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## **Dominic Talotta Named Plainville** 2020 Teacher of the Year



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## Shirley Osle ~ Town of Plainville's **Assistant Town Manager Retires After 40 Years!**

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See Page 14 for Shirley's Story



## **"Return the Flavor"** Drawing

The drawing was held at **Gnazzo's Food Center on** July 1st 2020 **Congratulations**!!!! to all the WINNERS listed on page 3.....

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## **Pagliacci's Restaurant New Manager**



BANQUET AND ERING SPECIALISTS Jenn Harding was recently named manager of Pagliacci's Restaurant on East Street. Jenn has 20 years experience in the restaurant business and with the last 5 years at Nino's of Waterbury. The restaurant is serving dining inside and outside Monday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

It is with great pleasure to welcome Jenn to Pagliacci's of Plainville!

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## **Jacob Rocco Appointed to Plainville Town Council**



Jacob Rocco was appointed to the Town Council to fill the vacancy of Town Councilor Ty Cox who has moved out of town. Jacob attended Plainville schools and continued his education at CCSU receiving a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting aand Masters Degree in Business Administration. Jacob is currrently an auditor for the State of Connecticut and more recently served as Treasurer for the Town of Plainville. He also currently serves as Vice Chair for the local Republican Town Committee.

### **Plainville Resident Joins Main Street Community Foundation Board of Directors**

At Main Street Community Foundation's 25th Annual Meeting, held virtually in March, the Foundation welcomed Andrea Wasley of Plainville to its Board of Directors. Andrea is a lifelong Plainville resident and owner of Plainville Funeral Home.



The Board of Directors plays an essential role in guiding the Foundation's work and Andrea, who will serve a two-year term, will act as a liaison between the Plainville community and the Foundation.

"Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is critical now more than ever that we know the current and emerging needs in each of our communities so that we can respond quickly and effectively," said Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of Main Street Community Foundation, which serves the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. The Foundation has established a COVID-19 Response Fund to rapidly deploy flexible resources to organizations in all communities served affected by the pandemic.

"We are grateful for Andrea's generous commitment of time and the valuable expertise she brings to the Foundation," stated Sadecki. Andrea also serves as a member of the Plainville Community Fund Advisory Council, an endowed fund at the Foundation.

The Community Foundation Board of Directors consists of 21 community leaders charged with ensuring donors' intentions are fulfilled in perpetuity while meeting the needs of the local communities.

#### For more information on Main Street Community Foundation visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org.

The Main Street Community Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for both present and future generations in the communities served by encouraging and promoting gift planning, prudent stewardship of assets, effective grantmaking and community leadership. A nonprofit public charity, created by private citizens, the foundation works with donors in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott who wish to build permanent charitable endowments to support their communities. Since its founding in 1995, the foundation has provided over \$19.3 million in grants and scholarships.

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Saturday 4th of July Have a Wonderful & Safe Summer!! *Remember......Your Anniversary* 

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- 13. Henry Tremblay
- 14.Sharon Fensick
- 15.Tina Shea
- 16. Dan Ciesilski
- 17. John Hardy
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- 19. Pat Lostocco
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- 26. Cindy Fontaine 27. George Fensick
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- 29. Karen Morrison
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- 31. Johanna Chapman
- 32. Rachel Buchanan
- 33. David Buchanan
- 34. Katie Norris
- 35. Gary Eisenhauer
- 36. Gene Mecariello
- 37. Senator Henri Martin

#### Congratulations!

To the winners of the Gift Certificates. The drawing was held July 1st at Gnazzo's Food Center.

#### Better Breathers Club Virtual Telephone Support Group

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If you have COPD, Lung Cancer, Pulmonary Fibrosis or any chronic lung disease, you are invited to participate in the Better Breathers Club through the American Lung Association. Caregivers are also welcomed to join the call. Date: Wednesday, July 22 at 1pm Topic: How to Communicate with your Physician Post-COVID Speaker: Jane Reardon, MSN, RN, Clinical Nurse Specialist. CALL TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT – A CONFERENCE PHONE NUMBER AND PASSCODE WILL BE

GIVEN. Please RSVP to Laura Falt @ 860.335.7526.

### Plainville Property Tranfers

**40 Betsy Rd:** Allevo Louis F Jr Est and Gail Goodrich of Plainville to Peter Delfino \$115,275 on 5/12/ 2020

**S Washington St:** Samantha Grable of Plainville to Samuel E. Mcphee, \$215,000 on 5/15/2020

**Woodside Ln:** Joanne M. Ferguson of Plainville to Natasha Miles, \$279,000 on 5/11/2020

**38 Woodside Ln:** NRZ REO V2 LLC of Plainville to Caldera Investments LLC \$143,500 on 5/13/2020

**90 Diamond Ave:** Ralph Hungerford of Plainville to Joanne Ferguson, \$165,000 on 5/18/2020

**17 Farmington Ave. Unit 14** Adam Pelletier of Plainville to Carlos G. Quinones, \$57,000 on 5/18/2020

**28 North St Unit 4,** Matthew R. Ainsworth of Plainville to Brian J, Casale, \$130,000 on 5/20/2020

**117 Tomlinson Ave.** Olson Ruth K. Est and Kathleen Pendell of Plainville to Tyler A. Agostini, \$138,800 on 5/18/2020

**62 Twining St:** Scott E. Daniels of Plainville to Kelley L. Mountzoures and Andrew J. Koskovich, \$185,000 on 5/20/2020

**160 Camp St:** House Ventures LLC of Plainville to Godwin A Yankson \$189,900 on 5/26/2020

**3 Sandstone Rd Unit3:** Nicholas B. and Erica B. St. Pierre of Plainville to Adrian Salmon, \$354,000 on 5/26/2020

**71 White Oak Ave Unit B1:** Jason R. Gravel of Plainville to Marjorain Loyolafortney and Andrew L Brackett, \$120,000 on 5/26/2020

**22 Carol Dr:** Edward P. Strawhince of Plainville to Husam Noury, \$352,000 on 6/2/2020

24 Carol Dr: Edward P. Strawhince of Plainville to Husam Noury, \$352,000 on 6/2/2020 26 Carol Dr: Edward P. Strawhince of Plainville to Husam Noury, \$352,000 on 6/2/2020 East St: Christopher Barone of Plainville to Arnold Blackman, \$109,000 on 6/1/2020 Hemingway St: Nicholas S. Bokon of Plainville to Victor M. Martinez and Nicole D. Lheureux, \$260,000 on 6/3/2020 Linden St: Matthew H. Kosma of Plainville to Richard P. Paskowski, \$182,000 on 6/5/2020 11 Macarthur Rd: Andrew Marotta of Plainville to Tracie A. DelVaglio, \$230,000 on 6/5/2020

## & Spouse's Birthday!

Take a peek... 📚 🍯

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A sincere Thank You to everyone that purchased tickets to help support the local restaurants with this event.

> "Have a Wonderful Summer and Stay Safe!!"

Due to Government Guidelines, we have had to reschedule our events. They are as follows:

Pizza Feud, Oct 7th at VFW Annual Dinner, August 26th Annual Golf Tournament September 28th at Tunxis Plantation Please don't hesitate to call or email any concerns to 860-747-6867 or info plainvillechamber.com The Plainville Chamber of Commerce

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## **Robert E. Lee, Town Manager's Report to Town Council JUNE 2020 Meetings**

#### June 1, 2020

#### 4th Quarter Transfers and **Additional Appropriations**

- Finance Director Rob Buden is finalizing the necessary transfers and additional appropriations to close out FY20 which ends on June 30th. He expects to complete this work early next week.
- Under New Business is a motion to establish a Public Hearing on June 15th for the 4th Quarter Additional Transfers and Appropriations for FY21.

#### **Revenue Collector's Suspense List**

- In accordance with Connecticut State Statutes, the Revenue Collector has prepared the Suspense List of those taxes that are considered "uncollectable". These "uncollectable" taxes fall into four main categories namely: motor vehicles, personal property, real estate and deceased persons.
- The amount recommended for the suspense list totals \$181,847.97. Once the suspense list is approved efforts will still be taken to collect these taxes. Efforts will include engaging a collection agency, town attorney and Town constables. In fact, over \$33K was collected in delinquent taxes and interest from last year's suspense list.
- There is an item under New Business the regarding recommended Suspense List.

#### **COVID-19 Update**

There will be updates regarding summer camp, pool operations, group playgrounds and gatherings.

#### **Summer Schedule**

The Town Council has historically reduced the number of regular meetings during the summer months. Town staff is suggesting that the Town Council consider cancelling the meetings held on the first Mondays during the months of July (6th), August (3rd) and September (8th)

#### June 15, 2020 **WPC Air Conditioning Units**

The three air conditioners at the treatment plant need to be replaced. They are over 20 years old, have had numerous

- Additionally, they have always been very responsive when problems occur. Finally, they are a Plainville company and the difference in the bid was only \$12.
- If the Town Council decides to accept the recommendation of the WPC Superintendent, the procedure would be to reject all of the bids that were received and then make a motion to waive the bid process and award the contract to Perfect Temp of Plainville in the amount of \$26,562.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

#### Sale/Assignment of Tax Lien

- Several months ago the Town Council authorized the sale of tax liens for two properties owned by A. Aiudi & Sons located on Camp Street. The motion was contingent on an amount that was calculated through the end of March. For various reasons, including issues surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic, that date of sale was not achieved.
- According to Atty. Mastrianni, the tax lien sale is ready to move forward this month. If the Town Council still wishes to move forward with the sale of the tax lien, a new motion needs to be considered as additional interest has accrued in the interim.
- There is an item under New Business that would authorize the sale of the tax liens on certain properties owned by A. Aiudi & Sons in the amount of \$302,397.64 through June 30, 2020. This is approximately \$14K more than what was previously approved.
- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council re-authorize the assignment of the tax liens with the increased amount.

#### **CARES Act Grant**

- Recently the FAA announced that Robertson Airport was eligible to receive a \$30K grant through the CARES Act. The monies can be used for various purposes including operating expenses and maintenance items.
- In order to move forward the Town Council, acting as the governing body, must authorize the Town Manager to execute the

operate more efficiently and communicate more effectively, fueling better strategic decision making and increased levels of community support".

- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council consider moving forward with the ClearGov Budget Suite and the ClearGov Insights Suite.
- The Annual Fee for these two programs is \$17,450. This includes a bundled savings of \$7,300 and the "set-up" fee is waived (\$7,200) if a contract is signed by June 30, 2020.
- Although this was not budgeted in the FY21 Budget, there are several options that could be utilized to move forward, if desired. In the current fiscal year there are monies available in the health insurance line item that could be utilized to pay for these programs. Other options include anticipated health insurance savings in the FY21 budget as well as making some adjustments to the CIP line item for the fiber project.
- None above of the recommendations would require any "additional appropriations" to the FY21 Budget. They may only require transfers.
- Additionally, my office currently has a graduate intern currently scheduled to work over the summer who could provide most of the time needed to implement/ input the necessary information to get the ClearGov Program up and running. This would allow for Town staff to continue their duties without a significant effort otherwise necessary if an intern was not available.
- In conclusion, the ClearGov Program would give the Plainville residents better transparency with respect to the budget, budget reporting and forecasting. Additionally, it would allow the Town Council to make better budgetary decisions as well by having easier to develop historical information and better forecasting techniques. Finally, such a program would make a more efficient use of town staff time in developing the monthly financial dashboard and the annual budget.

- The Berner Pool is scheduled to open this Saturday.
- The summer camp program is currently full with 30 campers for weeks 1 and 2 and 40 campers for the remaining weeks.

#### **Financial Dashboard**

The Dashboard was included in your meeting package and was posted on the Town website late last week.

#### HAPPENINGS - 6/15/20

#### **YOUTH SERVICES**

Plainville Youth Services is offering a discussion group for young people who would like a safe place to talk about their feelings, concerns, anger and confusion over the current events happening in the country. The group, Coping with Racism and Current Events is for Middle and High School students and will be held on Google Meets on Tuesdays at 3:00 PM. It will be facilitated by Roberta Brown and Candyce Scott from Youth Services and anyone interested can contact Roberta Brown at 860 793-0221 ext. 261 or brownr@plainvilleschools. org.

#### TAX AND ASSESSING

Tax bills were mailed out today, June 15th. Please note that there is no mill rate increase this year. For public safety, a self-addressed stamped envelope in included so residents can pay by mail. Also, if paying online by check, Webster bank has cancelled the electronic payment fee through October 31. If paying online by credit card, there will be a 3rd party fee that neither the town nor the bank can cancel. Finally, included with the tax bill is information about interest deferral.

#### FIRE MARSHAL / EMERGENCY SERVICES

A reminder that CBIA's free PPE for small businesses, nonprofits and places of worship is continuing until supplies run out. Delivery of available supplies will be coordinated by the Plainville Fire Marshal. Request masks through the CBIA portal: https://www.ctcovidresponse.org/ request-masks-for-ct-small-business

#### LIBRARY

The current plan is for the Plainville Public Library to open in late July.

In the meantime, the library is available to serve the community with the following services:

repairs and are currently out of order. Bids were solicited by Superintendent Joe Alosso and three proposals were received.

- The low bid in the amount of \$26,550 was submitted by North Star Service of Southington. The second low bid was submitted by Perfect Temp of Plainville in the amount of \$26,562.
- Joe Alosso is recommending that Perfect Temp of Plainville be awarded the contract because they have been servicing the air conditioning units since 2003 with no increase in their hourly rates.

grant on behalf of the Town.

There is an item under New Business that would authorize the Town Manager to execute the CARES Act Grant Offer in the amount of \$30K for Robertson Airport.

#### **ClearGovProposal Recommendation**

- A work session on the ClearGov Software System was held at the May 18, 2020 Town Council meeting. The mission statement for ClearGov includes: "to build a community of transparent, datadriven, modern governments... help local governments to
- There is an item under New **Business** regarding this recommendation.

#### **COVID-19 Update**

- To date 160 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Plainville out of 45,088 across the State.
- Plainville Library improvements need to be made to the inside of the building before it can be opened to the public. This will probably not occur until mid to late July. Services currently available to the residents will be discussed under "Happenings".

- Curbside pickup of reserved library materials Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm. Starting Saturday, June 20th, the building foyer will also be open on Saturday for pickups only from 10am-noon.
- Free online access to downloadable library materials such as e-books, audiobooks, magazines, music, movies and TV shows.
- Free online access to Ancestry. com, Consumer Reports, Mango foreign language learning, JobNow, and more resources.

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UNABLE TO ATTEND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS? If you have an issue you would like to discuss with the Council or a Councilor? CALL: 860-793-0221 ext. 205 Leave your name and phone number and ask for a Councilor to contact you.

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• Free Wi-Fi Internet access, open 24/7 in the library parking lot. Network is PPL and the password is Plainville.

Call the library at (860) 793-1446 or (860) 793-1450 for Youth Services.

#### SENIOR CENTER

Although the Senior Center is closed for in-person programs and activities, staff is available by phone during regular business hours.

The Senior Center continues to offer on-line programming for Seniors. Some of the classes/programs require a computer, tablet or smart phone, some can be done by telephone. Programs and classes include: Chair Fitness Classes with Jared, Silver Sneakers Chair Exercise Class, Telephone Bingo, Veterans Coffee Hour, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group and Caregivers Support Group and more. Please call the Senior Center to register and/or for additional information, 860-747-5728.

#### 2020 CENSUS

As of 6/14/2020, Plainville reached a 71.5% self-response rate. The National rate is 61.4% and CT's rate is 64.8%

Residents are urged to respond online at www.2020census.gov.

