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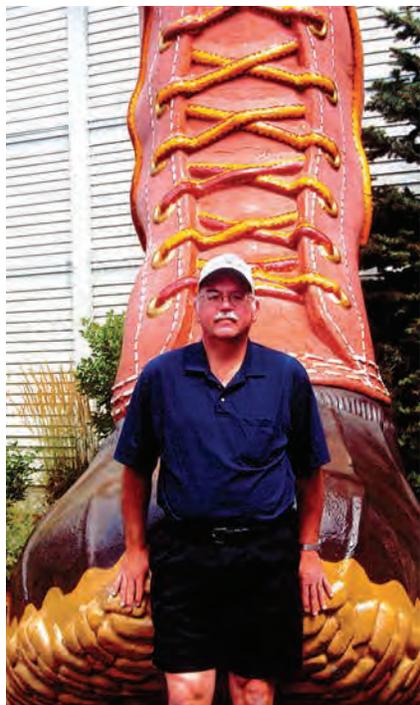
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It will be a sad day on February 5th as John will be retiring after almost 43 years with the Plainville School System. He worked days as the custodian for Wheeler School.

The school was proud of the job he did. People would comment on how clean his school was. John enjoyed interacting with the children and staff, who were like his 2nd family.

In those years he met his wife, Joan and they reside in Plainville. They have three Sons , three Grand-daughters and 2 step Grand Children, who are the apple of his eye.

He will miss everyone but will keep busy golfing, bowling and we are sure he will stop in to say "Hello" God Bless and Good Luck in your next chapter in life!

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Plainville Chiropractic LLC



Dr. Marc Leuenberger BS, DC, DACS and Dr. Ellen Leuenberger welcome Dr. Timothy Ouellette (center) at the Plainville Chiropractic office, 43 East Street. *See story on Page 18.*

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Allyn K. Kall Retiring Secretary of Plainville Fire Company



After an astonishing 38 years of hard work and dedication, Allyn K. Kall will be retiring from the position of Secretary of the Plainville Fire Company. A beloved teacher at PHS, Al first joined the fire Company and Department in 1968 and has held a variety of offices during his tenure. During his time with the fire department, he first 2nd Lieutenant from 1970-1971, 1st Lieutenant from 1972-1973, Captain from 1974-1976, and 2nd Asst. Chief in 1977. Although Al retired in 2004, he stayed on as secretary from 1983 to early 2021.

Al will be missed, as he was such a valuable asset to the fire company. Always the dependable 'go to' guy, Al holds the history of the Plainville Fire Company and Department close to his heart and has worked tirelessly to keep records and traditions alive as part of the legacy of the brotherhood. "Al always knew the answer for this or that and always knew where to go for whatever item we needed. He has taught me so much working under him, for which I am extremely grateful." says Phil Brousseau, Asst. Secretary. "He leaves big shoes to fill."

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Washington's Birthday..Mon. 22nd

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Plainville

Property Transfers

39 Bunside Ave: Patricia M. Coughlin

LT and Marianne Kullback of Plainville to Thomas R. Rein and Anastassia K. Towle, \$152,500 on 11/19/2020

2 Canterbury Ln: Keith J. Pomerleau of Plainville to Tracy Baden, \$149,900 on 11/17/2020

50 Fairbanks St: Michael A. and Brenda I. Mccarty of Plainville to Mathew Noel, \$235,000 on 11/17/2020

Florence Ln: Anna J. and Jakub T. Gorgon of Plainville to Rachel and Alastair Bell, \$226,000 on 11/19/2020

54 Forestville Ave: Michael and Lauren Mcdonald of Plainville to Kathleen Depaolis, \$265,000 on 11/19/2020

17 Loomis Ave: Laurence D. and Jill T. Blackwell of Plainville to Alicia Tupko, \$255,000 on 11/17/2020

135 New Britain Ave Unit 24: Jason Dandrea of Plainville to Timothy D. and Cynthia Shone, \$212,000 on 11/17/2020

100 Northampton Ln Unit 25: Victoria C. Warner of Plainville to Gary and Francine Donahue, \$160,000 on 11/13/2020

Trumbull Ave: Tyrone Guardarrama of Plainville to Ultimate RE 2 LLC, \$250,000 on 11/16/2020

56 Wayne Dr: Michelle L. Washington of Plainville to Bozena Swider, \$180,000 on 11/17/2020

205 Broad St: Gregory and Gail R. Terrill of Plainville to Lizbeth Castellano, \$302,000 on 11/25/2020

7 Canal St: DRJ Associates LLC of Plainville to Gina Vagnini, \$295,000 on 11/25/2020

309 East St Unit 16: Stacie StJarre of Plainville to Kyle R. Greenough, \$117,000 on 11/23/2020

18 Fleetwood Dr: Marsha Mierzejewski of Plainville to Joseph G. Pearlingi, \$250,000 on 11/25/2020

20 Hollis Ln: Edward W. Kowalski, Jr RET and Brenda M. Kowalski of Plainville to Jessica Martin and Desiree Ellison, \$265,900 on 11/24/2020

15 Jeanette Dr: Kenneth J. and Karen G. Hodge of Plainville to Michael Palma, \$270,000 on 11/24/2020

19 Jude Rd: Ridgewood Properties LLC of Plainville to Nicole G. Zaldivar, \$251,900 on 11/23/2020

140 Shuttlemeadow Rd: Kelly A. Reynolds of Plainville to Megan V. Reynolds, \$184,500 on 11/24/2020

167 Stillwell Dr: Krzysztof Grodzicki of Plainville to Adam Polkowski, \$60,000 on 11/23/2020

293 W. Main St: Terry Spencer of Plainville to Hannifah S. Williams, \$185,000 on 11/24/2020

212 Westwood Ave: Spencer and Kaitlyn Duffany of Plainville to Ryan Doyle, \$189,000 on 11/23/2020

73 Broad St Unit 10: Marie S. Cyr of Plainville to Paul and Marisa Vitelli, \$140,000 on 12/2/2020

30 Diamond Ave Unit 10: Penny M. and William T. Barraclough of Plainville to Kevin J. Molyneaux, \$119,900 on 12/2/2020

10 Maple St Unit A2: Theodore E. Greggis of Plainville to Joanna G. Domitrz, \$73,150 on 12/1/2020

100 Northampton Ln Unit 34: Denzel Debrady of Plainville to Thomas J. Leconche, \$160,000 on 12/3/2020

69 Northwest Dr Unit 36: Laura B. Reed and Michael J. Boguslawski of Plainville

to Marianna Woloshyn, \$165,000 on 11/30/2020

18 Peach Orchard HI: Ronald A. and Joy B. Brousseau of Plainville to Lianna and Ross Brousseau, \$330,000 on 12/3/2020

149 Rockwell Ave: Guy M. and Debroah J. Doyon of Plainville to David K. and Sally E. Miller, \$275,000 on 12/2/2020

180 S. Washington St: Atlantica LLC of Plainville to Evolution Ventures LLC, \$220,000 on 12/1/2020

336 Woodford Ave: Factory Square Realty LLC of Plainville to Revach Venture LLC \$2,237,500 on 12/4/2020

17 Black Birch Rd: Steven F. and Nancy M. Medeska of Plainville to Arooj Manzer, \$237,000 on 12/10/2020

19 Cody Ave Unit C3: Zofia T. Mordasiewicz of Plainville to Mario S. Carpintieri and Amalia Ricciardi, \$132,000 on 12/8/2020

27 E. Broad St: Megan Shepherd of Plainville to Katherine C. Gomez, \$234,900 on 12/8/2020.

115 Hilltop Rd: Liljedahl Donald E. Est and Stephen Liljedahl of Plainville to Doris Rudnicki, \$120,000 on 12/7/2020.

24 Maxine Rd: Christopher E. and Carolyn W. Cronkhite of Plainville to Evan D. and Shannon Rouse, \$276,000 on 12/9/202220

83 N Washington St AMPS Electric & Hm Svcs of Plainville to Susana Yant and Michael Appiah, \$289,000 on 12/8/2020

17 Pinecrest Dr: Leah Holowesko of Plainville to Diane R. and Mark F. Dacunto, \$147,500 on 12/7/2020

63 Prentice St: Louise A. Roberto of Plainville to Ann and Douglas T. Cooke, \$190,000 on 12/7/2020

Samuels Xing Lot 107: Carrier Holdings LLC of Plainville to James M. and Stacey R. Mahoney, \$489,793 on 12/7/2020

190 Tomlinson Ave Unit 5f: Melissa Thibeault of Plainville to Lefa Hasankolli and Eugene Cruz-Dejesus, \$185,100 on 12/7/2020

75 Williams St: Paul P. Cipollone of Plainville to Dawn S. Peck, \$191,000 on 12/7/2020

48 Broad St: Carriage Svcs Of CT Inc of Plainville to Tribute Properties LLC, \$500,000 on 12/15/2020

50 Dogwood Rd: Sullivan Eileen Est and Margaret Czellecz of Plainville to Jarnail Singh, \$189,000 on 12/16/2020

25 Hemingway St: Heliodoro and Persida Mendez of Plainville to Andrew Mclean, \$187,500 on 12/16/2020

58 Maria Rd: Linda M. Tumolo of Plainville to Adam Parzych and Karolina Urszula-Parzych, \$290,000 on 12/14/2020

267 N Washington St: Michelle Cavallo of Plainville to KSD Holdings LLC, \$130,000 on 12/16/2020

6 Park St: Corinne S. Mongillo of Plainville to Paul T. and Jessica Croteau, \$180,000 on 12/14/2020

22 Tyler Farms Rd: Paul Dzilenski of Plainville to Kathleen D. and Kenneth V. Roden, \$405,000 on 12/16/2020

56 Williams St: Erika N. Marcoux of Plainville to Stehanie Mcginn and Matthew J. Janick, \$225,000 on 12/14/2020

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

Dec. 7th, Dec. 21st Meetings



December 7, 2020

Treated and Non-Treated Road Salt Bids

- The Roadways Department is seeking Town Council approval to purchase both treated and nontreated winter salt materials. Typically, nontreated salt is utilized in warmer conditions above 17 degrees while treated salt is used in temperatures below 17 degrees.
- The first item is untreated salt. Town staff is recommending the purchase of nontreated from Champion Salt of Maryland Heights MO at a cost of \$58.00 per ton. Champion Salt was the low bidder through a State Bid process. This price per ton is \$1.75 per ton less than what was paid last year. (\$59.75)
- The second item is treated salt. Town staff is recommending the purchase of treated salt from DRVN Enterprises of Wethersfield, CT at a cost of \$63.50 per ton. This is a negotiated price which is also \$8.00 per ton less than last year.
- There are two items under New Business regarding the purchase of nontreated and treated salt as recommended by Town staff.

Eversource Gas Replacement and Expansion Project

- Earlier this summer Eversource Gas notified Town staff that they were planning to make some substantial upgrades to their distribution system in Plainville over the next ten years. This was immediately concerning because their plans included replacing gas lines in recently paved streets.
- For the last five years, Town staff had annually contacted the utility companies, including Eversource, requesting their future construction plans in order to avoid a situation where a town road was to be dug up shortly after being re-paved. At no time did Eversource Gas inform Town staff of their plans until this summer. When these plans were received, Town staff immediately contacted them to express our displeasure and notifying them that they would have to make some adjustments to their replacement schedule.
- Town staff has had several meetings with Eversource representatives, and some changes have been made to the schedule. For example, Eversource planned to replace gas lines on Whiting Street in 2026. However, the Town is planning extensive work on this road next year after receiving a state grant. As a result of these discussion, Eversource agreed to perform this work beginning next spring before we begin our project.
- Town staff will continue to meet with Eversource to refine the construction timelines and the method of pavement restoration.

- In addition, Eversource has stated that they plan to move forward with extending gas service on Redstone Hill Road and the neighborhood that includes Hollyberry Lane, Skyline Drive and Highland Drive. This was originally discussed with Town staff about 18 months ago but their plans were delayed.

- This expansion work is expected to begin early next year.

Robertson Airport Update

- There are several projects underway at the airport. The reconstruction of the taxiway is being done by Tilcon and is about 90% completed. This is a \$2.72M project that is being paid through a grant provided by the F.A.A.
- Additionally, the Town has made some improvements to the airport facilities utilizing monies in the Airport Fund. Improvements that have already been made include the painting of three hangars (including the administration building) and the replacement of several heating/cooling units. The Town is also looking to replace the metal roof on Hangar 4 as it currently has some leaks and has reached its useful life.
- Interstate Aviation and the Town have also agreed to make improvements to the administration building. The interior floorplan is being modified by Interstate and the Airport Fund will contribute to some of the exterior work including new windows and doors and a new handicapped accessible ramp to the main entranceway. The plans also include improvements to an adjacent patio area which will allow residents to have a place to observe the airfield.
- Interstate is also planning to construct a small café inside the administration building. The improvements to administrative building are expected to begin during the winter months with the replacement of the Hangar 4 roof to occur next Spring.

Town Clerk Position

- Town Clerk Carol Skultety recently announced her plans to retire in January. Carol has worked for Plainville since 1998 first serving as the Deputy Revenue Collector and then becoming the Deputy Town Clerk before being appointed as Town Clerk after Peter Lennon retired in 2003.
- Seventy-four applicants expressed interest in the Town Clerk's position. On November 12th, eight candidates were interviewed by a panel consisting of Carol Skultety, Stacy Buden and James Krupienski who currently serves as the Newington Town Clerk.
- The Interview Panel unanimously recommended Cindy Porrini of Bristol as the top candidate for the position. Mrs. Porrini is a certified Town Clerk and is currently serving as the Assistant Town Clerk in West Hartford – a position that

she has held since 2014. Before that she served in the Bristol Town Clerk's Office in several supporting capacities for 14 years.

- A final interview with myself and Stacy Buden was held on December 3rd. Pursuant to the Town Charter, I am pleased to announce that I have appointed Cindy Porrini to serve as the Plainville Town Clerk beginning on January 4th. This will allow for some overlap time with Carol Skultety to acquaint her with the office.
- I want to thank Carol for her 20+ years of dedicated service to the Town of Plainville and wish her well in her retirement.

CIP Additional Appropriation

- The FY 21 Capital Improvement Budget anticipated that \$980,000 would be contributed from the Towns' unassigned fund balance to support the approved projects. According to the Town Charter, the Town Council is required to conduct a public hearing before considering an additional appropriation.
- The Town Charter also requires a referendum whenever any additional appropriation exceeds 1% of the Town Budget. As a result, in order to appropriate \$980,000 from the unassigned fund balance, two supplemental appropriations will be required in order to avoid the expense of conducting a referendum.
- There is an item under New Business establishing a public hearing for Monday, December 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm to receive public comments regarding the appropriation of \$490K from the unassigned fund balance to the Capital Improvement Fund. A second appropriation will be planned later in the fiscal year.

FY2022 Budget Discussion

- Town staff is currently making plans for the development of the FY22 Town budget. One of the first steps in the budget process is a joint meeting with the Town Council and the Board of Education.
- During this joint meeting, both Town and School Administrative staff update both boards on the status of the current budget year and the projected budget assumptions and expectations for next year.
- This meeting is generally held in mid-January. Given the current pandemic, this meeting will most likely be held remotely via video conferencing. Two suggested dates are Tuesday, January 12th of the following Tuesday, January 19th.

COVID-19 Update

- At the current time, the Municipal Center, Library and Senior Center are open to the public. Additionally, the schools are also conducting in school learning. However, both state and local health officials continue to report more COVID-19 infections and an increase in hospitalizations.

- Some Town staff in the sewer department, buildings & grounds, roadways, police department, Senior Center and the Municipal Center have had to quarantine as a result of contact tracing. School staff have been impacted as well.
- To date Town operations have continued with some minor impacts but this could change very quickly. Town staff will continue to monitor the pandemic and follow the recommendations of the health officials.

HAPPENINGS

Holiday Gift Card Drive

This year, instead of the Stuff the Cruiser toy drive, the Plainville Police in coordination with the Plainville Social Service Department are sponsoring "Rescue Christmas" on behalf of the Plainville Salvation Army fund. Held at the Police Department lobby and only gift cards and monetary donations will be accepted.

Senior Center:

The Senior Center reopened for in person programming. Remote and online programming continues to be offered. For information call the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

COVID-19 Drive-through

Testing FREE T Call the Community Health Center for an appointment, 475-241-0140 or on-line at www.chc1.com.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group

Join our monthly support group to share resources, ideas, struggles, joys and more. Call the Senior Center to register and obtain the meeting link.

Souper Soups Cooking Class

(On Zoom):The Senior Center café may be closed, but you can still enjoy the taste of the wonderful Italian Wedding Soup made by Margaret Lemrise, one of our café volunteers.

Historical House Tour

Friday: Enjoy a one-hour tour through Plainville as we "visit" 71 homes built prior to the 1869 incorporation of Plainville. The project was coordinated by Rachel St. Once, and the photos of the houses were taken by the Plainville Senior Center Snappy Seniors Photography group.

Drive Thru Chocolate Lovers Day:

Calling all chocolate lovers! Drive thru the Senior Center parking lot to get some delicious chocolate goodies! Call the Senior Center by December 14th to register.

Robert E. Lee's Town Council Report December 21st

Middle School Discussion

- Superintendent of Schools Steve LePage is participating in this evening's meeting to discuss the potential renovation of the Middle School. He will discuss the need for the project, a potential timeline, and the next steps for moving forward with the project.

Valley Water Rate Increase

- Several weeks ago, Valley Water notified the Town that they had filed an application to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) for an increase in the water rates. Valley Water pointed out that the last time there was a rate increase was in 2010.
- They are requesting an average rate increase of 35.73% which would raise their revenue by \$1.23M. They also pointed out that the rate increase does not include any construction costs or operating costs associated with the new Woodford Ave. water softening plant which is scheduled to be built next year.
- An analysis of their application shows that a residential customer with a monthly water bill of \$25 would see an increase of 38.75% or \$116.26 per year. A customer averaging \$35 per month would see an increase of 36.18% or \$151.96 per year. Finally, a residential customer with a monthly bill of \$50 would see an increase of 34.25% or \$205.51 per year.
- In addition to the increase in the residential rates, there will also be significant increases to the commercial and industrial rates as well. These increases, while significant, will be less than the residential rate increases.
- Valley Water is also proposing a 24.52% increase for Public Fire Protection services rate. If approved as requested, the Town Budget would see an increase of \$168,196. The Town currently pays \$685,872 for fire protection services.
- The next step is for PURA to review the application and, at some point, conduct a public hearing. Information regarding the proposed rate increase can be found on the Town website at www.plainvillect.com as well as the PURA website at www.portal.ct.gov/PURA. The docket number for the application is 20-11-14.

Self-Insurance Health Fund

- Two years ago, the Town joined the

CT State Partnership Plan to provide health insurance benefits to Town and Board of Education employees. Before that, the Town self-insured for these health benefits. The self-insurance program was in place for approximately 20 years. For the great majority of those years, the Town saved significant monies compared to the average of the fully insured rate increases during the same time period.

- However, in the last several years of the self-insurance program, the claims significantly exceeded the allocated contributions. The self-insurance fund currently has a deficit of \$2.37M.
- To eliminate this deficit, Town staff is recommending that the Town Council adopt of plan to utilize savings in the debt service plan. During the next 4 years, the debt service line item will have savings of over \$3M. This amount would eliminate the deficit in the self-insurance fund.
- If this path is taken, instead of having the savings accrue to the Debt Management Fund – the savings would accrue to the General Fund instead. When that occurred, the Town Council would then annually authorize an appropriation to the self-insurance health fund.
- If the Town Council is supportive of this approach, Town staff will prepare a policy statement to be considered at a future meeting.

