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**State Representative William "Bill" Petit**

I would like to thank both the Plainville and New Britain Republican Town committees for unanimously endorsing me to run for the State Representative seat for the 22nd District. It has been a very busy 3 and one-half years especially so in the past 3 months. I believe my clinical and research medical background will be a great help to me in making decisions to help our communities as we deal with the current pandemic.

When we return to session in Hartford we will have many public health issues to consider. Additionally our budget issues will require many difficult decisions as tax revenues decline and spending for the pandemic has increased. It is fortunate we were able to pass the budget in 2017 for the first time in history with spending, bonding and volatility caps in place that have allowed us to accrue more than \$2.5 billion in our reserve fund. Unfortunately the pandemic will likely cause us to spend most of this to cover gaps in both fiscal '20 and '21.

I again thank the committee for their confidence and if re-elected will do my best to make the best decisions for our collective futures that aligns with our constitutional duties and aids as many in our communities as possible.

*"Stay Safe & Healthy"*  
Sincerely, William A. Petit, Jr.



**Senator Henri Martin**

on May 18 was endorsed by the 31st state Senate District Republican convention to run for re-election.

"As your State Senator, I have worked hard to protect your wallets and your liberties," Sen. Martin said. "At the State Capitol, I have helped to lead the fight against tolls, tax hikes and wasteful government spending. I want to continue to fight for Connecticut taxpayers like you.

I thank you for your support of my decision to seek a fourth term. It is an honor to be your voice in Hartford!"

In 2019, Sen. Martin was named a "Plainville Community Hero" by the Plainville Community Schools for his efforts on behalf of students, faculty and staff.

Also in 2019, Sen. Martin was named the Motor Transport Association of Connecticut State Senator of the Year in recognition of his strong support of the trucking industry and for his leadership in the fight against putting congestion-price tolls on Connecticut's interstate highways.

Senator Martin is the owner of two small businesses in his district.

He lives in Bristol with his wife Roxanne. He has four grown children and one grandchild.

The 31st Senate District includes Plainville, Bristol, Harwinton, Plymouth and Thomaston.

## Plainville Republicans Helping Local Restaurants

The Plainville Republican Town Committee is launching a program to revive our local restaurant businesses – known as "Return the Flavor".

The Plainville Republican Town Committee is purchasing \$1200 worth of restaurant gift certificates to help kick start restaurants as they reopen.

The "Taste of Plainville" has consistently been a popular fund raiser during the past five years. Local restaurants would participate by taking 20% off a meal through the program. Card holders would purchase a ticket for \$5.00 allowing them 20% off a meal with 16 restaurants who will participate in Plainville. The restaurants selected have previously participated in the "Taste of Plainville" project. This year's tickets can be purchased at 3 for \$5 or \$2 each.

Our "Return the Flavor" campaign asks no donation from the local businesses as the Republicans are purchasing over 40 gift cards to be raffled off July 1st. The idea is to encourage the raffle winners to visit the restaurants and use the gift cards to jump start local restaurant businesses once COVID restrictions are lifted. They can also be used for take out as well.

RTC Chairperson Gayle Dennehy stated "This is a fantastic idea by the committee. Our local restaurants have been loyal sponsors of our events over several years and we thought we would return the favor by purchasing gift cards for future use. "Return the Flavor" is our way of giving back and helping in some small way to sustain our restaurants in Plainville, and benefiting our local Community Fund during this most challenging time."

Please visit our Facebook page "Plainville Republicans CT" for information to purchase tickets and get entered to into the Raffle for gift cards or contact Helen Bergenty 860-302-3783 or Deb Hardy at 860-384-9577 or email: [jhardy6595@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jhardy6595@sbcglobal.net) today! **More information on page 22**

**NOTICE: An apology to the Record Journal on Page 3**



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**42 Burnside Ave:** Gary and Shirley M. Mahaffy of Plainville to Taylor A. Dauphin, \$165,000 on 4/15/2020

**482 East St Unit 17:** Bryan M. Labarge of Plainville to Paige Gleim \$84,000 on 4/16/2020

**Farmington Ave:** Paige Gleim of Plainville to Ostroski FT and Mollie Ostroski, \$43,000 on 4/15/2020

**190 Tomlinson Ave Unit 16e:** Mateusz and Natalia Siwec of Plainville to Jacek and Madalena Strycharz, \$178,000 on 4/16/2020

**244 Unionville Ave:** Turfguise LLC of Plainville to Adam D. and Melissa Tillotson, \$358,000 on 4/17/2020

**9 Woodland St:** James and Joyce Masse of Plainville to Eric and Deena Strom, \$115,900 on 4/15/2020

**Beckwith Dr:** Wendy L. Morales of Plainville to Amber Badorek, \$165,000 on 4/23/2020

**8 Pinecrest Dr:** Tina M. Brousseau of Plainville to Nicole Heilman and Jay Marquis, \$166,000 on 4/24/2020

**285 W. Main St:** Paul Boutote of Plainville to Kristen Whalen and Colin Cassidy \$125,000 on 4/24/2020

**Crown St:** Benedicta VanEss of Plainville to Colleen Obrien and Joseph Finnemore \$309,500 on 4/27/2020

**466 East Street:** USA HUD of Plainville to Sumayyah Shaikh, \$42,000 on 4/30/2020

**133 Hollyberry Ln:** Christopher and Rachel Kelly of Plainville to Michael T. Fabrizio and Erika Malm-Fabrizio, \$370,000 on 4/27/2020

**19 Cody Ave Unit A3:** Jimmy Michaud and Judy L. Pardee of Plainville to Kiley Michaud, \$110,000 on 5/4/2020

**Northwest Dr:** FCP 2 LLC of Plainville to Americold Real Esatae LP, \$375,000 on 5/4/2020

**187 Stillwell Dr:** Oak Land Developers LLC of Plainville to Pawel and Aneta Porczak \$322,593 on 5/7/2020

**10 Weaterstone Rdg:** US Bank NA Tr of Plainville to Jessica and Yuri Sanchez, \$331,500 on 5/8/2020

**345 Woodford Ave:** David E. Koskoff of Plainville to Fairmont 345 LLC \$500,000 on 5/4/2020

**Young St:** Zarzycki Walter P Est and Lehen Mastrianni of Plainville to Mark Lovely \$40,000 on 5/7/2020



**PLAINVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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**

Thank you to the VFW for all your help in accommodating our new dates. And to all our Chamber Members for their support and patience in these crazy times...

Please don't hesitate to call or email any concerns to 860-747-6867 or info plainvillechamber.com  
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**CORRECTION:**

Last month's article, "Covid-19 and It's Impact on Local News" erroneously made a statement about the Record Journal.

The article also misidentified the Record-Journal newspaper chains included The Plainville Observer, Bristol Observer and the Southington Observer that also was wrong they were owned by the former Step Saver of Southington and now owned by the Waterbury Republican, not the Record Journal in the fourth paragraph of the article. The paragraph should have read as...The Covid-19 pandemic has had a quick and swift impact on how residents of Plainville get their news about their town. On March 31st The Plainville Observer along with its sister publications The Bristol Observer and Southington Observer announced they would cease publication "for the duration of the crisis."

The April 1st issue of Plainville's Hometown Connection noted it "had to make a few changes" in order to cover the cost of putting out the paper. "The article written by Francis Rexford Cooley printed on page 8 in the 5/5/20 edition of Plainville's Hometown Connection included several inaccuracies. The Plainville Observer is not part of the Record-Journal newspaper. The Record-Journal is a local family owned 5th generation media company in Meriden that publishes 1 daily newspaper and 7 contiguous weekies with related websites including The Plainville Citizen. It is not part of a newspaper chain. The company has never been bankrupt and continues to publish all publications through these difficult times. We deleted page 8 from the e-edition due to these errors. We apologize for the mistakes". *Helen B. Bergenty, President/Publisher*

*The author wishes to apologize to the Record-Journal newspaper, The Plainville Citizen, and The Plainville Observer for the errors contained in the original published article. Sincerely, Francis Rexford Cooley*

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**Father's Day Sunday the 21st**

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

## MAY 4th and MAY 18th Meetings

### May 4, 2020 Meeting

#### **Robertson Airport Improvements Taxiway Bid Update**

- On April 23rd, seven bids were received to reconstruct the taxiway at Robertson Airport. The low bid was submitted by Empire Paving of North Haven for \$2,269,992 however, upon review, it was determined that this bid was "non-responsive" to the specifications for the project.
- The second low bid was submitted by Tilcon, Connecticut, Inc. in the amount of \$2,389,944. At their meeting held on April 27th, the Aviation Commission conducted a virtual meeting to discuss the bids with AECOM, the consultants for the project. After reviewing the pertinent clauses in the specifications, the Aviation Commission unanimously recommended that the Empire bid was non-responsive and that the contract for the rehabilitation of the taxiway be awarded to Tilcon in the amount of \$2,389,944.
- An Application has been filed with the FAA to provide funding for the project. The reimbursement rate for this project is normally 90%, however, FAA has informed Airport sponsors that this project will most likely receive 100% reimbursement as a result of the CARES Act.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the recommendation of the Aviation Commission to award the Taxiway Rehabilitation Contract to Tilcon. Work is expected to occur in late summer/early fall after the grant has been awarded.

#### **BRRFOC Inter-Community Agreement Renewal**

- In 1985, Plainville entered into a 25-year agreement with 13 other municipalities to form the Bristol Resource Recovery Operating Committee, otherwise known as BRRFOC. The thirteen other towns were: Berlin, Branford, Bristol, Burlington, Hartland, New Britain, Plymouth, Prospect, Seymour, Southington, Warren, Washington and Wolcott.
- The purpose of the Inter-Community Agreement was to have the Towns work together to manage our solid waste and to construct and operate the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility. This Agreement is scheduled to end on June 30th.
- The BRRFOC Board feels that it is in the best interest of all the participating communities to continue contractual relationship to provide the residents and businesses of their municipalities with solid waste disposal services in their capacity as members of the BRRFOC.
- The Board has proposed an Agreement that would extend to December 31, 2034. A Draft

Agreement was included in the information package for this evening's meeting.

- The Agreement details the powers of the BRRFOC, the potential withdrawal of a municipality before the expiration date, the governance of the Board, the budget, revenues and expenditures, and other miscellaneous items. The Agreement is not all that different than the previous 25-year Agreement that has worked very well for the benefit of all the participating communities.
- The Draft Agreement has been given to the Town Attorney for his review and comments. The plan is to have the Town Council consider approving the Agreement at the next Town Council meeting to be held on May 18th.

#### **Municipal Center Opening**

- As of early April, Governor Lamont closed schools and public buildings until May 20th. Although it is believed that schools will remain closed beyond that date, it is possible that some public buildings will be allowed to open.
- Earlier today the Health Director met to with the Southington Town Manager, the Middlefield First Selectman and me to discuss the opening of the Municipal Centers in our communities. Based upon this discussion, the plan is to have full staff back in the Municipal Center beginning on May 20th.
- The Municipal Center will open to the Public on Tuesday, May 26th by appointment only. On Monday, June 8th, the Municipal Center will open for all residents without the need to make an appointment. This is all subject to change depending upon guidance from the Governor's Office.
- The opening of both the Senior Center and the Plainville Library will be determined later because both facilities involve the gathering of large amounts of people in close proximity.
- Town staff will publicize these reopenings in the coming days and weeks.