## 2020 Census

While you are sitting at home, take the time to complete the 2020 Census!

Your response matters and Plainville is hoping to have 100% participation in the Census. Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities, they determine how many seats in Congress each state gets, and it's mandated by the US Constitution. There are three ways to complete your census: online, by phone (844-330-2020) or by mail.

#### www.2020census.gov

#### **Property Transfer from Pg 3**

**50 Metacomet Rd:** Lee H. and Lauren L Akins of Plainville to Lusine Lopez, \$179,900 on 6/1/2020

**69 Northwest Dr: Unit 28**: Jason Mcdonnell of Plainville to Thomas C. Kosieradzki, \$145,000 on 6/1/2020

**14 Phelan St:** Debbie A. Roy-Stonehill of Plainville to Alex Speakman and Anastasia Dzikas, \$277,000 on 6/1/2020

**189 Redstone Hill Rd:** Jacqueline M. Lazorik of Plainville to Jeanne Radcliff,

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#### TAX AND ASSESSING

Sewer bills are due June 1, 2020. If taxpayers have applied for the deferment program under the Governor's Executive Oder then the due date is August 1, 2020. Taxpayers can send their bills in by mail, deposit into the Dropbox outside, or pay online. ACH fees of \$1.50 per transaction have been waived by Webster Bank from now until October 31, 2020.

On April 20, 2020 the Plainville Town Council voted to adopt a deferral program for property tax relief during COVID-19 pandemic. the This program is an extended grace period program. What is "deferred" is not the tax but rather the last day to pay without interest. The deadline is deferred, not the tax. Eligible taxpayers are entitled to defer their payment deadline until 3 months from the tax due date, instead of the usual 30 days. An application is required for the deferment. The criteria to be eligible is as follows:

**Resident:** My household has suffered a reduction in income of at least 20% due to COVID-19. Since March 10, 2020, I have been either (1) been furloughed without pay; (2) had my hours significantly reduced; or (3) am unemployed. This has resulted in at least a 20% reduction in my household income.

Proof of Residency is attached (i.e. a copy of driver's license, utility bill, or other proof of residency)

Per the Governor's Executive Order 7S escrowed taxes are not eligible for the deferment.

### **Transfer Station**

Due to the upcoming holiday, the transfer station will be closed Saturday, July 4th. It will reopen Saturday, July 11th for the remaining season. Hours are 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Plainville residents only with proper identification

### All Class Reunion Canceled

Due to uncertainty and risks with Covid 19, the class of 1970 has regretfully decided to cancel the 2020 annual All Class Reunion at the VFW in September. The Class of 1970 will keep us informed about the "All Class Reunion" in 2021.

Stay Safe!! Karen Maher, Class of 1970

#### Mohegan Sun Supports the Physical and Mental Health of Guests as Casino & Resort Reopen for Business Partnership with CT Council on Problem Gambling Ensures Increased Player Protection

- As the Mohegan Tribe has reopened portions of their reservation, including the Mohegan Sun entertainment destination, new safety protocols and operating procedures have been established to protect guests and employees. Working to ensure not only the physical but also the mental health of their guests, Mohegan Sun has recommitted support for the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling (CCPG), continuing a decades-long partnership. This support comes in the form of annual funding and partial sponsorship of CCPG's Annual Conference scheduled for October. The funding also helps to support the Problem Gambling Helpline, which offers support around the clock for those seeking help.

CCPG partners with Mohegan Sun to provide information and resources to their players about responsible and problem gambling. Employees are trained to spot the signs of problem gambling and direct players to the appropriate resources.

"We are grateful to Mohegan Sun for their continued support of CCPG and for providing the opportunity to share relevant resources with their patrons and encouraging responsible gaming habits," Diana Goode, Executive Director of CCPG says. "While most people can gamble safely without any negative repercussions, we estimate that 1-3% of Connecticut residents meet the clinical criteria for disordered gambling, which can be absolutely devastating to individuals and families."

#### About the CCPG:

The Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling (CCPG) is a non-profit organization focused on preventing problem gambling and helping those who may be impacted. CCPG does not advocate for or against gambling but is committed to working with all stakeholders to help individuals and families dealing with this issue.

CCPG provides Connecticut's only 24-hour Problem Gambling Helpline, offering support via phone, live online chat, and text. We also implement prevention and education programs serving schools, military and veterans, and priority populations.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call the Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-888-789-7777, text CTGAMB to 53342, or visit www. ccpg.org/chat for confidential help.

#### **About Mohegan Sun:**

Owned by Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment, Mohegan Sun is one of the largest, most spectacular entertainment, gaming, dining and shopping destinations in the United States. Situated on 185 acres along the Thames River in scenic southeastern Connecticut, Mohegan Sun is home to two unique casinos, 1,600 deluxe hotel rooms, two world-class spas, a golf course, over 80 shops, restaurants and bars as well as three award-winning entertainment venues including a 10,000-seat Arena. More information is available by calling 1.888.226.7711 or visiting mohegansun.com. Connect with us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and Instagram @mohegansun, view us on YouTube and find us on Snapchat at username MoheganSun.

#### \$233,900 on 6/5/2020

**335 Woodford Ave:** Fensick Stella M Est and George J. Fensick of Plainville to Sebastiano and Gaspare Gervasi, \$120,000 on 6/1/2020

**8 Beckwith Dr:** USA HUD of Plainville to Yanira Zenon, \$121,987 on 6/9/2020 **Broad St:** Chester E. Mal of Plainville to Ronald J. and April Dievert, \$283,000 on 6/8/2020

80 Metacomet Rd: Patrick and Brynn Odea of Plainville to Aimee E. Leger,
\$236,000 on 6/9/2020
53 W. Broad St: Fei Chen and Hui L Li of Plainville to Kyle Marquez and Justin C. Rivard-Marquez, \$190,000 on 6/9/2020
365 Woodford Ave Unit 33: Aimee E. Leger of Plainville to Bryan Macdonald,
\$101,500 on 6/9/2020.

#### PLAINVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL

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

S2 Biagio D. Ciotto – U.S. Navy SP4 Joseph Dellaquilla – U.S. Army SFC Biagio D. Ciotto – U.S. Army

The Memorial Wall is located on the main floor of the Plainville Municipal Center adjacent to the Town Clerk's Office. Visitors may view the Wall during normal business hours. If you are interested in adding a Veteran's name to the Wall, applications are located in the Municipal Center, Senior Center, American Legion Post 33, and VFW Post 534.



Location: Rear of Marian Heights Backyard Garages 314 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, CT 06053





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### The following is chapter 1 of a series called "Incremental Islam," brief lessons on what non-Muslims need

#### to know. By: Jane Bates

Mohammed lived in Saudi Arabia in the 600's AD as a trader who claimed divine revelation from the angel Gabriel which was then recorded in the Koran.

When we think of religion we think of the Golden Rule, tolerance, love and forgiveness. Sharia law micro-manages daily life, from how to brush your teeth to how to treat women, gays and non-Muslims. When Muslims say that Islam is a religion of peace, they mean there will be peace when the whole world lives under Sharia law with no freedom of religion or freedom of speech. Contrary to what we're often told, Islam does not mean 'peace,' but rather 'submission' to the will of Allah.

Islam is a political, judicial and militaristic system made victorious by military expansion. The Islamic calendar begins with Mohammad's migration to Medina, Saudi Arabia. He was a peaceful preacher in Mecca, then in Medina he attacked trade caravans and killed many Jewish tribes, on the way to fulfilling his holy obligation to make Islam the only religion in the world. Mohammed called jihad the best action a Muslim can perform. "I have been ordered to wage war against mankind until they accept that there is no god but Allah and that they believe that I am His prophet..."

Muslims divide humanity into the house of Islam, and the house of war. Allah allows for acts of violence to propel Islam to power. The Koran says that Muslims are the 'best of created beings' while unbelievers are the 'most vile creatures,' removing empathy for non-Muslims.

Islam can never be questioned or criticized. Like treason, leaving Islam may be punishable by death.

#### **INCREMENTAL ISLAM – 2**

The point must be made that these chapters on Islam are not intended to be critical of all Muslims, though they are highly critical of the ideology of Islam with its multifarious human rights abuses. Since Muslims may be killed for apostatizing (leaving Islam), it stands to reason that Muslims who believe in western freedoms may feel trapped within Islam.

Our initial chapters will endeavor to educate the reader on the hazards of electing Muslim legislators in non-Muslim countries. The failure of citizens of western countries to thoroughly understand this will lead to our demise as free countries. An excellent source of information on this subject is Islamic Doctrine Versus the U.S. Constitution: The Dilemma for Muslim Public Officials by Dr. Stephen Kirby, and a great resource for the truth of Islamic law is the Reliance of the Traveller.

First, Muslims are obligated to place sharia (Islamic law) above all manmade law so, when sharia conflicts with our Constitution, Muslim legislators will not choose the Constitution.

Second, Muslims are obligated to deceive non-Muslims whenever deception will help to reach an obligatory goal such as spreading Islam. Given the innumerable human rights abuses which are legal in Islam – death for apostasy, beating of wives, killing of gays, and so much more - honesty would almost never win converts. Imagine the damage done by this level of deception at work in our governmental bodies at all levels, from the local to the state and federal governments! Naturally, there are Muslims in the west who are here to escape sharia, not to spread it; given, though, that such a stance is entirely un-Islamic and would by viewed by Muslims as apostasy, how long would that legislator remain alive?

Our next chapter will discuss the problems presented by the First Amendment.

## FROM MY BALCONY By Jeannette Hinkson

Again today I watched the news and the coverage of the aftermath of the riots, looting and burning around the world brought on by the killing, or should I say murder of George Floyd, the wrongful death of a person suspected of trying to pass a phony twenty dollar bill.

Was this officer wrong? YES! There are many killings around the world that should be addressed but the burning and pillaging of business helps no one and the only thing it says is you have the right to steal and hurt everything and everyone around you.

I have known many in law enforcement and some of those felt when they put on that uniform they were God and their word was it but by my way of looking at things, thank God, the majority of those in law enforcement are there to help the people and their neighbors live a better life. They answer a call not knowing what they are walking into and fly by the seat of their pants. They might have to draw their weapon on a friend, neighbor or even a relative; do you think that's a pleasant feeling?

Today, I watched a young woman speak before Congress by the name of Angela Jacobs and I really felt sorry for her. She related the story of the death of her brother killed during the riots. There wasn't a big fancy funeral with a gold casket, paid for by a football star and I doubt if any of you know who her brother was.

He did have a funeral surrounded by family and friends bidding him a fond farewell. I saw no Al Sharpton at that funeral nor did I or anyone see TV coverage of that event.

Where was the media? I saw no outcry about his death. Why? You see Angela's brother was a black policeman from California killed by some thugs while they robbed and burned businesses.

Let's be honest, everyone should be equal and until we can stop the hate nothing is going to change. Stop looking at others just trying to find a problem and instead..... lend a helping hand.

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of information on Islam will be listed occasionally in "Incremental Islam.

Jane Bate and Bryan Hermansdorfer belong to several patriotic organizations, and are passionate about fighting

human rights abuses and protecting all Americans' Constitutional freedoms. The articles in "Incremental Islam" deal with sharia (Islamic law), and not Muslims per se. Their primary source of these laws is the Reliance of the

Traveller, a well known and respected book that is found in many mosques, and is certified by Al-Azhar University

in Cairo (the seat of Sunni jurisprudence), the Muslim Brotherhood (via IIIT) and others. Other wonderful sources



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## To Your Health

## Struggling By: Linda Coveney

Normally I like to write a light, summer fun, enjoy nature and fresh fruits and vegetables article for this July/August edition.

This year is different ways that no one could have imagined. 2020 is a year of great struggle.

"We are all in this together" was shattered with the stark reality of the horrific 8 minute 46 second video that changed everything.

I'm outraged by the callousness of the deadly actions that literally squeezed the life from George Floyd. I can't wrap my head around what would make a person do such a heinous act.

Social media tends to tell us what to say, what to think and that the absence of our voice makes us part of the problem. I struggled with how to express my voice at this time.

I reached out to a friend, a black woman, to see how she was doing. Her words clarified for me the actions I need to take. The anxiousness in her voice made me realize just how



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long she has been subjected to racial injustice and how much it hurt. She was sad, angry and overwhelmed.

#### Here is the advice she gave me:

1) Be open to call people out to address injustice. While everyone is entitled to their opinions, they are not entitled to encroach on others' basic rights. Be clear when actions or words are "not okay".

2) Reach out and ask, "what can I do". Be vulnerable.

- 3) Advocate on our behalf.
- 4) Understand who we are, our culture and our life of systemic racism.

Many years ago, I attended training on lean manufacturing from a Japanese consultant. The interpreter offered to give us a separate seminar on the culture of Japan. We had a sidebar on the lack of equality for the women on Japan. She told me something that I will never forget. "If you want to change the culture, you have to change the language".

It's not enough to have diversity training – believe me I attended many. It is the conversations, understanding and authentic actions we take that will make a difference. Black Lives Matter.

## AAA Speaks Out:

A Deadly Intersection on

#### CT Roads

The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day has come to be known as the '100 Deadliest Days' because there is a sharp increase in the number of fatal crashes involving teen drivers.

But this year there is concern that, because of Covid-19, the risk could be even greater. The combination of schools closed, activities curtailed, summer jobs canceled, and restrictions being lifted could mean that young, inexperienced drivers are spending even more time behind the wheel – putting everyone else at greater risk.

More often than not, the victim of teen driver-involved fatal crashes is not the teen driver, but a passenger, someone in another vehicle, a pedestrian or a cyclist so this is an issue that impacts us all.

Even before the 100 Deadliest Days began, fatal crashes across the state were up more than 35% this year as compared to last year – despite there being far fewer drivers on the roads. State police cite speeding as a significant contributing factor.

The quarantine has been difficult for parents and teens but it is critical that our young drivers continue to abide by Connecticut's Graduated Driver Licensing laws. We have already seen the tragic consequences of not doing so.

"Parents remain the best line of defense to keep everyone safe behind the wheel," says Amy Parmenter, spokesperson for AAA in Greater Hartford. "It's never too soon to educate teens on the dangers of distracted driving, speeding, and the impairing effects of alcohol and marijuana. But we can't just tell teens about the dangers. We must also refrain from engaging in risky driving behaviors and ensure we are modeling good behavior."

#### To keep roads safer this summer, AAA encourages parents to:

- Talk with teens early and often about abstaining from dangerous behavior behind the wheel, such as speeding, impairment and distracted driving.
- Teach by example, and minimize risky behavior when driving.
- Establish a parent-teen driving agreement that sets family rules for teen drivers.
- Conduct at least 50 hours of supervised practice driving with their teen.

#### We are all in this

#### AARP Plainville Chapter #4146 President's Message:

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In the past few months, Covid-19 has taken much of our joy. Being unable to see each other at our meetings, to hug a friend, or to participate in trips and events has left me with an emptiness in my heart and spirit. Also, during this hiatus, without incoming funds, we have been unable to make donations to our Chapter's deserving projects.

This has been a difficult time for all of us as we continue to socially isolate and follow the guidelines of the CDC and our Governor.

I have dearly missed the friendships, camaraderie, smiles and laughter of our meetings. I greatly look forward to us returning to normal and to gather together again!!

Continue to be safe and well. September 16, will be a joyous meeting!!

The Plainville Chapter includes Bristol, Farmington, New Britain, Southington and other surrounding towns. All are welcome!

Remember our Motto: "To Serve, Not to be Served"

Lois Schmidt, President

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

If you are able, please make a direct monetary donation while we are unable to meet. Both organizations are continuing to provide services and are in need.

