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## Good Samaritan ~ Shawn Pahl



Pictured with Shawn Pahl is

Cindy Andriola and her husband Dr. Frank Andriola

See story on page 16 "Make My Day"

## Dan Is Back!



Dan Hurley will be returning to the Chairman's position of the Memorial Day Programs for our town this May 28 2018. Rain or snow the show goes on. Only lightning will cancel the parade. Start time is 9:00 Am. Prior to the parade Flag raising at 7:30 at the VFW followed by a procession and wreath presenting ceremonies will be held at all of our town cemeteries.

We need to alert the citizens to this change and new contact information.

Phone: 860.793.0642

email: [dan-hurley@att.net](mailto:dan-hurley@att.net)

Let people know that not only do we need participants to march or want to march all need to contact me at the above information. Volunteers to staff the parade will also be needed. Prior participants, groups, or new adventurous people are certainly welcome to participate. We are always looking for new ideas to present during our celebration.

One special need that is always needed is more music. Whether it is a band, individuals, or music on a float, all Parades never have enough. An open meeting for Memorial Day Festivities will be held May 9, 2018 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at the Municipal Center.

## Plainville Budget PASSES!

### Town Budget

YES 383 ~ NO 158

### Board of Education

YES 324 ~ NO 215

A Total of 544 Voted (5%)

## Happy Mother's Day!!



**Take a  
Peek...  
Page 3**



**What's it gonna be:  
bathing suit? or over-sized t-shirt?**



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or Kathy at 860-793-4100 to request one.*

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

## April 2nd and 16th Meeting

April 2, 2018

8-24 Referrals

- A letter dated March 15, 2018 from Attorney Kenneth Laska representing a property owner adjacent to Norton Park is offering to donate land along the Farmington Canal for the future Multi-Purpose Trail. The parcel consists of approximately 5.24 acres.
- A second letter dated March 19, 2018 from Geoffrey Sager of FCP-Two, LLC is requesting the abandonment of a portion of Corporate Avenue in order to help facilitate future development opportunities. The portion to be abandoned is approximately 670 linear feet and a little less than one acre in total.
- Before the Town Council can act on either of these two requests they must first be referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission for what is known as an 8-24 referral. This referral is for the P&Z to determine whether or not these requests are in conformance with the Plan of Conservation & Development for Plainville.
- There is an item under New Business that would refer these two matters to the Planning & Zoning Commission for an 8-24 referral.

Fair Housing

- Annually, the Town of Plainville is required by the State & Federal Agencies to endorse a Fair Housing Policy. The purpose of a Fair Housing Policy is to help ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state & federal law.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the Fair Housing Policy Resolution for Plainville.

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PLAINVILLE

TOWN COUNCIL

Comcast #96 & ATT #99

Sunday: 12am & 6pm

Thursday: 3am, 6 am, 9 am,

12 noon, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm

Saturday: 9am

### HAPPENINGS

PLAINVILLE  
SENIOR CENTER

HOW TO FALL SAFELY

Learn how to fall the correct way — forwards or backwards, and how to fall safely to reduce severity of injury. This free program was sponsored by Hartford HealthCare Senior Services.

LIVE WELL WITH DIABETES  
WORKSHOP

TUESDAYS, started APRIL 17 - MAY 29, 12:45 – 3:15 pm (NO PROGRAM MAY 8)  
In this free six-part series, you will learn:

- Meal planning and healthy nutrition choices
- How to manage low and high blood sugar
- Tips for dealing with stress
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Library Happenings

On Mondays – In April we had Preschool Storytime. Children ages 3-5 and to enjoy books, rhymes, educational activities and crafts. The Children’s Department hosted Peter Rabbit Storytime

for children ages 3-8. Reading (with props!) of The Tale of Peter Rabbit, followed by a Peter Rabbit picnic and some crafts. Registration was required.

On Tuesdays – In April we had a Baby and Toddler Storytime. Perfect for little ones, this short Storytime included a story, finger plays, songs and a playtime for socializing and learning. For children ages 0-23 months with caregiver. Registration was required.

Tuesday Night Book Club met April 3rd at 7:00 PM. The book being discussed was A Man Called Ove by Fredrick Backman.

Wednesdays – 3:30 PM Come to the Library for Flying Fingers Knit & Crochet Group, an intergenerational program where folks learn to knit or crochet. Bring your current project. This program is open to children, teens, and adults. Drop-ins are welcome.

Wednesday Night Book Club met April 18th at 7:00 PM to discuss Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd.