### May 18th Meeting

#### **Discussion of SRO Position at the Middle School**

- Police Chief Matt Catania and Superintendent of Schools Steve LePage have recently discussed adding a school resource officer (SRO) at the Middle School. The approved school budget included approximately \$28K to hire a school security person at the Middle School.
- Mr. LePage inquired with Chief Catania if it would be more beneficial and effective to hire an SRO instead of a school security person. Because the SRO position at the High School has been very successful, Chief Catania felt that the having an SRO to the Middle

School would be a more valuable addition to the community and the students.

- The Town was recently notified that the health insurance rates through the State Partnership Plan beginning in October is now expected to be significantly less than the 3 ½% that was budgeted. This would allow for the BOE Budget to absorb the cost of the new SRO position.
- This proposal was discussed at last week's Board of Education meeting and the members unanimously voted to move forward with the SRO pending Town Council review and concurrence. While a formal vote is not necessary at this time, Chief Catania would like to move forward with the hiring of an additional officer to be ready for the start of school in September.
- The additional police officer would also be available to the Department when school is not in session, especially during the summer months.

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

- As of yesterday, Plainville had 127 confirmed cases of people with COVID-19. State-wide confirmed cases total 37,419. Hartford County has the third highest number of confirmed cases behind Fairfield County and New Haven County. Our surrounding Town confirmed cases include Bristol (495), New Britain (766), Southington (268) and Farmington (183). There have been over 3,000 deaths associated with COVID-19 as well with 69 of those deaths occurring this past Saturday alone.
- According to Shane Lockwood, the Regional Health Director, the District continues to have new cases. This is to be expected somewhat because more and more testing is available. The District continues to distribute PPE to First responders, home health agencies and nursing homes.
- On May 20th restrictions put in place by Governor Lamont several months ago will begin to recede. While indoor dining will still be prohibited, outdoor dining will be allowed with some restrictions. The Governor has ordered that zoning restrictions with outdoor dining be processed quickly through an administrative process.
- Towns are still awaiting guidance from the State regarding public pool operation during the summer months. A decision whether to open the Berner Pool will not be made until the guidelines are determined and reviewed.
- The Municipal Center will be open to the public by appointment only next Tuesday, May 26th with open access beginning on Monday, June 8th. Alterations are being made to Town facilities to protect both the employees and public to maintain social distancing policies.
- The Senior Center and Library

will remain closed for the time being as these facilities tend to attract larger amounts of patrons and social distancing guidelines cannot be maintained in a reasonable manner. Staff at both the Senior Center and Library are working to adjust their programs and facilities to allow for some of their operation and services to reopen. Limited facility openings are not expected to occur until after June 20th.

#### **Long-Term Recovery Planning**

- The State is encouraging municipalities to create a local recovery committee to identify gaps and develop a comprehensive understanding of which members of a community might need more support in the recovery process.
- The committee would also be an effective channel to communicate to the state emergency management team major gaps/needs that may require a state level response.
- I have appointed the following individuals to serve on the local recovery committee: Cal Hauburger (Long-Term Recovery Coordinator), Shawn Cohen and Ronda Guberman (Seniors), Roberta Brown (Youth), Pam French (Social Services), Lynn Davis (Plainville Community Schools) and Antonella Calabrese (Business Community).
- If desired, Town Council representatives could serve on this Committee as well.

#### **Financial Dashboard**

- The Dashboard was included in the meeting information package and has been posted on the Town website.

## **Happenings 5/18/20**

### **TAX AND ASSESSING**

Sewer bills are due June 1, 2020. If taxpayers have applied for the deferment program under the Governor's Executive Order 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 the COVID-19 pandemic. 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:

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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.

**MOBILE FOODSHARE**

*Turn to page 10 for details!*

**FIREMARSHAL EMERGENCY SERVICES**

CBIA partnered with the state's emergency management system to offer masks to local businesses. 76 businesses in town have now advantage of the offer and a total 2,494 masks have been delivered. Small essential business may still request masks through the CBIA portal: <https://www.ctcovidresponse.org/request-masks-for-ct-small-business>

The Fire Marshal's office will be putting videos on the Plainville Fire Department Facebook page to promote fire safety. The first two topics are gas grill safety and cleaning and inspecting your dryer and lint trap.

**LIBRARY**

Re-opening TBD

**SENIOR CENTER**

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

Senior Center members and Plainville residents 60 and over are invited to stop by the Senior Center to receive free masks compliments of a charity program started by Bob and Amy Stefanowski, Masks for Connecticut. Masks for CT has been distributing masks to people on the front lines including health care workers and first responders. Now the campaign is aimed at being sure residents across Connecticut have the protection they need. Many thanks to Masks for CT, State Senator Henri Martin, and State Representative Bill Petit for their efforts in distributing.

Chair Fitness Classes with Jared Class will "meet" Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Fitness sessions will be 30 minutes of moderate intensity exercise-to include everything from squats, to stretches, to upper body exercises. Much of the routine is based around a chair, but you will get up and moving too! Call the Senior Center to register or sign up on-line at [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville). A Zoom link and password will be provided once you register.

**TAI CHI (BEGINNERS AND SEATED TAI CHI)**

Both classes will be taught on Zoom by Walter Bruce. A Zoom link will be sent to you once you register. There is no charge to take the class.

Beginners Tai Chi Class - Begins

Thursday, May 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Seated Tai Chi Class - Begins Thursday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m.

Tai-Chi is a slow-moving gentle exercise program that helps strengthen the body and focus the mind, while helping the body to become healthier through deep breathing and relaxed postures. As a safety reminder, please find an area in your home that is free of possible fall hazards.

**Call the Senior Center to register.**

Talk with the Nurse on Zoom Tuesday, June 2nd, at 9:30 a.m.

Our Senior Center Nurse, Georgia Sterpka, will present a program on Zoom to discuss the Corona Virus/COVID 19, how to keep yourself protected, the proper way to put on and remove a face mask, review current health/safety guidelines and more. There will also be time for questions and answers. Call the Senior Center by Monday, June 1st at 2:00 p.m. to register and receive the Zoom Link and password.

**Also coming up at the Senior Center:**

- Free Telephone Bingo with Evelyn!
- Silver Sneakers Chair Exercise Class
- Jared Presents 'Sweet Potatoes 101'
- Virtual Book Club

Call 860-747-5728 for more info

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

June is Dog Licensing Month. Details on page 23

**SCHOOLS**

Parents with young children are invited to join the Plainville Family Resource Network (PFRN) for their virtual circle time on Facebook. Miss Carolyn and Miss Theresa will be live Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10:30am; also Monday evenings at 6:30pm for pajama story time. Please note: the videos are available anytime on Facebook for you to watch at your convenience.

Please reach out to PFRN with any questions, concerns, resources, or needs you may have, PFRN is here to help! Contact information:

Phone: 860-793-6304 ext.0

Email: [cavallarod@plainvilleschools.org](mailto:cavallarod@plainvilleschools.org)

Like us on Facebook, Plainville Family Resource Network

***Must Read This:***

**2020 CENSUS**

As of 5/17/2020, Plainville reached a 70.9% self-response rate.

Our goal is to improve Plainville's self-response by 3% over the 2010 Census, which means we'd like to see 79% self-response rate. We will continue to promote public awareness with strategically placed lawn signs on municipal properties. Residents are urged to respond online at [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).



**Plainville Fire Company  
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Donations to Benefit  
Brother Plainville Firefighter**

On behalf of the Plainville Fire Company, we are raising monies for our Brother Plainville Firefighter Edgar A. Wynkoop, a Go Fund Me page. The following is a link that site: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/edgar-wynkoop>

Edgar was unfortunately recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer. He is a dedicated husband & father of 1 girl, 2 boys and is also a devoted member of the Plainville Fire Company.

Edgar was raised in Plainville and decided to raise his own family in our very own community where he has given back tremendously over the years. Edgar has been a member of the Plainville Fire Company for approximately 35 years. He has been elected to various Lieutenant Roles, then to the Fire Company Treasurer. He then was then elected to Captain and then finally 2nd Assistant Fire Chief. After his Officer roles, he rejoined the other men and women in the Regular Membership rolls.

**All donations will go to Edgar A. Wynkoop & family, and we ask that you please keep Edgar in your prayers and thoughts.**



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## Getting Out of the House

By: Francis Rexford Cooley

The shutdown due to Covid-19 has definitely led to a bit of cabin fever for more than a few people. So now that the weather is warming up people are ready to bust loose. But for many there is a question of what to do? Social distancing is still the refrain of the day, month, season.

Many summer venues and events have already announced they will not be happening, like the Hartford Symphony Orchestra's Talcott Mountain Music Festival. You can always take a walk but how many more times can you walk the Rails to Trails, Norton or Paderewski Parks in Plainville? Luckily there are numerous possibilities a short drive from town offering a variety of experiences.

Springtime is associated with flowers and Elizabeth Park, straddling the Hartford-West Hartford town line, is known for its gardens. The park's famed Rose Garden peaks to full bloom in June. Each month from April through October Elizabeth Park has a garden in bloom making anytime from Spring through Fall a good time to visit and stroll through the park's beautifully maintained gardens. Should one like their flowers a bit more on the wild side, Westmoor Park, also in West Hartford, has a wildflower meadow among the 162 acres of what was once West Hartford's last working farm.

Walnut Hill Park in New Britain has a Rose Garden and one of the

State of Connecticut's more spectacular World War I memorials. Sitting atop Walnut Hill the Memorial honors those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation. The park provides plenty of walking throughout the Frederick Law Olmstead designed landscape and the view from the top of Walnut Hill is very nice.

If one is looking for a spectacular view a quick trip to Meriden's Hubbard Park is in order. Designed by Olmstead's sons Hubbard Park is the home of Castle Craig top Meriden Mountain and a spectacular view of Sleeping Giant to the south in Hamden. Both Walnut Hill and Hubbard park have roads open to automobiles giving access to the World War I Memorial and Gardens, and Castle Craig.

For those who want to walk without Gardens, Memorials, or Castles there are the West Hartford Reservoirs off of CT Route 4 and US 44. The Reservoirs have miles of paved and graded roads to walk, looping around the six main bodies of water as well as a portion of the Metacomet Trail crossing through the MDC properties.

In Farmington the Cowells Preserve, off of Meadow Road, gives access to the Farmington Flats trail running along the Farmington River and the possibility of catching sight of one of the Bald Eagles that makes their home along the Farmington.

These are but a small sample of the myriad of the places one can go for a nice stroll nearby to Plainville. For the more adventurous there is the extensive Blue Blazed Hiking Trails and Rails to Trails systems. After being cooped up during the Covid-19 lockdown it will be good to stretch the legs. **Enjoy!**

## Main Street Community Foundation Anniversary Celebration Canceled to Focus on COVID-19 Response

Main Street Community Foundation has made the difficult decision to cancel The Main Event: A Quarter Century Celebration scheduled for September 12, 2020. Upon much thought and consideration of the current events and the enormous impact of COVID-19 on all communities – both nonprofits and businesses – MSCF's focus is on the best way to provide assistance during this crisis and the recovery that will follow.

The local businesses, organizations and individuals who generously committed sponsorships to the Main Event have redirected their support to the Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund. This fund was established in March, to mobilize the necessary resources in support of the emerging needs in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. "We are very grateful to our Main Event sponsors for supporting our COVID-19 response efforts," stated Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of Main Street Community Foundation. "Their donations will provide additional resources to those organizations on the front lines meeting the basic needs of residents and aid in the recovery period to bolster local nonprofits."