The Plainville Community Food Pantry, Inc. P.O. Box 233, 54 South Canal St. Plainville, CT 06062 and South Park Inn, Office of Development, 75 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06106

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#### And Where are They Now?

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### **To All Hometown Readers:**

In case you didn't know the paper is run by "All volunteers", many of them have full time employment and do this as a hobby. We don't have reporters, all the articles are submitted by people that like or want to share news of interest. You are welcome to submit stories of interest by submitting it before the 15th of the month for the following month's issue.

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Ryan LaQuerre and Michael Audi

"Distinguished Community Leadership" - Mr. & Mrs. William & Barbara Petit, Sr.

"Distinguished Women in Business 466 Salon and Spa = Beautification Award:

Flipping and Stones- Marco Palermo and Gabriel Maldonado

Non-Profit of the Year -VFW Post 574: Bob Beveridge =

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#### Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The governor announced limited DMV in-person reopening beginning today Services available in-person, by appointment only, include:

- Licenses and Non-Driver ID Cards (new and renewal)
- Out-of-State Transfers CDL Upgrade HAMDEN OFFICE ONLY
- All DMV in-person services now require an appointment. To schedule an appointment.
- Select services are also accessible online
- Drop-off services are available for select services (limited hours) at the DMV's Danbury, New Britain, Norwich and Old Saybrook locations
- Learner's Permit Knowledge Testing is being done by appointment only at the DMV's Cheshire (Wednesday - Friday) and Wethersfield (Tuesday -Friday) locations. All appointments will be confirmed or canceled by email. Be sure to check your email prior to heading to the DMV
- Extensions provided for renewals of driver's licenses, non-driver ID cards, vehicle registrations, emissions testing and other credentials, expiring between March 10 and July 31. For details, visit CTDMV.info

The Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) recently announced they would extend previously-enacted 90-day extensions to a total of 180 days; Extensions apply to those DMV credentials with expiration dates between July 1, 2020 and July 31, 2020. Late fees related to eligible expired credentials will also be waived during the extension. Deadlines have been extended for:

Licenses, permits and identity cards-Boat registrations-Emissions testing and retesting-Permanent disability placard-Business licenses-Flashing light permits School bus proficiency tests-Link to DMV appointments: https://portal.ct.gov/ DMV/Offices/Offices/Make-an-Appointment. More information can be found at: https://portal.ct.gov/DMV

#### Milling and Resurfacing Project, Route 72 in Plainville

The Connecticut Department of Transportation has announced that a milling and resurfacing project will be performed on Route 72 in Plainville. The project consists of milling and resurfacing a 2.94-mile segment of Route 72 from Route 372 (New Britain Avenue) to Route 372 (Forrestville Avenue).

This project is scheduled to begin milling on Sunday, June 21, 2020 to Saturday, July 11, 2020. The resurfacing segment of this project is anticipated to begin on Monday, July 13, 2020 to Friday, August 14, 2020.

#### No work will be performed the day before or after the July 4th holiday. LANE CLOSURE INFO/DETOUR INFORMATION

Motorists can expect lane closures on Route 72 from Route 372 (New Britain Avenue) to Route 372 (Forrestville Avenue). The regular work schedule for this project is 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (Sunday - Thursday). Traffic control personnel and signing patterns will be utilized to guide motorists through the zone.

**Detour Information:** 

Motorists looking to access New Britain Avenue (Route 372) will be detoured to Exit 1, taking a left onto North Washington Street (Route 177), a left onto West Main Street (Route 372), heading east, back towards New Britain Avenue (Route 372).

Motorists looking to access Exit 3 Woodford avenue will be detoured westerly along I-84 to exit 32, taking a left onto Queen Street (Route 10), and a right onto Woodford Avenue (Route 536).

#### July 4th Flag Retirement

I want to take a moment to let you know that State Senator Henri Martin and I will be collecting worn and tattered flags to donate for proper retirement at the American Legion Post 33.

The July 4th Flag Retirement collection began on Tuesday, June 23 until Tuesday, July 7. Flags can be dropped off at the Plainville Municipal Center located at 1 Central Square, Plainville, CT.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns about the state's response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic, or any other matter pertaining to state government. Stay safe and healthy.

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Sincerely, State Representative William A. Petit Jr. 300 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

#### New Mobile Food Share Site Open at Plainville High School - 47 Robert Holcomb Way Every Other Monday: July 13 & 27; August 10 & 24 - 11:00-11:30 a.m.

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#### THE TEA PARTY **PATRIOTS** WAKE UP AMERICA By: Gene

Don't be taken in by all the drive by main stream media reports, and what the peanut gallery might have missed. Is everybody happy with what's happening? You know the answer" Of course not.

Should all lives matter? A.L.M.??? Not just Black Lives Matter Brown (B) for Hispanic and Latino people Blue (B) for police and all enforcement groups Yellow (Y) for all our oriental groups

Red (R) Native American Indians (L/G/B/T) and all groups alike

And that's why All Lives Matter How easy it was for the Marxist/ Terrorist like, Antifa, Black Panthers, Weatherman and Occupy Wall Street along with the Pandemic Virus to tear down the economy in a short period of time."Woke-up America." Unemployment is at record high. The current lockdown's are ravaging our economy. Many businesses and jobs will never comeback.. Could this be just the tip of the iceberg?

What if continue locking down the nation means causing a great depression lasting a decade or more? What if this economic disaster leads, as history teaches, it can, to the rise of lost of freedom? What if there were consequently millions more deaths from other causes due to economic malaise and decent towards tyranny? What if, in other words, essentially destroy our civilization as we know it?

A good book for referencing known as "THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK" The name is THE COMING INSURRECTION by The Invisible Committee.

It details all the preparation and start of the French Revolution. It explains how an insurrection is not like a plague or a forest fire-lineal process which spreads from place to place after an initial spark. It is a rhythm that which imposes, a way of dispensing and dispersing reality, history and rule of law. Like what happened in Seattle and somewhat on the left coast and spreading as some of the politicians, mayors and governors describe it as a "festival or summer of love." Quote: The Mayor of Seattle. That it's not really protesting it's rioting, torching, looting, and insurrection. This is best as it's described as.

Both Political parties are flawed and straying from American principles and even more than their own. You have a clear choice between Liberal or Conservative or Democrat or Republican take time and choose between. Today more than ever you have to judge elected officials on their principles and actions not by party or personality.

Could this be the turning point of the nation? In about four (4) months you will have your choice.

Could it be the tipping point? Could it be like the animals taking over the animal farm, the inmates taking over the prison? The name of the book is "1984" by George Odwell predictions.

## WOKE UP AMERICA All should fly their American

flags high on the Fourth of July.



## **Replace the Primaries** with Caucuses

## **By:** Francis Rexford Cooley

On August, 11th the State of Connecticut and its 169 towns and cities will conduct the 2020 Presidential Primaries for both the Democrat and Republican Presidential Nominees. The State of Connecticut has a serious budget shortfall. Many Connecticut municipalities face daunting financial issues exacerbated by the Covid-19 crisis. Given that the outcome of the Presidential Primaries is already known having the General Assembly and Governor move Connecticut to a caucus system for the 2020 Presidential Primary election cycle would be a prudent financial move for the State budget and municipal budgets across the state.

President Trump has garnered enough delegates to secure the Republican nomination for President. Former Massachusetts Governor William Weld withdrew from the race in mid-March when it became mathematically impossible to stop the President's renomination. Similarly former Vice-President Joe Biden has clinched the Democrat nomination achieving the number of required delegates this month. Former Vice-President Biden received the endorsement of his last rival for the nomination, Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, in April when it became clear it was "virtually impossible" for anyone but Vice-President Biden to win the nomination.

The vast majority of down ballot races are also secure. The 5th Congressional District race is between Congresswoman Jahana Haves (D) and Republican challenger David X. Sullivan is set for the general election. The 31st Connecticut Senate general election will be between current State Senator Henri Martin (R) and Democrat challenger Mary Fortier. The 22nd House District has Representative William Petit (R) currently running unopposed in the general election. Why should the town of Plainville spend monies on a primary election that has already been decided? Numerous municipalities in the State face the same circumstances.

Given the unique situation the Covid-19 crisis has created financially for the State and the fact Governor Lamont has unilaterally postponed the Presidential Primary date twice to a date which effectively has already made the results of that primary irrelevant to the nominating process it would seem to be an undue burden to the taxpayers of municipalities to have elections that have literally no bearing upon the outcome of whom will be selected to run in the general election. The General Assembly by temporarily switching Connecticut to a caucus system for 2020 would save the taxpayers of the State millions of dollars and still allot Connecticut's delegates to the Democrat and Republican national conventions. It is an idea worth discussion and consideration.

### PLAINVILLE SPORTS HALL OF FAME ~ **DINNER CANCELLED** ~ FOUNDERS AWARD WINNERS NAMED

The Board of Directors of the Plainville Sports Hall of Fame has decided to cancel this year's Induction Dinner, due to the uncertainties and concerns surrounding the COVID-19 virus. The Board would like to apologize for any inconvenience this decision may create, but was made with the utmost caution regarding the safety of everyone who supports our event. We look forward to next year's event where we can again celebrate the successes of the Class of 2021.

In spite of the event cancellation, the Plainville Sports Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce that the Byron J. Treado, III Founders Award was increased to provide two \$1,000 awards, to a graduating male and female student athlete who has demonstrated the ability to balance academics and athletics while placing the team above themselves. We are pleased to announce that the 2020 award winners are Vanessa Xiques and Tyler Mandeville.





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CPOA of Plainville CPOA/Citizens and Property Owners of Plainville is a civic minded group of residents of Plainville. They meet monthly the first Tuesday of every month, 7 PM at the Plainville Library. They discuss local issues and concerns whether it be in private neighborhood or a town issue affecting everyone. The public is invited to attend.

## The Benefit Fairs at the VFW Hall

Northwest Dr. (Off RT 10 on Farmington town line) Plainville, CT are restarting on July 19, 2020.

#### All CDC protocols will be followed for attendees and vendors with BOTH indoor and outdoor booths.

Attendees may learn about health and wellness products and services. The event will be open from 12 Noon until 4pm. Indoor limitations will be in place for physical distancing criteria to be followed. We do ask for a cash (\$5 suggested) donation to the Plainville Food Pantry since they are not yet able to

## collect canned or boxed goods at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions. If you are able to give a cash donation it will be used for client needs.

There will be approximately 45 readers and vendors with products and services on display.

#### A FREE RAFFLE will be held at 2PM at front entrance.

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#### **STATEWIDE** BENEFIT HOLISTIC EXPO Sunday, August 23, 10AM-5PM

Hosted by The Holistic Community Professionals.Org

The DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Bristol, CT *All CDC Protocols will be followed for attendees and exhibitors.*  **FREE to ATTEND**—We will be collecting any donations for CT Children's Medical Center (https://www.connecticutchildrens.org/) and Hartford Hospitals Integrative Medicine- Angie's Spa fund (http://www.angiesspa.org/). All funds will be used directly for patient care and will be matched to the

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## **Ceiling Fan Aren't Just for Function**

#### By Laura Davis, Owner of the Light Hangar Company

Ceiling fans were originally invented in the late 1880s and popularity steadily increased throughout the first half of the 20th Century. However, the introduction of air conditioning in the 1950s gave ceiling fans a dip in popularity. In the 1970's they had another resurgence due to the energy crisis and since then, ceiling fans have literally become a constant "fixture" in most homes. Here's why ceiling fans are so important and popular in households today:

Ceiling Fans Cool People: Spoiler Alert! Ceiling fans don't actually cool the air; they create air movement to cool YOU down. If the temperatures aren't too warm, a gentle breeze in your living room, bedroom, even outside living areas can be refreshing. When the temperatures continue to climb though, you might need to turn on your air conditioning system. Ceiling fans still can be of use to add to your home's efficiency. While an air conditioner can chill the air, a ceiling fan can circulate it throughout your room. In doing so, it can allow you to increase the temperature setting a degree or two because the air movement makes you feel cooler. A higher setting means your air conditioner won't operate as much, reducing your overall utility bills.

Year-round use: You might think ceiling fans are just for summer use. Not true. Most ceiling fans have a switch on the base that allows the blades to reverse, pulling air up instead of filtering it down. By doing this, it can recirculate warmed air, making your furnace run more efficiently and making you feel warmer.

Versatile placement: Ceiling fans are for every room! Ceiling fans now come in all different styles and sizes so you can install them in bedrooms, kitchens, porches, or any room that you need air circulation. It is not a faux pas anymore for using ceiling fans anywhere and everywhere.

Design: Ceiling fans are not just for function anymore. Ceiling fan design has taken a huge leap forward over the last decade. Current styles range from Rustic, Victorian, and Traditional to Modern, Contemporary and Transitional. The design can be seen throughout all parts of the fixture from the canopy, to the blades and the lighting kit.

Modern Convenience: Technology has come a long way since the early days of the ceiling fan. While you can still find fans that simply hang from the ceiling, providing light and air circulation, many modern ceiling fans come equipped with other conveniences too. Remote control options allow you to adjust the fan speed and turn the lights on or off from the comfort of your couch or bed. Some of these are also accessible via an app that controls adjustments from your phone or other mobile device.

Safe to say that you'll be able to find a ceiling fan to fit your style and space.







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## **Petit Family Foundation Awards** The Petit Women "Be The Change" **Community Service Award**



The Petit Women "Be the Change" Community Service Awards were handed out to the winners on Monday, June 15th. The awards are presented by the Petit Family Foundation and are given to Plainville High School and Cheshire High School students.

The awards create a program that formally recognizes and encourages community service in honor of the activism of the Petit women, Jennifer Hawke-Petit, Hayley Elizabeth Petit and Michaela Rose Petit. Those chosen to receive the awards are members of the student body at each school who make the effort physically and emotionally to help others. Each winner is given an award and in addition is able to select a 501(c)(3) charity to which the Petit Family Foundation will make a donation to in the student's name.

#### The winners from Plainville High School are Ashlev Hernandez and Emma Lopez.

Ashley is a senior and participated in the junior volunteer program at Bristol Hospital. She is interested in pursuing a career as a nurse or physician assistant. Her community service at the hospital helped her to gain insight into the medical field while also helping to take care of those in her community. Her charity of choice is the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving COVID-19 Response Fund. Emma is also a senior at Plainville High School. Emma volunteered at her parish, St. George Armenian Church. She is the Chairperson of the youth group, Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA). The group gives back to local communities by making food and collecting clothes for homeless shelters, making "blessing bags" for children who are in the Hartford Children's Hospital and by organizing charity events to help those in need. Her charity of choice is the Armenian Eye Care Project, which helps to end blindness and to treat underprivileged children in Armenia with eye diseases.

#### The winner from Cheshire High School is Sagarika Srinivasan.

Sagarika is a freshman who initiated and implemented the ProjectCSGIRLS Chapter in Connecticut. ProjectCSGIRLS is a non-profit organization which works to cultivate a love for technology and computer science for middle school girls and encourages them to pursue careers and interests in those fields. Sagarika created lessons on technology and computer science topics and presented workshops in her community. Her charity of choice to support is ProjectCSGIRLS.

The Petit Family Foundation is proud to present these awards and to recognize the accomplishments of these well deserving young women. We wish them all the best.

## **Plainville Rotary Club**



The Petit Family Foundation gives out three awards every year through the Plainville Rotary Club. Two of those awards are given to students who exemplify the mission statement of the Foundation. The third is given in honor of Dennis D. Chapman who developed Michaela's Garden Project to memorialize his niece, Michaela and to encourage community service.