Municipal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Program

- The State has established a Municipal Coronavirus Relief Fund to reimburse Towns for costs incurred as a result of the pandemic. These funds can be used to pay for the improvements made to municipal facilities to protect workers and visitors.
- Improvements to date have been made to the Municipal Center, Library and the Senior Center. Plainville's allocation from the Coronavirus Relief Fund is \$261,533.06. A separate relief fund has been established for education building improvements and operating costs as well.
- There is an item under New Business that would authorize the Town Manager to execute all necessary documents to receive funding under this grant program.

Personal Property Audit Update

- The FY20 Town budget included \$15K to perform personal property

audits to randomly chosen manufacturing companies in Plainville. The Assessor recently completed 13 audits which increased taxable assessments by \$10,341,270. The audited businesses were notified of the proposed changes and were given the opportunity to meet with the auditing firm to answer questions and to provide additional information to make sure the proposed adjustments were in line with State Statutes.

- These additional personal property assessments will result in \$505,753.53 in tax revenues for the current fiscal year. The tax bills related to the personal property audits will be mailed before January 1st and businesses can choose to have 90 days to pay them without delinquent interest charges being assessed.

Christmas Tree Disposal

- Residents may bring their Christmas trees to the Transfer Station on Grainger Lane for free disposal beginning on Monday, December 28th. If the tree is transported in a bag, the bag must be removed before it is deposited in the appropriate location at the Transfer Station.
- The Roadways Department will be conducting curbside collection of Christmas trees during the week beginning January 11th.

COVID-19 Update

- Positivity rates continue to increase in Plainville and the surrounding Towns. The daily State positivity rate now stands at 6.85%. During the last two weeks, Plainville has had an average daily rate of new cases of 64.4 per 100,000 population. There are only two Towns in CT that are currently not under the "Red Alert" status.
- Governor Lamont recently issued Executive Order 9R. This order allows for municipal tax payments due on January 1st to have a 90-day grace period before delinquent interest is imposed. This is the same program that was taken with the July tax bills. Residents who wish to have an additional 60 days to pay their January 1st tax bill will be required to fill out a Municipal Tax Deferral Form by February 1st. This form is available on the Town website at www.plainvillect.com
- Residents who participated in the

earlier program will be notified via email of this new program. There will also be notices posted on social media and press releases will be issued as well.

- State Health Department also announced that they are recommending that the quarantine period for those who have come in close contact with infected individuals and showing no symptoms be reduced from 14 days to 10 days.

Financial Dashboard

- The Financial Dashboard for the first five months of the fiscal year through the end of November was included in the information package for this evening's meeting as has been posted on the Town website at www.plainvillect.com

Holiday Hours:

- Town offices will be closing at 11:30 Thursday, December 24 and closed Friday, December 25 in observance of the holiday. Additionally, Town offices will be closing at 11:30 Thursday, December 31 and closed Friday, January 1 in observance of new year. Trash and recycling for Friday collections will be collected Saturday. Residents are reminded of the availability of online services and support available by phone and mail.

Senior Center

The Senior Center is open for in person programming. Appointments are required, as are masks and social distancing. Remote and online programming continues to be offered. For information on Senior Center programming call the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

COVID-19 Drive-through Testing FREE [Tuesday, January 12 9:00 – 1:00]

Testing is FREE. No need to get out of your car, just drive through.

Caring and Connecting Program:

The Senior Center is beginning a new program offering friendly phone calls, emails, or letters to residents 60 and over in the Plainville community. Anyone interested in volunteering for this worthwhile program or individuals who would like to receive a call, email or letter, should contact the Plainville Senior Center. For information call the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

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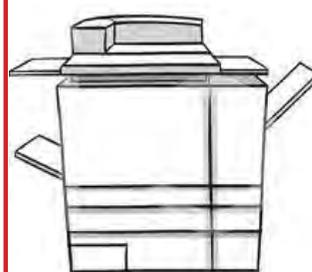
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Robert Lee Town Council Report January 4, 2021

White Oak Proposals Update

- In April 2017 (almost 3 years ago), the Town of Plainville entered into an "Access & Option Agreement" with the Estate of Roger L. Toffolon for what is known as the White Oak property located at 1 West Main Street and 63 West Main Street. The Agreement gave the Town the exclusive option to purchase the property for the sum of \$1.00.
- The Agreement was for the period through September 15, 2018 although that date has been extended several times and now runs to June 30, 2021.
- The desired purpose for entering into this Agreement was "for the purposes of downtown revitalization". The Agreement required the Town to perform an environmental assessment and to obtain an environmental assessment grant from the State Department of Economic & Community Development.
- The Town hired Loureiro, a licensed environmental consulting firm, to perform the evaluation. On October 7, 2019, Loureiro gave an update to the Town Council which included three potential concepts for the development of the property. The Town Council discussed the concept plans for the development of the property and the consensus was one which "made use of more apartment space, commercial space, more parking areas and recreational areas as well".
- Loureiro completed their evaluation in March 2020. They issued three reports – Conceptual Remediation Plan, Phase II/III Subsurface Investigation Report, and Planning & Potential Reuse Study Report Title. The Town then applied for a groundwater reclassification for the property and acceptance into the Abandoned Brownfields Clean-up Program. Both of these applications have been successfully completed.
- This past Fall the Town issued a Request for Proposals for developers and received two responses – D'Amato/Meyer and Manafort et. al. The Town then engaged Loureiro to perform a "Review & Evaluation" of each of the proposals. Clint Brown, Sam Butcher and Sarah Burkhalter-Sweeney from Loureiro are here this evening to present their report to the Town Council.
- Garrett Daigle is also attending to give a brief review of the recommendations from the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Capital Region Council of Governments and Cal Hauburger is here to give a brief summary of the recommendations of the Economic Development Agency and the Plainville Chamber of Commerce.

COVID-19 Update

- According to Health Director

Shane Lockwood, over the past few weeks, the pandemic continues to spread as expected. The region continues to see new cases every day with a positivity rate between 5-9%. This is expected to continue for a while longer as we get through outbreaks associated with holiday gatherings. Many models show the peak of the wave to be from around now to the end of the month. This will depend greatly on the public following the public health recommendations of staying home when you are sick, wearing a face covering and frequent hand washing. Locally we saw a slight decline in cases in the district between November to December.

- The waiting time for testing has decreased throughout the state and we have not been observing the long lines that occurred pre-Thanksgiving. The best place to find a testing location is by calling 211 or visiting www.211ct.org
- We (world, nation and state) are still in the very, very early stages of a global vaccination campaign. In the United States, vaccinations are based on priority grouping set by the CDC and approved by the state. Vaccinations have not yet been completed for the first priority group (1a). This section contains front line health care workers, first responders (with direct patient care) and resident of long-term care and related facilities.
- The U.S. will hit the three-week mark today for vaccine distribution that is expected to last well into the summer. According to the CDC, as of today - 4.5 million persons have received the COVID-19 vaccination. As more information becomes available in the coming weeks and months on vaccine distribution and eligibility, the health district will update the town website and the health district website (PSHD)
- In Plainville, there are 13 education employees and 5 town employees that are currently under quarantine under CDC guidelines.

HAPPENINGS

Reported for the Town Council Meeting January 4, 2021

Taxes Due in January

Town Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle (Supplement) bills are due January 1, 2021 and delinquent after February 1, 2021.

The Town Council adopted a deferral program for property tax relief during the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is an extended grace period for taxes due January 1, 2021 that defers the last day to pay without interest. It does not defer the tax. For further information and to apply please visit the Town website at www.plainvillect.com or the Assessment and Revenue Collection office.

Senior Center:

The Senior Center is open for in person programming. Appointments are required, as are masks and social distancing. Remote and online programming continues to be offered. For information on Senior Center programming call the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

COVID-19 Drive-through Testing

FREE [Tuesday, January 12 9:00 – 1:00] Testing is FREE. No need to get out of your car, just drive through. No insurance necessary. You can get tested even if you've been previously tested.

Remembering G. Fox & Co. (On Zoom): [Wednesday, January 13, 1:00]

In the 1950s, just about every major city had a landmark department store. In Connecticut, it was G. Fox & Co. in Hartford! This presentation will bring you back in time to Fox's heyday, as we go from floor to floor and recall the various departments. You'll also learn about Beatrice Fox Auerbach, the remarkable woman who made every visit to Fox's special. Presented by Taylor McClure, a Museum Educator, Connecticut Historical Society. She teaches educational programs for school and adult groups both at the museum and on location. Taylor is a former high school social studies teacher, with a B.A. in History and a Masters in Teaching from the University of Washington.

Virtual Adventure—Rock Climbing With Jared At Ragged Mountain (On Zoom): [Tuesday, January 19, 2:00]

The Zoom link will be sent to you when you register.

Paper Folding on Zoom: [Thursday, January 21, 2:00]

Learn something new this year! In this class you will learn to create paper flowers perfect for brightening up your table, doorway or decorating a gift package! The Senior Center will provide the supplies ...all you need is a glue gun, regular glue or super glue. Instructed by Lindsey Hottin, Lindsey's Crafts. Help With Zoom: Available by telephone through the Senior Center. More and more programming and classes are now being offered virtually. Let us help you navigate this new world. If you have a smart phone, tablet, computer or even a regular phone, you can take advantage of so many programs on Zoom. Haven't tried Zoom? Have Questions? Call the Senior Center! We will schedule an individual telephone appointment for you to "meet" with Tammy to learn how to use Zoom. We even provide written step-by-step instructions prior to your telephone appointment. For details, call the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

Caring and Connecting Program:

The Senior Center is beginning a new program offering friendly phone calls, emails, or letters to residents 60 and over in the Plainville community. Anyone interested in volunteering for this worthwhile program or individuals who would like to receive a call, email or letter, should contact the Plainville Senior Center. For information call the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

Winter Workout CHALLENGE:

If you're looking for some motivation to GET MOVING, and a chance to win a gift certificate to a local restaurant of your choice, then call the Senior Center to join our Winter Workout Challenge. You will need access to YouTube and Zoom in order to participate. Are you up for the challenge? Call the Senior Center today to sign up!

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Town Council Meeting

The following message was read at

the Town Council Meeting of

January 19, 2021

This is an important message from the Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development, the Town of Plainville and the Plainville Community Schools:

Plainville has a long history of being a community that cares deeply about all its residents, children and families. We are a town made up of people of many colors, ethnic backgrounds, religious and political beliefs. Despite our differences, we go to school, work and live peacefully amongst each other.

As community members, parents, elected officials and leaders in Plainville, it is imperative that we set an example for our children. We must let them know that they are safe in our schools and community. We must model decency, respect and civility whether it is through in-person discussions, via social media exchanges or in any other form of communication. We must show them that despite our differences we can and will discuss and resolve issues without violence, disrespect and offensive, hurtful behavior. It is imperative that we continue to teach and model the value of independent and critical thinking, as well as productive and civil disagreement and debate. The importance of questioning sources and content is essential to avoid believing false or unsubstantiated information that can lead to dangerous outcomes. Violence is never acceptable.

As a united community we strongly condemn all acts of violence and ask every member of the Plainville community to defend our democratic ideals and show our children that we resolve differences in a respectful and peaceful manner. Offensive language, name calling, and other displays of hatred have no place in our schools and community. No acts or incidents of prejudice, bigotry, or racism will be tolerated in Plainville.

We **MUST** lead the way so that our children feel safe and supported by the adults in our schools, our neighborhoods, and our community.

*Roberta Brown and Lynn Davis,
Co-Chairs, Plainville Coalition for
Positive Youth Development*

*Katherine Pugliese, Chair, Plainville
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Steve LePage,
Superintendent of Schools*

To Your Health

Which diet is best for you?

The US News recently did a review of the best diets for 2021. You can read the entire article at <https://health.usnews.com/best-diet/best-diets-overall>

The top 4 overall diets as determined by a panel of health experts are:

The Mediterranean Diet - diet low in red meat, sugar and saturated fat. Follows example of what people who eat in the healthiest communities world-wide.

The Dash Diet - fruits, veggies, whole grains, lean protein and low-fat dairy. Well known for its focus on improving Heart Health.

The Flexitarian Diet - consume more plants and less meat. As the name implies, it is flexible and provides more options for the family.

Weight Watchers Diet - focused on eating healthier and moving more. Program provides support and an approach to shed pounds.

More diets were listed as good options for improving health and maintaining a healthy weight. Many elements of these diets overlap. Consistent in all is the focus on incorporating more veggies and fruits into your diet and reducing refined sugar.

So which diet is best for you? The one that you can easily incorporate into your lifestyle and one that includes foods that you like. The word diet can imply short term, deprivation options. Haven't we given up enough in 2020? Isn't it better to add in food choices that you enjoy, that improve your overall health, give you energy, a boost

in mood and help you to achieve a healthy weight? Adding in vs. giving up is a lot easier to do.

The work diet can conjure up feelings of both excitement and dread. Excitement, because you have taken the steps to achieve specific objectives – either lower cholesterol, lose weight or reduce blood pressure. Dread because it's going to turn your daily meal planning upside down. You will be counting, measuring, buying new foods that you don't know what to do with and you will be hungry all the time. The word diet is typically considered to be something you plan for and stick to for a defined period of time. One where you are looking for quick results and also can't wait until it ends. And then what?

A healthy diet for you is one that you can incorporate into your life, not for just a month, but forever, or until your tastes and needs change and you look for another plan that works better for you and your family. In addition to a focus on food, any meal system should include an awareness of portion size and mindfulness of how and where you are eating. Eating slowing at a peaceful table is just as important as what you are eating for good digestion and so that you can notice when you are full. A quick meal in the car or at the counter while you are most focused on something else might result in you not even being aware of what you just consumed and an overwhelming desire to either eat more food because you are not satiated or to reach for an antacid because you ate too fast or too much and now have a bellyache.

If you are ready for a change, want to make meal planning easier and are tired of feeling bloated, heavy and exhausted, you may wish to consider new options. Make 2021 the year you begin the journey to food that nourishes and improves your overall health and mood – long term. Think about your objectives, understand what you like and don't like, and try new options until you find the one that is just right for you. Some guidance and support during your transition can help you through the roadblocks that any surface in any change process.

Wishing you a

Happy and Healthy

New Year of

Enjoyable Eating.



Linda Coveney is a Wellness Champion committed to helping others create their own path to better health. She can be reached at:

lindacoveney@comcast.net

Rep. Petit Reappointed Ranking Member of Public Health Committee



State Rep William A. Petit Jr. (R-22) has received his committee assignments for the 2021 legislative session, which include being named for a second term as the Ranking Member of the Legislature's Public Health Committee by House Republican Leader-elect Vincent Candelora.

Rep. Petit will be serving in his fifth year as a member of the Public Health Committee, the last two as its Ranking Member. As the highest-ranking House Republican on the committee, Rep. Petit will work with fellow committee leadership on legislation regarding important public health issues facing Connecticut, including the COVID-19 pandemic, opioid epidemic, mental health and substance abuse, and caring for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and the disabled.

Due to his previous professional experience and work on the committee, Rep. Petit will also continue to serve on the COVID Vaccine Advisory Group, Science subcommittee, as well as the Nursing Home working group who are tasked with evaluating the states' Skilled Nursing Facilities and determining ways to improve the overall care and safety of their residents.

"I am honored to again be named as the ranking member on the Public Health Committee," Rep. Petit said. "Given the current pandemic, this

committee will be at the forefront in helping to solve public health services, address nursing facilities, and vaccine policies, among several other extremely important issues."

House Republican Leader-elect Vincent Candelora said:

"Bill Petit is one of the most effective and compassionate lawmakers that I have ever known. Obviously, his skills as a licensed doctor would be a natural fit on this committee, but now more than ever we need people who also possess the additional skills needed to navigate public policy that at times becomes very heated and passionate. Doc is uniquely qualified to serve in this role as an expert on public health policy and he continues to share this expertise with our colleagues. I am grateful for his continued role in public service and know that in this historic crisis, no one fits the leadership needs of our state like him."

In addition, Rep. Petit will also be serving in his third year as a member of the Energy and Technology Committee and his first with the Education Committee.

As a member of the Energy Committee, Rep. Petit will have oversight into all matters relating to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and energy planning and activities.

The Education Committee work with issues related to the state Department of Education, local and regional boards of education as well as law of collective bargaining covering teachers and professional staff of those boards; vocational rehabilitation; the Commission on the Arts; and libraries, museums and historical and cultural associations.

Prayer For Those On Medication

Loving God, You have provided in our world many healing remedies to assist us when we are sick. You have given great knowledge to doctors and scientists to discover medicines that can cure diseases and help our bodies to heal.

God of life, hear my prayer. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I ask Your blessing upon the medication prescribed for (here mention name) so that he/she may experience healing, and be restored to the fullness of health in both mind and body.

I call upon Your holy and divine power to remove this sickness, with the aid of effective medications, so that his/her recovery may be a cause for joy, and a special sign of Your love and goodness in our lives. Amen.

(Prayed by the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church, every time they pass a church.)

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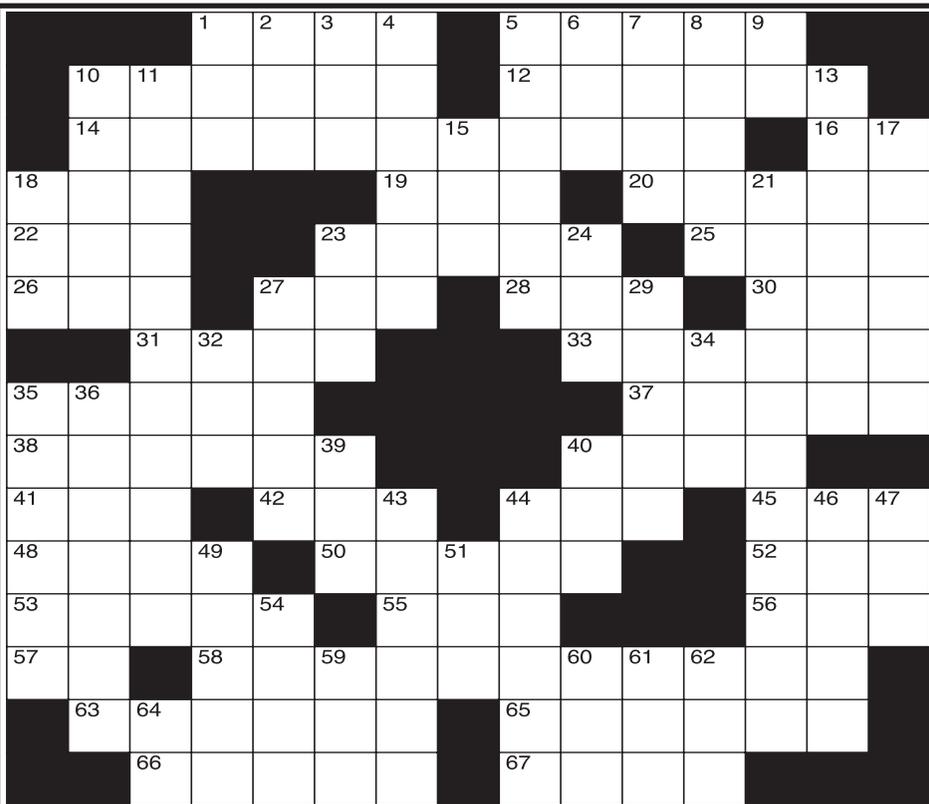
Here are some of your favorite places, people or things around town to rave about this month!