We invite you to visit the Foundation website to view the Main Event sponsors at [www.mainstreetfoundation.org/the-main-event-2020](http://www.mainstreetfoundation.org/the-main-event-2020).

Main Street Community Foundation began as an idea by a small and very dedicated group of individuals who believed that a community foundation was essential to build a permanent

resource of assets to benefit the local community. On March 17, 1995 Main Street Community Foundation was incorporated. Very soon after, as a result of the merger between Webster Bank and Bristol Saving Bank, \$500,000 of assets in the Bristol Savings Bank Foundation was earmarked to seed MSCF. The first MSCF fund, the Bristol Savings Bank Fund was created.

Since 1995, MSCF has grown to a \$48.5 million community foundation. To date, donors have established 243 funds and \$19.3 million in grants and scholarships have been awarded for the benefit of organizations and individuals.

"The best way to commemorate our 25th anniversary is to mobilize our resources and meet the most pressing needs of our community," stated Sadecki. "Focusing on our COVID-19 response will truly fulfill the vision that our Founders imagined when they established Main Street Community Foundation." To learn more about the Foundation's COVID-19 efforts, visit [www.mainstreetfoundation.org](http://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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## My Warmest Regards:

*I would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, words and prayers upon my mother's passing. Your cards and phone calls were a comfort to me, and your words of remembrance fed my soul.*

*Mary was a special lady, though complicated at times. She was a great inspiration to me in the fact that she achieved all her goals. She had a very full life and lived it her way, on her terms. I could not ask for a better role model.*

*Donna Ziccardi*

## To Your Health

### Fill your Plate with Love! By Linda Coveney

I love this quote by Queen Elizabeth "Our streets are not empty; they are filled with love". We have taken the right actions to protect ourselves and our neighbors. With re-openings on the horizon, nature is ready to reward us with fresh fruits and vegetables. Time to fill plates with food that we love and that will love us back.

Personally, I have been anxiously waiting for the farm stores to open. Just seeing the chickens, the fields and being around people that love and care for the earth and work hard to bring this goodness to us, makes me very happy.

Now that we are accustomed to following the "rules", how about these rules or tips that will help keep our immune systems strong and reduce stress so that we will be ready for whatever is next in this very difficult and confusing time.

These are not new, but worth repeating.  
1. 50% of your plate should be fruits and vegetables.

2. Include more fiber and healthy fats in your diet. Leafy greens, nuts, avocados, beans, whole grains, raspberries, blueberries are just a few. They will keep you full longer and help you achieve a healthy gut.

3. Eat more home cooked meals. You can turn a grilled vegetables, brown rice and chicken meal for dinner into a light lunch another day. Cook with another meal in mind to save time.

4. Avoid processed food that comes in a box. Our bodies thrive on nutritious foods. Nutrients are lacking in most packaged foods and added sugars and bad fats are increased. In order to make the best choice, read the ingredient list and avoid foods with sugar as one of the top 3 ingredients.

5. Eat real whole foods. Preference would be non-gmo or organic.

6. Get out and move more.

7. Keep a food diary. Writing things

down will bring awareness to what, how much, when and why you are eating. It's also important to note how you feel immediately after eating and a few hours later. Add more foods that make you feel good and reduce or eliminate foods that don't work for you. It's a process. One step at a time.

8. Give up the sugary drinks and hydrate your cells with water.

9. Manage the stress in your life. Find your nourishing lifestyle menu of walking, meditation, yoga or other exercise that will help bring your mind and body back into balance. Spend time with like-minded individuals who give you confidence and lift your spirits.

10. The healthiest and happiest people in the world have a community of support, eat a mostly plant based diet, laugh often and have a keen sense of their purpose in life. Consider jotting down a few things that you are grateful for at the end of each day and wake up with a positive thought for fulfilling your goals and purpose in life.

One other idea to extend the summer season of fresh herbs.

Recently, I purchased some organic parsley and noticed it was starting to wilt. I plucked the leaves, rinsed lightly, then patted with a paper towel to soak up extra water. Then the parsley leaves were placed flat on a pan and put in the oven on the lowest setting for about an hour or when crispy. Once done, I crunched them up with my hand and put in a storage jar and labeled to use as seasoning throughout the rest of the year. Try this and then smell this parsley and compare to store bought parsley to experience how much fresher the home seasoning is. You can also do this with basil, chives and other fresh herbs that you get at farmer's markets. Another trick is to freeze some dried herbs in stock you have left over to put into soups you make next Fall. I'm sure you all have other ideas on how to preserve the summer crop.

**Stay Healthy, Enjoy June!**

### Linda Coveney

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## Letters to the Editor.....

Dear Editor:

We deeply appreciate the front line personnel, volunteers and first responders dealing with the covid-19. There is another group that should be recognized as well and that is our teachers. They now have to deal with a totally new format in reaching out to their students to continue to learn. The Special Ed teachers have to deal with special need students that require different tactics since each child is different. Hats off to the Plainville School system since they were ready to go from day one. To all the teachers, you certainly earned an A+.

**John Gasparini**  
Plainville CT

Dear Editor:

I think the raffle "Return the Flavor" is a wonderful idea to help the restaurant owners in Plainville. The PRTC is "Returning the Favor" for their support over the years for the project "Taste of Plainville" that is held in July and August, which has been cancelled this year because of the Covid-19.

The most interesting thing about this RAFFLE is there will be over 40 winners. All the raffle tickets I ever bought only have 3 items, a grand prize and two smaller prizes.

I was told if I purchase tickets using Venmo to make sure I return the stubs before July 1st, for the drawing. I have already sent my stubs .

If you want to buy some tickets call Deb Hardy 860-384-9577 and she will assist you.

Good Luck to all the restaurants may you prosper as before the Covid-19 hit our country.

**Sincerely, Pat Lostocco**

Dear Editor:

**"We who cherish freedom must take on the false prophets of socialism and spread the truth that limited government, free markets, and a nation based on the rule of law are the surest ways to ensure freedom, prosperity, and opportunity for all."**

*Heritage Guide to the Constitution*  
**Kay C. James, President**  
*of The Heritage Foundation*

### And Where are They Now?

If you have someone you would like to write about, perhaps a former friend or neighbor. we would be very happy to hear about them and their successes..

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### St. Joseph Cemetery News

We recently posted a notice in our parish cemetery announcing that over grown shrubs will be removed by cemetery personnel beginning June 1, 2020. An overgrown bush is one that has grown higher than the monument that marks the graves of loved ones. If you would like to retain the bushes that may be present on the burial site of loved ones, please trim them so that they are no higher than the accompanying monument. Please understand that there is a great need to maintain our parish cemetery well. In addition, glass vases, containers, wire fencing, decorative wind flags, etc. around monuments are not allowed in our cemetery. 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. We respectfully ask that you remove all of these items before June 8, 2020. After that date the cemetery staff will be removing these items from the grave plots in the cemetery and placing the items behind the green fence in the back of the cemetery near the wood shed. We ask that you ONLY plant flowers 8" from the base of the monument. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions, please call the Cemetery Office at 86.747.6825 and speak with Jo-Ann. **Please check out our Facebook Page @ [www.Facebook.com/ourladyofmercychurchct](http://www.Facebook.com/ourladyofmercychurchct) and our website at [www.olmct.org](http://www.olmct.org).**

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# God's Grocery Store



Shoprite, Bagels Plus, Aldi's and Amazon. We have found it challenging to fill at the least 900 bags every Tuesday using only 5 volunteers and social distancing, but we are up to the task and always manage to get the job done. We are grateful that God has given us the opportunity to continue with His work even, and perhaps especially, during this pandemic.

We want to thank Plainville's Town Manager, Robert Lee, as well as the Town of Plainville's municipal workers and Police Department for their assistance each week setting up an entrance on Broad Street and exit on Canal Street. The weekly wear and tear of 400 cars passing through our property has caused enough surface deterioration to require putting in a paved driveway. The town approved D'Amico for our repaving project and last week, the driveway was excavated, and a solid base was installed. We want to thank them for doing an exceptional job.

As this project will result in significant financial strain for our small congregation, we are happily accepting any financial donations to the Plainville Seventh Day



Adventist Church made in support of our continued food distribution efforts as God's Grocery Store volunteers.

God's Grocery Store at 97 Broad Street, Plainville has continued to provide food in a safe manner that protects our clients and us during this Covid 19 pandemic, to Plainville, Bristol and surrounding communities. Every Wednesday we remain open between the hours of 8am to 3pm for a drive-thru distribution. We have people drive up to register, pop their trunks and volunteers put at least 3 bags of food in the car for them. As available we additionally give 1/2 gallons of milk, 5lbs potato bags and 3lbs onions. We have been serving on an average 350-400 cars per week; but recently, that number has consistently increased by 40 or more each week.

We are currently working with Foodshare, FEMA and other local entities to provide us with the amount of food necessary to provide for the community. Additionally, we have been getting a lot of deliveries and generous food donations from, Stop n Shop,

## New Mobile Food Share Site Open at Plainville High School

47 Robert Holcomb Way

Every Other Monday: June 1, 15 & 29; July 13 & 27; August 10 & 24 - **11:00—11:30 a.m.**  
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For the entire Mobile Foodshare schedule visit: [www.Foodshare.org/mobile](http://www.Foodshare.org/mobile)

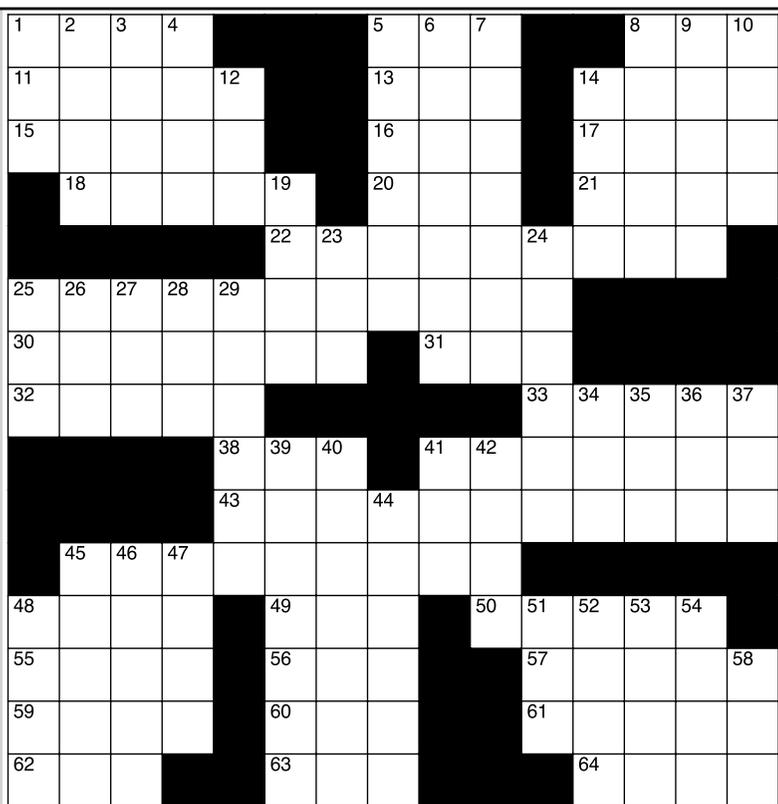
To check for other locations around Plainville and/or cancellations visit the website or call 860-856-4321.

Text FOODSHARE to 85511 to receive the mobile schedule and cancellations alerts directly on your phone.