This year's Petit Family Foundation awards were given to Jordan Greene and Kaylie Hall (not pictured). The Dennis D. Chapman award was given to Alexis Ludko (not pictured).

The William A. Petit and Barbara T. Petit award is given by their five children to honor their parents' devotion to family, work and community. The award is given to a student who has a proven track record of volunteerism and solid work ethic. This year it was proudly awarded to Olivia Wazorko.

### **PETIT FAMILY FOUNDATION 5K GOES VIRTUAL IN 2020!**



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Petit Family Foundation 5k has been moved to a Virtual Race this Summer of 2020. You can run the PFF Road Race course or a course of your own. Participants will be able to submit a finish time from July 19th thru August 3rd. A \$5 Entry Fee includes free digital race bib for you to download. Be sure to submit your finish time using the RESULTS tab.

The Foundations funds are given to foster the education of young people, especially women in the sciences; to improve the lives of those affected by chronic illnesses, and to support efforts to protect and help those affected by violence.

Your contributions to the Petit Family Foundation provide the resources we need for the grants, sponsorships and donations (PFF Grants Awarded) that we continue to make in support of those in need. We hope that you will join us in our virtual race! **Bob Heslin, Race Director** 

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Linden

Student Creates

Poster

Linden Street School second grader Kaylin Doiron created this poster as part of a project in Joan Corey's class at Linden where students artistically depicted their favorite parts of second grade. The fire truck represents the class Community Field Trip when they visited the Plainville fire station in the fall. On the second grade community field trip, students visit the Plainville Police Department, Fire Department, and Library.



### Linden Street School Receives Special Flag

In the months of November and early December, Ashley Seymour's fourth grade class

at Linden Street School decided to create Christmas/ holiday and thank you cards for a classmate's parent and fellow troop members who serve overseas. The cards were sent to Linden parent / Senior Master Sergeant Christina Glasper, who then sent the care package items to troop members overseas. As a thank you for the students' generosity over the holidays, the fourth grade class received a flag and Certificate of Authenticity from SMSgt Glasper. The flag was flown

### **Dominic Talotta Named** Teacher of the Year 2020



Plainville Community Schools has named Plainville Community Schools Band Director Dominic Talotta as the 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year. Talotta was nominated district by colleague Michael Boncimino.

Talotta has been an educator for 36 years, serving as the Band Director at Plainville High School for the past 24 years, together with serving as the eighth grade Band Director at the Middle School of Plainville for the past 9 years. He has served as the Head Brass Judge for the Connecticut Music Educators Association (CMEA) Northern Regional auditions and adjudicated jazz trumpet auditions for CMEA's northern regional auditions. He also received the Plainville Community Schools Everyday Hero Award in 2017 and 2020.

When asked about his philosophy of teaching, Talotta explained, "Very little of what the band does (8th grade, PHS or Jazz) belongs solely to me; it's not my room, it's our room, our rehearsal, our time together, our accomplishment, our failure - it's our excellence we strive for. If I had a motto of sorts it would be that a good, productive rehearsal has equal amounts of laughs and learning; you walk away smiling from the fun but also content because you know you are better at something than you were when you sat down." And when explaining how he inspires a lifelong love of learning in students, Talotta noted, "Learning has to be enjoyable but the line at where fun ends and the hard work begins or how to mix the two, has to be clear. I

#### Linden Students Learn about Sunflowers



am always also trying to instill in kids skills and an appreciation for music that will always be with them. If they remember that they garnered that appreciation with fond memories of diligence and laughter, that reflection will bring a smile to their faces always."

As Teacher of the Year in Plainville, Talotta will also participate as a candidate for Connecticut's 2020 Teacher of the Year Program. Each district Teacher of the Year will be individually recognized later this year by the Connecticut Department of Education.

"Mr. Talotta represents the perfect balance of attributes that make a teacher truly outstanding. He is a respected expert in his craft and a highly skilled musician and director; yet he also has the gift of teaching, and the ability to convey his expertise with great passion, charisma, humor and pure joy in what he does. Mr. Talotta's greatest strength, and the reason he grew the PHS band from 18 members when he started to well over 100 today, is his genuine care for kids and ability to make every student in his programs feel important and special to him. Research shows, and we can all likely relate from our own experiences, that students remember more about how they feel in a teacher's presence than about the skills and content learned. Mr. Talotta is able to foster both high level skills and strong relationships, and that is why students from decades ago hold such fond memories of their experiences in Mr. Talotta's bands. It is also why students from decades ago continue to talk about how Mr. Talotta forever increased their appreciation of music and love of musical performance. I couldn't be happier for Mr. Talotta being selected as this year's Plainville Teacher of the Year," commented Superintendent of Schools, Steven LePage.

Talotta holds a bachelor of music degree in Music from The University of Hartford – Hartt School of Music and a master's degree in Administration, Supervision and Curriculum Development from Central Connecticut State University. He was honored virtually at the June 8th Plainville Board of Education meeting.

#### **Congratulations to Plainville Community Schools Retirees**

The Plainville Board of Education virtually recognized six retiring teachers and staff members from Plainville Community Schools at their June 8th meeting. The following individuals were recognized:

Jeff Blanchette

over Iraq and Syria during the current Operation Inherent Resolve Combat Mission.



Students in Joan Corey's second grade class at Linden Street School recently learned about sunflowers during a Google Class Meeting. They watched Youtube elapsed time videos with sunflowers, listened to a story about planting a sunflower, and did a directed drawing activity with sunflowers. Plainville High School Music Teacher and Instructional Leader *Al LeSage* Plainville High School Culinary Arts *Jeri Lynn Turkowitz* Plainville High School Psychologist *Rosa Perez* Director of Curriculum, Instruction/Assessment *Frances Graff* Middle School of Plainville Paraprofessional *Cathy Demers* Wheeler School Paraprofessional

# I Pledge Allegíance to the Flag....



CHRISTINA KILEY WINS THOMAS DICORLETO MEMORIAL AWARD



Board Certified Behavior Analyst / Licensed BehaviorAnalyst(BCBA/LBA) and Instructional Leader for PreK - 5 Special Education, Christina Kiley, has been named recipient of the Thomas DiCorleto Memorial Outstanding Service Award, from the Farmington Valley Special Education Directors Association. District colleagues Agnieszka Petlik and Julie Garceau nominated Kiley for the prestigious award which was developed to honor the Farmington Valley Directors' beloved colleague, Tom DiCorleto, former Director of Pupil Services in Granby, and his lifelong commitment to the service of students with special needs.

Elementary School Students in Plainville Participated in "Field Day" During Distance Learning



Linden Street School students Sebastian, Samantha, and Samairy Garcia-Rivera participating in the virtual Field Day activities.



Linden students Jaxson Niedzwiecki, Sophia Hunt and Lucy Hunt participating in the virtual Field Day activities

#### PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION COMPLETES ANNUAL SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

In June the Plainville Board of Education met to conduct the annual evaluation of Superintendent of Schools, Steven LePage. During his first year as Superintendent, Mr. Lepage met with exceptional challenges. His steady leadership provided the Plainville community with the stability and confidence to endure the unprecedented closure of schools as well as several other events that were a struggle for our families and students.

The Board is very pleased with the dedication and commitment Mr. LePage has for Plainville and our students. He has maintained a focus on student achievement while always being mindful of the stress the current reality has placed on staff, students and families.

Mr. LePage is a respected educational leader in Plainville and throughout the state of Connecticut. He has spent six years as the Principal of Plainville High School, three years as Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Plainville, and completed his first year as Superintendent.

The Board understands the importance of providing stable leadership for the school district and we hope to keep Mr. LePage in Plainville for years to come. With this in mind, the Board recognized his current salary was the lowest for a full time Superintendent in Hartford County, and was also well below that of nearby towns in Plainville's District Reference Group (DRG).

The Board voted to approve an extension of Mr. LePage's contract, and to award a 9% increase for the next school year. The Board is aware that this significant increase is an unusual occurrence. As leaders, we believe providing stability and exceptional administration is crucial to keeping Plainville Community Schools strong. It is virtually impossible to quantify the value of our superintendent, but through our evaluation process and reducing the salary gap, we hope to express our respect and high regard for his service.

## ~PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 2020~









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#### PLAINVILLE'S HOMETOWN CONNECTION

JULY/AUGUST 2020



## SHIRLEY OSLE RETIRES after 40+ YEARS



After forty plus years of service to the people of Plainville, Shirley Osle will finely leave the job she dedicated the major portion of her adult life to.

Shirley first started working for the Town of Plainville recording the town meetings and then moved into a position with the building department. Born in upstate New York, Shirley was raised in Puerto Rico and in 1972 came to Plainville where she met the love of her life, Phil Osle. They were married that year and decided to make Plainville the place they would settle and raise their three children.

Moving from department to department, in 1982, she became the secretary to the Town Manager and from there it was only a short step to the position of Assistant Town Manager in 1984. Shirley served our town under four town managers and twice she was called upon to take the helm of running the town when one manager left to take another position and another took ill and passed away.

Shirley did not just work for our town but found time, I don't know how, to serve on the board of the United Way and as President of the Rotary Club. Just in case she had any extra time she represented the town on the Plainville Chamber and the American Red Cross as well as other professional organizations such as the GMIS, IPMA, ICMA, CTCMA, ConnPelra and NPelra. She received awards from YMCA Woman in Leadership as well as receiving The Paul Harris Fellow Rotarian of the Year. Shirley received many other awards during her years of service, too numerous to mention.

Shirley had thoughts of retirement many times, thinking she might spend more time with her children along with her five grandchildren and her husband at the lake but something always came up and she was needed in Plainville. Sadly when her husband Phil passed away three years ago Shirley poured herself into her job and received the help of her fellow workers, towns' people, friends and everyone she has formed a bond with for the past forty years. The job and those friends did indeed help her cushion her grief. Usually when an employee retires there is a retirement party but because of the virus the festivities will be postponed until a later date. Many people stopped by the Municipal Center on June 25th & 26th to wish her well.

Congratulations Shirley, ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT!!!

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## \*\*\*\*\*\*PROCLAMATION\*\*\*\*\* **SHIRLEY OSLE**

WHEREAS, at some point Shirley Osle began working part-time for the

Town of Plainville as a Recording Secretary; and

WHEREAS, it doesn't matter when because it was part-time, and after all, it didn't really count; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 1979, Shirley began full-time employment in the Building & Health Department; and

WHEREAS, because this position was full-time, it did really count; and

WHEREAS, in January of 1982, Shirley moved into the Town Manager's

Office (the best department!) where she soon was promoted to her current position of Assistant Town Manager; and

WHEREAS, Shirley has worn so many hats over the years, but even with the weight of it all, she has always walked tall with her head high doing what needed to get done; and

WHEREAS, Shirley has touched countless lives within the Town and the community; and

WHEREAS, over the span of 40 years Shirley has spent 9,000+ days in the office working on hundreds of projects, attending thousands of meetings and taking thousands of phone calls; and

WHEREAS, through all these years Shirley has made unforgettable memories, wonderful friendships and has enjoyed many good times; and WHEREAS, Shirley will soon find out the trouble with retirement is you never get a day off.

NOW THEREFORE, your co-workers and friends in the Town Manager's Office of the Town of Plainville, who will miss you tremendously, wish you good health and much happiness in retirement and strongly suggest you go out and purchase the following items:

- Balloons To start this retirement off with a BANG! 1.
- 2 Marbles - Go out and buy all the ones you've lost working here
- Permanent Marker To mark the start of your new journey 3.
- Seeds A reminder of all the seeds of knowledge you have sown over 40 vears
- Candle Because your future looks bright 5.
- Gold Leaf Because you are worth your weight in gold
- Confetti Because it's time to start celebrating!!!

## Second Look..In case you missed it...

#### Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Yesterday, the governor, in cooperation with the Commissioner of Education and the Department of Public Health and medical experts, released the framework and guidelines for reopening CT schools in the fall with in-person learning.

We are expecting to receive a more detailed account early next week. However, given the uncertainty of planning for reopening months from now, schools must be prepared to modify their reopening model to support a partial reopening if the public health data changes.

Additionally, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge all of our educators, parents and students who have been so extraordinary in adapting to the best of their ability to virtual learning during the height of the pandemic. It certainly was not easy.

\*\*Download: Executive summary of Connecticut's 2020-21 school planning \*\*Download: Presentation on Connecticut's 2020-21 school planning

More information can be found at: https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/ News/Press-Releases/2020/06-2020/Governor-Lamont-Announces-Plans-forthe-2020-21-School-Year-Amid-the-Ongoing-COVID19-Pandemic

As always, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns about the state's response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic, or any other matter pertaining to state government.

Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely, State Representative William A. Petit Jr.

## We are in a health pandemic and education emergency

Health and safety, as well as access and equity must inform our efforts

#### Developing a plan required input

- Over 23,000 citizens
  - Over 16,000 students
- ReOpen Task Force
- Regional Advisory Teams

#### What we consistently heard:

- Emotional well-being must be considered
- Schools are a structured, safe place in many cases
- Students missed school

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## SHUTDOWN

**CORONA:** The visible shafts of light escaping from around the edges of a dark circle.

The Wuhan flu pandemic has stunningly provided us with the unique opportunity to test drive life under the heel of a totalitarian regime.

Overnight our life changed completely shutdown. Good soldiers most, in fear of our very lives, we comply. All of this was decided on the sayso of a few paperwork medical elites. Two weeks, they said. Instant rules and regulations reigned. Two weeks dragged into months. We all lived it: the empty shelves, the cold solitary burials, home confinement under threat of citizen police who could rat, harass or publicly shame us. Then they closed the churches just before Easter. Some were arrested for worshipping in their car. Graduations were conducted in cars. You get it.

What have I learned from the corona?

(1) Our intricate and brilliant economic system is completely interdependent and surprisingly totally dependent on the participation of each of us. That is obvious. We can lose everything in a matter of days. A house of cards, each piece supports, supplies and/ or supplants the others.

Some operate in the background but we found out that each one is essential to the ultimate delivery of products and services that support America. We have fecklessly entrusted this national treasure to a rag-tag cadre of career politicians and charlatans who have no clue about business, commerce and, all too often, common sense. The health of our national wealth apparatus is basic to the magic of America and the liberty, opportunity for all, and the pursuit of personal happiness agenda. It is fueled by each of us in some way and the forced isolation and loss of your ideas and talents rendered it floundering within days. We need to bear this in mind when we are tempted to take it all for granted. (2) There is a place for cold science "graph and chart" medical administrators who love the TV camera, but they were shamefully flawed on their projections and it cost us. The truth is that medicine is really not a cold science, it is a very warm art.

(3) We need to produce our medication in the United States. I should have figured this out when my medication from China was recalled twice in recent years for containing cancer-causing agents.
(4) I will forever have a supply of toilet paper in my pantry closet *Janice Eisenhauer*

## Letter to Wanda.....

#### Hi! Wanda,

Just a note to let you know I read your column every month and enjoy it very much. You make my day and you are correct, the virus started in China, so I don't see the problem with it, it is just a virus.

Keep up the good work, and God Bless! A loyal fan..... Caroline, Plainville



First I would like to thank the many, many readers that responded to my last column and for all the ideas and feedback they submitted.

Not wanting to slight anyone but one reader wrote that we credit pasta as coming from Italy when it actually was from China.

Those Japanese beetles, we hate so much, weren't brought here by the Japanese but by farmers hoping to help their crops. (Bad idea)

There have been many things named after people that might not deserve the title. Take French pea soup. When my granddaughter was about four, I was serving some French pea soup and asked her if she might like some and after she accepted she said, "You know grandma my cat peed on my bed." Can you imagine this child thinking the two were the same?