{Jake faves} *I want to say the Birthday announcements in the Hometown saved my day last month. My mother-in-laws Birthday was listed and I sent her flowers and a card. She thinks I am great, to remember. Thank you!*

{Joan raves} *I can not say enough about the food at the Main Street Diner, it is the closest to my mother's home cooking. I have many friends that agree with me, no wonder it is the oldest and only diner in town today. I believe the Cunningham Family were the original owners many years ago!! People would go to the Diner after they left the movie theater across the street. (My grandmother told me that) Try it you will like it!!!*

Email your faves and raves to share it with everyone! Let's hear what you have to say, we need your comments!
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 - 5. 2014 WINTER OLYMPICS HOST
 - 10. SOFT FABRIC
 - 12. COVERED IN FLOWERS
 - 14. WORKS AT A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY
 - 16. KEEPS US COOL
 - 18. CORPUSCLE COUNT (ABBR.)
 - 19. SIMILAR
 - 20. BIRTHPLACE OF MUHAMMAD
 - 22. THEY ___
 - 23. PREAMBLE TO A BOOK
 - 25. SOUTHERN CHINA PEOPLE
 - 26. HAIR PRODUCT
 - 27. THE WOMAN
 - 28. PARTNER TO CHEESE
 - 30. ONE POINT NORTH OF DUE EAST
 - 31. ROUND DUTCH CHEESE
 - 33. BE IN AWE OF
 - 35. CHRISTMAS SONG
 - 37. EMITS COHERENT RADIATION
 - 38. SOMETHING THAT IS COMPARABLE TO ANOTHER
 - 40. MONETARY UNIT
 - 41. THE CUTTING PART OF A DRILL
 - 42. RESINLIKE SUBSTANCE SECRETED BY CERTAIN INSECTS
 - 44. TOUCH LIGHTLY
 - 45. TOYOTA SUV
 - 48. ___ AND ANDY, TV SHOW
 - 50. MADE LESS DANGEROUS
 - 52. ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT (ABBR.)
 - 53. NOSTRILS
 - 55. MOVED QUICKLY
 - 56. THAI ISTHMUS
 - 57. TV PERSONALITY ROKER
 - 58. HONORS ANEW
 - 63. RAGS
 - 65. ONE WHO OBTAINS PLEASURE FROM INFLECTING PAIN OR OTHERS
 - 66. MARKETPLACES
 - 67. DARK BROWN OR BLACK
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. NOWHERE TO BE FOUND (ABBR.)
 - 2. NOT NEW
 - 3. BREW
 - 4. STAIN WITH MUD
 - 5. CHIEF OR LEADER
 - 6. LUKE SKYWALKER'S MENTOR ___-WAN
 - 7. TYPE OF SAUCE
 - 8. SHARPENS
 - 9. PRIESTESS LOVED BY ZEUS
 - 10. JEAN HENRI ___, FRENCH ENTOMOLOGIST
 - 11. REGULATES SUPPLY OF FUEL
 - 13. DISTURBING AND HORRIFYING
 - 15. EQUAL (PREFIX)
 - 17. HOSTS FILM FESTIVAL
 - 18. TATTERED PIECE OF CLOTHING
 - 21. RICH DESSERTS
 - 23. UNIQUE MOTOR (ABBR.)
 - 24. DISFIGURE
 - 27. CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE
 - 29. SLANG FOR FAMOUS PERSON
 - 32. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
 - 34. THE A-TEAM RODE AROUND IN ONE
 - 35. BEACH CABIN
 - 36. LIVING THINGS
 - 39. GUN (SLANG)
 - 40. DISCONSOLATE
 - 43. STROKE GENTLY
 - 44. ACTRESS RICHARDS
 - 46. "CLETUS HOGG" ACTOR
 - 47. RETURNED MATERIAL AUTHORIZATION (ABBR.)
 - 49. BRAZILIAN MOUNTAIN RANGE
 - 51. UPSET
 - 54. ONE WITH SUPERNATURAL INSIGHT
 - 59. INSECTICIDE
 - 60. TAXI
 - 61. "MUCH ___ ABOUT NOTHING"
 - 62. CANNISTER
 - 64. POPULAR CLOTHING RETAILER

Virtual Class Forming in Foster Care

TIPS-MAPP 10-Week Course, February 1-April 5, 2021

During this challenging time, especially, individuals and families are considering how to make a meaningful difference. For some, becoming a Wheeler foster parent might be one way to make a lasting contribution in the life of a child or youth.

Wheeler is offering a 10-week virtual course called TIPS-MAPP, Trauma-Informed Partnering for Safety and Permanence - Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting, to prepare prospective foster parents and families for the role of fostering a child or youth. Classes run on Monday evenings from February 1 through April 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.

Virtual Training Topics:

February 1, 2021:
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Answer on page 24

“Ask Sheila”

Q-1) I enrolled in a different Advantage Plan than I have had for the past few years. I received my new information and think I should had stayed with my original Company and Plan. Do I have to wait until next year to change back to my old plan?

A-1) **You do have the opportunity to make a one-time change to your Advantage Plan. From Jan 1 through March 31 is the Open Enrollment Period (OEP) for those who have Advantage Plans. You can change from one Advantage Plan to a different Advantage Plan, or return to Original Medicare and enroll in a Drug Plan.**

Q-2) Can I change from one Drug Plan to a different Drug Plan during the Open Enrollment Period?

A-2) **No, OEP (Open Enrollment Period) is for Medicare Advantage Plan changes only**

Q-3) When I enrolled in my Advantage Plan I had to select a PCP (Primary Care Physician), I would like to change to a different Doctor. Do I need to get permission from the Insurance Company to change PCP's?

A-3) **You do not need permission to change your Primary Care Doctor. But, do make sure they are in your Advantage Plan Network and that they are accepting new Clients**

If you have any specific Questions, or if you would just like to talk about Medicare options and coverage, Please feel free to give me a call at 860-965-0091

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From..... My Balcony

By Jeannette Hinkson

With a new president in office we head into a new chapter in the history of our country and we can only hope for leadership that will treat all citizens and residents of our country fairly.

The press seems to control more of what happens in our country than our leaders do. Things that the people should know are hidden from us. Facts that should be told to the people are hidden and unless the people do some investigating, on their own, underhanded goings on remain hidden from the people.

Each and every one of us should google questions we might have regarding our leaders and their connections with foreign countries

We have a congressman who had an affair with a Chinese spy yet hold his seat in congress with the blessing of the Speaker of the house Nancy Pelosi. When the FBI warned him of her ties with China she fled our country, did he warn her?

I myself was shocked upon learning of Mitch McConnell's ties to China. No one ever mentioned Mrs. McConnell had been appointed Transportation Secretary, but Elaine Chao McConnell was put in that position but not a word that her husband headed the Senate or that her family had financed his political career to the tune of over 1.5 million. **Hum.**

Why didn't the press headline these facts or that Mrs. McConnell used her maiden name for that position? The fact that she and her family ran a shipping company, where drugs were found on board one of their ships, no one splashed that all over the news. As Secretary of Transportation her position might be helpful to her family, you think?

A lot of things are kept from the people and have been for years. After speaking to residents of Arizona I found some fear the influx of aliens, crossing the border into their state will spark the rise in crime that will not be controlled.

If the removal of the wall, as promised by President Biden, it will strike fear in the hearts of everyone in their state.

We all would like to have a wait and see attitude to a new administration but one thing I noticed is the increase in the price of gas already.

With our borders being open to God knows who, I wonder if the family of a citizen who might be harmed in any way from one of these people have the right to sue the government for failing to do everything in their power to protect the people from those that are being allowed to cross our borders without being vetted?

The Washington Swamp was not drained because I feel both parties have a lot of skeletons in their closets and those closet doors have yet to be opened.

This article brought to you in the interest of better..... DENTAL HEALTH

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Good Oral Health is Essential During Pregnancy.....

It's no secret that pregnancy is an important time in a woman's life. While women often hear about how pregnancy causes physical changes that affect their hormone or appetite levels, these changes can have a great effect on their oral health as well. Despite the fact that good oral health is essential for the overall health of both mother and child, only 22 to 34 percent of women in the United States visit a dentist during pregnancy. In fact, dental care during pregnancy is not only safe and effective, it's essential for combating the adverse effects of oral disease, according to an article published in General Dentistry, the peer-reviewed clinical journal of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD). Dentists have the ability to maintain the oral health of expectant mothers by treating the dental findings that are common during pregnancy.

Gingivitis, a buildup of plaque that causes inflammation of the gums, should be treated with a professional cleaning and proper toothbrushing and flossing. If left untreated, gingivitis can lead to periodontitis, a more serious form of gum disease. Patient tend to delay the treatment of oral disease due to concerns for fetal safety; however, routine dental treatment can be performed safely at any time during pregnancy with preference being toward the first and third trimesters.

What's more, untreated dental disease can lead to pain, infections and unnecessary exposure to medications, any of which could harm the developing fetus. Poor oral health also can affect the nutritional intake of expectant mothers, which is essential for fetal growth and survival.

The hormonal fluctuations that result from pregnancy can produce benign pregnancy tumors in the mouth. These tumors usually appear after the first trimester and typically go away after delivery; however surgical removal may be required when these tumors bleed, interfere with eating or do not resolve after delivery.

In addition to examining for oral disease, dentists may notice dental erosion--the chemical or mechanochemical destruction of tooth material--in pregnant women, due to increased acid in the mouth following morning sickness.

To neutralize acid after vomiting, pregnant women should rinse the mouth with a mixture of a teaspoon of baking soda dissolved in a cup of water. Teeth should be brushed only after the mouth has been rinsed and acid has been neutralized to prevent further damage to the enamel. Oral health assessment and treatment should be an essential part of prenatal care, as these steps allow the patient to receive ongoing advice concerning proper oral hygiene and infant health care.

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Rep. Petit Sworn In For Third Term



HARTFORD – State Representatives William A. Petit Jr. (R-22) was sworn into office Wednesday morning, beginning his third term as State Representative for the 22nd District representing the towns of Plainville and New Britain.

"I am pleased to begin a new legislative session starting today. We have a tremendous amount of work to remedy the problems that have been caused by the pandemic – issues with our economy, small businesses, public health among many others," Rep. Petit said. "I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Public Health, Education, Energy and Technology Committees to assess our most critical needs and make improvements on behalf of the people of this state."

For a second consecutive term, Rep. Petit has been named the Ranking Member of the Legislature's Public Health Committee. In addition, Rep. Petit will also be serving in his third year as a member of the Energy and Technology Committee and his first with the Education Committee.

The 2021 regular legislative session is scheduled to run from January 6th to June 9th.

Rep. Petit is encouraging anyone with issues, concerns, or bill suggestions to reach out to him at RepPetit.com, or call his office at (800) 842-1423.

Friends and Neighbors,

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Legislative Office Building and Capitol are closed until further notice. In the meantime, we will be conducting business virtually. You can watch livestreams of committee meetings and there will be opportunities to participate in public hearings using the reference site below.

Here you will find information on: * Zoom Public Hearing Instructions

* Tips for Virtual Meeting Participation * Finding a Legislator

* Public Hearing And Committee Meeting Live Streams on YouTube

* Follow the Legislative Process Online

* Calendar of Events (find public hearings and committee meetings)

* CT-N (news and live streams)

* Signing Up for Bill Tracking (here you can Sign up for email notifications)

* Access to Committee Pages for Schedules, Agendas & More

In the event that you have questions or concerns pertaining to this or other matters related to state government, feel free to contact me at

William.Petit@housegop.ct.gov.

Senator Martin Sworn-in for New Term at CT Capitol

Senator Martin serves as Deputy Senate Republican Leader

During a January 6th outdoor ceremony at Connecticut's State Capitol, Deputy Senate Republican Leader Henri Martin was sworn in to serve his 4th term representing Connecticut's 31st Senatorial District which includes Bristol, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth and Thomaston.

This term, Senator Martin has been appointed to serve as the leading Republican (Ranking Member) on the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee which has cognizance on the state's revenue, capital bonding, fees and taxation.

Senator Martin will also serve as the Ranking Member on the Commerce Committee and the Committee on Children. He is also a member of the Transportation Committee.



Senator Martin can be reached at

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

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Social Security benefits continues to be a hot topic for most people as the economy struggles to get back on track and the baby boomer generation inches closer to retirement. In this article, I will outline some of the most prevalent questions I receive concerning benefits and what people need to know.

The most common question I get about Social Security is, "How much income can I earn and not have my benefits affected by the administration?" In 2013, if you have reached your full retirement age of 66 already you may keep all of your retirement benefits, no matter how much income you earn. If you are going to turn 66 in 2013, then SSA will deduct \$1 from your benefits for each \$3 you earn above \$40,080 until the month you reach full retirement age. If you are younger than 66 during all of 2013, the SSA will deduct \$1 from your benefits for each \$2 you earned above \$15,120.

The next most common question I get is "Can I receive SS benefits through my spouse or ex-spouse?" If your current spouse receives SS retirement or is eligible for retirement or disability benefits, you may be entitled to SS benefits even if you never paid into Social Security. You would need to be at least 50 years old for spousal disability benefits or at least 62 years old for spousal retirement benefits.

The same standard applies for receiving benefits through an ex-spouse with the additional requirement that you were married to them for a minimum of 10 years.

All SS benefits are subject to a calculation

by the administration that takes into account the claimant/earner's work history amongst other factors. Many people seem to wonder why their payments are not as large as they expected once they start receiving benefits. The most straightforward answer to this question is that the calculations have been federally enacted by the government and everyone is not entitled to the same amount. So, just because your neighbor may be getting more than you doesn't mean you are receiving any less than you should.

Every thing and anything concerning your finances should always be promptly reviewed by individuals or by a professional as mistakes do happen.

Hopefully, this information will serve as some assistance as it should not be construed as legal advice. If you are seeking legal advice, consult with an experienced licensed attorney. In the event that you have questions or concerns pertaining to this or other matters related to state government, feel free to contact me at William.Petit@housegop.ct.gov. In the event that you have questions or concerns pertaining to this or other matters related to state government, feel free to contact me at William.Petit@housegop.ct.gov. In the event that you have questions or concerns pertaining to this or other matters related to state government, feel free to contact me at William.Petit@housegop.ct.gov. In the event that you have questions or concerns pertaining to this or other matters related to state government, feel free to contact me at William.Petit@housegop.ct.gov.

Attorney Thomas A. Wurz

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



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The Return of the 1950's Blacklist

By: Francis Rexford Cooley

In the wake of the violent protest at the United States Capitol on the day the Congress ratified the election of Joe Biden as President numerous conservative voices have been silenced by on social media including President Trump. There have been calls for "re-educating" Trump supporters, the putting of Republican U.S. Senators, like Ted Cruz, on the "no-fly" list, and for people to be fired (Chapman University professor John Eastman, who spoke at Trump's January 6th rally was quickly forced into retirement after other faculty members at Chapman demanded him to be dismissed). Parler, a rising competitor to Twitter, found itself without access to the internet when Amazon Web Services ceased to provide services without warning.

The chilling assault on speech the political left disagrees with has been led by tech companies; Amazon, Twitter, and Facebook. The actions to limit conservative voices is reminiscent of the actions in the Cold War to limit the political voice of the Left. The hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities led to the banishment from the American film industry of the Hollywood Ten, who refused to testify and name names in the fevered search for Communists. Senator Joseph McCarthy (R-Wisconsin) famously waved what he claimed were names of Communists working in the Federal Government. McCarthy held hearings in the U.S. Senate. Just being called to testify before either the House or Senate hearings almost always meant one would lose their job.

Industries followed the lead of McCarthy and others calling for the purging of suspected Communists and others from their companies. Hollywood studios employed what became known as the "Blacklist" to identify individuals who would not be hired. Publishers dropped authors. Workers lost their jobs. Senator McCarthy's campaign, mostly based on innuendo and hyperbole rather

than fact, destroyed the lives of many people who were not Communists. McCarthyism entered the lexicon as a noun, "a campaign or practice that endorses the use of unfair allegations and investigations." While Senator McCarthy's political star crashed when he took on the United States Army and the Supreme Court under Chief Justice Earl Warren made a series of rulings that brought an end to the demagogic attacks the Hollywood Blacklist survived until 1960.

The success of Spartacus, at the box office and critically, brought an end to the Hollywood blacklist in 1960. Kirk Douglas acquired the rights to Howard Fast's novel about the Roman revolt from 73-71 BC. Fast had been blacklisted by major publishers after being imprisoned for contempt of Congress for refusing to name names before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1950. Douglas hired blacklisted screenwriter and member of the "Hollywood Ten," Dalton Trumbo to create a script based on the novel. Douglas had enough clout in Hollywood to get Universal Studios to release the picture which garnered four Academy Awards in Best Supporting Actor, Best Cinematography, Best Production Design, and Best Costume Design. The film also dominated the American box office as the top grossing film of 1960.

It took a decade for the Hollywood Blacklist to be brought to an end, an end that coincided with the collapse of the studio system which had controlled film production since the early Twentieth Century. Kirk Douglas formed his own production company in 1955 producing Paths of Glory in 1957 and Spartacus, both directed by Stanley Kubrick. Douglas was able to break the blacklist because he could finance his films outside the studio system. A new blacklist enforced by the tech giants, whose first victim was Parler, a competitor to Twitter, is less likely to be broken as quickly as the Hollywood Blacklist.

A sobering thought for the fate of free speech and free thought in this digital era.

Top 5 Things Small Businesses Should Know

CONNECTICUT – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the U.S. Treasury Department, re-opened the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) on January 11, 2021 for new borrowers and certain existing PPP borrowers. This round of the PPP continues to prioritize millions of Americans employed by small businesses authorizing up to \$284 billion in forgivable loans for job retention and coverage of eligible expenses.

1. Small Businesses can begin to submit applications.

The SBA is currently accepting Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan applications from participating community financial institutions (CFIs) and lenders with under \$1 billion in assets. The program will open to all lenders on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Borrowers can apply for a First Draw PPP Loan until March 31, 2021. Lender Match can help businesses find a participating lender.

2. If a Small Business didn't access a PPP loan prior to 12/27/2020, they may be eligible for a First Draw PPP loan.

First Draw PPP Loans can be used to help fund payroll costs, including benefits, and may also be used to pay for mortgage interest, rent, utilities, worker protection costs related to COVID-19, uninsured property damage costs caused by looting or vandalism during 2020, and certain supplier costs and expenses for operations. See First Draw PPP Loan Overview for more details. Translations available in Spanish and 16 other languages.

3. SBA will ensure increased access to capital.

Building on the success of the first round of PPP, SBA is continuing to address potential barriers to access to capital for minority, underserved, veteran and women-owned business concerns. The Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Non-Profits, and Venues Act (Economic Aid Act), includes set asides for new and smaller borrowers, for borrowers in low and moderate-income communities and for community and smaller lenders (Guidance).

4. Second Draw PPP Loans are available

SecSecond Draw PPP Loans are available for eligible borrowers who previously received a PPP loan, have 300 employees or less, and have suffered a 25% reduction in gross receipts. Borrowers can apply for a Second Draw PPP Loan until March 31, 2021. See for more details. Translations available in Spanish and 16 other languages. Second Draw PPP Loan Overview for more details. Translations available in Spanish and 16 other languages.