## US Census Bureau Report

1. 4000 churches close their doors every year in this country.
2. 2.7 million church members fall in to inactivity.
3. It is predicted that by 2025 only 11% of Americans will be found in church on any Sunday and by 2050 the number is predicted to drop to 8%.
4. Today only 7% of Plainville residents can be found in church on any given Sunday.
5. Even more frightening is the prediction that by 2050 Europe may have no significant Church presence at all. In January of 2015 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York warned: *"The Church of England will no longer be able to carry on its current form unless the downward spiral in its membership is reversed "as a matter of urgency"*

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  8. PAINTER'S ACCESSORY
  9. HONK
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29. RUGGED MOUNTAIN RANGE
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40. NATURAL ELECTRICAL PHENOMENONS
41. YOUR
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# Senior Center News

We hope this finds our Plainville Senior Center members safe and healthy. Although the Senior Center is closed, staff are working and always available by telephone, 860-747-5728, during our regular hours. If you live in Plainville, limited Dial-a-Ride is also available for non-emergency medical appointments (as long as you are not sick), grocery shopping, banking, food pantry and pharmacy.

## Center for Healthy Aging tips for getting medications safely during COVID-19

Medications can be vital to staying well and maintaining good health. Getting medications safely can be a challenge during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially for people at higher risk. Some of these higher risk groups include individuals with chronic lung disease, serious heart conditions, are immune compromised or have diabetes, to name a few.

Nicholas Arsenault, MSN, RN, CNL, CCM, CDP, a transitional care nurse with Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging, offers a few simple steps people can take to empower and protect themselves during these times:

Consider getting medications delivered to the home. Individuals can talk with their pharmacy to see if they offer home delivery. Many larger chain pharmacies provide this service, but some smaller, local pharmacies also offer it.

Look at insurance pharmacy benefits. Some insurance and prescription drug plans, either commercial or Medicare, offer some savings for using a home delivery medication program.

If medication delivery from a pharmacy is not possible, talk with a family member, caregiver, friend or trusted neighbor to see if they would be able to pick up the medication. The HIPAA Privacy Rule allows the pharmacist to give the filled prescription to a relative or friend. They could drop them off at the door while maintaining physical distancing. Provide them with a phone number so they can call when they have dropped off the medication.

To get medication filled or to check on the status of it, contact the pharmacy by phone or through an online portal. Talk with the local pharmacy team to find out the easiest, safest and best way to address these needs.

Be mindful of how much medication remains in the prescription. A good rule of thumb is to ensure there is 7-10 days' worth to prevent running out. When that 7-10-day window approaches, notify the pharmacist that a refill is needed to allow enough time to obtain the order from the healthcare provider.

Many insurance plans are relaxing refill limitations so larger quantities of medications may now be allowed. It may be possible to get a 90-day supply, which is appropriate if the medications are for long-term condition management. Having a 90-day supply can also reduce the number of pharmacy visits and there may also be a cost savings.

People should talk with their healthcare provider and develop a plan to ensure the medication will continue to be refilled. Some providers may agree to refill the medication, but others may want to "see" the person first. It is possible to have a telehealth visit by means of a video call using a smartphone, tablet or computer. They can also do a visit over the telephone to minimize having to go to the provider's office.

If it is necessary to go to the pharmacy in person, take essential steps to remain protected. Some pharmacies may offer special hours for seniors over 65 or individuals with health conditions that place them at higher risk who must visit in person. Some guidelines are: Maintain 6 feet of space between others. Wear a face mask or covering that covers the nose and mouth. Follow the arrows in the aisles.

Have the method of payment ready to minimize having to touch multiple items and reduce contamination. Consider using a credit or debit card instead of cash.

Liberally use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol after touching any surfaces, credit card terminals, pens or other objects before getting in the car. Wipe down high-touch surfaces with cleaning/sanitizing wipes once in the vehicle including the steering

wheel, door handles, keys, cellphone and window controls.

Hand wash thoroughly for 20 seconds upon returning home.

When feeling sick, stay home to reduce the chance of infecting someone else. People should contact their healthcare provider for guidance and to determine what kind of visit is best. If it is an emergency, if possible, call ahead and wear a mask.

Job loss, lack of insurance and new expenses resulting from COVID-19 have presented financial challenges to affording medications. People who use Medicare and who qualify based on income can apply for Extra Help through Social Security or at the National Council on Aging's BenefitsCheckUp.

When in doubt about getting medications and reducing potential exposure to COVID-19, individuals should contact their healthcare provider or pharmacist.

Vital information and important resources for caregivers, families and older adults is available through Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging, a not for profit member of **Hartford HealthCare Senior Services**. Call Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging at 1.877.4AGING1/1.877.424.4641 or visit <http://hhcenterforhealthyaging.org>.

## 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](http://www.2020census.gov)

## Our Meals-on-Wheels

The volunteers have been very busy delivering meals to homebound folks and they certainly deserve a huge "high five" if you know any of them: Gene, Ted, Ana, Bob, Joe, Dale, Leona, Laurie. Our gratitude for their compassion and dedication for continuing to volunteer during this difficult time is enormous.

## The Food Share

The program at the Seventh Day Adventist Church is available on Wednesdays, for Plainville individuals needing assistance with food. For more information about eligibility and hours contact: **Laurie (860) 747-5867**.

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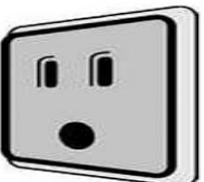
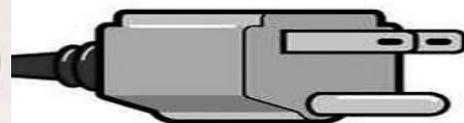
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## THE TEA PARTY PATRIOTS WAKE UP AMERICA

*By Gene*

Tracing, Tracking, Surveillance, Profiling, Drones, Lockdowns and etc. Here we go... Year 1984 Big Brother Syndrome is starting to take over.

The Second Amendment should be reinforced to protect the first amendment so we can have abridging freedom of speech and the press and the right for people to peacefully to assemble, and establishment of religion, and to petition the government for a redress of grievance.

As we enter into more weeks of shelter at home order, we are seeing that Americans are about at their breaking point..

When the Constitution was written, that were set in place to limit the power of the government, not the people. We are seeing authorities strip away our rights and freedom hiding behind the excuse of protecting our health. There is no excuse for the government to take away our rights, even during a "crisis."

The Governor of Connecticut and his hand picked cronies issue too many executive orders without the duly elected representatives by the people. The Constitution is being shredded and doesn't permit government infringement upon a number of things. The public and it's representatives should be involved in the reopening of the economy. King LaMont from

Connecticut is highering a consultant group from Massachusetts to help open the State for two million dollars. IS THIS THE NEW NORM?

No longer are these lockdowns about health but an excuse to exercise tyranny to see when we have had enough.. It's time that we show that we have had enough and we will only take so much.

Also **BEWARE** another situation like the Virus could hit the whole U.S. To take down the whole power grid at an inoperative time. (Even though it might be known and preventions has been taken).

### **Socialism:**

History shows that socialism has failed every where it has been implemented, because it rejects a fundamental ingredient of what makes capitalism successful - private property..

The more aggressive socialism is pursued, the bigger the failure that results.

History shows that you cannot have political freedom without economic freedom. The moment you begin to limit economic freedom, you begin to limit political freedom.

*"The problem with socialism is that you eventually run off of other people's money"* (Margaret Thatcher)

*"Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery"*

(Winston Churchill)

Some information and excerpts are from Tea Party Action @www.teaparty10.com

## Town of Plainville's 2020 Census

### Self-Response Rate;

### Why Your Answers Matter;

### Revised Census Schedule;

In the 2010 Census, 76% of Plainville residents self-responded. The Town is working to improve that rate to at least 79%. As of May 19, 2020, Plainville's residents reached a 70.3 % self-response rate. As of that same day the National rate was 59.8%; Connecticut - 63.5%; Farmington - 72.6%; Southington - 75.0%; Bristol - 67.0%; and New Britain 52.1%.

Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children. The results will also inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to more than 100 programs, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for community mental health services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP. In short, your response matters.

Your answers are so important that the Census Bureau will come knocking on your door to count people living in your household. Because of the pandemic, the Census Bureau is adapting or delaying some operations to protect

the health and safety of staff and the public while still making sure the population is counted. According to the original schedule, non-response follow-up, (a.k.a. door knocking) was due to begin mid-May. It will now be postponed until mid-August. What does this mean? If you would prefer to avoid that knock on the door, then fill out the Census for your household. Respond online at [www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov) or call 844-330-2020 for English; 844-468-2020 for Spanish. 844-468-202-0020

## Will I Pay Income Tax on Stimulus Check?

### AARP Answer to This Question

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has sent out more than 130 million stimulus payments since the CARES Act was signed into law on March 27. As people start to spend their money, some wonder: Is my stimulus payment taxable?

**The short answer: No.** In the somewhat longer words of the IRS: "No, the payment is not income and taxpayers will not owe tax on it. The payment will not reduce a taxpayer's refund or increase the amount they owe when they file their 2020 tax return next year. A payment also will not affect income for purposes of determining eligibility for federal government assistance or benefit programs."

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# Schools in Review

## 2020 PLAINVILLE FIRE COMPANY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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- Dylan McVicker, Plainville
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- Elena Borio, West Hartford
- Zachary Douglas McGough, Plainville
- Rebecca Kall, Farmington
- Joseph Kall, Farmington
- Abby Elaine McGough, Plainville
- Madison Elizabeth Albright, Plainville
- Victoria Lin Plourde, Plainville
- Jeremy Myska, Plainville
- Olivia Paige Worzorco, Plainville

## Middle School Students Create "Kindness Stones"



Middle School of Plainville sixth grade students created "Kindness stones" during a Day of Caring "Kindness Counts" lesson in March. The stones were originally going to be displayed at the Middle School, but due to the switch to distance learning, Middle School counselor Kim Rodriguez put the stones on display at the public parks in Plainville.

## Linden Street School Student Plants Seeds



Linden Street School second grader Zachary Wasley planted seeds for May Day as part of the theme that day for his class, lead by teacher Melissa Dodenhoff.

## Plainville High School Class of 2020 Commencement Will Be a Drive-In Ceremony

Steven LePage, Superintendent of Schools said the district hopes to do a bigger in person graduation ceremony either later this summer or in the fall, but the drive-in style celebration will have to do.

The plan is to have the graduation ceremony in the school's parking lot. The district is working on the logistics, such as how the drive-in setup will look like to receive the diplomas, livestream capabilities through YouTube, and maps on vehicle routes. There are about 160 graduating students and the limit will be one vehicle per family. No party buses or limousines are allowed.

"We are doing our best to make it as special as it can be under these circumstances." Steve LePage said. "We really have to commend our seniors, they have been amazing during the pandemic. They've really shown their resiliency and if this isn't a test to see how tough they are, then I don't know what is."

Much like all districts in the state, there has been a lot of thinking and planning for the summer and fall. LePage said teachers have been connecting with students frequently for both academic and personal support since the schools shut down.

The district was able to start distance learning right out the gate due to their already robust technology infrastructure. There are just under 2,400 students in the district. Each student has a computer device, and additional Wi-Fi hotspots were purchased to make sure all students have internet access.

"We're very fortunate to be able to provide the technology almost immediately. Families have been very supportive and appreciative. We're focused on finishing the school year while realigning and training for the future," Steve LePage said.