From all published reports I am afraid the origin of the latest virus seems to stem from somewhere in China but we will let our state department figure that one out. If anyone has proof of it coming from somewhere else please contact our public health department. I can remember the Korean Flu and even the African sleeping sickness and in our own state we have Lyme disease yet we love Old Lyme, the beaches, the restaurants and the memories of wonderful summers there.

Now, I may not be the sharpest tack in the box so perhaps I can't answer one readers question when I was asked, could we be sure Spanish fly came from Spain? Have a wonderful summer and don't forget to visit Old Lyme, Connecticut!

### Letter from Wanda Critic in its entirety

Very often I find myself at odds with the "Life with Wanda" column. Most times I just shake my head and say a prayer. I have to speak out about the last piece I read that included the phrase "the Chinese flu epidemic. (Hometown, May 2020 edition, page 16) This is wrong. It shows an underlying prejudice and a blaming mentality. Those words have a connotation that the Chinese people are to blame for the pandemic. This is what comes out of the mouths of bullies as they harass innocent Asian Americans. These are the words of haters. These words are not funny. That is the excuse passive aggressive people use as they try to belittle or bully others. And these words are fodder for other haters and bullies. Some people of older generations use words or phrases that are indeed prejudice and yet they have no idea of how rude and incorrect they are. It's the culture they grew up in. I'm hoping that is the case with Wanda.

Annemarie Tanski Plainville

## Message from a: WOMENHEART CHAMPION

## **To All My Sisters by Heart**



I pray you are all doing well during this time. Our Womenheart meetings had been suspended from the beginning of the pandemic until now. Last month our leader Pat set us up with a conference call which was fun. We were able to talk to each other and share problems or

experiences with one another. This month we are going to meet in a park with our masks and social distancing. We will bring our own chairs and snacks and again be able to chat, share and actually see each other again (smile).

This month I have decided to share a recipe I found in the Big Y's "Living Well Eating Smart" booklet. Issue #75 dated 1/11/2018-3/21/2018. The recipe was created by UConn Nutritional Sciences Intern Karley Krodel, July 2017. I have made these muffins and they are really delicious. I hope you will try and enjoy.

#### Whole Wheat Strawberry Beet Muffins Makes 2 dozen

3 cups fresh strawberries

3 cups Big Y unsweetened applesauce

 $3\frac{1}{2}$  cups whole wheat flour

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup Big Y granulated sugar

1 T. Big Y baking powder 2 large Big Y eggs

2 t. Big Y baking soda 1 t. Big Y vanilla extract

2 t. Big Y ground cinnamon 1 cup beets, grated

1 t. Big Y salt

1. PREHEAT oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit and place cupcake liners in muffin tins.

2. RINSE and dice strawberries into small pieces, set aside.

3. In medium bowl, MIX together flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt.

4. In a separate large bowl, COMBINE applesauce, sugar, eggs and vanilla. Stir in beets and all but about <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup strawberries(reserve for topping). NOTE: Smashing strawberries while mixing helps to release juices into the batter.

5. Slowly ADD dry ingredients to wet ingredients.6. SPOON mixture into muffin tins, filling each cup

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> full. Top with reserved strawberries.

7. BAKE for 20 to 25 minutes, or until toothpick inserted into center of muffin comes out clean.

8. Let COOL in tins for 5 minutes. Remove and cool on wire rack completely before eating.

Nutrition Facts per muffin: Calories 91, Total Fat<1g, Saturated Fat 0g, Cholesterol 15 mg, Sodium 275 mg, Carbohydrates 19g, Fiber 3g, Sugar 5g, Protein 3g.

My thanks to Carrie and Andrea (Nutritional Experts) from Big Y's Wellness team for allowing me to share this recipe in my column.

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## "Ask Sheila"

Q-1) I have not had any Health Insurance for the last three years, and will be turning 65 in a few months. Will I have an Enrollment Penalty for not having previous Insurance coverage ?

A-1) No, but you will need to enroll in Medicare now that you are turning 65 to avoid any penalties.

Q-2) My 65th Birthday was last month and I signed up and received my Medicare card. Is it too late to get an Advantage Plan?

A-2) You can enroll in an Advantage Plan up to three months after your Medicare effective date. For example, if your Medicare Effective date was 6/1/2020, you can enroll in an Advantage plan up until the end of September. If you miss the date, you can enroll during the Annual Open Enrollment period (Oct 15 to Dec 7) with an effective date of January 1st.

Q-3) I just received my Medicare card and do not take and prescriptions . Do I

have to buy a Drug Plan? I don't want to pay for something I don't need.

A-3) When you are enrolled in Medicare, you must have Credible Prescription coverage. If you don't want to pay for a stand alone drug plan, you may want to consider a \$0 Premium Advantage Plan that includes Drug coverage.

If you have any specific questions, feel free to give me a call at 860-965-0091. I'm always available to talk.

Sheila

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

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

- {Sam faves} My favorite place to shop for all my plumbing needs is Plainville Plumbing Supply on East Street. Pat Miner the owner is a retired plumber and he knows just how to fix everything. Have a problem stop in to see Pat or anyone of his staff (they almost know as much as Pat)
- **{Joy raves}** *We ate outdoors at Pagliacci's on a Saturday night. The service was great, the food was wonderful but we had to eat fast it was a bit chilly. We are back eating indoors now and everything was great (we did eat slower & enjoyed an extra glass of wine)*

Email your faves and raves to share it with everyone! Let's hear what you have to say, we need your comments! plainvillefavesandraves@gmail.com



## Spanish Flu

The Spanish flu, also known as the 1918 flu pandemic, was an unusually deadly influenza pandemic caused by the H1N1 influenza A virus. Lasting about 15 months from spring 1918 (northern hemisphere) to early summer1919,[3] [4] it infected 500 million people – about a third of the world's population at the time.[5] The death toll is estimated to have been anywhere from 17 million to 50 million, and possibly as high as 100 million, making it one of the deadliest pandemics in human history.[6]

#### Spanish flu

Soldiers from Fort Riley, Kansas, ill with Spanish flu at a hospital ward at Camp Funston

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Disease Influenza Virus strain Strains of A/H1N1 Location Worldwide First outbreak Disputed Date February 1918 – April 1920[1] Confirmed cases 500 million (estimate)[2] Deaths

17–50+ million (estimate)

The first observations of illness and mortality were documented in United States (in Fort Riley, Haskell County, Kansas as well as in New York City), France (Brest), Germany and the United Kingdom. To maintain morale, World War I censors minimized these early reports. Newspapers were free to report the epidemic's effects in neutral Spain, such as the grave illness of King Alfonso XIII, and these stories created a false impression of Spain as especially hard hit. This gave rise to the name "Spanish" flu. Historical and epidemiological data are inadequate to identify with certainty the pandemic's geographic origin, with varying views as to its location.

influenza outbreaks Most disproportionately kill the very young and the very old, with a higher survival rate for those in between, but the Spanish flu pandemic resulted in a higher than expected mortality rate for young adults.[7] Scientists offer several possible explanations for the high mortality rate of the 1918 influenza pandemic. Some analyses have shown the virus to be particularly deadly because it triggers a cytokine storm, which ravages the stronger immune system of young adults. [8] In contrast, a 2007 analysis of medical journals from the period of the pandemic found that the viral infection was no more aggressive than previous influenzastrains.[9][10] Instead, malnourishment, overcrowded medical camps and hospitals, and poor hygiene, all exacerbated by the recent war, promoted bacterial superinfection. This superinfection killed most of the victims, typically after a somewhat prolonged death bed.[11][12]

The 1918 Spanish flu was the first of two pandemics caused by H1N1 influenza A virus; the second was the 2009 swine flu pandemic.[13]

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## ~ Plainville Historical Society ~

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### Plainville's Rich Legacy of African American Musicians and Bands

*Further information, please contact: Gail Johnson Williams at 860-805-6115* 



Sam Kimble Band

In celebration of June as African American Music Appreciation Month, the Plainville Historical Society has posted a history of Plainville's African American Musicians and Bands on its web site at www.plainvillehistoricalsociety.com. The article is written by Gail Johnson Williams who is the Historical Society's specialist in local African American history. Gail is a Plainville native who has presented numerous programs related to the important role of the African American community in Plainville.

What is so special about her latest work is that as a noted musician, Gail herself is part of the story. Gail was a long-time member of Sam Kimble's band and was the only woman R&B electric bass player among area bands. In the 1990's, Gail founded Nzinga's Daughters which is a wellknown women's group that has performed African and African American music.

In the article, Gail brings the world of local African American music alive. She tells of parties and music at the Halsted home on Pearl Street in the 1920's, George Peters' bands such as the Majestic Orchestra in the 20's and 30's, and Amateur Night at the Strand Movie theater in the center of town. Two legendary band leaders Sam Kimble and Bob Beverly (Royalaires and the Velvetones) are covered as are the musical connections with the A.M.E. Redeemer's Zion Church over the years. Gail also describes the story of Nzinga's Daughters and the message of social consciousness which has been woven into their songs and performances. The article concludes with a list of additional African American musicians from Plainville.

Gail's work documents and preserves a rich legacy. The Historical Society invites the public to learn about this important and fascinating part of the town's cultural history. The link to the article is featured on the home page of the web site at: www.plainvillehistoricalsociety.com.

## Historical Society Invites Residents to Participate in Project

#### Contact: Nan Eberhardt 860-329-3292

Local history tells the story of important events, notable persons, and what everyday life was like for people who lived here. With that latter element in mind, President Nan Eberhardt of the Plainville Historical Society invites residents to help build an historical record of life in Plainville during the COVID-19 pandemic. For just as the Flu Epidemic of 1918 is studied today, people will someday want to learn how people experienced the COVID pandemic of 2020.

On the Society's web site (www. plainvillehistoricalsociety.com) there are two pieces comparing the pandemics of 1918 and 2020. The focus is on the ways in which dramatically changed modes of communication impact people's experiences. For example, social media plays such an important role today.

Also posted on the web site is more information about contributing to the local archive which the Historical Society will create. Residents are asked to describe how their lives have been changed during these times.

Responses can be emailed to plvhistorical@gmail. com or mailed as paper copy to the Plainville Historic Center; 29 Pierce Street; Plainville, CT 06062. If there are questions, please call the Historic Center at 860-747-6577 to leave a message.

Please include the following with your account of life in 2020:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number (in case there is a question)
- Your age or age group

All accounts are personal, therefore nothing will be added or deleted.

As Nan Eberhardt says in her piece on the 2020 pandemic, please help the Society leave a record for future generations. Although the history books will write about it, they cannot tell the whole story of real people and their day-to-day lives.

### Virtual Exhibit on Women's Suffrage Coming in July



Photo of suffrage parade published with permission of Connecticut Stat Library (CWSA Collection; RG101box4folder7) to Plainville Historical Society for use in publicity.

#### Contact: Rosemary Morante 860-402-3873

A third online project will be on the Historical Society's website by mid-July. It will commemorate the 2020 Centennial of the 19th Amendment to the U.S Constitution. Connecticut Women and the Right to Vote will tell about the state's suffrage movement from 1869 through ratification of the 19th Amendment in August 1920. The "virtual exhibit" will also include information on how people and events in Plainville fit into the history of women's rights during this time period.

The suffrage movement in Connecticut is a story of remarkable women who took on the institutions and policy makers in our "Land of Steady Habits" even if took years to accomplish their goals. The project will look back on how the suffrage movement unfolded in Connecticut. Along the way, it will also look at some very interesting and long forgotten Plainville connections – some just recently rediscovered - with Connecticut's historic struggle for women's right to vote.



## **Plainville Historical Society** <u>OFFICE OPEN:</u>

Monday's and Wednesday's 9:00 am-12:00 Noon

For research and group tours Please call (860)747-6577 Thank you!

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

## Have a Wonderful Summer and ... Stay Safe! Stay Healthy! Be Happy!



### 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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Enrollment for the 2020/2021 year is now under way. Mailings were sent out last week. If you did not receive yours, please call the office. 860-747-6825 Please return the registration form and payment into the office by July 31st.

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OBITUARIES

#### ~ Thomas Edwin Blackler Sr. ~



88, of Newington, passed away Saturday, May 30, 2020, at the Southington Care Center due to complications of coronavirus.

Thomas was born on April 2, 1932, in Westerly Rhode Island, son to the late Henry and Annie (O'Conell) Blackler. Prior to moving to Newington, Thomas lived in

Plainville where he raised his family with his wife of nearly 60 years, Joan, who predeceased him in 2011. They can now be reunited in eternal glory. Tom retired from the State of CT and spent his retirement years enjoying travel and gardening. Thomas was a man of great faith. He prayed the rosary daily and preferred to live a simple life full of positivity. He was a fun and loving person with a quick wit that will be remembered by all that knew him. He maintained this positivity and humor throughout his recent ordeal bringing a smile to those who cared for him.

Thomas is survived by his son, Thomas Edwin Blackler Jr. and his wife, Diane, of Overland Park, Kansas, his daughters, Gerrie Wood and her husband, Ed, of Piermont, New Hampshire, and Debbie Carpenter and her husband, John, of Newington; his grandchildren, Shawn Brown (Sarah) and Eric Carpenter; a great-grandson Logan, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Henry Blackler Jr. and his two sisters, Thomasine Olson and Virginia Shaw.

A Catholic funeral mass was celebrated at The Church of Saint Dominic in Southington with burial to follow in Saint Thomas Cemetery, Southington. The family would like to thank the competent and compassionate team at the Southington Care Center for the loving care they provided to Thomas during this challenging time, and the staff at Middlewoods of Newington, who enriched his life these past two years. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to The Church of Saint Dominic, 1050 Flanders Rd, Southington, CT 06489.



## St. Joseph Cemetery News

In mid April we posted a notice in our parish cemetery announcing that over grown shrubs will be removed by cemetery personnel beginning June 1, 2020. We have completed this process. Please understand that there is a great need to maintain our parish cemetery benevolently. In addition, glass vases, containers, wire fencing around monuments are not allowed in our cemetery and are gradually being cleaned up. Such glass objects and fencing are a potential danger to our personnel, particularly when the lawn is being mowed. Wire fencing can get caught in lawn mowing machinery and cause mishaps and injuries. Also small stones that are used for decoration can become projectiles by the lawnmower and hit other workers or visitors that are in close vicinity. These items have been placed at the back of the cemetery behind the green fence, where the shed is, for you to claim. Any broken items, old weathered plastic flowers and metal grave markers that have been greatly faded have been thrown away. We ask that you ONLY plant flowers 10" from the base of an upright monument. To ease mowing, plantings of any kind are prohibited near flat markers. If you would like a copy of the updated cemetery rules mailed to you, please call the cemetery office at 860.747.6825. Thank you for *your cooperation and understanding.* 

#### ~ Anita (Blanchette) (Morneault) Burkhart ~



87, of the Plantsville section of Southington, went home to be with Jesus on Monday, May 25, 2020. She was a longtime resident of Southington and was residing at The Summit At Plantsville for the last several years.

Anita was born in Frenchville,

Maine on May 3, 1933, daughter to the late Phydeme and Blanche (LeBlond) Blanchette and was educated in Fort Kent Schools. She worked at New England Aircraft for over ten years. She loved Jesus and lived her life with faith in Him. Her family meant everything to her and she enjoyed the many Sunday dinners that she prepared for her family to all gather around the special "green table", crafted by her husband. Anita was a talented seamstress and loved to sew special "Memere blankets" that each of her children and grandchildren cherished. Her family would use these blankets until they had holes and then some. Anita loved cheesecake and being spoiled by "her Conrad" with lobster rolls. Her son Jeffrey says, "She was a nice mom." She was certainly a woman that was so loved by all that knew her. She will always be remembered as her family continues to carry on her loving and faithful legacy.

