgery and rehabilitation program. This real Princess does run and play with her friends at the Pound, but now but she really, really likes to take a serious walk around the block with a human friend.

Preparing now for a new home and a new life, she has started to pack her things—a dowry of sorts. The people of Plainville have been so very generous with their support and gifts, all of which have been carefully put away for her in a virtual hope chest. It is good that she has a whole wardrobe of leashes, since she is so very interested in strolling along on a leash. She also was given a gorgeous dog bed, still in the wrapping, ready to take "home." Then there's a brand new special bowl for her food and a plastic bag full of toys—some squeak. She has played with some because she couldn't wait, but then there are still plenty to explore. She takes good care of her things; never chews her toys, just likes to have them tossed to her.

Here's hoping!

Animal Control & Plainville Paws

will participate in the

Ride for Lexi

on September 18th

See story on Page 14 for Details

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.

For Information About Rabies

Department of Agriculture

Animal Control Division



Pet Page

FROM THE

PLAINVILLE ANIMAL CONTROL DESK.....

REPORTING IN

Old Business We know that this has been discussed before, but the serious threat of rabies in Plainville prompts us to revisit this issue. There have been some recent incidents here involving bats, so with your best interests at heart-- not to mention those of your pet's-- let's buckle up.

All mammals can become infected and spread rabies. Raccoons, skunks and bats are the wild animals most frequently to test positive. Let's talk about bats.

Bats can invade your house through an opening as tiny as the width of your little finger. You may not notice a bat during daylight hours, it can hide in the strangest spaces or hang from a ceiling fixture dormant and unseen. If you have a cat, sometimes they can call your attention to a bat in the house. Check around for any little crack and take care of it.

A bat bite can go unnoticed, quite similar to a mosquito bite. If a bat is discovered in the sleeping space of a baby, or any at-risk person it should be captured safely, if that is possible. The capture will require a small box or can and a piece of cardboard. Use gloves. Better yet, call us. We know how to do this safely.

Outdoor cats, feral cats and other stray animals are always in great danger of contacting rabies. Be aware of this when you encounter them. Report any stray animal that appears to be sick. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Plainville Paws Thanks to all who donate cat or dog food and kitty litter, we have been able to keep up with the increasing demand for help from our Pet Food Pantry. Your donations are graciously accepted at the Plainville Police Department front desk. Your generosity is much appreciated.

The Tag Sale held at the Pound on Granger Lane on August 27 and 28 was very successful. We love you, too.

New Business Very soon the Pound will be completely updated and repainted and the concrete floors will be patched so that they are sealed from ground bugs. A new epoxy finish will provide a clean, safe environment for the animals in our care.

LOOK FOR US AT THE PUMPKINFEST ON OCTOBER 22.

Tag Sale @ Granger Lane Pound



Pictured above are Donna Weinhofer, Animal Control Officer and Kelly Curtiss, Asst. Animal Control Officer.

"We wish to thank everyone that help make it a **huge success.**"

Check this out for Some Fun!!

Paint Your Pet

At The Library

Information on Page 15

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

Email to: plainvillehometown@gmail.com

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September 18, 2022



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Police Escorted Motorcycle Ride.

All law enforcement supporters on all makes of bikes are welcome. \$20.00 donation per bike requested.

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Lunch is provided by Stew Leonard's with music by Shark Entertainment.

For more information please visit www.peterlavery.org or like us on Facebook.



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