## PFRN Holds Drive-By Pick-Up



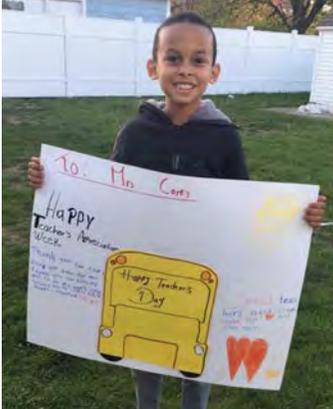
The Plainville Family Resource Network (PFRN) "drive by pick-up" (and a few walkers) at Linden Street School on May 5th was a success with 26 families and 38 children participating. PFRN staff members distributed care packages for the families including weekly readers magazines, children's books, snacks, juice boxes, seeds for planting donated by an alumni family who volunteers for Plainville's Conservation Commission, model magic, bubbles, miscellaneous resource, activity ideas, and more.

## Linden Student Learning At Home



Alekzander Hixson and his cat working on the computer. Joan Corey's second grade class at Linden Street School during distance learning

## Linden Street School Student Creates Poster for Teacher



Linden Street School second grader Sebastian Garcia-Rivera with the Teacher Appreciation Week Poster he created for his teacher Joan Corey.

## Trumpf, Inc. Donates Face Shields to Plainville Community Schools



Trumpf, Inc. recently designed and produced custom face shields using stainless steel and plexiglass alloys. The company donated a number of face shields for the Plainville Community Schools Food Service and Facilities Department staff members to use during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

*In photo: Trumpf, Inc. employees Daniel Pfisterer, Roger Michaud, and Chris Longo, with sample face shields that they produced and donated to Plainville Community Schools*

## MSP Student Creates Drawing for Heroes



Middle School of Plainville seventh grader Gabriela (Gabi) Mroczek created a beautiful image after being inspired by an optional assignment from Middle School faculty member Robyn Levesque. The assignment was for students to create drawings to say thank you for frontline heroes. Gabi decided she wanted to do something to honor her hero, her Mom, Mary Mroczek, who works in the medical field. Gabi's image went viral and can be found on the Hartford Healthcare Facebook page. Gabi also created a surprise video message for her Mom sharing her inspiration behind the drawing, all as part of Medical Laboratory Professionals week, April 18th- 25th.





# CONGRATULATIONS

~Valedictorian~



**HELENA ROSE YAWIN**

~Salutatorian~



**CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL ST. LAWRENCE**



# Graduating Class of 2020!!!





## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020!!

A letter from  
Principal, Carl Johnson  
to All Plainville  
High School Seniors

On behalf of the Plainville Board of Education, the Plainville Community Schools administration, and the faculty & staff of Plainville High School, I wish to offer you our sincere congratulations on your graduation from Plainville High School. The successful completion of your school career in Plainville brings all of us pride and joy.

The theme of this yearbook is "2020 Vision: Looking Forward to Looking Back." This theme is no doubt fitting for a host of reasons for each of you. Looking back, you are the first group of students for which I have been a part of your high school career for all four years. We both arrived at PHS in the Fall of 2016, ready to start our journey. I am willing to guess that we shared many emotions that day, from the fear of being at a new place to the excitement of the first day of school. Looking back, the first day of school for many of you in Plainville was in the Fall of 2007 when you entered Kindergarten. I imagine that the first day at either Wheeler, Linden or Toffolon elementary schools, must seem like an eternity ago.

Looking forward, I have complete confidence that members of this class are going to accomplish great things. You have distinguished yourselves as a class that is full of students who are scholars, compassionate, empathetic, and committed. I know that I speak for all of your teachers when I say that you will be missed at PHS. It is fitting that your class would close yet another decade in the history of Plainville High School. As a faculty, we are committed to making sure that Plainville High School continues to be a place that you can be proud of having attended. When you come back to visit in 2030, 2040, or even 2050, it is my sincere hope that PHS will continue to be a model of excellence in education.

We wish you all the best as we look forward to the future. Whether you are continuing your education, volunteering to serve your country, joining the workforce, or something else entirely; we genuinely wish you the best in your endeavors. You have been prepared well by your time at PHS, and you are ready for the future, whatever that may hold. No matter what that may include; remember...

*"Once a Blue Devil, Always a Blue Devil."*

### MSP First Responders Club Honor Those Serving



*MSP faculty member and First Responder's Fan Club Advisor Christina Corvello with the American Flag, pentagon coin and certificate received from the guard force group.*

The Middle School of Plainville's First Responder's Fan Club, led by advisor and faculty member Christina Corvello, recently sponsored several support projects for first responders. First, the student club members made a digital slideshow of support for the radiology nurses at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in Southington. Student Club member Juliana Radziewicz's mother is a radiology nurse at the hospital and club members wanted to support her and her co-workers by sending them the digital slideshow, pizza and grinders! In addition, the First Responder's Fan Club members made a digital slideshow of support for Army, Sergeant Major (SGM) Houle and his guard force. SGM Houle is a Connecticut National Guard member who has been stationed in Cuba since January. Prior to the pandemic, the club members sent many letters and packages to SGM Houle and the guard force. To go along with the digital slideshow, the group also arranged for a pizza delivery for the guard force members. On May 16th the First Responder's Fan Club received an American flag that was flown over the Cuban military base on May 2nd, a special pentagon coin, and a certificate from the guard force group.

### Students Participate in Library Choice Boards



Plainville Community Schools' elementary students, kindergarten through fifth grade, are participating in Library Choice Boards each week as a part of distance learning. Through a "Padlet" crafted by the School Media Specialists, students are exploring activities

focused around literacy, informational literacy, Makerspace, wellness, and virtual travel.

*Shown above, Linden Street School 5th Grader Olivia Leonetti tried knitting with her fingers!*

### Plainville Family Resource Network Stays in Touch



The Plainville Family Resource Network (PFRN) is continuing classes virtually through distance learning. The group meets on Facebook Live Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30am for circle time, and Monday evenings for bedtime stories at 6:30pm. In addition, follow up fun activity sheets are emailed to the families as well as posted on Facebook. They are also hosting social time meetings with children and families using Google Meets at 11am on Wednesdays.

### PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Plainville Community Schools still has openings for the district's preschool program for the Fall, 2020. The Plainville Community Schools preschool program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, runs Monday through Friday from 8:50AM to 3:30PM, and generally follows the school district calendar. Registration is first come, first served. A waiting list will be maintained once all spaces are reserved.

Eligibility requirements are:

- Children must reside with parents or legal guardians in Plainville
- Children must be born between 1/1/16 and 12/31/16. The program is designed to prepare students for transition to kindergarten at age 5. Children who will be 5 before 12/31/20 will not be able to enroll in this program.
- Parents must agree to pay \$2,500 per year to attend (sliding scale available based on income)
- Transportation will be provided based on district transportation guidelines for our elementary schools. Students who live outside of the designated busing zone for their school will not be provided with transportation.

The preschool program is designed for students to participate in the full day program. Children who do not participate in the full day will miss core instructional parts of the program. Requests for children to only participate in a portion of the program must be discussed with the Director of Special Services prior to registration.

Please visit the district website at:

[www.plainvilleschools.org/resources/parents/enrollment](http://www.plainvilleschools.org/resources/parents/enrollment) to access the preschool registration packet.

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

## FAMILY VIOLENCE IN CONNECTICUT

There has been a media explosion in the past few weeks regarding NFL players involved in domestic abuse and child abuse cases. These incidents have put the NFL under the microscope for not only their policies, but also for what are their true priorities. Here in Connecticut the legislature has been quite active since the mid-1980's defining and reshaping family violence law. Given today's climate, I thought a review of the Nutmeg state's law would be appropriate.

Connecticut law defines "family violence" as an incident between family or household members that either causes physical injury or creates fear that physical injury is about to occur. Verbal abuse or argument is not considered family violence unless there is present danger and the likelihood that physical violence will occur. The discipline of minor children by parents or guardians is not considered family violence unless abuse occurs. Family violence is not a separate criminal offense. Crimes that may be charged as a family violence offense include assault, kidnapping, and sexual assault. Those who engage in violence against a spouse or family member can be charged with a misdemeanor or a felony depending on the facts of the case.

"Family or household members" are spouses, former spouses, parents and their children; people age 18 or older related by blood or marriage; people age 16 or older either living together or who have lived together; people who have a child together

whether or not they are or have been married or have lived together; and people in, or who were recently in, a dating relationship (CGS § 46b-38a).

There is a Pretrial Family Violence Education program for people who are charged with family violence crimes. A defendant can ask the court to place him or her in the program. If placed in the program, the defendant is released to the custody of a family violence intervention unit for up to two years under such condition as the court orders. If the defendant successfully completes the program, the charges will be dismissed. If the defendant violates the program's conditions, he or she will be brought to trial. In order to qualify for the program the following conditions must be present.

1. The crime charged must not be more serious than a misdemeanor, or if there is good cause, a class D felony. For example, anyone charged with first-degree assault or risk of injury to a minor is ineligible.
  2. The defendant must not have previously participated in the program.
  3. The defendant must not have been convicted of, or accepted accelerated rehabilitation for, a family violence crime committed after October 1, 1986.
- The court must notify the victim of the defendant's request for the program and, if possible, give the victim an opportunity to be heard. The defendant must, if he or she is able, pay a \$200 fee to the court to participate in the program

For further reading, the information contained in this article was presented in the OLR Research Report dated October 2, 2009. Certainly as time passes the law and requirements of the family violence diversionary program will be altered. So, stay tuned for future articles regarding this topic or be sure to contact a licensed attorney if this topic pertains to you.

### Attorney Thomas A. Wurz

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**Theodore J. Wurz, Attorney at Law**  
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## Cancellation of the 2020 Petit Family Foundation 5k Road Race

Given the unknown effect COVID-19 will continue to have on the residents of CT, as well as the financial difficulties it has brought to individuals and businesses, I wanted to let you know that it is with big disappointment to inform you that our race will be cancelled this year. I considered many different scenarios but in the end the many variables outweigh the idea of moving forward. Additionally, with many other local events being canceled as well as the stress the local pandemic has placed on local authorities it did not make sense to merely postpone. However, I am considering the option of a virtual road race in the near future.

For those of you who had registered for the race, thank for your early support. We will be in touch with you individually concerning your payment.

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. Also, thanks to our many volunteers for the time that they give to help facilitate our road races.

Please continue to observe the directives and guidelines issued by the CDC and our state and local governments. Looking forward to seeing you at the 2021 Petit Family Foundation Road Race. Stay safe.

Bob Heslin, Race Director

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With  
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Because of limited space in our paper I'll use this space to answer a reader's letter I received a few days ago from A. Tanski of our town. Ms. Tanski took offense at my May article where I referenced the Corona virus as coming from China and stated I blamed the Chinese people for the pandemic.

Being as I must rely on all media for the origin of this illness I must admit that is where it appears the blame must fall. I find it offensive that Ms. Tanski found me to be a bully, a harasser of Asian Americans, prejudice and have a blaming mentality, plus few other hurtful words.

Twenty three plus years ago, when the Hometown Connection was incorporated the Wanda column as penned to give the events and views of the lighter side of the everyday happenings in my and your neighbors lives. Never was it the intent to bully, harass or be prejudice against anyone. Hateful letters that state you and your friends do not care for the stories and after reading them you say a prayer for Wanda. The fact you and your friends say a prayer for me makes me happy that I am receiving your prayers but might I make a suggestion. Either on page one or two of our publication, listed under "Take a peek," you will find the location of the Life with Wanda column. Perhaps you might skip that page and you and your friends can save your prayers for others in need.