5. FREE Business Resources

Extensive business assistance is available through Connecticut SBA's traditional and non-traditional resource partners. Including financial reviews, business planning, marketing and other tools and advice to assist small businesses as they navigate available economic relief funding options. For a complete list see Connecticut's SBA Resource Guide.

"We are committed to implementing this round of PPP quickly to continue supporting Connecticut small businesses and their workers," said SBA Connecticut District Director, Catherine Marx. "In 2020 Connecticut businesses received 65,000 forgivable loans totaling approximately \$6.7 billion dollars. However, we know that the need for additional support still exists to help Connecticut businesses remain resilient".

Stay up to date by following SBA on Twitter @SBA_Connecticut and subscribe to SBA's e-newsletter on <https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-newsroom>.

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Hello Everyone,

My name is Jake and I am a new Plainville Hometown Connection sports reporter.

I'm a graduate of Plainville High School. I have a passion for all sports, and love to talk about sports and memorize sports stats.

I am hoping to become a sports broadcaster. I am happy to share my passion with others. I will be doing a monthly article in the Plainville HomeTown Connection about local sports and professional sports.

My articles will include local sports news, professional sports news, trades in the sports world and box scores.

I'm looking forward to when we can have High School sports come back and we can all cheer on our favorite teams again.

I also look forward to the Plainville baseball season in the spring and hoping that this pandemic goes away soon. I look forward to writing this article monthly to talk about my love for sports.

I hope you can follow me along on this journey. Sincerely, Jake Brown

Welcome Jake

The entire Volunteer Staff of the Plainville Hometown Connection are looking forward to working with you. Some of us have been volunteering 25 years and hope you be with us for the next 25

Connecticut State Senator Henri Martin (R-31) offers the following statement reaction to the violence in Washington D.C on the day the 2020 Election results were to be certified:

"What happened today in Washington, D.C. is unacceptable. This is a sad day for the United States. I am disturbed watching what is taking place.

"Peaceful protesting is one thing but rioting and mob violence are far beyond what our laws or morals condone.

"This is not what this country stands for.

"President Trump and his supporters must accept the results of the election and move on. The American people and the judicial process have spoken.

"The time for our country to come together is long overdue.

"I hoped for a swift and safe resolution in Washington D.C. and my thoughts, prayers and deepest condolences are with those affected by these senseless acts."

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Life With Wanda



So many things have happened during the holidays and believe me there are some I dare not mention.

One thing that stands out in my mind occurred on Thanksgiving Day. My friend, who had been divorced for some twenty five year's plus, was invited to her daughter's home for Thanksgiving dinner. Because of the virus a limited number of guests could be invited to the festivities so her daughter decided, as not to leave anyone out, she would serve two dinner seatings, one at noon and the other at five. My friend was at the 5 pm seating. After dinner there were so many leftovers. Containers of those leftovers were prepared for guests to take home to be given to those who could not attend or perhaps they might have a meal for the next day. My friends's daughter prepared to-go containers with turkey, ham and all the fixings feeling sure the receiver of these dinners might enjoy a Thanksgiving meal even though they couldn't attend.

Her daughter asked my friend if she might drop off a dinner to her father, even though the couple wasn't on the best of terms. My friend figured after all it was a day of Thanksgiving, so she agreed. On the way out she picked up the container of food and went on her way. As promised she dropped the dinner at her ex-husbands home, bit her tongue and even exchanged holiday wishes and went on her way.

The next afternoon she received a call from her daughter informing her, her father called complaining about the meal she had sent, saying the scraps of ham, turkey skin and a jumble of vegetables mixed with stuffing were not at all to his liking. She was shocked and asked, "Didn't you even like your apple pie, and I made it just for you?" He replied, "There wasn't any damn apple pie!" The daughter didn't understand as all her guests loved her dinner. When her father went on to complain someone had even taken a bite out of his dinner roll, a bell went off. It was then her daughter remembered putting a half eaten dinner roll in a container and realized her mother had taken the container of scraps they had packaged up for her sister's dog. When my friend learned of the mix-up she just smiled to herself, laughing out loud might mean she was crazy.

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I Dream of.....

By: Sally Miller



I have had a hard time sleeping through the night with everything that has been going on.

My soul cannot handle anymore negativity and news about car thefts, politics, pandemics, or riots. As I lay awake one night, I remembered a poem by William Wordsworth which my Mom had read to us when we were young.

Having to stay home more now than I go out; and being alone more than I am with my family and friends sometimes makes me feel so alone. This was another reason I remembered the poem. The poem is titled "I Wandered Lonely as A Cloud". In that poem he speaks of a person in solitude feeling sad until remembering a host of daffodils he once saw and the wondrous feeling that came over him as he remembered that gorgeous sight

It made me compare the poem with what we are all going through at this time. I am going to continue to keep the poem in mind and stop thinking so much about the negativity surrounding us today. I will begin to remember the good times as pointed out in the poem and reflect on how it speaks of beauty and joy. I turned off the TV and sat down to remember some of them. As I remember the times that brought me joy, that made me laugh out loud and times that brought me peace of mind, I felt a lightness enter my being. I am spending a good portion of my day remembering those things that brought me joy. The glorious colors of spring and the golden colors of fall that make me smile with delight. The bright intense morning sun resting on the earth on a bed of growing flowers. The bright yellow forsythia bushes in bloom. I close my eyes and remember the smell of roses in the summer. I think back to a time while fishing and sitting by a river watching fish jump out and tease me and watching sparkling light jump across lakes in midsummer. I sit and remember the warmth and smell of holding my first great grandson and I smile, and it makes my day joyful. I haven't seen or hugged them in over 10 months. I remember May Day and how we placed baskets of flowers on the doorsteps of neighbors and friends. I think I will do so this year since we cannot visit each other. I may not wait until May Day but try and bring joy and happiness to friends and family. Giving to others always makes me happy and so I will have to get out of my comfy chair and do so.

And like William Wordsworth's dream of hills of daffodils and pictures of them swaying in the breeze, I will think about the good time until I can hug family and friends and grocery shop to my heart's content. I wish I could hug my family and friends, but I hug a teddy bear instead. How much we have taken for granted. We hugged everyone, we freely went in and out of stores. I have now begun to shop mostly on Amazon and QVC. I miss going store to store to find treasures and items

I think it is time for this pandemic to be over (Yesterday, I ordered Jell-O from Amazon). I think that is the last straw. Please be safe out there and do what you must do to keep safe. But also think about being happy and joyful and how it used to be. Think about the happier days and happy, joyful moments and know that if the stores around here are out of Jello.... it is only a click away.

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Headache?

What's the Confusion?

A lot of people do not know that physical therapy can treat headaches. At Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers of Plainville, our goal is to educate and help as many people in the community as we can. If you're a human being, chances are you've had a headache before. Whether it's the result of something minor – think screaming children or a bad night's sleep – or a serious medical condition, headaches can be a real pain in everyday life. Most people don't know that there are various types of headaches, each with different symptoms and approaches to treatment. Being able to identify which type of headache you're experiencing will allow you to more quickly deal with it, and recognize when a trip to the doctor is in order.



The Two Types of Headaches

There are two general categories for headaches: primary and secondary. The causes and symptoms of these types of headaches are broken down below.

Primary Headaches

The main distinction between primary and secondary headaches is what causes them. Primary headaches represent the pain in and of itself, while secondary headaches

are caused by a deeper issue somewhere else in the mind or body.

Primary Headaches Include:

1. Tension type headaches include a dull, constant pain felt on both sides of the head. Other symptoms can include tenderness, a feeling of pressure behind the eyes, and sensitivity to light and sound. Tension type headaches are the most common type of primary headache, affecting 90% of adults, but they can usually be treated with over-the-counter pain medication. Still, if you've experienced a headache on more than 15 days within a month, you should see a clinician.
2. Migraines are characterized by an intense throbbing pain on one side of the head. They will affect 28 million people in the U.S. at some point in their lives (roughly 12% of the population) and usually include periods of depression, irritability, loss of appetite, nausea, tingling in the hands and/or face, fatigue, difficulty concentrating and neck stiffness. Migraines can also often include "auras" – visual and sensory disturbances that usually last between 5 and 60 minutes, such as dark spots in your vision, dizziness and/or flashing lights.
3. Cluster headaches are rare and usually the most painful type of the primary headaches. Only 1 to 4 % of the population will experience a cluster headache, with men more affected than women and peak prevalence between 27-30 years old. There has also been shown to be a connection between individuals who suffer from these attacks and those who've experienced personal trauma. Cluster headaches are most common during or following periods of sleep, with symptoms including sudden onset severe pain in the head along with possible forehead sweating.

1.Secondary Headaches:

A secondary headache is caused by another issue somewhere else in the mind or body.

Secondary Headaches Include:

1. Post Traumatic Headaches are headaches that occur within a week of head injury or losing and regaining consciousness. Acute versions of these headaches are ones that come on suddenly and intensely, while chronic headaches occur consistently over an extended amount of time. Both are similar in feeling to tension-type headaches and can also include light sensitivity.
2. Dehydration Headaches are caused by not having enough fluid in the body, and can range in severity from mild to severe as a migraine. Dehydration can happen to anyone at any time, but certain people are at higher risk, including infants, the elderly, people with chronic illnesses, endurance athletes, and people who live in hot climates or higher altitudes. Symptoms can include dull pain or intense migraine occurring at the front, back, side, or all over the head, as well as at the back of the neck.
3. Cervicogenic headaches are characterized by pain referred from bony or soft tissue structures in the neck, but can be present with or without trauma to that area. Symptoms of these headaches, typically triggered by head or neck movements, can include broad or targeted pain in the lower back of the head, radiating up to the top and sides of the head, stiff neck, and pain when coughing.
4. Headaches caused by cold or sinus infection share similar symptoms as cervicogenic headaches but are caused by different issues. A head cold is a viral infection that leads to common cold symptoms, such as runny nose, coughing, body aches and headaches. A sinus infection is usually caused

by a bacterial infection, but can sometimes also be caused by a virus. If you experience any cold symptoms, you should see your primary care physician who will be able to prescribe medication.

Ok, I think I know which headache I've been experiencing – but how do I get rid of it?

Most headaches are short-lived and no cause for concern. The obvious first step to treatment is drinking water, taking a rest, and perhaps taking over-the-counter medicine like ibuprofen or aspirin. On the other hand, if you're experiencing severe pain, or a headache that has lasted for days or weeks, you should see a doctor, who will assess, offer further diagnosis and potentially specific medications.

For things like cervicogenic headaches, post-traumatic headaches, or even regularly occurring tension headaches, physical therapy may be the most effective treatment. A physical therapy program may include manual therapy, exercises and stretches to relieve pressure from the surrounding areas, assessment of jaw tension, education on proper posture and biomechanics, and trigger point dry needling – all with the benefit of treating the root cause of the problem, instead of just masking the pain with medication.

There are many ways to manage the varying types of headaches but understanding their symptoms and causes can lead to a quicker solution, and less pain in your life.

If you think that you may benefit from physical therapy, please call us at (860) 517-8885 or visit us at www.PTSMC.com/Plainville.

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What's Next in Lighting?

By Laura Davis, Owner of The Light Hangar Company

With the pandemic limiting our daily lives, our focus has been drawn towards our home spaces. We've quickly become aware of how important it is for our homes to be both comfortable and beautiful. Psychologically our brains need a place to relax and recharge. All the elements in your home from furniture, paint, materials, decor - including lighting - should have the purpose of creating happy feelings. Lighting is an area of your home that is often underrated in the impact that it can have. Use this time at home to spruce up your lighting and see what a great impact it can have on your whole family.

Lighting as a Design Focal Point

You can either use lighting functionally or as a focal point. Functionally you use lighting because you need to be able to see in the dark. This has been the building block of lighting for as long as the industry has been around. It's just recently that we've become to think of lighting as a DESIGN feature. You can create a glamorous, modern feel by using crystals and glass or you can create a more relaxed vibe using wood accents. There are so many styles and designs that you can easily feel overwhelmed by the choices. Often you should start thinking about fixture design by determining what mood you'd like to set in your space. Also consider the style and age of your home as well as the currently materials and furniture in it. These all work together to set the stage (and mood) for your home to express itself.

Being Bold

Circling back to the issue of focal point, many trends in the recent years have been towards bolder fixtures. These fixtures tend to be unique in color, shape and materials. Even the light bulbs have gotten an upgrade with the advent of LED filament bulbs. These bulbs are clear and have the filaments illuminated just like the style of the original Edison bulbs. Style and function are definitely a win!

Technology at Your Fingertips

It's no surprise that technology advances greatly each year – if not daily. The lighting industry is no exception. You can now easily purchase recessed lights and bulbs that can be controlled from an app on your phone or a smart device such as Amazon Alexa, iPhone's Siri or other smart hub. You can also choose the temperature (color) of your lighting based on your mood that day or set

timers for when the lights turn on and off. The options just keep mounting for homeowners to be able to customize their lighting and home.

Get the Knowledge You Need to Choose

While the internet is a great resource for shopping and researching, sometimes it can be tough to know where to start.

The best place for advice is still a LIVE PERSON who truly wants to help you. While life may feel impersonal at times, it doesn't mean that we don't need that in-person support – lighting included.

I encourage you to shop local (with all safety procedures in place) and let a lighting expert guide you in the right direction and get the information you may not have known you needed. The right information will lead you to the right choice – for lighting and life.

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Plainville Community Schools ~ Staff Notes

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Welcome to Staff Notes, the Plainville Community Schools information update delivered bi-weekly via email to all staff members. Staff Notes is provided to bridge communication among staff members district-wide via highlights of Board of Education initiatives, programs, events, staff and student achievements & more.

District Assists Plainville Community Food Pantry

Faculty and staff members districtwide supported the Plainville Community Food Pantry through a recent donation drive organized by the Education Association of Plainville (EAP) and coordinated by **Linden faculty member Kerry Gnazzo**. A total of \$749 was raised across the district. Wheeler School was the top contributor with a total of \$272 donated for the cause.

The Plainville Adult Education Advisory Council is currently collecting non-perishable items for the Food Pantry through December 17th. A donation box is located outside Room 127 at Plainville High School, with information about items most needed by the pantry for those wishing to contribute

PHS Social Justice Club Supports Native American Heritage Month

The PHS Social Justice Club, led by advisors Emily Wasley and Gabriella Strain, recently held a Social Justice Club gear fundraiser to support Native American Heritage Month. Thanks to the generosity of the PHS community, the group raised more than \$300 for the First Nations Development Institute in honor of November's Native American Heritage Month.

Equity In Action at Wheeler!

Students in Karen Kamen's third grade class at Wheeler recently participated in several Equity related activities and read aloud books focused on diversity, embracing differences, uniqueness and celebrating cultures

Wheeler Supports Veterans Valley Point

The Wheeler school community raised \$822.66 for the Veterans Rally Point organization as part of their Veterans Day initiatives. Wheeler has held a number of fundraisers for veterans over the past six years; this year's effort resulted in the most collected to date! The fundraiser, which is focused on "collecting change to make a change for veterans" was coordinated by faculty member Taylor McQueen and the Wheeler School Student Council.

Did You Know?

MSP faculty member Christine Harkey organized a "Jeans Donation" program, collecting \$1,400. Funds collected will be donated to the Plainville Community Food Pantry and PARC in Plainville

Staff Notes: Comments? Suggestions? Contact Lynn Davis, Director of Community Relations, 860-793-3220-ext. 6111, or via email: davisl@plainvilleschools.org More School news on pages 16 & 17

PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 GOLD

Justin Alexander, Kyle Badorek, Ryan Barker, Brianna Bartley, Isabelle Berube, Christopher Brojek, Jeremy Buckley, Tanner Callahan, Alec Couture, O'Neillia Cowie, Vincent Dashukewich, Alexander Dube, Kaitlyn Gagnon, Kassidy Gagnon, Patrick Gryczewski, Katherine Guarco, Nanci Gutierrez, Marcelina Halas, Skyler Ibitz, Kori Jones, William Lauria, Paige Levesque, Joseph Michalic, Aimee Michaud, Alexander Obrusnik, Cortney Ouellette, Sydney Ouellette, Hannah Peck, Caitlyn Quilter, Tanner Rau, Lex Roberts, Julia Rostkowski, Valerie Simoneau, Andrew Szymula, Bianca Talarico, Kyle Voisine, Kayla Wisz.

QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 SILVER

Derek Arduini, Ashleigh Bantz, Jayden Barton, Delaney Beausoleil, Janeil Benson, Justin Berry, Colin Blake, Tyler Bonney, Robert Bradley, Anthony Cardoso, Dante Chambrello, Alexis Charbonneau, Jeremy Courtar, Jacob Demmons, Jacob Deschaine, Tianna Durham, Joshua Fontaine, Lauryn Guardarrama, Talia Kilby, Eli Konaktchiev, Matthew Lagassey, Andrew Laprise, Beau Lasher, Emma Lewko, Lindsey Lopez, Mara Malone, Nathan Masco, Sabrinna Matthews, Thomas McCarthy, Jacob Molloy, Alan Nilson, Brandon Paznokas, Claudia Pierscinski, Tucker Rau, Corey Rexinger-McConnell, Abigale Rich, Alexander Rosado, Anne Roux, Emily Roy, Benjamin Royce, Isabella Samperi, Brady Stevens, Tessa Susco, Jordan Thompkins, Andrew Wojcik, Everett Wright, Reganne Young.

QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 BRONZE

Alexander Belew-Hunt, Matthew Cavaliere, Dominick Chambrello, Aaliyah Chapman, Matthew Cianchetti, Eunice Coello Saucedo, Darius Correa, Daisy Cruz-Lopez, Carolina Cwalina, Gabriella DeGregorio, Lyndsey DiTolla, Elijah Frechette, Darrell Gorneault, Dylan Hall, Guillermo Hernandez, TyShawn Johnson, Aleksandra Konieczniak, Evan Kordik, Anthony Lestini, Aiden Payne, Ethan Perez-Chamberland, Olivia Restelli, Te'Andre Ross, Michael Smith, Naja Srdanovic, Olivia Unwin, Asia Vargas.

QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLL GRADE 11 GOLD

Matthew Andersen, Iializ Ayala, Hailey Calder, Keira Guarco, Michael Haddad, Nicole Kolc, Garret Millette, Claudia Mizerek, Justin Niziolek, Avery Palma, Aumika Patel, Joseph Rossi, Brandon Roy, Jessica Schnauffer, Daniel Sozanski, Sage Volpe, Areesha Waseem, Lillian Wazorko, Macayle Wells, Maya Winkleman.

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Matthew Badorek, Alivia Bialko, Elyse Brown, Dylan Bucci, Alexandra Burnes, Cristina Camacho, Evanie Cater, Michael Cavallo, Victoria Charnetskaya, Alexis DeMaine, Dakota-Marie Dinielli, Emma Donovan, Argjend Doroci, Jack Dube, Steven Dzierzbinski, Evelyse Estevez, Nicholas Fasold, Janessa Freitas, Wiktoria Galazyn, Kyle Gelt, Justin Giano, Katherine Gibson, Antonio Gohar, Nicholas Grabowski, Kaleeya Green, John Guzzardi, Gabriel Hernandez, George James, Aiden Johnsky, Faith Jones, Nicholas Kafka, Konrad Koc, Jacob Lagassey, Madison Levesque, Tessa Naparstek, Audrey Pace, Alexander Pelletier, Jesse Pires, Aidan Plourde, Patrick Radziszewski, Janessa Rames, Emmalynn Ranno-Conant, Dakota Reed, Kevin Rondini, Katelyn Royce, Isabella Ruffini, Alexander Santini, Jacob Schilling, Jacob Stanczykiewicz, Zeyana Thigpen, Samantha Thompson, Austin Tyc, Jane Winkleman, Kimberly Xiques.

QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLL GRADE 11 BRONZE

Nathaniel Artis, Jacob Benvenuto, Gabriella Bishop, Gavin Bravado, Dylan Brewer, Abigail Buckley, Alexander Calver, Arianna Cappello, Justin DeBellis, Jailexlene DeJesus-Mercado, Joshua Elliotte, Emily Fagan, Harper Giola, Evan Gray, Katy Jeney, Xaidan Joiner, Ryan Kane, Ellie-May Lacasse, Cameron Lamothe, Owen Leander, Morgan Levesque, Jonathan Marfia, Alyse Marquez, Allison McLaughlin, Artem Mojica, Matthew Morneault, Manivone Mouangvienkham, Keegan Mullan, Isabella Paghense, Brennan Staublely, Troy Stephens, Grace Stewart, Katelyn Torres, Damanni Turner, Christopher Vaughan, Glenroy Virgo, Kolbe Wright.

QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLL GRADE 10 GOLD

Tea Autunno, Vanessa Autunno, Natalie Basile, Ethan Brachle, Nora Couture, Kevin Dietrich, Paige Dube, Megan Gray, Michelle Gryczewski, Nayelle Heredia, Patrick Kapusta, Matthew Kuczynko, Seth Lizon, Sofia Maksymiw, Spencer Michalek, Dale Neyra, Michael Ouellette, Leah Raucci, Olivia Sleszynski, Joshua Smith, Anneli St. Lawrence, Amber St. Onge, Daniel Talarico, John Verrastro, Nolan Wargo, Alison Wisz.

QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLL GRADE 10 SILVER

Ngoc Barnett, Luke Boeke, Brandon Buckingham, Sydney Christiansen, Jake Conte, Emily Crombie, David Czereba, Christine Dai, Ryan Dickey, Julia Doyle, Lily Feyerabend, Davia Garewski, Isabella Grasso, William Haas, Kendall Hall, Alexander Harland, Ashley Isaacs, Alexander Knutelski, Antoni Krupski, Kyle Kunitis, Jillian Lamb, Garrett Lausier, Roman Lee, Vincent McGraw, Patryk Nicewicz, Juelz Olan, Alida Passaretti, Audrey Pierce, Trevor Rau, Emma Roberts, Amica Rosario, Isabella Saturdayski, Avery Sayachak, Jacob Schwentke, Braden Shumbo, Carl Smith, Paige Stilwill, Adrian Tran, Julissa Ventura, Andrew West, Jonah Winkleman.

QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLL GRADE 10 BRONZE

Abigail Anton, Kaelynn Arocho, Isabella Artis, Michael Bakaysa, Matthew Bonney, Olivia Cardinale, Andrew Christiano, Nicholas Dennis, Grace Derosier, Christian Ellis, Kinza Fatima, Reymarcos Hernandez, Curtis Johnson, Angelina Kellhofer, Joseph Kennedy, Amber Klesitz, Mason Krystock, Keith Lagassey, Tyler Landrette, Austin Lausier, Annalisa Little, Jadyne Marcos, Amber Monzillo, Idalisse Ortiz, Nikolas Penta, Jeff Quirion La Oz, Vanessa Ribot, Angel Rivera, Jessica Rustico, Mia Sargis, Brandon Swiatek, Jaylen Thigpen, Patrick Tomczyk, Gabriella Willequer.

QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLL GRADE 9 GOLD

Bella Apruzzese, Mustafa Aslan, Mikayla Ayers, Lindsay Barbagallo, Blake Bielawski, Cohen Blake, Alex Brzostek, Lucy Callender, Nicole Caruso, Cadence Collin Lavoie, Gavin Cooke, Diana Czereba, Mikayla Dimock, Marissa Freitas, Penley Giola, Alexis Graff, Tamara Greene, Brianna Gridley, Victoria Hamel, Tamra Ibitz, Valiantsin Kasabrukhu, Teresa Lopez, Shane McCormick, Jamison McGinnis, Chase McNamara, Zeel Patel, Liliana Ruffini, Amelia Sarra, Daniel Szarwacki, Brayden Unwin, Destiny Wasilonsky, Zoe Weimer.

QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLL GRADE 9 SILVER

Tara Adamo, Sebastian Banas, Ella Bravado, Jacob Casale, Eric Chancey, Bella Cistulli, Ariana Clifford, Matthew Collado, Rachel Diaz, Yulissa Espino-Ramirez, Lucas Grafton, Chase Gray, Timothy Haas, Kailani Harris, Adam Jodlowski, Jonathan Kafka, Eric Kolc, Amanda Linnhoff, Teresa Lopez, William Lorenzo, Vanessa Maciaszek, Julia Maksymiw, Oliwia Marecik, Julian Marynowski, Julianna Matos, Cheyanne Matthews, Elias McGhee, Madyson Miller, Lola Molloy, Eleshba Nadeem, J-Leigh Olan, Brandon Ortiz, Gianna Rodriguez, Tanisha Rodriguez, Rileigh Ruot, Samantha Shumbo, Eric Siani, Katerina Soto, Tate Stevens, Elisabeth Suchojad, Olaf Talar, Johnathan Tata, Emily Tuczapski, Nikole Zaniewski.

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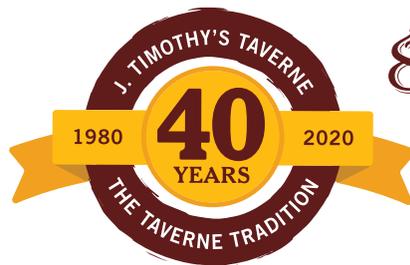
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Schools in Review



MSP Donates Pet Toys

In November and December, students in the Kids in the Middle (KIM) program at the Middle School

of Plainville, led by Advisor Amy Kievit made 127 dog and cat toys out of fleece to donate to the Humane Society.

“Portrait Pioneers”

The inaugural group of Plainville Community Schools’ “Portrait Pioneers” award winners were recognized at the January 11th Plainville Board of Education meeting. School district staff members Lily Cornielle, John Czerwinski, and Morgan Campbell were the first recipients of this award established to recognize school district staff members who exemplify and model the characteristics of the district’s Portrait of the Graduate framework, which include being: Mindful, Resilient, Communicative, Innovative and Collaborative. School district employees may be nominated for this award by colleagues, students, parents, or community members. The online Portrait Pioneer nomination form may be found on the school district’s website home page at: www.plainvilleschools.org



1st Responders Fan Club



Members of the First Responders Fan Club at the Middle School of Plainville, led by faculty member and advisor Christina Corvello, recently sent pen pal letters and decorative artwork to officers and staff members of the Plainville Police Department. The student group hopes to continue corresponding with the local law enforcement group as part of their club activities

Middle School Art Work



Sabra Dewar
grade 8
Flower



Nolan Cooke
grade 6
Name Design



Liliane Meucci
grade 8
Bird



Kara Ahern
grade 7
Landscape



Brianna Ballinger
grade 7
Landscape

Lesson on Self Identity



Self Identity quilts created as part of a recent self identity lesson.

First grade students in Karen Dinsmore and Madison Toppi's classes at Linden Street School read the book I like Myself by Karen Beaumont and then created their own avatar choosing their "self identity" as part of a recent lesson on Self Identity.

PHS National Honor Society Donates Food



The Plainville High School Science National Honor Society, lead by faculty member and group advisor John Girard, collected \$370 and donated food items, Gnazzo Food Center gift cards, and funds to the Plainville Community Food Pantry before the school's winter break, to support local residents in need over the winter months.

“You define who you are”

Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School Library Information Teacher Cynthia Giantonio recently led a lesson on equity and gender stereotypes with all Wheeler School fifth grade students. As part of the lesson, students discussed how stereotypes impact their daily lives and online experiences. Students defined stereotype, bias and equity and had rich conversations regarding what that looks like for each student. Mrs. Giantonio also read the book "Julian is a Mermaid" and discussed the stereotype in that book. Students then completed a form that included a "just because" statement and three supporting ideas that went along with their thoughts. After establishing specific expectations for respect, they were eager to share their experiences with stereotyping and bias beyond just gender. Students were actively engaged and the responses were honest and genuine. The classes also talked about the importance of understanding that "You define who you are."



Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School Library Information Teacher Cynthia Giantonio with the bulletin board display created as part of a recent lesson on equity and gender stereotypes with Wheeler School fifth graders

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag...

Schools in Review

Wheeler School Showcases Student Artists



Fiona Dahlen



Erick Ponce



Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School fourth grader Fiona Dahlen, recreated Vermeer's "Girl with a Pearl Earring" out of laundry, and Wheeler fourth grader Erick Ponce, created a work of art using the letters of his name and incorporating multiple patterns in between the letters, as part of Wheeler School's art lessons led by Art Teacher Laura Reed during a recent remote learning week for Plainville Community Schools.

Schools Food Service Works for All



The Plainville Community Schools Food Services Department, led by Food Services Director Ashley Onion, has done a tremendous job in serving meals to go for district students over the past several months. Over the two day period of December 21-22, the group served 5,455 meals for students!



The Elizabeth H. Norton Trust Fund generously donated to Plainville Community Schools' new "Adopt A Pet" Reading Partners

The Adopt A Pet program pairs an adult volunteer with a second-grade student to share the joy of reading a new book each month. The student will receive a stuffed animal to adopt and take care of by reading to it each day, in addition to the gift of new books to keep. This grant provides the support to make this connection and love of reading continue during this challenging school year.

MSP Students Practicing Music



Middle School of Plainville band students continue to hone their musical skills both in person and remotely, through at home practice and in lesson groups facilitated via Google Meets!

In photo: Middle School of Plainville seventh grade flute player Olivia Rossi

“WAVE” to Santa Event December 11, 2020 At Norton Park

Santa Claus came to Town! He rode around the park to the delight of all!!!

The event was a huge success! Many thanks to to all the volunteers who helped to make the Holiday Happy!! The Plainville Chamber of Commerce, Plainville Fire Company, Plainville Police and Town Of Plainville
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Plainville Chiropractic



*Timothy Ouellette DC
Doctor of Chiropractic*

Dr. Marc Leuenberger and Dr. Mary Russell of Plainville Chiropractic have had the pleasure to serve the Plainville community for quite some time. As 2020 came to an end, the Leuenbergers officially announced their retirement from Plainville Chiropractic. As bittersweet as the moment was, they were excited to announce that Dr. Timothy Ouellette, who is a talented and skilled chiropractor, has transitioned into the practice to continue providing specific chiropractic care to the greater Plainville area.

Originally from Newington, Dr. Ouellette went to Chiropractic school at the prestigious Life University in Marietta, Ga. After receiving his doctorate, Dr. Ouellette returned to Connecticut and began practice in

Hebron, CT specializing in a technique called Specific Structural Analysis. Dr. Ouellette is excited to invite the families of Plainville to come into the office to see how he can help you not only feel better, but improve your overall quality of life.

Dr. Ouellette is proficient in a number of chiropractic techniques. This gives him the ability to tailor the type of care to each individual patient. His goal is to evaluate and correct any structural issues in the spine, in order to restore complete and superior body function. Whether you have scoliosis, arthritis or have had a previous spinal surgery, Dr. Ouellette is able to formulate a care plan specific to your health needs, wants, and goals.

Plainville Chiropractic is also excited to announce some new and exciting technology at the office. A brand new digital X-ray system has been installed to provide more specific, and precise chiropractic care. This gives Dr. Ouellette an opportunity to use accurate and scientific metrics to not only measure progress, but results.

Plainville Chiropractic invites you and your family to come down and see the exciting new changes in the office. Dr. Ouellette is excited to meet and build relationships with the wonderful community of Plainville. The office is located at 43 East Street Plainville, CT 06062. You can reach the office by phone at (860) 793-6824 or by email at PlainvilleChiropractic@gmail.com

What I'm about to tell you is of the utmost importance.

Dear Fellow Americans,

Violence has no place in our politics. Period. I wholly condemned last week's senseless acts of violence, and I strongly reiterate the calls to remain peaceful in the weeks ahead.

Those who partook in the assault on our nation's Capitol and those who continue to threaten violence should be found, held accountable, and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Let me be clear: Anyone who has malicious intent is not welcome in Washington, D.C. or in any other State Capitol Building.

The peaceful transition of power is one of our nation's founding principles and is necessary for our country to move forward. Now is the time to come together as one nation, united in the peaceful pursuit of our common democratic purpose.

Our Founding Fathers established a Nation of laws, not a Nation of anarchy.

And, the Republican Party is the Party of individual freedom, liberty, entrepreneurship, innovation, and the American Dream, not the hateful violence we witnessed last week.

God bless you and God bless the United States of America.

Thank you, Ronna McDaniel,
Chairwoman
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Statement from President Trump:

"In light of reports of more demonstrations, I urge that there must be NO violence, NO lawbreaking and NO vandalism of any kind.

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OBITUARIES

~ James R. Bailey ~



The man, the myth, the legend, James R. Bailey, left our world a much less joyous place on January 6, 2021, surrounded by his adored wife and children. He faced his brief illness as he approached every aspect of his life, with a radiating positive outlook and wide smile.

Born on October 26, 1944, he was one of three children to the late Walter Allen "Bob" and Frances "Frankie" (DuBon) Bailey. A graduate of Plainville High School, he fulfilled his love for learning and research at many colleges, including the University of Florida, UCONN, and Quinnipiac, and graduated from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. He began his career in orthopedic sales in the 1970's, and returned to his hometown in 1988, becoming the fourth generation to own and operate his family's business, Bailey Funeral Home until its sale in 1996. A founding partner and President of Innovative Medical Products in Plainville, he shared his expertise in the orthopedic surgery arena for more than 50 years, is credited with several patents and, with his infectious personality, created a circle of friends and business associates that spans worldwide. He followed in his father's footsteps as a funeral director, a firefighter and lifetime member of the Plainville Fire Company, a member of the Frederick Franklin Lodge of Masons and as a member and supporter of Shriner's International, proudly driving the vintage jeep that replicates the mini Shriner's jeeps in parades each year. In 2006, he found true happiness upon his marriage to Diane Minella. Having a mutual love for the ocean, they settled in Old Saybrook, and filled a lifetime of adventures into their all too short 14 years with boating, world travels, fine dining and everlasting friendships. If the saying is true that "he who dies with the most toys, wins" then Jimmy will have surely come in first place. Always seeking the latest and greatest, his repertoire of boats, cool cars, motorcycles, and gadgets was nothing short of impressive, all reflecting his work hard, play hard persona. Fondly remembered, and never to be forgotten, he leaves us all better people having known him, with priceless memories that we can reflect upon and smile.

In addition to his wife Diane, he leaves his children, Jessica Bailey-Mastauskas, Jason Bailey and his wife Jovanna, Jennifer Kosciukiewicz and her husband, Steve, Craig Minella and his wife Leigh, and Cory Minella and his wife Annette. "Grandpa Jim" beamed with joy when surrounded by his grandchildren, Courtney Minella, Tyler Bailey-Lockery, Emily and Sydney Minella, Savana Bailey, Sara Mastauskas, Jaxsen Bailey, Nolan Kosciukiewicz and Logan Bailey. He will also be missed by his sister, Judy Lawson and her husband Doug and many nieces and nephews.

Jim may be remembered with contributions to the Hospital for Special Care, 2150 Corbin Ave, New Britain or www.hfsc.org, in appreciation for their attentive and compassionate care or to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children at: www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/shc.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Jim's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Funeral services and committal were limited to family and close friends. A memorial celebration will be held and announced when all are able to safely travel and gather together. To view a recording of the funeral service and for online expressions of sympathy, please visit Jim's tribute page www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

~ Patricia A. Bowman ~



84, departed this life on December 26, 2020 at Sheriden Woods Health Care Center in Bristol. She was the loving wife of Robert E. Bowman for 66 years. Pat was born in Brattleboro, VT on May 9, 1936. She was the beloved daughter of the late Donald T. and Esther M.

(Casey) Foster. She moved to Plainville as a young girl and attended local schools. Both she and Bob were 1954 graduates of Plainville High School. They were married later that same year.

In addition to raising three children, Pat worked many years as a cashier at the A&P in Forestville. She was employed by Classic Coil for a time and was a hostess at Roy Rogers in Bristol for several years.

She was a knitter and enjoyed her sewing club. She was also quite a baker. You could smell her homemade breads all the way down the driveway. Pat often took elderly people under her wing and saw to it that they had what they needed. She was a member of Plainville Congregational Church, where she taught Sunday School for a time.

The couple enjoyed summers at their camp in Milo, ME, where they made many good friends. They swam, boated, fished and went to the shore for seafood. Pat had a particular love of hummingbirds and butterflies and she kept the chipmunks, squirrels and birds well fed. She doted on her Schnauzer, Abby, and her Lhasa Poo, Corky.

In addition to her husband, Pat is survived by her daughter: April Bowman and husband Ken Dixon of Bristol; her sons: Scott Bowman of Naugatuck and Timothy Bowman and wife Karen, Baxter and Beau of Southampton, MA; four grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, four nieces, one nephew, as well as several special cousins and dear friends. She was predeceased by a sister, Joyce B. Spagnoletti.

The Bowman family would like to thank the staff of Sheriden Woods Health Care Center who kept her safe and comfortable both before and during the pandemic.

The members of Team Pat, her private caregivers, provided her with the best possible quality of life for many years. The family is forever grateful.

A private graveside service will be held at the West Cemetery in Plainville. A public memorial will be held at a future time to be announced. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville. It is suggested that contributions in her memory be directed to: CT Chapter Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd S. #4B, Southington, CT 06489. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit www.Bailey-FuneralHome.com.



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~ Caryl Bradt ~



86, of Plainville passed away peacefully on Friday, November 27th, at The Reservoir, in West Hartford. He was married to Angelina (Bell) Bradt for 65 years. Caryl was born in Amsterdam, New York on August 10, 1934, a son of the late Wodena (Walton) and Kenneth Bradt. He retired as

the Technical and Physical Services Director for the Town of Plainville in 1998 after 26 years of service. Caryl was also a past President of the Connecticut Association of Street & Highway Officials, Inc., and a longtime member of Pequabuck Golf Club. Throughout their 65 years, Caryl and Angie had a love of travel visiting many islands and countries with their closest friends. After retirement, joined by their beloved dog Molly, they enjoyed living in North Port, Florida for over a dozen years before moving back to Plainville in 2016. Besides golf, in his free time, Caryl loved to watch UConn Basketball, the Tampa Bay Rays, the Boston Red Sox, and any NFL game. Besides Caryl's wife, he is survived by a son, Klye and his wife Janet Bradt of Bristol; his daughter, Karel Zettergren of Plainville; five grandchildren, Katie D'Agostino and her husband Kevin of Bristol, Alisha Wells and her husband Ryan of Plainville, Cole Zettergren and his girlfriend Melissa of Long Island, NY, Dane Zettergren and his wife Nina of Middletown, and Ross Zettergren of Plainville; four great-grandchildren, Tyler D'Agostino, Ryan, Jr. and Cooper Wells, Xander Zettergren and his Brother-in-law, John Bell. A graveside service was held on December 9, 2020 at 11:30 AM in St. Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Plainville Community Food Pantry at 54 S. Canal Street. Dunn Funeral Home 191 West St. Bristol is in charge of the arrangements. www.Dunnfh.com

~ Richard W. Carbone ~



of New Britain, formerly of Cromwell, passed away on Monday, January 4, 2021, after a brief illness.