She leaves behind her children, Sharon Lavertue, of the Forestville section of Bristol, Jeffrey Morneault, of Plainville, Kathleen Kowalsky of Dothan, Alabama, and Sheila (Dan) Bouchard, of Terryville. She also leaves behind her "sons from another mother," Conrad Corriveau and Chris (Shelly) Morneault; her stepchildren, Ileane (John) Elliotte, James (Sandy) Burkhart Jr., and Ruth (Brian) Teske; along with many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, James Burkhart Sr., her son, Donald Morneault and his wife, Kathy Morneault, her daughter, Gloria Corriveau, along with her granddaughter, Krista Stone and her greatgrandson, Zachary Stone. She is also survived by her brother, Carl (Marilyn) Blanchette, of NH, Rinette Madore, of Maine, Claudette (Ray) Tardiff, of Maine, and Phil (Marylou) Blanchette, of NC, and many nieces and nephews.

"Mom, thank you for picking us as your family. You will be missed beyond measure. Love you."

A special thank you to the staff at The Summit At Plantsville for their care of mom the past 6+ years. You are so appreciated!

Services in celebration of Anita's life will be held privately among her immediate family members. Entombment will be held in the Garden Mausoleum, Saint Mary Cemetery, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Anita can be made to The Tabernacle Giving Back Food Program, 1445 West St., Southington, CT, 06489. The staff at Bailey Funeral, 48 Broad St., Plainville, extends their appreciation to Anita's family for their trust.

#### West Cemetery

#### ~ Bernadette (Pelletier) Caron ~



87, of Plainville, passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at Autumn Lake Health Care in New Britain. She was the wife of the late Rosaire Caron, with whom she is now reunited.

Born in New Brunswick, Canada on April 19,

1933, she was one of eight children to the late Emile and Simone (Boulay) Pelletier. She and Rosaire were longtime residents of Plainville, where they shared over 53 years of marriage and raised their four sons. Bernadette was well known waitress at many local establishments, including the former Cunningham's Diner, Hamp's Restaurant, and Puritan Maid. A devoted mother, she shared along in her sons' many activities growing up, and was a proud grandmother to her seven grandchildren. A talented seamstress, she enjoyed knitting and was the go-to person when any article of clothing needed repairs or amendments. She was a bargain hunter and tag sale queen, mapping out her route each weekend based on the ads in the weekly paper, made countless trips to Northern Maine (in record time) to visit her family, enjoyed gardening, and spent many days and nights playing cards with her family and friends. An adoring mother and grandmother, she dearly will be missed, leaving many cherished memories of love and laughter. She is survived by her three sons and daughtersin-law, Ron and Wendy of Bristol, Kenneth and Evelyn of Bristol, and Roger and Debbie of Brookfield, MA; her grandchildren, Susan Luce and her husband, C.J., David, Brandon, Dan, Chad and Chase Caron, and Jennifer Pirog and her husband, Joe; her 8 great-grandchildren, Madison and Brayden Luce, Beau, Ryder, and Braythan Caron, and Emma, Abby and Ella She also leaves her sister, Jeannine Pirog. Blanchette, her brother, Girard Pelletier, her sister-in-law, Theresa Pelletier, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Steven, 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

The Caron family extends their appreciation to the nurses and staff at Autumn Lake and all of Bernadette's health care givers for their compassion and support.

Bernadette may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, PO Box 233, Plainville, CT 06062.

Bernadette's family will celebrate her life privately. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Caron family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www. PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com



Please do not place flowers or decorations on Flush Markers between April and November

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OBITUARIES

#### ~ Rita Francis (Cassile) McLellan Harlow ~



88, formerly of Plainville, CT, passed away June 11, 2020, at her home that she shared with her daughter and caregiver, Robin, in Sebastian, Florida.

Rita was the beloved wife of the late Robert F. Harlow. Born November 22, 1931,

she was the daughter of the late Salvatore and Madeline (Marquis) Cassile. She was a longtime resident of Plainville, CT and attended local schools. She raised her 4 children with her former husband, Murray R. McLellan.

After many years of being single and working, she was reunited with her high school classmate after 42 years, Robert Harlow. They were married 2 months later on Valentine's Day and shared 16 years together at their 1 room school house in Cambridge, NY until Bob's passing in 2011.

Rita had a unique infectious laugh that we can still hear. She enjoyed sitting on her porch watching the birds, flowers, waving to passer buyers, and daily visits with Chippy, their pet chipmunk. She always talked about her visit with a big black bear that ate her birdseed. Rita enjoyed her crafts, needlepoint, crossword puzzles, bingo, volunteering at the American legion, and going to the Casino with friends. She and Bob also enjoyed viewing the races at Saratoga in August.

Rita is survived by her children, Gary and Becky McLellan of TX, Greg and Janice McLellan of NC, Robin Widger of FL, her grandchildren Justin Widger, Ryan McLellan, Kelly Cyr, Tyler McLellan, Devin Widger, Murray McLellan, and Jason Harlow, her 6 great grandchildren, Austin, Peyton, Kennedy, Easton, Arianna, and Lauren, due November, her sister-in-law's Audrey Bergenty, Sharon McLellan and Ursula McLellan, her brother-in-law's John Bergenty and Robert McLellan, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son Murray McLellan Jr. of CT and her stepson Robert Harlow Jr. of CT.

The family would like to thank the VNA and Hospice for all their care and compassion for Rita. Donations can be made in Rita's name to: The American Legion Captain Post #634, Cambridge, NY, 12816, www. legion.org. Services in celebration of Rita's life will be announced at a later date.

#### ~ Jean P. (Przybysz) Martin ~



74, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 12, 2020 with family by her side. Born in Brunswick, Germany, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Gina Przybysz.

Jean worked for General Motors for many years until her retirement. She was a devoted and loving mother,

#### ~ Thomas Edward Kelly ~



born in New Britain on March 16, 1949, died peacefully on June 8, 2020 at Bristol Hospital.

> Rest Easy Marine. Thomas proudly

served our country during the Vietnam era and retired from Stanley Black and

Decker after 42 years of dedication. He was a loving son, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend.

He was predeceased by his father, Edward Kelly, his mother, Victoria (Borkoski) Kelly, his brother, James Kelly, his sister, Kathy Lamoureux, and his daughter, Shilene Kelly. He is survived by his sister, Maryann Elmore and her husband, Dave, his wife, Shirley (Carpenter) Kelly, his six daughters, Maria Jernigan and her husband, Ronald, Valerie Perron, Kimberly Montesdeoca and her husband, Hector, Kelley Perron and her fiancé, Scott Quidgeon, and his son, Shawn and Allison Kelly, his daughter Tania Marshall, and his daughter, Lori Bonini. He also leaves behind 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, as well as many friends.

Per Thomas' wishes, his family will celebrate his life privately. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Thomas can be made to any charity or organization that supports our veterans. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville, has been entrusted with care.

#### ~ Gladys Marie Merci ~



91, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 5, 2020 at Apple Rehab of Farmington Valley in Plainville. She is now reunited with her loving husband, the late Albert T. Merci and her son, the late James R. Merci.

Gladys was born on April 16, 1929 in Thomaston,

CT, daughter to the late George and Ethel (Hart) Boutieller. She was a longtime resident of Plainville and a member of the Plainville Senior Center. Gladys had worked for Gems Manufacturing as an assembler. She was a very well put together woman and maintained an impeccable home to raise her family in. She lived for her children and enjoyed being surrounded by loved ones. The matriarch of her family, she will be missed deeply by all that had the joy in knowing her.

Gladys is survived by her son, David T. Merci and his wife, Deborah, of Plainville, her daughter, Diane L. Merci, of Bristol, her grandchildren, Sandra Scoville and her partner, Kim, Kameron Merci and her partner, Niki, and David T. Merci, Jr. and his wife, Felecia. She is also survived by her great grandson, Gregory Colburn and his fiancé, Bianca, and her great-great grandson, Kaiden Colburn. A graveside service in celebration of Gladys' life was held at the West Cemetery in Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Gladys can be made to the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd S #4b, Southington, CT 06489.

#### ~ John E. Lainey ~

75, of Plainville, passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain. He was the husband of Frances (Lapsansky) Lainey, with whom he shared 42 years of marriage. Born in Maine on July 17, 1944, he the youngest of eight children to the late Alfie and Alice (Dubois)

Lainey. Educated in Northern Maine, he moved to New Britain after high school, and enlisted in the US Army shortly after, receiving an honorable discharge in 1967. John worked in the construction industry as a steamfitter for various companies under the Local 777, where he was known to his friends and coworkers as "Crazy Lainey" for his constant jokes and shenanigans. Upon his retirement, he relished in the quietness and simplicity of life at home, embraced the companionship of his wife and best friend, Fran, and could be found many days working in his yard. A longtime communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church, John was a man of great faith, and was recognized for his volunteerism, service and dedication to his church with the St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation in 2019. In addition to his wife, Frances, he leaves his brother, James Lainey of Shepardsville, KY; his sister, Mildred Dubois of Forestville; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Mabel LaChance and his brothers, Harold, Joe, Rod, and Gil. John may be remembered with contributions to the

Plainville Community Food Pantry, PO Box 233, Plainville, CT 06062.

A Mass of Christian burial in celebration of John's life will be held and announced at a later date when all are able to safely gather together. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Lainey family for their trust. For future service information and online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME. com

#### ~ Paul Robert Nelson ~





67, of Plainville, passed away on Monday, May 18, 2020 at his "vacation home", Touchpoints of Farmington, following a courageous battle with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, complicated by the effects of Covid 19. He was the husband of Deborah (Candage) Nelson.

Born in New Britain on August 6, 1952, he was the son of Robert and Grace (Johnson) Nelson. A graduate of Pulaski High School, he went on to enlist in the US Navy, proudly serving

his country for four years during Vietnam, receiving an honorable discharge in 1975. Paul settled in Plainville upon returning home from the Navy, where he and Deborah shared over 40 years of marriage, raised their two daughters and became proud grandparents. He was a former volunteer firefighter with the Plainville Fire Company, and a retiree of Pratt and Whitney. Remembered for his patriotism and love for his family, he will be greatly missed. In addition to his parents and his wife, Deborah, he leaves his daughters, Jennifer and Jessica; his grandson, Austin; his sister, Jeannie Pandolfi and her fiancé Rich Franloich; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Paul may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Fire Company, 77 West Main St, Plainville, to the Recreation Fund at Touchpoints of Farmington, 20 Scott Swamp Rd, Farmington, or to a non-profit organization that honors his fellow veterans. Paul's family extends their appreciation to their Touchpoints family for their kindness and compassionate care during his visits with them. A memorial service in celebration of Paul's life will be held and announced at a later date, when all are able to safely gather together. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Nelson family for their trust.

sister, aunt and friend.

Jean leaves two sons, Robert and Shane Martin both of Seekonk; two brothers, Mark and Alan Przybysz and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends gathered on Saturday, June 27 at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville. A graveside service in celebration of Jean's life was held at Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville.

The staff at Bailey Funeral Home extends their appreciation to the Przybysz family for their trust. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 would be appreciated.





## OBITUARIES

#### ~ Jean (Berardy) Munson ~



92, of Plainville, passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at Apple Rehab, Farmington Valley from effects of the Covid 19 virus. She was the wife of the late Robert Munson.

Born in New Britain on February 29, 1928, Jean was one of two daughters to the late Anthony and Josephine (Pestillo) Berardy.

A lifelong resident, she was a 1946 graduate of Plainville High School. Jean and Robert settled in their hometown, where they shared 52 years of love and life adventures. They raised three sons, became proud grandparents, and rarely missed an opportunity to cheer each of them on at their many sporting events or activities. Jean was a familiar face around Louis Toffolon Elementary School where she worked in various capacities for many years. Robert and Jean enjoyed travelling throughout New England, having a special place in their hearts for Ogunquit. A UCONN basketball enthusiast, one of her prized possessions was a signed ball that was gifted to her by Geno. A loving wife, mother and grandmother, who never let a day go by without saying "I love you to the moon and back", she will be greatly missed, leaving her family with many cherished memories.

She is survived by her sons Robert Munson and his wife Linda and Steven Munson and his wife Emily; her daughter-in-law Mary Munson; her grandchildren Patrick Munson (Michelle Richards), Emily Spearin, Matthew and Lucas Munson, Erica David (Ryan), Michael and Robert Munson; and four great-granddaughters Cassandra, Sophia, Morgan and Josephine. She also leaves her brother-in-law Sal Santacroce and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son Anthony Munson and her sister Joan Santacroce.

The Munson family extends their appreciation to the nurses and staff at Apple Rehab and Masonicare Hospice for the compassionate care shown to Jean.

Jean's generosity and willingness to help others may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, PO Box 233, Plainville, CT 06062.

A celebration of Jean's life will be held and announced at a later date, when all are able to gather together safely. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Munson family for their trust. For future service information and online expressions of sympathy, please visit www. PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

#### ~ Walter Chaper ~



91, of Plainville, passed away at his home on Friday, June 5, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of Rena (Oliaro) Chaper, who for 70 years was the absolute love and light of his life.

Born on April 2, 1929, he was the youngest of seven children to the late Peter and Hanora (Sobotouska) Chapor. A lifelong resident

of Plainville, and longtime member of Our Lady of Mercy Church, Walt retired from Aiudi and Sons after more than 30 years as a talented heavy vehicle mechanic. He proudly served his country as a Corporal in the US Army, and was honorably discharged in 1949. Upon returning home, he met Rena, and they created a full and beautiful life together. They raised three amazing daughters, who blessed them with many grandchildren. They shared a passion for antiquing, and enjoyed many special moments together in Ogunquit. He also adored their pet Pomeranian, Sammy, who always made him laugh, but above all else, Walter was dedicated to his family and friends. He was always there to show his love and support. He taught all of us what it truly means to be selfless, as he was always putting the needs of others before his own. He always thought of people in ways that made them feel special; loved. Walter will be forever missed by all who knew him for his warmth, kindness, and generosity.

In addition to his wife, Rena, he leaves his daughters and sons-in-law, Deanna Oliaro and Doug Schaaf, Roxane and Kris Parsons, and Joanne and Gary Oakes; his adored grandchildren, Michael Ascensio, Amy Parsons, Roy Parsons and wife Jen, Sara Oakes, and Tyler Oakes; seven great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his grandson, Daniel Tarchini, his brother, Frank, and sisters, Adela Sommers, Mary Putala, Rose Waryas, Josephine Ciecieski, and Helen Maciag.

In lieu of flowers, Walt may be remembered with contributions to Our Lady of Mercy Church, 19 S. Canal St, Plainville, CT 06062.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Walt's life was held. at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal services with military honors followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

#### ~ Bradley Gordon Matthews ~



lifelong resident and husband of Martha "Marty" (Blashke) Matthews, passed away after a brief illness on his 73rd birthday, June 20, 2020.