***P.S. I can not recall what happened when people got German measles.***

**FAKE NEWS**

...The past few years{ 25 - 30 } I always felt the news was spoon fed to the masses, to see what they would swallow. It all becomes a little clearer now. \* YES , CALIF GOV. GAVIN NEWSOME IS NANCY PELOSI'S NEPHEW. \* YES, ADAM SHIFF'S SISTER IS MARRIED TO GEORGE SOROS' SON. \* YES, JOHN KERRY'S DAUGHTER I...

It reminds me when we were kids playing the I have a Secret game. The first friend would whisper his/her story to the next person and so on, until it reached the last person. Then that person would stand up and tell the story he/she heard. It never was told the way the original story started.

Well welcome to fake news. The above comments were posted on Facebook some time ago. The public uses Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc to gather social media news. All 3 statements are somewhat true but there is a lot of disparity To verify the truth, one only need to go to factcheck.org about the above statements. Now Facebook is in the process of having to debunk these and other false statements. It seems the public becomes more gullible and naive to fake news.

Trump has been right all along. Fake news is generated by this incestuous relationship.

***YA THINK THERE MIGHT BE A LITTLE BIAS IN THE NEWS ? John Gasparini***

**Message from a:  
WOMENHEART  
CHAMPION**

Greetings to all my sisters by heart

For some unknown reason, since my heart episode I've really become more aware of how the word "heart" is used. If you were to ask me about the word, I'd say it's a noun and it is

the organ in our body that pumps blood and

keeps us alive. However, the word heart is constantly being used as an adjective to describe something that usually has to do with the heart.

Take for example heart healthy foods-foods that are good for the heart. Or heartburn-food your system doesn't tolerate and you get that burning sensation in the vicinity of your heart. Has your heart ever ached? When you thought the relationship was forever and your guy breaks up with you. Or is that heart break like Elvis' Heartbreak Hotel? When might someone's heart be heavy? Possibly when they are so overburdened with lots of problems.Or maybe they've lost a loved one. Have you ever heard of a hardening heart? Well when my Dad was sick he always would say his heart was hardening. Hmmm-- -- He was not a doctor but I

could understand what he thought it meant. He had CHF or congestive heart failure so his body was filling up with fluids. And when fluid reaches the heart area it is very difficult to breathe and harder for the heart to pump. The heart, being a muscle, gets stronger, larger and harder. Thus a hardening heart. Made sense to him and I must say to me too.

***Did you ever have a heart-to-heart talk with someone?  
Or a heart-warming experience?  
Ever been in the heart of a city?  
Or cried your heart out?  
Have a change of heart?  
A broken heart?***

And Stevie Wonder "just called to say he loved someone from the bottom of his heart. He was so sincerely full of his love for that someone, all the way to the bottom of his heart.

I could go on and on with these metaphors but I think you know what I am trying to portray. All emotions, good or bad, affect our heart. Our heart, being the center of our emotions, obviously feels what we feel. And the body and brain follow suit. Therefore our health, vitality and well-being is dependable upon our emotions. So try to settle into a calm, peaceful and happy lifestyle. Take time to laugh, dance(even if you can't), sing, exercise, paint, stay in touch with those you love, get plenty of rest and do whatever else makes you happy. Continue to watch your food and drink making sure you are eating correctly and drinking plenty of water.

We continue to be in this grey area of life which still feels surreal, confining, confusing, and a bit frightening if we think too hard about it. However we must accept this time we are in, obey the rules, respect those trying to help others in all capacities and yet try to live normally. I pray you are all doing well--physically, mentally and spiritually. Thank you for reading my column and I will continue to keep you informed as to when we will resume our Womenheart meetings at the Bradley Memorial Campus of Hartford Healthcare in Southington. We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 4:45pm. All women with heart issues are invited and encouraged to attend. ***Sharon W Corlette, Womenheart Champion***

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The Historic Center remains closed. The Annual Meeting of the Plainville Historical Society scheduled for the first Saturday in June is postponed to a time to be announced. The summer exhibit is canceled. The scheduling of public events is projected for September. During the hiatus Rosemary Morante will continue to update the website and Facebook page. The business of the Historical Society will continue to be conducted behind the scenes. You can call the landline and leave a message there or you could contact us by e-mail.

In light of present circumstances, this page will return in the fall. Until then, keep the faith, plant a garden or a tomato plant, get outdoors in the safe sunshine and inspire those you love to explore and enjoy their local history.

## CONGRATULATIONS

The Plainville Historical Society would like to recognize our 2020 graduates, Julia Ristelli and Wyatt LaCombe, who have participated in our student volunteer program at the Historic Center over the past few years. Their volunteer hours were a big help and it has been a pleasure to work with them. Best wishes to Julia and Wyatt, May all of your dreams for a successful future come true.

## COMMENCEMENT, 1928

On Tuesday evening, June 19, 1928 at 8 o'clock, Plainville High School graduated its first class. These 27 students had completed eight grades at the Broad St. School in a class of 60 and began high school on the second floor of the Linden St. School. The first floor was occupied by the elementary students. The Class of 1928 had moved to the new building on East Street in the spring of 1927. All of the festivities were held in the new school building. The facilities included an auditorium, cafeteria and gymnasium.

The Commencement ceremony was the highlight of a four day event beginning on Sunday, June 17 with a Baccalaureate Service of gratitude, praise and prayer. Class night and banquet was held on Monday, June 18. The printed program declares the Class Motto:

"Knowledge conquers all." The Class flower is the red rose and the Class colors are blue and white. Vice Principal Douglas MacDonald spoke on "Quod Facis Bene Fac" (what you do, do well), the school motto etched into the stone face of the new building. It was a fun and pleasing evening. The room was darkened for the reading of the class prophecy while prophetess Beatrice Easton, Class Vice President, sat in flowing robes before crystals lighted by candlelight. Edmund Tolli, Class Treasurer, recipient of the Phillips H. Lord Cup for sportsmanship, and "admitted to be the most popular boy in the class", delivered the Class Will. The evening was topped off with music and dancing.

For the Commencement ceremony the auditorium was crowded. The stage was lavishly decorated with flowers featuring the red rose. Each boy sported a red rose in the lapel of his blue serge jacket and white flannel slacks reflected the class colors. The girls each wore a red rose at the waist of her white dress. Adding to the excitement of the evening, John Coolidge, son of the President of the United States, was in attendance accompanied by Miss Florence Trumbull.

Great emphasis was placed on music including selections offered by the Boys Glee Club and the Girls Glee Club under the guidance of Director Miss Louise Cottle. Several soloists were featured and the entire class sang The Class Ode, words composed by Edmund Tolli.

Governor John H. Trumbull presented the graduates with their diplomas.

On June 20 the Class of 1928 gathered one last time to dance the night away at their Senior Ball in the brand new gymnasium.

## REUNION

In 1988 the Class of 1928 held a 60th reunion at the home of Stam Robertson. Six members attended: Mildred Woodruff, Helen McKernan, Lucy Rogers Osgood, Emily Kilby Day, and "Shon" Arcari joined Stam. Earlier in the day "Shon" and Stam went flying over Plainville in Robertson's plane videotaping the sights a tradition they kept for several years after.

## CLASS OF 1928 FOOTNOTES

Class Officers: President William Weber  
Vice President Beatrice Easton  
Secretary Helen Ostman  
Treasurer Edmund Tolli

The finals of the traditional Public Speaking Contest for Seniors was held independently from the school. It was sponsored by the Plainville Trust Co., who furnished two \$5 gold pieces for first prizes; one for the girls and one for the boys. Winners in 1928 were Beatrice Easton and Charles Mills, "an elegant elocutionist" for the boys. Virginia Conforti was awarded second prize for the girls.

**Stamford Robertson** was a graduate with the Class of 1928 and he received his diploma. He does not appear in the Class picture and did not attend the festivities since he left for the service earlier.

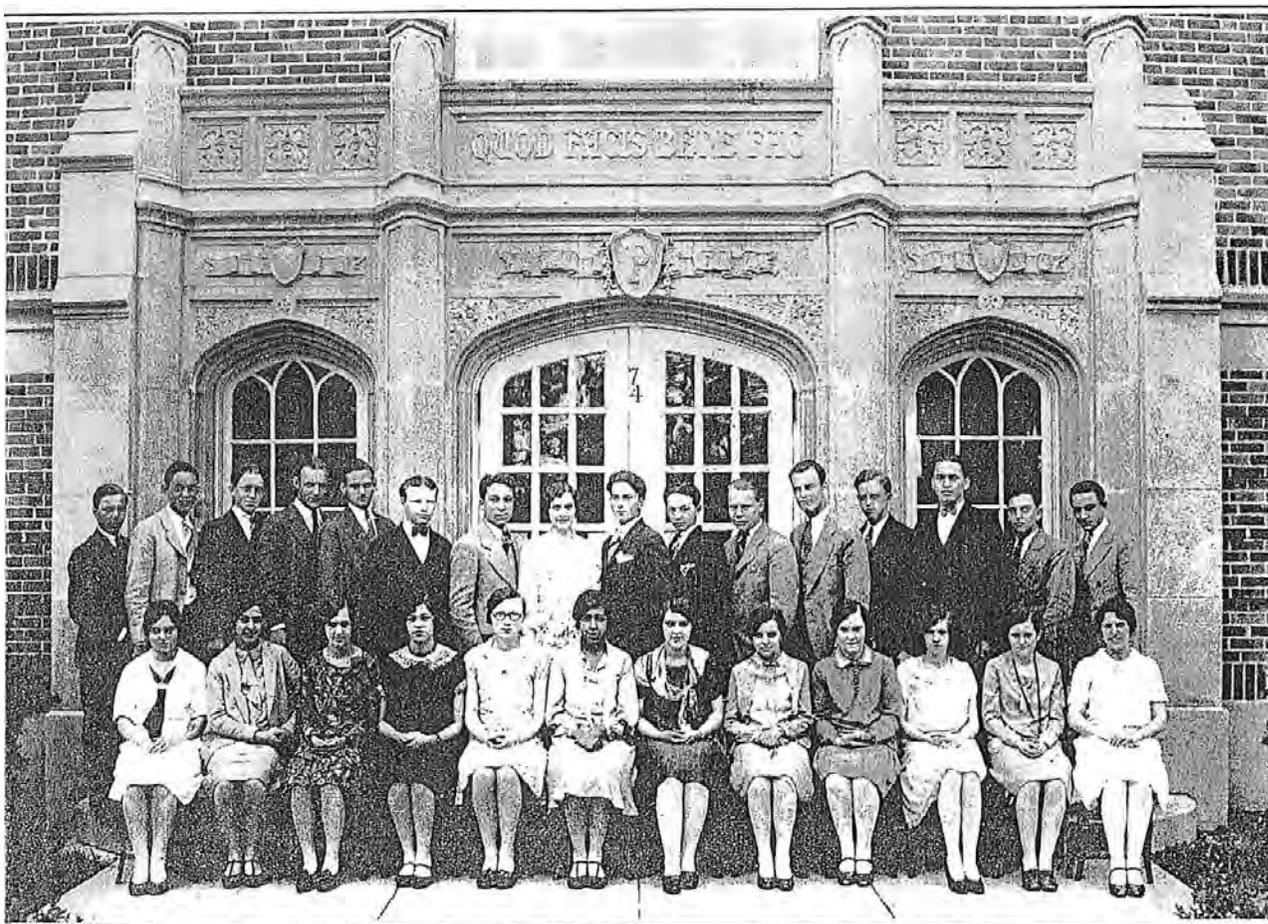
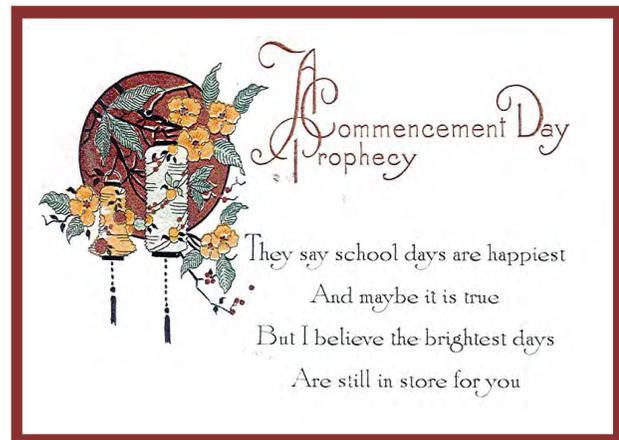
**Phillips H. Lords**, first principal of PHS, donated three trophies before he left Plainville, one for each year he was principal, each to be awarded to a graduate who displayed outstanding sportsmanship. **Sophia Naaman Browne** served many years as Chairman of the Plainville Board of Education.

## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

The members of the Class of 1928 were probably born in 1910. Imagine you were a member of this generation. On your 4th birthday, World War I starts and ends when you are 10. Later that year, a Spanish Flu epidemic hits the planet and runs until your 16th birthday. On your 19th birthday, the Great Depression begins-- the year after you graduate from high school. Unemployment hits 25%, the world GDP drops 27%. That runs until you are 28. The country nearly collapses along with the world economy. When you turn 29, World War II starts. You aren't even over the hill yet. And don't try to catch your breath. On your 31st birthday, the United States is fully pulled into World War II until you are 35. At 40, the Korean War starts. It never ends. When you are 45 the Vietnam War begins. When you are 52 the Cuban Missile Crisis threatens to end life on our planet as we know it. When you are 73 the Vietnam War finally ends. Conflicts in the middle east begin and last 20 years. ...*from the internet*

## Class Ode Tune: "Memories"

Round us at this time come stealing,  
Mem'ries of four happy years.  
Days that have come to an ending  
Though be it with some tears.  
Chorus:  
Classroom days, joyful days, spent in P.H.S.  
Days of fun and play were they, we leave them with  
caress.  
Friends so near, hearts so dear, teachers and the rest,  
We now bid adieu  
To schoolmates so true  
In starting our life's long quest.  
**Second Verse:**  
Future days now are beginning  
Taking us all far apart.  
Through it we all will be thinking  
Of days that are close to our heart.  
**Return chorus:**



Plainville High School first graduating class, June 19, 1928.

1st Row L/R: Marjorie Rutland, Virginia Congorte, Helen Ostman, Secretary, Lucy Rogers, Jennie MacIldowie, Sophia Naaman, Mildred Woodruff, Emily Kilby, Hope Farrar, Ethel Johnson, Helen McKernan, Beatrice Easton, VP.  
2nd Row: John Wiley, Milton Kramer, Samuel Pratt, Howard Cheetham, Bert Harrison, Bill Weber, Pres., Edmund Tolli, Treas., Miss Alice Hayes, Teacher, Victor Hurtado, Shon Arcari, George Backman, Arthur Vicinus, Howard Mitchell, Charles Mills, Henry Guerard, Steve Sasek.

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Elizabeth (Savage) Bolduc ~

92, formerly of Plainville and Southington, passed away on Friday, April 24, 2020 at Apple Rehab in Plainville, after a courageous battle with COVID-19. Elizabeth was the beloved wife of the late Alcide F. Bolduc.

Elizabeth was born October 9, 1927 in New Britain, the daughter of the late Charles and Nellie (Wolfe) Savage. Known as Betty to her family and friends, she graduated from New Britain High School. Betty played clarinet and flute with the NBHS marching band and was the only female member.



Betty loved tending to her flower gardens, appreciated music, and enjoyed traveling with her husband. She also participated in programs at the Calendar House in Southington, enjoying years of painting and poetry. Betty was a former Communicant of St. Dominic Church in Southington and Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville.

Betty leaves her son, Christopher and his wife Ofelia of Burlington, her daughter, Deborah Arcari of Plainville, her grandchildren, Joel Arcari of Mystic, Timothy Bolduc and his wife Jennifer of New Jersey, Sara Almeida, also of New Jersey, and her great grandchildren Rachel and Emma Bolduc. She was predeceased by her sister Ruth (Maffee) and bother Kenneth.

There are no calling hours. A memorial service in celebration of Betty's life will be held and announced at a later date, when all are able to safely gather together. Memorial donations may be made to the Calendar House, 388 Pleasant Street, Southington, CT 06489. The Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville, is in care of the arrangements.

## ~ Shirley L. Caya ~

72, of Bristol, passed away on May 12th, 2020. Shirley was predeceased by her parents, Raymond R. and Shirley R. Caya, and her brother, Gerald R. Caya, all of Plainville.

Shirley was born in New Britain before her family moved to Plainville, where she graduated from Plainville



High in 1965. She was always very close to her parents, and took great pleasure in caring for her son. She enjoyed success as a manager during the Tupperware boom in the 70's, which afforded her one of her great loves, a bright green 1976 Pontiac LeMans. She suffered from a brain tumor in 1982 and was paralyzed on her left side as a result of the surgery to remove it. Despite the struggles that her condition created, Shirley loved to laugh and tell stories, and always enjoyed the company of family and friends. She was a lifelong Roman Catholic, belonging to Our Lady of Mercy in Plainville, then St. Matthew's in Forestville.

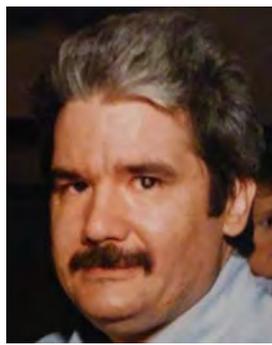
Shirley is survived by her son, Troy R. Caya, along with his wife, Kelly, and her five grandchildren, Matthew, William, Thadeus, Genevieve, and Myles.

Due to the current health crisis, a private service will be held only for immediate family. The staff at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville extends their appreciation to the Caya family for their trust.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Shirley L. Caya, please visit our floral store.



## ~ John H. Brown ~



68, of Wallingford, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the Regency House in Wallingford after battling Parkinson's disease with dignity and grace over the last three decades of his life.

John was born in Hartford, CT on November 26, 1951 son to the late Louise (Ambrosi)

Brown. He was a talented chef who had a true passion for cooking and he enjoyed teaching others how to cook. John was the Head Chef for several years at the former Monopole Restaurant in Plainville, where he took great pride in his dishes. John was known for having a large bowl of peanut M&M's that was always filled to be shared with others. All around, John was a fun, loving guy who was always making people laugh and always had a joke to tell. John loved his family and would do anything to provide for and take care of them. He will be deeply missed by all that knew him.

John is survived by his sister, Sharon Brown and his nieces and nephews, who were more like children to him, Elizabeth Merriman and her husband, Patrick, Norman Guilmette Jr., Jason Brown and his wife, Tasha, Jeremy Brown and his wife, Carre, and Timothy Brown and his wife, Stacy. He also leaves behind 8 great nieces and nephews and 4 great-great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Robert Brown.

Services in celebration of John's life will be held at a later date when all are able to gather together. Donations in memory of John can be made to the The American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA), 135 Parkinson Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., extends their appreciation to the Brown family for their trust. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.BAILEY-FUNERALHOME.com](http://www.BAILEY-FUNERALHOME.com).

## ~ Jordan Scott Chasse ~



36 of Plainville, left his family and friends heartbroken on Friday April 24, 2020.

The much loved son of John and Ondrea (Smykla) Chasse, he was a lifelong resident of Plainville and graduate of E.C. Goodwin Technical High School. Jordan was a devoted son, brother, uncle and friend

who enjoyed spending time fishing at Highland Lake and taking fishing trips to Pulaski, NY. He was a NASCAR enthusiast, and often attended races at Stafford Motor Speedway. Jordan found peace in being surrounded by his family, and looked forward to their frequent trips to Myrtle Beach. Remembered for his fierce sense of loyalty and kind heart, he will be missed beyond words.

In addition to his parents, he leaves his brother, Jeffrey; his sister, Christine Napierski and her husband, Benjamin; and was fun-loving uncle to Cole, Carson, Colin and Brooklyn Napierski. He will also be missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins and countless friends.

In lieu of flowers, Jordan may be remembered with contributions to PARC, Inc., 28 E. Maple St, Plainville, CT 06062.

Jordan's family will celebrate his life privately. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their appreciation to the Chasse family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com)



## ~ Eva Mae (Eaton) Budris ~



76, of Plainville, passed away on Thursday, April 16, 2020. She was the wife of the late Bernard Budris, who predeceased her in 2005.

Born in Saco, Maine on February 22, 1944, she was the daughter of the late Melvin Eaton and Anna (Shepard) Belisle. A longtime resident, she attended Plainville High

School and was a member of the class of 1962. A proud and beloved mother of four children, Eva loved her family dearly and was happiest when entertaining her family and friends. She loved to share a cup of her favorite freshly percolated coffee, offer one of her home cooked specialties, and chat about the latest current events. She was proud of her Southern Maine roots. Eva always looked forward to frequent trips to her seaside childhood home, in any season, and visits with her large extended family.

A woman of beauty inside and out, she was a former model for local women's boutiques, and never left the house without immaculately manicured nails, donning her rings that sparkled almost as much as her beautiful blue eyes. She was an avid and talented gardener and enjoyed reading. Remembered for her resilience, grace, elegance, quick wit and piquant ways, she will be missed beyond words, leaving a legacy of love, laughter and many cherished memories.

She leaves her three daughters, Lauri (Segal) Collins, Harlie Segal and Malina (Segal) Raucci and her husband, Anthony; her son, Jonathan Budris; and her grandchildren, Bethany Collins, and James and Leah Raucci. She also leaves her brothers, Melvin Eaton, Roger Small and Donald Eaton; her sisters, Linda Dougeneck, Sandra Alvarez and her husband, David and Brenda Bahrakis and husband, Jim; her cousin, Jean Barden, and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

Eva may be remembered with contributions to Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation, 8815 Conroy Windermere Rd, Suite 309, Orlando, FL 32835 or at [www.helpfightra.org](http://www.helpfightra.org)

Eva was laid to rest at the Congregation Ados Israel Cemetery in Hartford, surrounded by her immediate family. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their appreciation to Eva's family for their trust.

## ~ Ruth Marie (Peters) Riera ~



91, of New Britain, formerly of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the Grandview Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. She was the beloved wife of the late John Patrick Riera. Ruth was born on April 12, 1929 in Plainville,

daughter to the late Joseph B. and Ruth Ida (Scott) Peters. She was a longtime resident of Plainville and was well known as the clerk at the former Petit's General Store. She worked there for 26 years and loved her job so much and the people she met that she worked occasionally for the Petit family even after retirement. She was a detail-oriented woman who took great pride in everything that she did. She enjoyed trips to the Hickory Ridge Tree Farm in Coventry where she grew a love for horses. Ruth also was a lover of dogs and throughout life had many special furry companions. She enjoyed yarn and craft work and working around her home. She liked to travel and experienced a trip of a lifetime when she visited family members in Alaska. Above all, she loved being surrounded by her family, especially her grandchildren.