Richy was born May 11, 1962, in New Britain to Samuel Carbone, Sr. and the late Mary (Bernardi) Carbone. He attended local schools, and was a graduate of EC Goodwin Technical High School. Richy

was an avid fisherman, loved watching football with his brother, and listening, singing and dancing along to all types of music, (especially Free Bird!), visiting with friends and family or starting a good card game.

Besides his father, he is survived by two brothers Samuel Carbone, Jr of Florida and Gary Carbone and his wife Carol of New Britain; a sister, Linda DeZenko & her husband Tom of Burlington; his Niece, Krystina Carbone of New Britain; three Aunts, Rose Banasik and Helene Carbone of New Britain and Mary Ann Bernardi of Avon; as well as several cousins and dear friends, including his lifelong buddies Neal and Angelo. He was predeceased by his godson, Michael Carbone and his nephew, Brian Wilson.

The Family would like to thank the staff of Autumn Lake New Britain for all their support and love to Richy and our family while he was in their care, as well as his special friend & roommate Marvin.

Richy was a devoted Son, Brother, Uncle and Friend. He touched so many lives with his infectious, larger than life personality. He loved hard, and he fought harder. No matter what obstacles life threw at him, he faced them with courage & strength. He was not only a sounding board for his family and friends, but the person we could look up to, turn to, and strive to be. He always said there are talkers and doers in life, Richy was a doer, until the end. In lieu of flowers, Richy may be remembered with contributions to a charity that is meaningful to the donor.



OBITUARIES

~ Frances M. D'Addese ~



96, of Plainville passed away in the comfort of her home on Tuesday, December 31, 2019. She was the loving wife of 72 years to Anthony E. D'Addese.

Frances was born on July 7, 1923 in Berlin, CT daughter to the late Frank and Sophie (Gotzna)

Kozuch. She graduated from Berlin High School and went on to work at New Britain Machine. Upon starting a family, Frances became a stay at home mother to be able to raise her children and maintain her home. As her children got older, Frances went back to work and began a career at Stanley Works and then later went to work for the Plainville Board of Education, where she retired from. She was an active volunteer and member of the Plainville Senior Center. Frances enjoyed many things, between crocheting, quilting, sewing, card games, puzzles, and taking trips to the casino for specifically the penny slots. Above all, Frances enjoyed the time she spent surrounded by her family and loved ones and absolutely adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She hosted many family dinners and will always be remembered for her famous pizza that brought everyone together, including the neighbors. Also, she will be remembered for her famous meatballs, "chocolate soup" and her toll house chocolate chip cookies that no one will ever be able to make as good as she did. A true matriarch, she will be missed so deeply by her entire family and everyone who was fortunate to have known her and indulge in her cooking and company.

In addition to her husband, Anthony, Frances is survived by her children, Jackie D'Addese, of Bristol, Kathy Joslyn, of Farmington, and Joseph D'Addese and his wife, Yvonne, of Bristol; her grandchildren, Steve Joslyn and his wife, Robyne, Krysten Robbins and her husband, Jimmy, and Sarah D'Addese; her great-grandchildren, Grady and Kinley Joslyn and Ryleigh and Landon Robbins; her sister-in-law, Josephine D'Addese; her son-in-law, Stewart Schwab; her close family friend, Jackie Dionne; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Susan Schwab, all of her siblings, Helen, Eddie, Benny, and Frankie Kozuch, Julie Hinchcliff, Elizabeth Talbot, Evelyn Bogush, Mary Bushley, her sister-in-law, Mary D'Addese and her brother-in-law, Harry D'Addese.

Calling hours were held at the Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. Donations in memory of Frances can be made to the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East St., Plainville, CT 06062.

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~ Donna Marie (Bentley) Dupont ~



74, of Plainville, passed away at her home surrounded by her family on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, following a five year illness that she faced with much strength and dignity. Born in Holyoke, MA on April 22, 1946, she was the daughter of the late Frederick and Henrietta

(Barron) Bentley.

She was educated in Holyoke, and settled in Plainville over forty years ago, where she raised her daughter, and beamed with pride while witnessing two more generations of her family grow. Donna retired from Creed Monarch in New Britain, where she leaves many dear friends.

Traveling with the girls on trips to Florida, Pennsylvania, Las Vegas, and upstate New York were occasions that she looked forward to. At home, she enjoyed playing cards, and gardening with her daughter, watching their flowers and plants thrive. A loving GiGi to her twin great-grandchildren, Logan and Lianna, they brightened her days and brought her much joy. Remembered for her kindheartedness and energetic spirit, she will be missed dearly, leaving many cherished memories.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Michael Thibeault of Plainville; her grandsons, Matthew Thibeault of Plainville and Shawn Thibeault, his wife, Nichole and their children Logan and Lianna of Southington; and many friends, including her best friend of nearly 50 years, Louanna Desmarais of Bristol; and her very special caregiver, Thelma Louis.

Donna may be remembered with contributions to CurePSP, 1216 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10001 or www.psp.org

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

~ William J. Fabrizio ~



Jr., 72, of Newington, formerly of Plainville, passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at Village Green of Bristol after a year-long battle with colon cancer.

Born on October 23, 1948, he was one of three children

to the late William and June (Aldrich) Fabrizio, Sr. A USMC Veteran of the Vietnam War, Bill was an avid reader and devout follower of modified stock car and NASCAR racing.

Bill leaves his sister, Angela Fabrizio and her husband, Ken Hart of Indian Harbour Beach, FL; his niece Karla (Ron) Fraser of Leesburg, VA; his nephews, Antony (Kim) Fabrizio of Bristol and Jason Fabrizio of New London and William (Sandra) Fabrizio of Bristol; one uncle and numerous cousins and great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Suzanne Fabrizio.

Bill's family will celebrate his life with private funeral services. He will be laid to rest next to his parents at Oak Hill Cemetery in Southington. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Fabrizio family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.plainvillefuneralhome.com.



~ Louise Ann (Baruffi) Garewski ~



of Plainville CT, wife of the late Alexander W. Garewski, passed away peacefully on January 5, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. Louise was the daughter of the late Frederick and Lottie (Januskiewicz) Baruffi. She was born in New Britain, CT on February 10, 1935.

She was a graduate of New

Britain High School (class of 1953). It was there she met and later married her classmate and best friend Alex Garewski. She was a graduate of the Meriden-Wallingford Hospital School of Nursing (class of 1956). Her nursing career spanned over 47 years at Meriden Hospital, New Britain General Hospital and at Plainville Health Care. She also worked many years as a private duty nurse and provided exceptional care to everyone with compassion and understanding. During her working years she made many close friends, both colleagues and family members of those she cared for. Louise was also a survivor of the 1944 Barnum and Bailey Circus fire in Hartford, CT where she and her late brother Fred escaped the flames through a small hole in the canvas. Every family member held a special place in her heart and she enjoyed watching them grow and find their place in life. It gave her great joy to be with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren where she always passed on kind words of encouragement and love. Louise greatly appreciated the care and assistance her son Gary provided for both her and Alex over the past several years. She cherished the times she could spend with Alex and their sons at their cottage at Beaver Lake in Ware, MA and then at their cabin in Tunbridge, VT. Both of their vacation homes were built by Alex and the boys and it gave the family great joy to get away and enjoy all the leisure activities far away from work and their busy lives. Louise is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law Jeffrey and Andrea Garewski of Storrs, CT; David and Tammy Garewski and granddaughters Davia and Alexa of Plainville, CT; and Gary Garewski of Plainville, CT and granddaughter Taylor Garewski of San Diego, CA. She also leaves her beloved grandchildren Daniel Garewski, his wife Megan Krell and great-grandson Desmond Garewski of Sturbridge, MA; Alison Garewski, her husband Steven Whitcomb and great-granddaughter Norah Whitcomb of Coventry, CT; and Katie Garewski of Brooklyn, CT. All of her grandchildren affectionately knew her as Mimi and she dearly loved every one of them. Louise is also survived by her brother-in-law Clifford Fournier of Coventry, CT; her sister-in-law Gloria Baruffi of Newington, CT; her brother-in-law David Dudek of Plainville, CT, along with her many special nieces, nephews and many friends. She was predeceased by her loving sisters Wendy Dudek and Marjorie Fournier, brother Frederick A. Baruffi as well as a special aunt Sonia Verbitsky. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St. in Plainville, CT is in charge of arrangements. A Mass in celebration of Louise's life was held on Monday, January 11th at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 19 South Canal St. in Plainville, CT. Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery in New Britain, CT was private at the family's convenience. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit BaileyCares.com.



OBITUARIES

Robertine (Voisine) Gorneault

83, of Plainville passed away on Monday, November 30, 2020 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. She is now reunited with her loving husband,

Wilfred J. Gorneault, who predeceased her in 2002.

Robertine was born on July 26, 1937 in Fort Kent, Maine, daughter to the late Baptiste and Modest (Deschaine) Voisine. She had worked at Smith Medical as a machine operator before retirement. She was a faithful Catholic and a longtime communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville.

She is survived by her son, Darrell Gorneault, of Plainville; her grandchildren, Elena Gorneault and Darrell Gorneault Jr.; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad Street, Plainville with burial in Saint Mary Cemetery, New Britain at a later date. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville, is serving the family. Broad St, Plainville.

~ Leone Marie Labonte ~



93, of Plainville, entered into heaven on December 2, 2020. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and friend to everyone who knew her. Her home and family were her pride and joy and her absence will be deeply felt. She is predeceased by her late husband, Gilman LaBonte. She is survived by her beloved son, Gary LaBonte and his daughter, Cherise O'Brien. She is also survived by her granddaughter, Krystal Polito, her two great-grandchildren as well as many cherished nieces and nephews. Private services was held at New Britain Memorial and Donald D. Sagarino Funeral Home located at 444 Farmington Ave, New Britain, CT. Burial was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in New Britain.

~ MOM ~

She brightened the sky on a cloudy day, and brought happiness and friendship in a very special way. Her gentle kindness was such a great gift, she would never hesitate to give you a lift.

Think not of herself, always for someone in need, she never thought once about any greed.

A loving wife and dedicated mother, she was beauty, her smile, it flowed like no other.

Her endless love and tireless devotion, would surely outsize the greatest of ocean.

The sun grows weak in the blue wintry sky, and the time has come to say goodbye.

You've been so wonderful to me, I just wanted to thank you for being our Mother.

Now go in peace that you so well deserve, and we'll see you and Dad around the next curve.

Love your son, Gary

Dorothy Jane "Dottie" Hart



86, of Farmington, formerly of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 1, 2021 at The Reservoir in West Hartford. She was the wife of the late Henry G. Dynowski,

with whom she is now reunited after 38 years.

Born in New Britain on July 21, 1934, she was the youngest of three children to the late Melbert and Alice (Pavano) Hart. She attended Plainville schools, and was well known for her lifelong passions for dance, gymnastics and yoga. As a young teenager, Dottie studied dance in New York City at the June Taylor Studio of Dance and the Ballet Repertory of New York. After her affiliation with a few local studios, she eventually fulfilled her dream, opening the Hart's Dance Studio in 1950, where she taught many in Plainville and beyond, the joy of dance over the next fifteen years. She also studied gymnastics at Joe Price Acrobatics in NYC and with Abie & Muriel Grossfeld Gymnastics, then went on to do some coaching at Amherst College and to teach at Gymnastics Unlimited in Plainville. In 1976 Dottie became a certified yoga teacher, studying Hatha Yoga with Ruth Bender in Avon, CT. That same year she began teaching yoga at Tunxis Community College, where she continued to teach over the next two decades. During this time she opened her own yoga studio, Body Management Center Inc. and expanded her work with exercise and movement for older adults, teaching at many local senior centers, presenting for the Connecticut State Department on Aging and serving on the board of directors for the Connecticut Senior Olympics. In 1992 Governor Lowell Weicker presented Dottie with the Governor's Fitness Award for her contribution to the health and wellness of Connecticut citizens. Having taught senior exercise programs for more than twenty years at Village Gate in Farmington, she decided to make Village Gate her home in 2014 where she continued to teach "sittercise" classes until early 2020 to keep her fellow residents healthy and mobile. Her care and concern for others was ever present and reflected in her daily actions. Having been a teacher of movement almost all of her life, she would often say "God is really the one teaching the classes, I'm just there to say the words and show the movements." Dottie is remembered for her strength, selflessness, spunk, amazing apple pies, homemade sauce and meatballs, golumpki and most of all a bottomless love for her family and grandchildren. She will be missed immensely, leaving a wonderful legacy and many cherished memories. She is survived by her three sons, Vernon Baker, his wife Reverend Katherine Fagerburg and their children, Baker and Samuel; Craig

Dynowski Hart, his wife Susan and their children David Hart, his wife Alexandra, Talia and James; and David Dynowski, his wife Samantha, and their children Nora, David and Ingrid; her sister-in-law, Mary Jane Hart; nieces Janet Rafaniello, Arline Brady and her husband John Brady. She was predeceased by her sister Arline Olsen, her brother Leroy Hart, and her nephew, Mark Hart.

Dorothy's active lifestyle may be remembered with contributions to the National Senior Games Association, PO Box 5630, Clearwater, FL 33758 or at www.nsga.com

A celebration of Dottie's life will be held and announced at a later time, when all are able to safely gather together. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to Dottie's family for their trust.

~ Jeffrey Little ~



64, of Cheshire, formerly of Plainville, passed away from complications of Covid 19 on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New

Britain.

Born in New Britain on November 2, 1956, he was the only son of the late Frank and Myrna (Giggey) Little. Raised and educated in Plainville, Jeff was a 1974 graduate of Plainville High School, where was known for his athleticism, having a lifelong passion for the game of baseball. He went on to play for many local baseball leagues, and will be remembered for his speed and accuracy in the outfield. A die hard Red Sox fan, he shared his love for the game with his family. He enjoyed playing golf, taking his children fishing, and cheering on the NY Giants. Jeff beamed with pride when surrounded by his children and grandchildren, most especially on their vacations together to South Carolina. Gone too soon, but not soon forgotten, he will be greatly missed by his family and tight circle of friends.

He is survived by his daughters, Lindsay Vigue and her husband, Jonathan of Hahira, GA and Brandi Smart and her husband Justin of Plainville; his son, Sean Little; his three adored grandchildren, Lilah Vigue, Liliana Murphy and Elias Smart; and his lifelong buddy who was like a brother, Robert Robbins, affectionately known as "Uncle Bobby".

A celebration of Jeff's life will be held and announced at a later date.

Dr. Toby Kimm, Founder of Ragged Mountain Veterinarian

Dr. Kimm passed suddenly at home after struggling with a serious illness for the past few months. His staff, co-workers and clients are heartbroken as he created such a family-oriented business, caring so much for all of his wonderful clients and patients.

Before passing, Dr Kimm was making plans with his family for how his practice would continue. In true

Dr. Kim fashion, they will continue to offer your pets the best continued care into the future.

Ragged Mountain Animal Hospital is located at 137 New Britain Ave. in Plainville, CT and has provided veterinary care for more than 30 years.



~ Christopher J. Lazore ~



43, of Norwalk, passed away unexpectedly at home on Sunday, January 3, 2021. Christopher was born October 30, 1977 in Bristol, CT. He was the beloved husband

of Dorota (Armatowska) Lazore.

Prior to his passing, he was employed as an HVAC Technician for many years and always took great pride in his work. He was known for his fun loving sense of humor and enjoyed making people laugh, including entertaining them with jokes about himself. He was generous and caring by nature and was always willing to help others. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family, whom he loved immensely. He touched many lives during his time here on earth and will be missed dearly by all who know and love him.

Besides his wife, Dorota, he is survived by his parents Darrell Lazore and Jeannine Michaud; his sister Michelle Nielson and her husband, Tyler; his brother-in-law Wesley Armatowski and his wife, Terri. His beloved niece and nephews; Lillian Nielson and MJ and Nicholas Armatowski. He also leaves behind his in-laws Jozef and Jozefa Armatowski and his sister-in-law Grace Kawalec-Wojdyla and her husband, Christopher in Poland. He is survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, close friends and his dog, Primo.

A private celebration of life will be held by the family due to COVID-19. In lieu of flowers and for those wishing to honor his passing, you may make a donation in his memory to: Liberation Programs; 129 Glover Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06850 Attn: Development Department.

~ Brenda Lamont ~



62, of Plainville, formerly of Southington, passed away unexpectedly on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2020.

She was the daughter of Angelina (Coppola) Lamont and the late Leon Lamont.

Brenda's family will celebrate her life with private funeral services.



OBITUARIES

~ Richard F. Maura ~



78, of Spring Hill, Florida, formerly of Plainville,



passed away on Saturday, January 9, 2021.

Born October 11, 1942 in Hartford, Connecticut, he came to the area eight years ago from Plainville, Connecticut. He was a veteran of the United States Navy serving aboard the USS Intrepid. He was an avid golfer and member and former president of the Stanley Men's Club in New Britain, CT for more than 50 years. He looked forward to his annual Pennsylvania golf trips with his friends. He was a life member of the New Britain Lodge of Elks, #957, where he leaves many friends. In recent years he became involved with the Wounded Warriors Project, and was a parishioner of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. Remembered for his kindheartedness and love for his family, he will be dearly missed.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his first wife: Susan M. Maura; brother: John Maura; and sister: Linda Maura. He is survived by his wife: Palmira C. Maura; daughter and son-in-law: Susan & Robert Fantoli of Southington, CT; stepdaughter and son-in-law: Elaine & Shawn Riley of Chicopee, MA; brothers and sisters-in-law: Ted & Magda Maura and Chester & Shelly Maura, all of Middletown, CT; sisters: MaryAnn Shampang of Durham, CT, Catherine Maura of West Palm Beach, FL; and four grandchildren: Kaylee Fantoli, Robert Fantoli, Amber Harrison, and Kayla Harrison.

Richard may be remembered with contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675 or www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Richard's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal services with Military Honors followed at St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com.

~ Gordon Granger McCann ~



of Plainville passed away on January 11, 2021. He was born in Hartford on March 5, 1932. He was the son of the late Herbert and

Bessie (Shellington) McCann. He was a descendant of Gideon Granger who served as Postmaster General in President Thomas Jefferson's administration (1801-1809). Gordon's early years were spent in Windsor Locks. In 1945, he moved to Plainville.

For 37 years (1950-1987) he was employed as a supervisor in the Bond Underwriting Department of the Aetna Casualty & Surety Company of Hartford. He was a member of the Aetna Life Men's Club. From 1952-1954 he served in the United States Army, taking basic training with the 101st Airborne Division ("Screaming Eagles") at Camp Breckinridge, KY. In 1953 he was assigned to Fort Holabird in Baltimore, MD and in 1954 he was reassigned to the Pentagon at Fort Myers, Washington, DC.

He was an active member of the Plainville Congregational Church, having served on the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Deacons. In 1975 he was recognized as a Licensed Lay Minister in the United Church of Christ (Congregational). He served the Plainville church for many years, dating back to 1945. He was a member of the chancel choir for many years. He was also a member of the Robert E. Collins Post #131 of Hartford (American Legion) and the New Haven Railroad Historical and Technical Association. He was a sustaining member of the Republican Party.