Born in Bristol, he was the only son of Gordon and Marie (Resch) Matthews. Brad was a 1966 graduate of Plainville High School, and earned his Associate's Degree from Tunxis Community College. He married his childhood friend, Marty in 1969, just six months prior to being drafted into the US Navy. Brad proudly served his country during Vietnam on the USS Tripoli, receiving an honorable discharge in 1973. His patriotism, service, and support to his fellow veterans continued throughout his life as an affiliate of the Vietnam Vets of America, the VFW Post 574, American Legion Post 33, and the Disabled America Veterans of which he later became a travel consultant and coordinator. Rarely seen without his "shiny shoes" and Vietnam hat and jacket, he was also a member of the USS Iwo Jima LPH and Blue Water Navy Associations. His other hat was that of a fireman, as a volunteer EMT and firefighter for the Plainville Fire Company for over 30 years. Brad worked in the IT community for

35 years, and at the age of 55, he switched gears and hit the open road as a tractor trailer driver for Coast to Coast Express. Upon retiring, he volunteered his time transporting veterans as a driver for the V.A. and D.A.V., quickly making friends with each trip. A car enthusiast, he enjoyed watching NASCAR and attending car shows throughout New England showcasing his Mustangs, or embracing the peace and serenity of fishing. He will be missed by all who were blessed to know him for his selflessness and generosity, leaving his family and countless friends

#### ~ Lucy Mary (Pandolfo) Pavano ~



98 years young, went to meet her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, May 25, 2020. The wife of the late Thomas J. Pavano, she passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by the love of her family.

Born in New Britain on November 21, 1921, she was one of four children to the late Joseph and Mary

(Formica) Pandolfo. A graduate of New Britain High School, she settled in Plainville where she and Thomas raised their five children and were longtime members of First Bible Baptist Church. Lucy was a devoted mother and grandmother, who always put her family first, guiding them with her stern yet effective ways. An accomplished bowler in her earlier years, she found joy in giving back to the others through volunteering at area hospitals, was a well-known friendly face around the Plainville Senior Center and, until just a few years ago, could frequently be found cruising around town in her recognizable big white Cadillac. She will be missed immensely leaving a legacy of strength, love, life lessons, and many cherished memories.

She is survived by her sons, Paul and his wife, Robin of Farmington, Richard of Plainville and David and his wife, Michelle of Bristol; and her grandchildren, Joshua, Haley, April, Jesse, and Tyshawn. She also leaves her sister, Tina Wishart; brothers, Sebby and Jimmy Pandolfo; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter Carol Anne and her son, Thomas, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, Lucy may be remembered with contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org

The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Pavano family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy please visit: PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

#### ~ Catherine N. (Sweet) Sladeck ~



93 of Plainville, passed away Friday May 15, 2020 at Apple Rehab of Farmington Valley in Plainville. She was the wife of the late John W. Sladeck, who predeceased her in December of 2009 and with whom she shared 39 years of marriage.

Catherine was born April 26, 1927 in Bristol, a daughter of the late Adrian N. and Nellie Josephine (Parker) Sweet. She

attended Bristol schools and had been employed by various restaurants in the Bristol area. Catherine was also the owner of Village Liquors in Bristol and had managed Log Cabin Package Store in Farmington. Catherine was a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville.

Catherine leaves her children, Frederick W. Korn, III and his wife Deena-Kay of Plainville, Gary C. Korn of Larkspur, CA, Janet L. Pulsifer of South Harpswell, ME, Russell A. Korn of Bristol and Nancy E. Weiss and her husband Richard of Mystic, her grandchildren, Jolene Wodatch, Frederick Korn, IV, Jason and Eric Pulsifer, Amanda Firczak, Brian, Kristin and Joshua Korn, Marc Grabulis and Katherine Leslie, 10 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her former husband Frederick W. Korn, Jr in 1992, her daughter, Donna Rae Korn in 1980, her brothers, Homer M. Sweet and Adrian N. Sweet, Jr and her sister, Frances G. Hebert. A graveside service in celebration of Catherine's life will be held in St. Joseph Cemetery in Bristol and will be announced at a later date when all are able to safely gather together. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Sladeck family for their trust. For future service information, a full obituary and online expressions of sympathy, please visit PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com



with many cherished memories.

In addition to his wife, Marty, he leaves his sons, Patrick and his wife, Julie and Michael and his wife, Erin. He was the much loved "Gump" to his grandchildren, Felisha, Michael, McKenna, Kelsey, Sean and Connor and his great-granddaughter, Mileena. He also leaves his sister-in-law, Anne Fitzgerald, many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends, along with his adored four legged companion, the family dog, Murphy. Brad may be remembered with contributions to the

VFW Post 574, 7 Northwest Dr, Plainville, CT 06062 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Brad's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of remembrance were shared and followed by military honors. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

**OBITUARIES** 

#### ~ Peter Thomas Lennon, Jr. ~



82, of Plainville, passed away on Friday, June 19, 2020 with his beloved wife of 62 years, Virginia, by his side.

Born in Hartford on December 15, 1937, he was one of two sons to the late Peter T. Lennon, Sr. and Anita (Martinez) Lennon. A graduate of East Hartford

High School, he immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He proudly served his country on the USS Davis, specializing in radar and air traffic control, and was honorably discharged in 1958. A former Secretary and Treasurer of the USS Davis Association, Peter helped organize their annual reunions for over 20 years. He married the love of his life, Virginia (Dyboski) in 1958, and settled in Plainville in 1960 where they raised their six children. Peter retired from the Town of Plainville in 2002, after serving as Town Clerk for close to 35 years, starting the first continuing education classes for the Town Clerk's Association. A fixture in his hometown, he was one of the first graduates of the UCONN EMT course, served as a volunteer EMT and firefighter with the Plainville Fire Company, and was the set director / technical director for Plainville Little Theatre and then the Plainville Choral Society. He was a member of the Plainville Civil Defense and helped to create the canal diorama in the Historical Society.

A friendly and familiar face who was always ready to lend a hand, he was a lover of lighthouses, beaches, books and playing the piano, and leaves a legacy of hard work and dedication to his children and the town.

In addition to his wife, Virginia he leaves his children, Stephanie Roth (Thomas), Jennifer Wenzel (John), Peter Lennon, III (Marie), Katherine Lennon, Christopher Lennon (Alison) and Timothy Lennon (Sandra); ten grandchildren, Heather Pearce, Megan Sledge, Jennifer Bull, Veronika Roth, Peter Lennon, IV., Kaitlin Lennon, Hannah Lennon, Emily Lennon, Alexandra Lennon and Hunter Lennon; 3 greatgrandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his grandson, Patrick J. Lennon and his brother, John Lennon.

In lieu of flowers, Peter may be remembered with contributions to the United States Navy Memorial 701 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Washington DC 20004-2608 www.navymemorial.org or the Plainville Fire Company Scholarship Fund, 77 W. Main St, Plainville,CT 06062.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Peter's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A prayer service and words of remembrance were shared followed by military honors. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com



#### ~ Michael Zmijewski ~



49, of Bristol, passed away at his home unexpectedly on Tuesday, June 23, 2020. Born in New Britain on July 6, 1970, was one of two sons to Thomas and Christine

to Thomas and Christine (Pawlukiewicz) Zmijewski of Plainville. Raised and educated in Plainville, he was a 1988 graduate of Plainville High School. Michael had

a love for the outdoors and found peace in being surrounded by nature, going camping and fishing. A sports enthusiast, especially football, he was a fan of the NY Giants. Remembered for his vibrant personality, his presence brought life to every occasion. He is now free from life's pain and uncertainties and leaves many cherished memories of happier times.

In addition to his parents, he leaves his pride and joy, his children, Justin Zmijewski of New Jersey, Sierra Davis and her husband, Patrick of GA, and Hailey Zmijewski of Plainville; his grandchildren, Gavin and Logan Zmijewski and Tyler, Emma, Hunter and Everly Davis; his brother, David Zmijewski, his wife, Sherry and their children, Marc and Ashley. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Stanley and Schola Pawlukiewicz and Stanley and Eunice Zmijewski. In lieu of flowers, Michael may be remembered with contributions to Embrella, 101 College Rd., 3rd floor, Princeton, NJ 08540 or at www.embrella.org Michael's family celebrated his life with private funeral services. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Zmijewski family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

#### ~ Glenn F. Smith ~



71, of Plainville, lost his battle with kidney disease on June 25, 2020.

He was born July 24, 1948 in Manhattan, New York, a son of Gabriel F. and Margaret (Kapusta) Smith.

Glenn was a U.S Air Force Veteran serving during the Vietnam War, and having been a machinist, retired from

Pratt & Whitney. He was a loving husband, brother, father, grandfather, uncle and friend.

He is survived by his wife, Karen (Van Meter) Smith, his daughter Kristina Smith and her husband, Coree Smith, his son Shawn Smith and his fiancé Tara Aquione, his sister Marguerite DiBenedetto and her husband, Anthony; his grandchildren, Kharysma, Karenlee, Coree Jr., Kaycee Ann, Kennidee and Kassidee Smith, his Goddaughter and niece, Colette Salome and her husband, Ramon; his niece, Amy DiBenedetto, his great nephew Shane Cosme and his father, Reynaldo. He made many friends through the years, especially Peter and Vera Johnson and Sharon and Carl Schader, who were more like family than friends. The family wishes to express deep gratitude to the Hospital of Central Connecticut for their care and support during Glenn's final days, to Fresenius Kidney Care for assisting with Glenn's kidney disease for more than four years, and The Pines of Bristol for their compassionate care during the past 4 months. In peace may your leave the shore In love may you find the next. Safe passage on your travels, until our final journey on the ground. May we meet again. Honoring Glenn's wishes, his family will celebrate his life privately. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their appreciation to the Smith family for their trust.

#### ~ Louis A. Casciello ~



71, of Quincy, MA, formerly of Plainville, passed away at home early Monday morning, June 22, 2020. He was surrounded by the love and support of family. Louis was born July 30,1948 in Bristol CT, the first child of the late Louis J. and Marie (Landolfi) Casciello.

He was a 1966 Graduate

of Plainville High School, 1970 Graduate of Boston College and received a Master's Degree in History from University of Connecticut.

Louis leaves behind his wife Mary Bellrose, and lives on through the legacy of his four children: Alana Casciello of Silver Spring, MD, Brianna Casciello of Atlanta, GA, Johnathan Casciello of Boston, MA and Harry Wareham of Grafton, MA, his grandchildren Lauren and Marcus Wareham, his sister Linda Coveney of Plainville, CT and his family-in-law, Alan George, Lexi Melsha, Dawn Wareham and Jim Coveney.

Louis was a soft spoken, gentle man and an avid reader. He spent many afternoons pouring over the newspaper at Wollaston Beach. A total history buff, he instilled an adventurous travel spirit in his children who were his greatest source of pride. And while Louis spent much of his career in retail and telecom, he was most proud of his last two years of post-retirement service at Father Bill's and MainSpring Homeless Shelter in Quincy, MA.

A memorial service celebrating Louis's life will be held at a future date in MA. Louis may be remembered through contributions to Father Bill's and MainSpring, 38 Broad Street, Quincy MA 02169 https://helpfbms.org/support/give/

#### ~ Alexander W. Garewski ~

January 6, 1935 ~ June 27, 2020 (age 85)

"Moose," husband of Louise A. Garewski, passed away on June 27, 2020. He was the son of the late Alexander S. and Lydia (Verbitsky) Garewski. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on January 6, 1935. He has been a resident of Plainville, CT since 1960.

Alex graduated from New Britain High School (Class of 1953) where he met and married his classmate and best friend, Louise (Baruffi) Garewski, in 1957. After high school, Alex served in the U.S. Army from 1955-1957 with the Alaska Communications System. Following his service, he opened his own business, AWG Remodeling, which he operated for many years. He was a skilled craftsman who built three homes in his spare time. In his later years, he opened Connecticut Custom Cycles in Plainville, CT with his sons.

Alex always found time to share his love of sports with his sons and coached Plainville Midget Football from its inception in the early 1970's. He always enjoyed watching his sons play Little League baseball, high school football and motocross racing.

He built the home his family grew up in and built a summer home on Beaver Lake in Ware, MA. His final dream was to build a cabin in Vermont where his family enjoyed what the hill and country life had to offer while they escaped from their busy lives.

He is a member of the Improved Order of Redman, Pequabuck Tribe #74 and past treasurer of the Plainville

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## **Big Brother & Big Sister**

The Drop-Off container is located across from Applebee's Restaurant New Britain Avenue at the Plaza.

#### Big Brother & Big Sister organization wishes to Thank all Plainville Residents that have supported us!

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Glenn F. Smith, please visit our floral store.

Citizens Organization.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his three sons and two daughter-in laws, Jeffrey and Andrea Garewski, of Storrs, CT; Gary Garewski, of Plainville, CT; and David and Tammy Garewski, of Plainville, CT. He was Grampy to all of his grandchildren who he loved very much: Daniel Garewski and his wife, Megan Krell and greatgrandson, Desmond; Alison Garewski and her husband, Steven Whitcomb and great-granddaughter, Norah; Katie Garewski, Taylor Garewski, Davia and Alexia Garewski who brought him much joy.

He was predeceased by his dear sister-in-law, Wendy Dudek, brother-in-law, Frederick Baruffi and special aunt, Sonia Verbitsky.

Per his wishes, funeral services in celebration of Alex's life will be held privately at the convenience of his family. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville, is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to St. Jude's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl, Memphis, TN 38105, www.stjude.org.

## **Belateded Birthday Wishes To:** John Osuch June 19th JULY/AUGUST **BIRTHDAYS** "HAPPY & HEALTHY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!"

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#### **Eleven Plainville Residents Receive Scholarships Among Group to** Receive \$228,000 from **Main Street Community Foundation**

Eleven Plainville residents were recently awarded scholarships from Main Street Community Foundation totaling \$23,180. The 2020 scholarship recipients from Plainville are as follows:

- Bristol Yale Club Scholarship Fund: Alexis Ludko
- Dorothy Dewey Picard Music Scholarship Fund: Travis Lavigne
- · Douglas Roland Aid for the Trades Scholarship Fund: Matthew Erb
- Maskery Family Scholarship Fund: Helena Yawin
- Radcliff Plainville High School Fund: Jared Demmons, Jason Demmons, **Andrew Michalek and Emanuel Yawin**
- Yarde Metals Memorial Scholarship Fund: Jordan Brunelle

Additionally, Collin Casinghino and Joshua Federowicz, two Plainville students attending St. Joseph School in Bristol, received scholarship awards from the Keating-Monaghan Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund was established in 2008 through a bequest from Mark Monaghan Keating to benefit students attending Bristol's St. Joseph School, a pre-K through grade eight school.

"We are proud to support these students and grateful to the donors whose generosity has made scholarships possible since the Foundation's establishment 25 years ago," said Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of Main Street Community Foundation.

This year the Foundation awarded a total of \$228,742 in scholarships to 153 students at varying levels of their academic careers. The students - graduating high school seniors, current college students, adults returning to school and elementary and secondary school students - hail from the towns of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott as well as surrounding communities.

Since 1995, eighty-six scholarship funds have been established or transferred to the Foundation by generous local individuals, families and businesses. Although each scholarship fund has unique criteria, all donors seek to assist students in pursuing their education and career goals; they have a shared belief that helping students ease the financial obligations of education is an investment in the future.



1/2-1 cup sugar, depending on sweetness of the pineapple 12 Lady Fingers

A PLACE WHERE RACEISM DOESN'T EXIST

#### By: Jeannette Hinkson

You might say my title doesn't exist, well you are wrong. If you have never attended the Special Olympic Games it might do you some good to try it sometime, unfortunately the games have been canceled this year.

These athletes know no color nor do they know that person in the lane next to them is an advisory they only know them as a friend and that friend might not be the same color nor can they speak, they are just a friend.