Ruth is survived by her son, Randall R. Riera, of Plainville, her daughter-in-law, Diana Riera, of Bristol, her grandsons, Zachariah Riera, Jacob Riera and his fiancé, Audurey Wransky, and their daughter, Elizabeth Joan Riera, all of Bristol, and Shane Riera, of CA. In addition, she is survived by several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sons, Robert and Richard Riera and her brothers, Leon and Bernard Riera.

A graveside service in celebration of Ruth's life will be held privately among her family. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville extends their appreciation to the Riera family for their trust.

# OBITUARIES

## ~ Gilbert Clarence Demarest ~



89, son of Clarence and Elma Hart Demarest, was born June 11, 1930 and died May 1, 2020. Gilbert was a lifelong resident of Plainville, CT. He leaves behind him three sons Stephen and his wife Maria of Portland, CT, James and his wife Karen of Mishawaka, IN, and Edward and his wife Alison

of Avon, CT, three grandchildren: Dr. Kenneth Demarest, Kim Tourjee and Mindy Provenzano and her husband Jerome, and two great grandchildren Kyle and Erik Demarest, seven step grandchildren, and one step great grandchild. He also leaves a sister Nancy Dellert, and many nephews and nieces. Gilbert is predeceased by 19 days his wife of 71 years, Janice Mae Gustafson Demarest and Brothers Roland, Milton, Donald and Sister Phoebe Joachim.

He worked as an inspector at Marlin Rockwell Corp. for more than 36 years. Gil built the family homestead at 59 Welch St., mostly by himself, while still working his third shift job. Gil was also very active in various youth activities that his sons participated in including Little League Baseball for 12 years and the Boy Scouts of America for many years. He was an avid outdoorsman attending many campouts and the Troop 31 group leader who backpacked 50 miles on the Appalachian Trail three consecutive years. He was an original member of the Plainville YMCA and also one of the original members of the Hartford Track Club. He ran in numerous road races including many marathons, along with many family fun runs with his sons and friends. He ran in the Boston Marathon many times and was a member of several nationally ranked distance relay teams. In the 70's and 80's, if you saw someone running to work and all around town, it was probably Gil! He always took pride in the fact that as a pole vaulter for Plainville High School, his third place finish at the CT State High School Championships, helped Plainville win the state championship. He was an active member of the Plainville United Methodist Church for nearly 70 years and could often be seen ushering on Sunday morning. Gil was active in the activities of the Middlesex Health Care Center in Middletown, CT. He always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye as he participated in all the recreation activities. He was a true example of "making lemonade out of lemons". He had a unique sense of humor and one of his favorite sayings was: "when you stop banging your head against the wall, it feels so good".

The family would like to thank the staff of the Middlesex Health Care Center and their thoughtful care and love-filled concern for Gil's well-being. Gilbert and his wife Janice will have a combined memorial service at the Plainville United Methodist Church and will be buried at West Cemetery in Plainville, CT at a later date, yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association of CT, 200 Executive Blvd. South, #4B, Southington, CT 06489. The staff at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville extends their appreciation to the Demarest family for their trust.

## ~ Josephine (Cutrone) Evangelista ~



80, of Plainville, passed away surrounded by the love of her family on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 after a lengthy illness. She is now reunited with her husband, Mario Evangelista, Sr, who predeceased her in 1995.

Born in Toro, Campobasso, Italy on March 18, 1940, she was one of six children to the late Mercurio and Maria Anna (Quicqaro) Cutrone. Raised in Italy and educated in both Italy and Argentina, she relocated to the United States at the age of 21, where she reconnected with her future husband, Mario. They married in 1961, and settled in Plainville where they raised their four children. Small but mighty with the nickname "Pina", she was woman of many talents and hard-working hands. As a proficient seamstress she proudly made clothing for her children, became an accomplished quilter, and grew her own vegetables in her flourishing garden for all to enjoy her many homemade specialties. She enjoyed expressing her creativity at the Plainville Senior Center through various quilting and crafting socials, where she made many friends. A devoted mother and grandmother, she will be missed for her selflessness and profound love for her family, leaving many precious memories.

She leaves her children, Gennaro and the late Paula Evangelista of Wolcott, Mercurio and Jennifer Evangelista of Plainville, Michela and James Lux of Plainville and Mario Evangelista, Jr of Wolcott; her grandchildren, Christina and Christopher Evangelista, James Lux, Jr., Quentin and Melissa Lux, Andriana Evangelista, Mercurio Evangelista, Jr, Nicholas, Katarina, Giovanni and Bryceson Evangelista. She also leaves her three sisters, Archangela D'Amato of Manchester, Carmen and Putnam Smith of Cumming, GA, and Maria and Fred Schaefer of Loudon, TN; along with many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, Alfredo and Giovanni. Josephine's family thanks the nurses and staff at Amberwoods in Farmington and the Masonicare Hospice team for the compassionate care shown to her.

In lieu of flowers, Josephine may be remembered with contributions to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd S #4B, Southington, CT 06489 or [www.alz.org/ct](http://www.alz.org/ct)

Josephine will be laid to rest privately at St. Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. A memorial gathering 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 appreciation to the Evangelista family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy and future service information, please visit [www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com)



## ~ Elvira Giuliani ~



90, of Plainville, passed away in the comfort of her home on Monday, May 11, 2020. She is now reunited with her loving husband, Enrico Giuliani.

Elvira was born in Corvara, Italy, on September 23, 1929, daughter to the late Arazio and Maria (Gentile) Celli. She was a resident of Plainville since 1971 and a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church. Elvira was a talented cook who enjoyed sharing her dishes with others. Family members and friends that gathered in her home were always well fed and they never left hungry. Elvira worked as a cook at the former Wagon Wheel in Plainville for many years. In addition, she enjoyed gardening and maintaining her home. A loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend she will be missed by all that knew her.

Elvira is survived by her daughter, Siria Pace; her son, Angelo Giuliani; her grandchildren, Tina Hebert, Robert Pace, Ashley Giuliani, and Jade Giuliani; her great-grandchildren, Emily and Jenna Hebert and Giuliana and Sophia Pace; her brothers and sisters in Italy and France; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members.

Elvira was laid to rest in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville, privately among her immediate family. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Elvira can be made to the charity of your choice. The staff at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville, extends their appreciation to the Giuliani family for their trust.

## ~ Norma M. (Fascendini) (Damian) Martel ~



A one-of-a-kind, courageous, independent and beautiful soul has been called home. entered eternal peace on April 24, 2020. Norma will be remembered for her infectious laugh, wit, and charm. She was the definition of unconditional love, ready to lend a compassionate ear, a friend to all she met and always up for a good time.



A US Navy Veteran, mother of 8, grandmother of 20, great grandmother of 28, aunt, sister-in-law and friend, Norma truly did it her way leaving many precious memories and a lasting legacy. Norma was born in New York on May 8, 1934 to Andrew and Mary (Cerri) Fascendini and raised in Kensington and New Britain. Determined to become a nurse, Norma joined the Hospital Corps and served from 1952 - 1956 during the Korean War. While stationed at US Naval Hospital Portsmouth, VA she met the love of her life, Anthony N. Damian, Jr. Together they had two children before his untimely death. She later married Paul A. Martel, eventually moving to Plainville to raise the family and make a lifetime of memories.

Norma is survived by her children: Tony Damian and Cathryn Barkulis Smith, Mary (Damian) and William Reynolds, Joseph and Silvia Martel, David Martel and Nancy Siering, Richard Martel, Carol Martel Hall, James and Corrie Martel, grandchildren: Diana (Damian) and Ramon Figueroa, Stephanie Damian and Brian Schroth, Leanne (Damian) and Jordan Davidson, Joel and Aleen Colby, Christina Colby, Fred and Bryana Colby, Taylor Reynolds, Melissa Martel, David Martel, Jessica Martel, Melissa (Martel) and Dexter Woods, Richard Martel, Tim and Nicole Hall, Amber (Hall) and Tyler Paparello, Kaylie Hall, Jeremy Martel, Kayla Martel, Michael Pollin, David Martel, Cody Pollin, brother-in-law Moe Martel; sisters-in-law Simone Fascendini, Dallas Martel, Juanita Martel, Jackie Martel, and Charlene Martel along with many cherished great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and adopted members to the Martel clan. She was predeceased by her son Michael Martel; husbands Tony Damian and Paul Martel; brother Andy Fascendini; sister-in-law Irene Martel; and brothers-in-law Louis Martel, Leo Martel, Roger Martel and Walter Martel.

The family wishes to thank the Apple Valley Rehab Annex Team for their constant care and courage during this pandemic, true heroes on the front line of a deadly virus. May we find peace knowing that Norma is now 100%, free of pain, zip-a-dee-doo-dah-ing along to the golden gate. Her cloud was ready, heaven could no longer wait. A memorial service will be held at a future date. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville extends their appreciation to the Martel family for their trust.

## Mary (Caiaze) Ziccardi



93, of Plainville, Connecticut died peacefully at home, with her daughter by her side, on April 30, 2020. Mary was born September 1, 1926, and was the daughter of the late Rocco and Theresa (Mone) Caiaze. Mary was a life long resident of Plainville, Connecticut and graduated from the Old Plainville High School

on East Street, Class of 1944. Employed by the Branford Vibrator Company, Division of Combustion Engineering, New Britain, Connecticut, Mary retired as Office Manager of Sales in 1989, after 28 years of enjoyable service. Mary's favorite past times were organic gardening, reading, corresponding with friends throughout the country and walking her neighborhood, talking with people along the way. Mary was a life long member of Our Lady of Mercy

Church, The Our Lady of Mercy Prayer Group, The Ladies Guild, Plainville Senior Center, the Republican Town Committee and was also a feature writer for the Plainville Hometown Connection.

Mary is survived by her daughter Donna Ziccardi, also of Plainville, her devoted nephew John Paul Caiaze, Jr of Peabody, Massachusetts and several nieces and nephews. Mary was predeceased by her beloved husband, Louis G. Ziccardi, and her three brothers Ralph, Alexander and John Caiaze.

A private graveside service was held at St. Joseph Cemetery, Plainville, CT. The Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home, 764 Farmington Ave., New Britain, CT. Donations may be made in Mary's name to the Plainville Police Department and the Plainville Animal Control, 1 Central Square, Plainville, CT. 06062. To extend condolences to the Ziccardi family or to share a memory of Mary, please visit [SHAKERFUNERALHOME.COM](http://SHAKERFUNERALHOME.COM)



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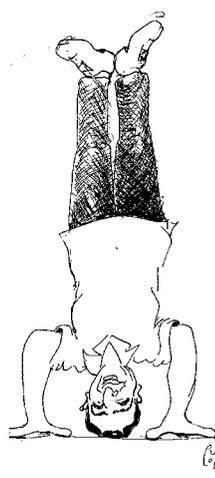
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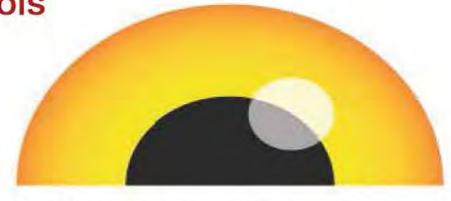
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