He is predeceased by three sisters, Barbara McCann, Mrs. Marion M. Gray and Mrs. Marjorie M. Bergeron, one brother, Donald S. McCann, a sister-in-law, Gertrude McCann, a nephew David McCann and a niece, Barbara Fitzmaurice. He is survived by three nieces: Carol Kaine of Plainville, Beverly Brazee of Spanaway, WA and Kathy Gagnolati of Windsor Locks, and two nephews: Joel McCann of Windsor Locks and Donald McCann of Chaplin.

A graveside service was held at Grove Cemetery in Windsor Locks. A memorial service at the Plainville Congregational Church will be held at a later date to be announced. Donations in his memory may be directed to the Book of Remembrance, Plainville Congregational Church, 130 West Main St., Plainville, CT. The Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville has been entrusted with the arrangements

Sylvia (Margonelli) Millerick



of Plainville passed peacefully into God's hands on December 17, 2020. Daughter of the late Francis and Sylvia Margonelli, she was the devoted

wife of 67 years to the late Eugene J. Millerick who predeceased her in 2013. Sylvia (Sue) is survived by her loving children and their families, William F. and Gail (Cail) Millerick of Plainville; Michele Millerick Erling and her husband Gordon of Bluffton, SC and their children Ben of Norwalk and Ashley of Barrington, RI; John and Kathy (Martone) Millerick of East Haven and their children Johnny of East Haven and Kayla Millerick Hopper, her husband Johnny and their daughter Mallory of Bradenton, FL; and James E. and Susan (Garro) Millerick of Burlington and their three children Madeline, James and Michael as well as a number of loving nieces and nephews including her God daughters Alberta Martucci, Sharon (Griffiths) Travis and Cindy (Margonelli) Ross. Sue was predeceased by her 5 siblings and their spouses. A devout Catholic, she was a lifelong communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church of Plainville.

Sue was born and raised in Plainville, Connecticut where she was active in many social and civic organizations. Sue served as a member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Family Services of CT Central Region; president of Plainville's Visiting Nurse Association; founding member and Vice President of the Plainville Historical Society; a member of Catholic Daughters of America; the Allocations Committee of Plainville's United Way, the Boy Scouts and local Parent-Teacher groups. For her volunteer efforts, Sue was recognized with many honors and awards, including Volunteer of the Year by the Plainville Chamber of Commerce, the Spirit of Caring Award by The United Way's Plainville/Bristol chapter, and the Plainville Good Neighbor honor.

Christmas was her favorite time of year. For over 30 years, Sue continued the tradition of baking and hand decorating hundreds of Santa Claus and Snowman cookies that delighted the young children hospitalized at Newington Children's Hospital during the holiday season.

Sue was an avid and incredible hostess, frequently entertaining their friends and colleagues from the organizations she and her husband, Gene, served. Sue embodied the "hostess with the mostest" by sharing her culinary skills far and wide; preparing dozens of holiday cookies, cakes, pasta dishes of every variation, along with her trademark meatballs and sauce. Whether it was a family dinner, a holiday, a baby or bridal shower, a graduation, birthday or celebration of any sort, Sue prepared food for an army and was always happiest when people were gathered at her table.

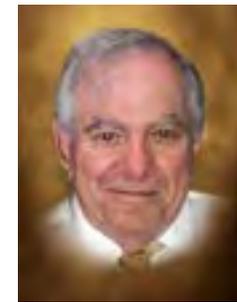
Always an enthusiastic follower of

fashion, Sue embraced the classic and the modern in style and continued to wear her pearls at 96 years old. Highly creative, she had a knack for design and decorating and will be remembered for her beautiful handmade wreaths, lovely flower gardens and beloved home on Norton Trail.

Sue may be remembered with charitable donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St Jude Pl, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org or the Petit Family Foundation, PO Box 310, Plainville, CT 06062 or www.petitfamilyfoundation.org

Services and burial will be private at this time. A celebration of Sue's life will be held in the future when we all can gather together again safely. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Millerick family for their trust.

~ Vincent Moreno ~



88, passed away on December 25, 2020. He was the loving husband for nearly 60 years of the late Joan (Janes) Moreno. Vincent was born in New

Britain on May 9, 1932 to the late Nicola and Florence (Penta) Moreno. He was preceded in death by his brother Vito Moreno.

After graduating from Plainville High School (class of 1950) and Cheshire Academy, Vincent went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree from the College of the Holy Cross in 1955. Upon graduation, Vincent spent months prospecting for uranium in the Hudson Bay area of Canada. Upon his return, he served in the US Army as an MP in Korea. He settled in Plainville with his wife Joan to raise their family and run their family business.

He was the Proprietor of Tom's Cafe, a Plainville community restaurant that was the backdrop of decades of stories to be told. In later years, Vincent worked for the State of Connecticut's Department of Children and Family Services. Upon retirement, Vincent and his wife Joan, spent their winters in Sarasota Florida for many years where Vincent loved to play golf.

Vincent will be cherished in the memories of his children: Laura D'Amico of Clinton, Linda Bak and her husband, Michael of Bristol, Beata Alexander and her husband, Michael of Órgiva, Spain and James Moreno and his wife, Jane of Farmington, thirteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, his brother Thomas Moreno and his wife Jane of Colchester, CT, several nieces and nephews, and faithful companion, his dog Cody.

Vinny always displayed a great sense of humor and shared his art of storytelling with everyone he met. As a passionate sports lover, Vinny was a life-long fan of the Boston Red Sox and a supporter of the UCONN Women's and Men's Basketball programs.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St, Plainville. Interment followed at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

West Cemetery Spring Clean-up

The Spring Clean up will begin in March and continue through April.

Please pick up any decorations and/or ornament from flush/flat markers and Christmas decorations from all markers and monuments. Any left behind will be disposed by our maintenance workers.

PCA Rules and Regulations: No flowers or ornaments are placed on flat/flush markers from April to November. Only Flowers should be placed at the Upright Monuments. We will be continuing to remove all bushes and small trees from around the Monuments. Thank you,

The Plainville Cemetery Association
Maggie Centurelli, PCA
Superintendent

860-747-2314





The Circumspect Critic

by:
Robert James O'Dell

Herself (2020)



R | 1h 37min | Drama | 8 January 2021 (USA)

Director: Phyllida Lloyd

Writers: Malcolm Campbell, Clare Dunne | 1 more credit »

Stars: Molly McCann, Clare Dunne, Ruby Rose O'Hara



This is the story of a young mother, Sandra (Clare Dunne) and her two young daughters, Molly (Molly McCann) and Emma (Ruby Rose O'Hara) who escape an abusive household only to be stymied by a broken housing system. Living in a barely adequate hotel room, working two jobs and resisting overtures from her abusive husband

to reconcile, she sets out to build a home for her children with little resources, sparse help and limited insight on how to accomplish it. As she slowly works on her goal while struggling to build a better life for herself and her adolescent daughters, she discovers the kindness of others while rediscovering her true self.

"Herself" is an emotionally powerful look at the difficulties imposed upon women seeking refuge from an abusive relationship and how the system stacks the deck against them. It pulls no punches (no pun intended) in portraying the physical punishment

Sandra endures nor the emotional distress inflicted as she tries to navigate the Dublin social service system intended to help her get on her feet. After escaping the physical punishment that had been inflicted on her by her husband, Sandra must support her family on the meager wages she earns as a housekeeper for a manager gets her put on a list for affordable housing but the list is long and the waiting period could stretch into years. Sandra is sent out by her social worker to different rental prospects only to be relegated to standing in long lines while the property gets swept up by someone further up the line.

Director Phyllida Lloyd demonstrates an emotional reserve toward the subject matter proving she can handle the sensitive nature of the material. She proves to be an actor's director allowing the fine cast to shine without burdening them with flashy directorial flourishes that are unnecessary to tell such an intimate human drama. Such restraint is admirable and a bit of a surprise from the director of *Mama Mia* and *The Iron Lady*.

The real surprise here, though, is Clare Dunne. The little known actor with a sparse resume highlighted by a minor role in *"Spiderman: Far From Home"* is nothing short of revelatory. Besides giving an award calibre performance in the lead role, she is also responsible for the original story as well as co-scripting the screenplay with Malcolm Campbell. Dunne gives a fiery performance as a woman beaten down but not defeated. She isn't afraid to show the flaws of this

complex character creating a well rounded portrait of a woman who is flesh and blood real.

Strong acting abounds in the film. Harriet Walter brings world weary strength to Peggy, the doctor who employs Sandra as a housekeeper. Their growing bond anchors the film as Peggy develops into a sort of motherly mentoring figure to Sandra as well as the catalyst to her accomplishing her goal. Conleth Hill as Aido, the reluctant contractor who takes on the responsibility of overseeing the construction of Sandra's house, gives a likable take on the gruff heart of gold sort.

The two child actors playing Sandra's daughters are pitch perfect in their natural, unassuming interactions with Dunne, giving a gleam of sincerity to the parent/child bond.

The film has a lot to say about the endurance of the human spirit. From being broken to experiencing a rebound, it is there to lift us no matter how far down we have fallen. It also reaffirms the positive nature of people and how we are there for those who are down on their luck. It's a feel good sort of film despite its overall theme of abuse. It's uplifting as it shows us the power of a mother's love as well as the empathy of the community. The film ranges from heartbreaking to life affirming without ever becoming manipulative. It's a mature tearjerker which manages to be life affirming, leaving you feeling empowered, enlightened and entertained.

Ratings: Acting: 100% Directing: 88%

Script: 90% Cinematography: 90%

Entertainment Value: 85%

My Rating: 93%

Annual Penny Sale

We were not able to have the annual Penny Sale last year due to COVID, so we are going to try to have a social-distance Penny Sale at Robertson Airport in May, and we want to let the community know, so.....**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

SAVE THE DATE!! The 1st Annual Drive-In PENNY SALE
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Plainville
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****More Details to Follow in Upcoming Issues*****



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OBITUARIES

~ Jane H. Morton ~



93 of Glastonbury and formerly of Southington, passed peacefully at her home, Tuesday afternoon, December 1, 2020. She

was the wife of the late Frederick A. Morton, Jr.

Jane was born in Hartford on June 30, 1927 a daughter of the late Frank and Ruby (Kleam) Hills.

Jane's world was her family which she loved so much. She was also very close to her sister Nancy who passed in April of this year and missed her every day. Jane and her sister each had a great sense of humor. The family and friends loved to hear their infectious laughing.

She leaves her sons, Gary Morton and his partner Patti N. Desroches of Southington and Frederick A. "Rick" Morton, III and his wife Diane of North Granby; grandchildren Nicole, Ricky, Ryan, Ashley, Becky and Jeff; 10 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents and husband, Jane is predeceased by her son Jeffrey Morton, brother James Hills and sister Nancy LeFleur.

A graveside service was held at at the Center Cemetery, Cemetery Rd., Westhampton, MA 01027. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville, CT is honored to assist the family with the arrangements.

~Brad Michael Ragaglia~



61, of Plainville, CT, passed away Monday, (January 11, 2021) at home, to the great sadness of his family and friends.

Brad was born in Meriden and was a loving son to Dominic and Marie Ragaglia. He grew up in Plainville, where he had an active and social childhood. He went on to study Communications at the University of Hartford, and worked as a senior editor for a business magazine. He contributed to many newspapers, and owned a freelance editing and writing business titled "Collaborative Prose."

Above all, Brad was a man of faith and loved his family. He was a devout Catholic and dedicated his time to local churches. He was a lover of music; enjoying singing, songwriting, and playing guitar.

He is survived by his two sons, Daniel and Andrew Ragaglia, and his two daughters and sons-in-law, Emily Ragaglia and Daniel Jones and Mary and Shay Amin; his grandson, Sai Amin; his parents, Dominic and Marie Ragaglia; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Scott Ragaglia and Sandy Davis and Craig and Barbara Ragaglia; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded by his beloved pug, Jake.

A Mass of Christian Burial for the family was held at Our Lady of Mercy. A private burial will take place at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Plainville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hungry for Music, 2020 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW #384, Washington, DC 20006.

Anna Rita (Cameron) Newell



85, of Plainville, passed peacefully early Tuesday morning, December 29, 2020. She was the wife of the late Richard E. Newell who passed in 2000.

They shared 40 years of marriage together.

Anna was born in Hartford on July 9, 1935 the daughter of the late Joseph Dinnis Cameron and Bridget (Doherty) Cameron. She was retired as an executive secretary with Sherwood Industries. She also worked for many years at General Electric in Plainville. She was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Church, Plainville and St. Philip the Apostle Church, Ashford.

Mom and Dad loved to dance, particularly polka. They enjoyed cheering on the UCONN basketball teams and the Boston Celtics. They loved going to church bazaars and community suppers. Ma was the family photographer before cell phones and selfies were the rage. A good cook, she made holiday parties look like were easy to manage. She loved her family dearly and made everyone feel they mattered. She was the light we all looked to for comfort.

Anna leaves her children, Kelly Anne Griffith of Bristol and her partner Bill Cole of Windsor, Richard D. Newell (Lillian) of Windsor, Roger A. Newell of Plainville and Kory E. Martin (Philip) of Storrs; siblings Gary Cameron (Susan) of Southington, Michael Cameron (Mary Lynn) of Boulder, CO, Cathy Day (Donald) of Avon, sister-in-law Beverly Cameron of Lakewood, CO; grandson Robert Martin of Storrs and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. Beside her husband and parents, she is predeceased by her grandson Timothy Griffith, son-in-law Daniel Griffith, brothers Joseph Leonard Cameron, David Andrew Cameron, sister Mary Teresa Maynard and brother-in-law Ronald Maynard.

Calling hours were held at O'Brien Funeral Home, 24 Lincoln Ave., Forestville (Bristol.) Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville for a Mass of Christian Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery, 151 Farmington Ave., Plainville. To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, visit Anna's memorial tribute page at: www.O'Brien-FuneralHome.com.

~Welliena "Willie" Saucier~



After a long life of love and kindness, Welliena "Willie" Saucier passed away at the age of 99 on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. She is now with our Lord

and reunited with her loving husband, Adrien, who predeceased her in 1983.

Born in Fort Kent, Maine to Honore and Sophie (Therault) Voisine, she was the last surviving of their seven children. She leaves her only child, Rowena Simard and her husband Bert; her grandchildren, Greg and his wife, Annie; Doug, Mike and his

Katherine Irene (Gonska) Pietrowicz



61, of Bristol, passed away on Saturday, January 16, 2021.

Born on March 27, 1959, she was the daughter of Gladys (Bean) Waz of Bristol and the

late Walter Gonska. Katherine was a graduate of Terryville High School, and furthered her education at UCONN, Storrs campus.

A woman of great strength, Katherine fought hard and loved her family deeply. She looked forward to frequent pizza lunches with her daughters and granddaughters, and each and every holiday celebration. She had a love for swimming, visiting the beach as often as she could, and enjoyed treasure hunting at thrift stores. Katherine found comfort in crocheting, making scarfs, purses and blankets for her friends and family to cherish. A devout Catholic and faithful communicant of St. Joseph Church in Bristol, her family finds comfort in knowing she is at peace with God.

Welcomed home by her late father, Walter Gonska, she leaves her mother, Gladys Waz of Bristol, who was her biggest champion; her two daughters and sons-in-law, Christine Pietrowicz-Joanis and her husband Benedict Joanis of Montclair NJ, and Katie Martineau and her husband, Chad of Harwinton; and will be dearly remembered by her three granddaughters Lilli, Brooke and Annabelle. She also leaves the father of her daughters, Steven Pietrowicz of Plainville and her longtime companion Robert Voisine, with whom she shared much joy and love for the past 15 years.

In lieu of flowers, Katherine may be remembered with contributions to a charity that is meaningful to the donor.

A private Mass of Christian Burial was held for her family at St. Joseph Church in Bristol. She will be laid to rest near her father at St. Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to Katherine's family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Samuel Robert Plumley ~



77, of Plainville, passed away at his home, surrounded by his family, on Friday, November 27, 2020. He is now reunited with his wife, ArlaGale (Freeman)

Plumley, who predeceased on the same day fourteen years ago.

Born in Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania on May 31, 1943, he was the son of the late Samuel and Margaret (Sickles) Plumley, Sr. Samuel enlisted in the US Army upon graduation from high school, serving his country for two years during Vietnam. He and Gale settled in Plainville, where they raised their three children and shared over 40 years of love and life adventures. They had a mutual affection for Maine and its many lighthouses, taking road trips there as often as they could; and looked forward to Saturday night card games with their friends each week. Sam was a sports enthusiast, cheering on any and all of Pittsburgh's teams and could be found many days tending to his vegetable garden, a hobby he enjoyed alongside his grandchildren. He retired from EDAC Technologies in Newington, where he dedicated 38 years as an NDT inspector. He will be missed by his family and friends, leaving many cherished memories.

He is survived by his children, Deneen Lockwood and her husband, Bruce, of Canton; Samuel Plumley, Jr and his wife, Lori, of Farmington; and Devlyn Sayball and her husband, Daniel of Indian Trail, NC; his much adored grandchildren to whom he was affectionately known as "Grandpa Old Goat"; Jennifer Wellington and her husband, Kyle, Alyssa Lockwood, Kelsey Livesey and her husband, Chris, Parker and Bailee Plumley and Derek and Darby Sayball, and his great-granddaughters, Harper and Makenna Wellington and Adley Livesey. He was predeceased by his sister, Rita Griffith and his brother Ralph Plumley and leaves many nieces, nephews and extended family.

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

Samuel and Gale will be laid to rest together with a private graveside ceremony at West Cemetery. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Plumley family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

fiancé Dolores, and Missy; her great-grandchildren, Justin, Sarah, Kate and Serena; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Welliena was the Mom, Grandmother, Aunt and friend that God intended for her to be; and a butterfly to catch. She enjoyed baking, sewing, BINGO, cards, and visits to the casino. We are all blessed with a season of life and her season was everlasting as she left us with many cherished memories to beautiful to ever forget.

We wish to thank the staff at Sheriden Woods for their tender loving and compassionate care.

Welliena's love and caring for others may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, PO Box 233, Plainville, CT

06062, or by bringing a non-perishable item to the funeral home to be delivered to them.

A Mass of Christian Burial celebration was at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St, Plainville. Burial will be held at a later date in the spring. With CDC guidelines, wear face coverings and practice social distancing. For online expressions of sympathy or to share a memory of Willie with her family, please visit her tribute page at: www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com



NEWS BRIEF - In Case You Missed These!!!



Joshua's Christmas Display

Joshua Brunelle honors his mother Jill Brunelle who passed away in 2011 by a Christmas display each

year at their home 15 Hillcrest Road. The light show ran until New Year's Eve. Donates to the Plainville Food Pantry was estimated to be about 500 pounds. James Brunelle, his father and friend Edward Sedgwick-Cochran helped Joshua starting in September. "My mom would love it," Joshua said. "We all used to love decorating for Christmas together."

Plainville Girls Soccer Standout

Jordan Thompkins, the four-year varsity starter signed her national letter of intent to play for Division 11 American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts. Blue Devils head coach Leszek Wrona said, "She is not only a good, solid soccer player, but she's a very good leader." "Jordan is a very smart player, she understands the game."