I will relate a couple of stories for you. Many years ago Plainville's special needs athletes attended the Special Olympic swim competition at Wethersfield High. Although some of our swimmers weren't the fastest, that was not the object, they were our team.

Maria wasn't our fastest swimmer but she gave it her all. The swimmers lined up at the end of the pool and the starter fired off his starting pistol. Maria took off like a shot. She had never done so well and the helpers and coaches from Plainville ran along the side of the pool shouting, "Go Maria, go." Suddenly Maria stopped and stood and the coaches yelled at her to go. With that Maria planted her hands on her hips and yelled back, "I'm waiting for them." Maria didn't win a gold medal but she did show what true love and sportsmanship is.

Another show of real friendship was when my daughter Shirley came home and asked if we might go to Wal-Mart and buy a gift for Bill as it was his birthday and they were having a party for him at a pizza restaurant in New Britain. Shirley picked out a tee shirt, she thought he might like and the night of the party I took her to the restaurant and escorted her inside. She went right over to the booth where Bill was seated and handed him the gift.

You can imagine how shocked I was to note Bill was obviously a street person and all these special children were giving him a birthday party. When Shirley came home I asked who all the people at the party were and after naming all her friends from Plainville and New Britain the most outstanding name was "Little Ho."

The special guests were people from the streets that came to the restaurant for handouts and our people had befriended them.

That spring, in the Memorial Day Parade, the Plainville float which was a large ark with Joey on his bicycle out front, came down Broad Street to the music of "Wind Beneath My Wings;"

The street people stood and cheered the marchers and their friends on the float. Out front was Bill, clapping the loudest. You might say, it's all in the eye of the beholder.



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Apricot Jam-Sour cream -1 ounce slivered almonds Mix pineapple, ground almonds, egg yolks and sugar. Cook over low heat stirring constantly until thickened. Cool. Split the Lady Fingers and spread with a thin layer of apricot jam. Place half the Lady Fingers in the bottom of a serving dish. Spread with half the pineapple mixture. Add second layer of Lady Fingers and the remaining pineapple mixture. Chill, spread with sour cream and top with slivered almonds. Serves 6-8.

Share your family secret recipes with our readers to enjoy! Your family secret will live on forever, for many families to enjoy!

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**NOTARY PUBLIC \*\* KATHY PUGLIESE** 50 West Broad Street ~ PLAINVILLE 860-681-2645 The Birdcatcher (2019)

TV-PG | 1h 40min | Drama, History, Thriller

| 12 January 2020 (USA)

**Director: Ross Clarke** 

Writer: Trond Morten Kristensen

Stars: Sarah-Sofie Boussnina, Arthur

Hakalahti, Jakob Cedergren

Dreaming of Hollywood stardom, a young jewish

girl living in Nazi occupied Norway is faced with

playing the role of her life, masquerading as a boy

on a farm owned by a Nazi sympathiser and his

"The Birdcatcher" is a hauntingly beautiful film

chronicling Nazi suppression of Jews through the

travails of Esther (Sarah-Sofie Boussnina) who is

no ordinary girl. That is made crystal clear as we

initially see her reciting Shakespeare, rehearsing for

an audition she has for the next day.. Yet soon her

idyllic life of dreaming of film stardom is shatteringly

interrupted when first her father is taken away by

the Nazis for being a resistance collaborator. Then

she must flee her home in Trondheim, Norway with

her mother to escape the Nazi oppression.. Their

journey is fraught with danger climaxed when the

wagon transporting them and other Jews is stopped

at a roadblock by the Germans. Her mother is able to

hide Esther in a trunk in the back of the wagon before

being dragged off with the others and summarily

executed. Esther stays hidden as the wagon

continues on its way until she feels it has travelled a

sufficient distance for her to come out of hiding and

jump off and run into the woods. Her jump causes

her to tumble down an embankment into a stream,

family while plotting her escape and survival.

## **The Circumspect Critic**

by: Robert James O'Dell

## "The Bird Catcher"



suffering several cuts and bruises. situation is Her grim and her fleeing through the woods harrowing but her determination to survive undaunting. The resourceful young girl makes a decision to aid her escape attempt by cutting off most of her hair and disguising herself as a boy. In an unexpected turn, she comes across a

young man, Aksel (Arthur Hakalahti ), who is disabled but who is more than willing to assist her. He brings her to his family farm where he hides her in a loft atop the farmhouse.

Ross Clarke has adapted Trond Morten Venaasen's script in this engrossing drama that uncovers a relatively unknown slice of Norwegian Second World War history. Director of Photography John Christian Rosenlund uses the vivid vistas of Norway to create an astoundingly gorgeous backdrop juxtaposing the stark cruelness of the events in the forefront., With glorious widescreen images of the rustic countryside, a beautiful contrast is achieved making it no surprise that he copped Best Cinematography awards at The European Cinematography Awards and The Garden Gate Film Festival.



The film builds a fine sense of the foreboding as Aksel introduces Esther to his family while keeping her secret. His Nazi sympathiser father, Johann (Jakob Cedergren ) has political ambitions and freely welcomes the Nazi soldiers into his home. He also makes no secret of what he believes are Askel's limitations. His mother, Anna ( Laura Birn ), is discontent and carrying on an affair with German soldier, Herman (August Diehl). Askel also must deal with his uncle Fred ( Johannes Kuhnke ) who constantly taunts and belittles him. Esther is accepted into the family and due to her hard work and determination becomes a favorite of Johann even over his own son, Aksel. As we become absorbed in the dynamics of the various relationships, we know something will erupt at some point. When the damn does break, choices have to be made and consequences dealt with.

The cast is uniformly excellent with Sarah-Sofie Boussnina providing a superlative performance as Esther.

"The Birdcatcher" is an emotionally moving film encapsulating how a strong willed, resourceful young girl is able to endure the cruelty of inexplicable hate and prejudice and triumph over it.

> Ratings: Acting: 96% Directing: 97% Script: 92% Cinematography: 100% Historical Accuracy: 90% Entertainment Value: 90% My Rating: 94%

Available on streaming platforms including for rent and/or sale on Amazon Prime as well as on Blu-Ray disc.

## Letter to Editor.....

#### Dear Editor,

As we approach our nation's Independence Day, I want to tell you about an exciting campaign we are launching today—a campaign that I hope you and your friends, family, and neighbors will enthusiastically join.

We're calling our campaign #ProudAmerican. It's an opportunity for Americans of every walk of life to offer uplifting messages about why we are so proud to be Americans.

There's never been a better time than now to join hands in celebration of this great nation and the freedoms that we enjoy. The left is aggressively waging a campaign to tear down the country, lie about our founding, erase our history, and sow hatred and discord.

It is an indisputable fact that the United States is the greatest nation ever conceived by mankind. A country rooted in the ideals of liberty and justice for all. A kind and caring, bold and daring nation. A country whose greatness comes from our unshakable devotion to freedom. The vast majority of Americans feel the same deep and abiding love of the United States as you and I do, but often feel pressured into silence by the forces trying to undermine our patriotism. We can be silent no more. Let's join together and boldly share our pride in this great land. Let's join together to thank God for the blessings of life, liberty and prosperity that we all enjoy as Americans. Let's make our voices heard! I encourage every one of you to go to https://www.heritage.org/proudamerican to get more information on how to participate. May God bless you and may God bless the United States of America. All the best, Kay C. James, President The Heritage Foundation | 214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE | Washington, D.C. 20002 (800) 546-2843

## #ProudAmerican

Now, more than ever, we need to remember why we are proud to be Americans. Ours is a nation that strives for the highest ideals of liberty and integrity, and we are privileged to live under a Constitution that affirms the inherent dignity and God-given rights of every individual. We are blessed to call America home. This Independence Day, make your pride for America go viral!

Here are some ways you can share what makes you a #ProudAmerican:

#### Share the message locally.

A simple but powerful message can make a difference in your community. Take the time to share locally why you are a #ProudAmerican.

#### Inspiration for what to share:

Share why you are a #ProudAmerican.

Share what being an American means to you.

Talk about the importance of America's founding principles, the Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence.

Express gratitude for those who have served in the Armed Forces.

Express gratitude for your local police officers, firemen, and first responders.

#### Inspiration for ways to share:

Make a poster or sign and put it in your window or on your lawn. Tag it with #ProudAmerican. Get your kids involved! Use sidewalk chalk and write your message on your driveway or sidewalk.

Put your sign in the window of your car and drive around with it.

"I feel blessed to live in America and just wanted to share my gratitude by doing some good."

#### Share the message on social media.

Whether you are on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or email, you can help spread the message and invite others to participate. Tag your posts with #ProudAmerican so others can follow along. *Share the message with family and friends.* 

Make time on Independence Day for more than just hot dogs and fireworks. A short lesson with kids and grandkids about America's founding principles can make a lasting impression. Say the Pledge of Allegiance, sing the national anthem, read the Declaration of Independence, or discuss the importance of the Bill of Rights.

Learn more about what makes America a land of freedom and opportunity. Explore the foundation of our republic with Heritage's Guide to the Constitution at heritage.org/constitution.Whatever you do, let others know that it's okay to be a #ProudAmerican

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same. Ronald Reagan

#### JULY/AUGUST 2020

### **COVID 19** The Glass is half full

The pandemic has caused great stress, anxiety, health issues, social issues and more uncertainties in our future life styles. Businesses, schools will be working on a new normal. With all the negative outcome of this virus, there can be some optimism, in which the glass is half full.

Telecommuting will truly come to the forefront since many employers are having their employees work from home. Lets take a look how this can be beneficial.

The elimination of the commute. This alone can be helpful in health, productivity, and retirement planning. The employer benefits from better productivity less call outs for sickness, employees looking for other jobs or retiring early. Only 25 percent of the 50-plus workers surveyed prepandemic were offered work from home. The virus has put a major shift to telecommuting in the days to come. Both employees and employers are learning that new technologies make remote work easy and productive.

How about the savings. The combined savings for the 80 top U.S. metro areas would top \$64

billion annually. The average person could also save \$500 to \$1500 on dry cleaning and laundering, and another \$1040 on lunches and coffee, not to mention gas and car repairs.

Employers stand to save billions annually. The estimate a typical employer can save an average of \$11,000 per half-time telecommuter per year. The primary savings are of increased productivity, lower real estatecosts, reduced absenteeism and turnover, and better disaster preparedness.

So for those who can work from home, sit back and enjoy the ride. The only stress is what pair are your day pajamas and which will be your night pajamas. "Yes the glass is half full"

#### John Gasparini

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## The #WalkAway Campaign

Is a true grassroots movement, founded by former liberal, Brandon Straka, dedicated to providing a place to share #WalkAway testimonials and personal journeys to freedom. It is inspiring, exciting, heartwrenching, and extraordinary to watch and read the stories of the individuals who no longer accept the current ideology of the Democratic Party, what it has become, and are now bravely sharing their stories with the world.

Some of us left long ago, while many have only recently begun to reject the narratives of the left. Some people have wanted to #WalkAway for some time now, but have feared the consequences they may be forced to endure from friends or family if they were to share their true feelings and #WalkAway.

The #WalkAway Campaign encourages and supports those on the Left to walk away from the divisive tenets endorsed and mandated by the Democratic Party of today. Classical liberalism on the left is a thing of the past. Today's leftist pseudo-liberalism is more committed to expanding the scope of government, pushing us into collectivism, and groupthink. The Democratic Party has gone astray, and it is time to recognize that there is very little true liberalism practiced there anymore.

The "liberal" agenda of today has become authoritarian and fascist: forcing people into government-controlled health care; restricting school choice to assigned government-run schools; stifling speech that challenges liberal beliefs and candidates; buying political support from corrupt interest groups; welfare programs that breed dependence upon the state; legal preferences for particular groups rather than equality for all before the law; establishing price floors and ceilings enforceable by law; using government to redistribute wealth just to satisfy their egalitarian instincts, and shaming anyone who dares to deviate from their obligatory way of thinking.

The Democratic Party of today has adopted a destructive belief system, happily and without skepticism, separating people into groups based on identity and organizing them into camps of victims and oppressors. If you are a person of color, an LGBT person, a woman, or an American immigrant; the Democratic Party wants you to know that you are a victim and destined to stay that way.

They will insist that you are a victim doomed to exist within a system that is rigged against you; that you are a victim of systemic oppression; that you are a victim of your circumstances; and that no amount of hard work or motivational action will ever allow you to overcome your victimhood or the privilege of those around you. This is perhaps the Democratic Party's greatest and most insidious lie.

If you are a minority in America today the liberal media and left-wing politicians don't want you to ever discover this lie. So they bombard us with stories designed to reinforce the narrative that you are in danger, that you cannot succeed. They manipulate your fears and concerns by telling you that you are disadvantaged, disempowered, and disposable... to everyone except them.

Minorities in this country, are told by the Left, their entire lives that they are not welcome on the Right. They are told that they are hated because anyone who isn't a Democrat is racist, bigoted, homophobic, xenophobic, and sexist. It is now the time for us to help minorities recognize that they do not owe their subjugation and allegiance to the Democratic Party. Centrists, Libertarians, Independents, and Conservatives believe there is a seat at the table for everyone. It is time for us to show minorities that they are cared about, appreciated and welcomed by conservatives and Republicans alike.

We invite Americans who have never been Democrats to join the campaign to share their own written and video #WalkWith testimonials supporting those courageous enough to #WalkAway. We need Americans on the Right to stand up and use their voices to tell the world the truth about what it actually means to be a conservative in America. We must come together to declare, loudly and often, who we really are, our real values, and finally expose the lies the Left has tried to place on us for far too long.

The #WalkAway Campaign also serves another fundamental purpose. For far too long, the Left has controlled the narrative in this country within the news and media, while the "silent majority" on the Right have done what they always do – remain silent. The Left has been allowed to reinforce the narrative that everyone on the Right is a bigot, a racist, a homophobe, a misogynist, and so on. This dangerous lie cannot be perpetuated any longer.

The Left has become so extreme and relentless that it is now the time for us to fight back!

The #WalkAway Campaign is a movement of Patriots from all walks of life – men, women, black, brown, white, straight, LGBTQ, religious, and nonbelievers – who share something very important in common.

WE ARE ALL AMERICANS, and we will not surrender our country". -Brandon Straka, Founder if the #WalkAway Campaign

Contact info for #WalkAway; www.walkawaycampaign.com online or on Facebook at #WalkAway Campaign.





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as far as he could, he spotted the dog wedged in a far corner. Officer Chase, with the assistance of the homeowner, removed the deck boards so dogs owner could free the dog. That is when Officer Chase found the dog was not stuck but had found a place where she wanted to give birth. As he was handed each puppy, by the owner, he kept saying, "Oh my God, another one." Yes, eight in all. Seems there isn't always a "Chase" involved in a capture; and you think a cop's life is dull.

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## "Shovel Dig" Trumbull Meadows



On Friday, June 26th a "Shovel Dig" Ceremony was held with **Rejean Carrier, are Gayle Dennehy, Broker for By Carrier Realty, Kathy Pugliese, Chairperson of the Plainville Town Council, Robert E. Lee, Town Manager, Sen. Henri Martin, Rep. Bill Petit and his son William** who was very excited by the sight of construction vehicles. He helped the adults with his hard hat and shovel. With other members of the Carrier family, employees and invited guests. It was announced that the project includes giving 25 acres of open space to the town located near the Middle School of Plainville. By Carrier Proudly Announces A New Home community opening later this year named Trumbull Meadows located at the corner of Bradley Street and Camp Street in Plainville. Trumbull Meadows is a Single-Family open space community featuring 55 parcels and 22 Carriage-Style Homes in a Common Interest Community; all offering town water, sewer and natural gas heating.

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