Plainville's Growth 2020

Cal Hauburger, Economic Development Director announced the growth of new businesses, like Peak Performance and Training, The Stronghold, Trenta Tavern, Don Bigote Mexican Grill, Powerhouse Motorsport, Hungry Bull Burger Company, Witch's Dungeon Classic Movie Museum and Americold Distributions.

Economic development projects in 2021 include Americold Distribution and Logistic Center. The parent company Ahold Delhaize owns over a dozen grocery store chains including Stop & Shop, Food Giant and Food Lion. This project is located on Northwest Drive in the Industrial Park. Other projects are the former White Oak property located in the center of town and located on North Mountain

Property Transfers

365 WOODFORD AVE UNIT 32:

Stephanie L. Fragola of Plainville to Henryk Kolakowski and Hanna Kolakowska, \$120,000 on 12/14/2020

365 Woodford Ave Unit 37:

Lukasz Saturdayski of Plainville to Krystyna Maiz \$150,000 on 12/16/2020

11 Diamond Ave:

Kate Kongiat of Plainville to Jacob Rocco, \$350,000 on 12/29/2020

39 Farmington Ave Unit F1:

John A. and Laura I. Harrison of Plainville to Ryan T. Beaudoin, \$157,900 on 12/21/2020

24 Farmstead Ln:

Jennifer Miner of Plainville to Vincenzo Nunzianta \$239,000 on 12/23/2020

Field St:

Laurette M. Ortner FT and Stephen O. Allaire of Plainville to Michael T. Moore and Kendra M. Kirby, \$249,000 on 12/24/2020

Florence Ln:

Stephen Yawgel LT and Stephen J. Yawgel of Plainville to Sandi P. Kryszak, \$250,250 on 12/18/2020

18 Fox Rd:

Alastair D. and Rachel Bell of Plainville to Melissa D. Schomers and Anmarie Johnson, \$250,000 on 12/21/2020

Junior Rd:

John R. Lozyniak and Halsey T. Husson of Plainville to Jean Dibgolongo, \$226,000 on 12/21/2020

Milford St: Liliya Kornas of Plainville to Karen Perry, \$73,400 on 12/23/2020

141 New Britain Ave: James J. Welch and John T. Adams of Plainville to Laurel Court LLC \$350,000 on 12/30/2020

69 Northwest Dr Unit 50: Anthony M. Leone of Plainville to Natalie Jackson \$168,000 on 12/23/2020

69 Northwest Dr Unit 51: George and Sandra Allen of Plainville to Nora M. Young, \$175,250 on 12/24/2020

95 Pinnacle Rd: Rita Collins-Maglio of Plainville to Kelly A. Krezinski and David J. Regina, \$304,000 on 12/24/2020

21 Sandstone Rd Unit 21 Kevin Herrick of Plainville to Jelena Orzol, \$385,000 on 12/21/2020

9 Sheridan Ct: Michael T. Moore of Plainville to Nicholas Siarkowski, \$151,000 on 12/21/2020

67 Shuttlemeadow Rd: Beth Granger of Plainville to Kevin M. Greatorex \$304,900 on 12/28/2020

120 Shuttlemeadow Rd: John F. and Gloria Fabrizio of Plainville to Shawn Curtis, \$195,000 on 12/28/2020

171 Tomlinson Ave: Keyla J. Valentin of Plainville to Susan Chase \$197,000 on 12/28/2020

190 Tomlinson Ave Unit 2e Kevin Greatorex of Plainville to Fallyn P. Kittelson, \$167,000 on 12/23/2020

220 Tomlinson Ave: Jason S. and Luciane Vandermark of Plainville to Bridget Cremin \$255,000 on 12/21/2020

24 Unionville Ave: Litke Steven Est and Mackenzie S. Litke of Plainville to Daniel J. Thomas, \$180,000 on 12/28/2020

West Main Pizza Celebrated 50 Years in Business

West Main owner Peter Kaleodis opened on West Main Street on December 4, 1970, he purchased and moved to 97 East Main Street more than two decades ago. Peter's menu includes seafood dinners, grinder, pasta and club sandwiches.

West Main Pizza on East Main Street are open 7 days a week.

Christmas Tree Hints on Website

pickyourownchristmastree.org

1. Tree needles scatter, inside, sweep them. They will clog the vacuum cleaner.
2. Don't burn your Christmas tree in a fireplace or wood stove. Evergreens have flammable turpentine oils, and may also contribute to creosote buildup and risk chimney fire.
3. If you place your Christmas tree in your garden or backyard it could be used as a bird feeder and sanctuary.
4. Place fresh orange slices or string popcorn to attract the birds and they can use the branches for shelter.
5. Within a year, the branches will be brittle and you can break the tree apart by hand or chipper.

111 W Main St: M&R Custom Homes LLC of Plainville to Limestone Business Pk LLC, \$75,000 on 12/23/2020

15 Forest St: Cedric A. and Sherry M. Gravelle of Plainville to Dean Dellavecchia, \$142,000 on 1/7/2021

12 Ivy Rd. Kissel Michael J Est and Robert M Kissel of Plainville to Gateway Palms LLC, \$60,600 on 1/5/2021

12 Ivy Rd: Robert M. Kissel of Plainville to Gateway Palms LLC, \$90,900 on 1/5/2021

33 Johnson Ave: Stone Investments LLC of Plainville to Ryan Miller and Abigail Rodriguez, \$285,000 on 1/6/2021

46 Linden St: Gene L. Logan and Cynthia Couture-Logan of Plainville to Angelina T. Sapororito, \$280,000 on 1/7/2021

122 Milford Street Ext Unit B2: Denice A. Politz of Plainville to Jessica A. Riordan, \$120,000 on 1/6/2021

Race Ave: Brock Barnes Post 33 of Plainville to JDM Race Avenue LLC, \$225,000. of 1/4/2021

240 Trumbull Ave: Mildred A. Garvey and John M. Garvey of Plainville to Kayla M. Michaud and Kelly A. Mallon, \$203,000 on 1/7/2021

46 Woodside Ln: Erin D. Jones of Plainville to Manuel Saunders, \$248,000 on 12/31/2020

HALL OF FAME

Plainville Sports Hall of Fame is still looking for nominees to consider for induction. Nominations can be submitted vis plainville.sports.com or mail to Plainville Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 593, Plainville CT 06062. For more information, contact Byron Treado at 860-836-3377 or Mike Bakaysa at 860-573-8015.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

"People with COVID-19 can have mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms can appear 2 to 14 days after being exposed to the virus. Symptoms can include: shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, cough, fever or chills, muscle or body aches, sore throat, headache, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, runny nose or stuffy nose, fatigue, recent loss of taste or smell. Children have similar symptoms as adults and generally have mild illness." According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Wear your mask and wash your hands!! ALSO GET TESTED!!

PARC FUNDRAISER

The Fundraiser took place in the month of December. Steven Robinson celebrated his 40th birthday with the fundraiser to support his favorite organization, PARC. *Donations may be mailed to:*
PARC, Inc c/o Steven Robinson,
45 Dogwood Road, Plainville, CT
06062-1316

Athletics Backers Club

Backers clubs have taken a big hit on fundraising events because of covid-19.

Ben Gedimen, president of the Plainville Athletics Backers Club said "It's tough. You could say we've got a plug in the boat, but it's got a small leak." Booster clubs rely on those concession sales and fundraisers. The funds help pay for plaques, banquets, team apparel and other expenses the athletic department can not fund on their own.

Banquets can not be held due to health risks. What's been lost is other fund raisers and sporting events. Their mission became one of survival. Gediman anticipated asking parents and potentially some local businesses for donations to help their cause. If you didn't receive a letter in January requesting a donation (small or large) for more information you can contact Ben Gedimen email: PHS Backers@gmail.com or call 860-798-7408. To mail in a donation make check and mail to:

PHS Athletic Club
P.O. Box 664
Plainville, CT 06062

If every family would donate \$5.00 to the P.H.S. Athletic Club. P. O. Box 664, Plainville CT 06062 By Valentine's Day, February 14th we will have a Sweetheart of a Fund raiser

INCREMENTAL ISLAM 10 (Part 1)

In last month's article, we discussed the problem of disingenuousness when Islam is included in "Interfaith Dialogues." The same problem arises in school, and there are multiple reasons for that, and some tips, which will be covered in Part 2. This month, we will concentrate on some general deceptive techniques and the effects this dishonesty has on students.

One technique used to unfairly advantage the coverage of Islam over other religions in textbooks is the granting of more space in the textbook to Islam than to other religions. Some of us wouldn't object to that if only the religion were portrayed warts and all, rather than being sugar-coated. Whether through innuendo, omission, or other techniques, though, Islam is most often made to appear more benign than Judaism or Christianity.

The following are some real-life consequences of being taught this "unicorns and glitter" version of Islam. What if a non-Muslim child believes this fairy tale about the "Religion of Peace," and converts to Islam? Then, when he learns the unpleasant truths - many of which we've covered in previous installments - and decides he wants to leave Islam, the punishment for leaving is death (but, of course, the textbook never covered that detail). Additionally, some students are instructed to write or say the shahada (the statement of faith that one utters to convert). Those students may have converted without realizing it!

And how about the non-Muslim who has lived in Muslim communities and knows all too well the painful truths of Islam, or the young Muslim girl who is dreading a trip to the family homeland where she is to be married to a much older man who may legally beat his wives?

How will these more knowledgeable students feel about reading and regurgitating lies?

Millennial Interview

The core of the baby boomers have reached their full retirement age. They have cut back their work load. Many have decided to fully retire and enjoy their golden years. The next generation to fill these vacancies in the work force are known as millennials. These are the young ones who want to start with a six figure salary with no experience. Demand free benefits, and can't start their day without a Starbucks.

Below is a monologue between a millennial and interviewer applying for a tech job.

Interviewer: Amy it says your proficient in technology. Are you adapt to Excel *Amy: No*

Interviewer: How about power point ? *Amy: No*

Interviewer: Exactly what are you proficient in ?

Amy: Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, you know the big ones.

Interviewer: I'm surprised you didn't say Facebook.

Amy: Are you kidding, its for old people like my parents.

Interviewer: When you work for me your going to need those skills like power point and excel to research the product and send it to me.

Amy: No problem. For stuff like that I'll just ask Siri.

Interviewer: Siri ?

Amy: Yes, Siri tell me that, Siri get this. We're all good.

Interviewer: Well you better tell Siri I need you to be here at 8:00 sharp.

Amy: I don't understand. Like 8 in the morning. That doesn't work for me. Who gets up at 8 in the morning ? I skype my French boyfriend whose in Paris till 3 A.M. Then at 10 I have to go to Starbucks to get my caffe latte with 2 shots of pumpkin spice, 2 sugars, hot but not to hot. So the best I can do is 10:45 a.m.

Interviewer: Wow, Amy I don't think were gong to be a good fit.

Amy: Why are you so negative ? I can sense your hostilities, I am not feeling very safe. I've been here for 10 min., and the only thing nice you have said is my resume which I stayed up all night typing. you've given me no guidance, no validation, no encouragement. no supervision. I need to talk to an HR person.

Interviewer: HR Person ?

Amy: yes, I need to speak to someone. I may need to take a day off as a mental health day.

Interviewer: Amy you don't work here.

Amy: Are you firing me ?

Interviewer: Ok, yes.

Amy: Well I'm going home and tell my mother I've decided to be a stay at home daughter.

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Connecticut Senate Republican Leader Kevin Kelly (R-Stratford), Senate Republican Leader Pro Tempore Paul Formica (R-East Lyme) and Senator Henri Martin (R-Bristol) issued the following statements regarding the Connecticut Senate Democrat leader's proposal to create a new statewide property tax: Senate Republican Leader Kevin Kelly (R-Stratford) said, "Connecticut Democrats' solutions, tolls, gas taxes, and insurance taxes, always target middle class families' wallets. Now, they are coming after the middle class family home. During this pandemic, middle class families are struggling financially and need our help, not more burdens. The progressive left agenda of Connecticut Democrats will make it more difficult for middle class families to live, work and raise a family. It shows just how tone-deaf they are to the middle class."

Senate Republican Leader Pro Tempore Paul Formica (R-East Lyme) said, "Like every Connecticut resident, I have experienced the ever increasing burdens the majority has imposed by taxes and fees over the years. As a Senator, First Selectman, homeowner and small business owner I oppose Senator Looney's proposals to levy yet another tax on our homes and our businesses and his

proposal to take away local control and regionalize school districts. These policies will only hurt the middle class, the same people the majority party claims to care about."

Senator Henri Martin, who is the Ranking Senator on the legislative Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee added, *"I am overwhelmed by calls and emails from my constituents asking for assistance for all the challenges they are currently facing. While the pandemic related burdens are new, Connecticut's financial crisis has been around for many years. It's time to stand up, say 'enough' and start supporting policies that can help put the state and its residents back on a path*

Remote Workers Are Outperforming Office Workers-- Here's Why

Have you seen any of these gimmicky office designs?

I have to wonder why company founders are trying so hard with these in-office "perks." I get that the goal is to create collaboration and fun. But I think this is doing more harm than good. And research shows that the problem is only getting worse.

In fact, one study found that the number of people who say they cannot concentrate at their desk has increased by 16 percent since 2008. Also startling: The number of workers who say they do not have access to quiet places to do focused work is up by 13 percent.

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in this belief. Plenty of studies and surveys show the power of remote work when it comes to productivity.

Here are three reasons remote workers outperform office workers:

1. Productivity

With no office distractions and greater autonomy, remote workers have the freedom to get more done. This is something most people crave. According to a nationwide survey, 65 percent of workers said that remote work would give their productivity a boost.

2. Teamwork

Despite the distance, remote workers make the best teammates. This is because that distance demands more communication. Without being able to lean on physical proximity, remote workers must reach out to one another frequently and with purpose. An astounding 92 percent of workers say the video collaboration actually improves their teamwork.

3. Presence

Office life is littered with absences -- workers who are calling in sick or sneaking out early to run an errand or get to an event on time. But remote workers do not need to make excuses. Since they are not tied to an office, they can design their workday to meet the demands of their lives. And if they need to run an errand, they can handle it quickly without losing a workday. This ultimately makes remote workers more present for their work and team.

Remote workers are able to cut through the noise and focus on what really matters: meaningful work and being happy doing it.

No beer taps or hammocks necessary.

Remote workers or office workers -- who do you think is more effective?

THE TEA PARTY PATRIOTS WAKE UP AMERICA

By: Gene

The Russians are coming...The Russians are coming, the Libs/Liberals are also coming. You get what you voted for. Snap Impeachment, was done without due process of law. He has done many things that Ex Presidents could have not achieved. Promises made Promises kept by the Prez 2016-2020

1. Who was the clown in the White House who just brokered four Middle East Peace Accords, something that 71 years of political intervention and endless war failed to produce.
2. Who was the buffoon that was the first president that not engaged us in a foreign war since Eisenhower.
3. Who was the clown who had the greatest impact on the economy, bring jobs, and lowering unemployment to the Black and Latino population of any other president. Ever..
4. Who was the buffoon who has exposed the deep, deeply rooted, widespread, and long - standing corruption in the FBI, the NSA, and the Republican and Democratic parties.
5. Who was the buffoon who turned NATO around and had then start paying their dues.

5a. He made fracking oil possible. Now we are energy independent and not dependent on foreign oil.

6. Who was the clown who neutralized the North Koreans, stopped them from developing a further nuclear capability sending missiles toward Japan, and threatening the West Coast of the US.

7. Who was the clown who has accomplished the appointing of three Supreme Court Justices and close to 300 Federal Judges.

8. Who was the same buffoon who lowered your taxes, increased standard deduction on your IRS return \$12,500 to Married joint to \$24,400 and your stock market to move to levels over 100 times impacting the retirement of tens of millions of citizens.

9. Who was the clown who fast-tracked the development of a Covid Vaccine - who said it would be available within months - we still don't have a vaccine for SARS, Bird Flu, Ebola or a host of diseases that arose during previous administrations.

10. He also freed thousands of acres in the Utah and Nevada area (that Obama closed) for recreational, hunting and grazing.

11. Who was the clown in the White House who rebuilt our military, which Obama administration had crippled, and had fired 214 Key Generals and Admirals in his first year of office.

12. Who was the clown who worked for free, and has lost well over two billion dollars of his own money

in serving and done all of this and much more in the face of relentless undermining and opposition from people who are threatened because they know they are going to be exposed as the criminals that they are if he is re-elected.

We'll take a clown any day, versus a fork tongued, smooth talking hypocritical, corrupt puppet. We want a strong teacher who isn't afraid to kick some ass when needed. We don't need a fatherly figure we don't need a liar - that's what Hollywood and CNN, MSNBC, ABC, CBS and the New York Times are for. **God bless Donald Trump - the most unappreciated President in History.**

Also what's happening in the State of Connecticut and with Governor Lamont and how Covid-19 vaccines are being fairly distributed and how they will try to sneak the tolls in again for more revenue against the people's will. No more shutdowns or lockdowns. Move forward and adapt with SAFETY. Or there will be nothing left to open. The Government will control every aspect of your life, directly or indirectly.

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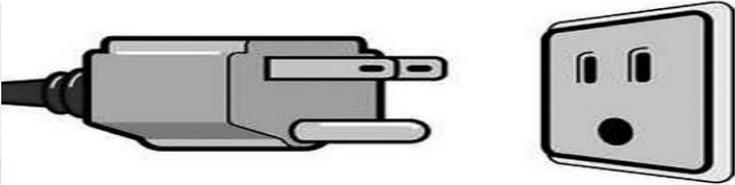
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Thank you for this issue questions. Please keep them coming!

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Business of the Month: Pagliacci's Restaurant

Pagliacci's Restaurant at 333 East Street, will be celebrating its 35th anniversary this year.

Mike Capobianco opened Pagliacci's on Feb 14, 1986 on Valentine's Day and has maintained ownership to this day. He is also owner of Nino's Trattoria, at 91 Scott Road in Waterbury, and San Marino Ristorante Italiano on Thomaston Avenue in Waterbury, which just celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Pagliacci's runs its restaurant like a family. The management team is made up of three women who have been in the restaurant industry for almost two decades, two of whom are mothers and strive to make Pagliacci's restaurant family and child friendly.

"My son has special needs, so Pagliacci's is truly understanding if anyone needs a quiet table, dimmed lights or music," said Jenn Harding, the restaurant's general manager.

What sets Pagliacci's apart is the fact all of its pastas and sauces are homemade. Because they do this, the restaurant is able to be very accommodating when it comes to food allergies and dietary needs.

"We offer gluten-free options and are accommodating to all allergies,

likes, dislikes and preferences, she said. "We offer take-out, curbside, dine in, reservations, parties and more."

Pagliacci's also offers a vast catering menu for any occasion with lots of options for anyone's taste buds. From salads to pasta to classic favorites like eggplant parmigiana or sausage and peppers, there's something for everyone. This past holiday season, they produced well over a hundred catering orders for holiday parties and events.

In a typical year, Pagliacci's offers private event space where families can host bereavements, baby showers, or any other type of event. But with covid-19 restrictions placed on the state over last year, they have seen a significant drop off from this type of business.

"It's difficult when we are limited on how many people are allowed in the restaurant," Harding said.

Perennially, Pagliacci's receives the honor of the Plainville Citizen's Best Family Restaurant and Best Italian Restaurant.

Pagliacci's offers daily lunch and dinner specials. For more information and menu listings, visit the website, www.pagliaccisrestaurant.net, as well as their Facebook and Instagram pages.

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