Wednesday, April 25th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM the Children’s Department hosted a Fandom Guild for ages 13+. Every month, we will have different themes & programs based on different subjects & fandoms that range from books, movies, TV shows, games, cartoons, anime, the sciences, & more. Patrons were encouraged to bring their dinner! Registration was required.

Wednesday, April 11th the Children’s Department hosted Lunch Movie Theater. Children were encouraged to bring their lunch and a blanket and enjoy the 2017 movie Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. Rated PG-13, 1 hour 59 minutes. Registration was required.

Thursdays: Two Much Fun Storytime was held on Thursdays through April 19th. This Storytime is geared toward the terrific two’s and their caregiver, featured stories, rhymes, and lots of movement and music. Registration was required.

Thursday, April 12th and 26th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM the library had a Writer’s Workshop. All writers are welcome! No registration required.

Thursday April 12th the Library hosted the Monthly Movie Matinee: The Darkest Hour at 1:00 PM. The film is PG.

Thursday April 12th from 3:30 to 4:30 PM the Children’s Department hosted Crafternoon for children grades 1-3. Children got creative with Miss Sue making crafts they can take home. Registration is required.

Fridays: The Friends Semi-Annual Book Sale will be Friday, April 6th 6-8 PM and Saturday, April 7th from 10-3. There will be a \$3 admission fee per family of Friday evening.

Friday, April 13th from 10:30 to 11:30 AM the Children’s Department hosted an African Violet Program for anyone grades 4 and up. St. Paulia or the African Violet - How Did It Get Its Name? Join "Jeff the Plant Guy" from Lil' Plant Shop and learn about this classic plant. Starter kits were provided for participants to take home to start their own collection. Registration was required.

Saturdays: The Friends Semi-Annual Book Sale was held Friday, April 6th 6-8 PM and Saturday, April 7th from 10-3.

Saturday, April 14th from 11:00 to 12:00pm the Children’s Department hosted Stamping Extravaganza! This was a drop-in event for all ages. You won't believe how many stamps we have! Patrons are encouraged to visit the library to stamp to their heart's content!

Saturday, April 14th from 2:00 to 3:00 PM the Library hosted Deirdre McMorrow and Paul Pender for an afternoon of Irish music. Deirdre is a third generation fiddler who plays a variety of music, but her passion is for the Irish fiddle. Paul is from Dublin, Ireland and has performed both solo and with bands and groups throughout Connecticut and New York.

(If you receive this May issue before the end of the month)

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Town Happening Reports By Scott William Colby Jr.,  
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UNABLE TO ATTEND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS?

If you have an issue you would like to discuss with the Council or a Councilor, just call 860-793-0221 ext. 205  
Leave your name and phone number and ask for a Councilor to contact you. They are here to serve you!



## Town Managers Report

*Continued from page 4*

**April 16, 2018**

### 2018 Neighborhood Assistance Act

- TheConnecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program is designed to provide funding for municipal and tax exempt organizations by providing a corporation business tax credit for businesses who make cash contributions to these entities.
- Businesses can receive a credit of 60% of their approved contribution to certain programs approved by the Department of Revenue Services.
- The first step in the process is for the Town Council to conduct a Public Hearing for those local entities that wish to participate in the program.
- There is an item under New Business that would set a Public Hearing at the next Town Council meeting to be held on May 7th.

### Fire Truck Acquisitions Ordinance

- Bond Counsel has drafted the “Ordinance Appropriating \$2.1M For The Acquisition Of Two Fire Trucks, And Authorizing The Issue Of Bonds And Notes In The Same Amount To Finance The Appropriation”.
- Before considering this Ordinance, the Town Council must first conduct a Public Hearing. There is an item under New Business that would set a Public Hearing during the next Town Council meeting to be held on May 7th.

### Northwest Drive Rehabilitation Project

- On March 13, 2018, the Town received seven bid proposals for the Northwest Drive Rehabilitation Project. The low bid was submitted by B & W Paving and Landscaping of Waterford in the amount of \$773,371. The engineer’s estimate for this work was \$836,360.
- The project would re-pave Northwest Drive from the Pequabuck River Bridge to Perron Road. This project is being funded through a State grant that would cover the entire cost of the project.

- There is an item under New Business that would award the contract to rehabilitate a portion of Northwest Drive to B & W Paving and Landscaping in the amount of \$773,371.

### Memorandum of Understanding – Plainville Funeral Home

- The Economic Development Agency is recommending a 50% tax abatement for five years for the new Plainville Funeral Home that is being constructed on Broad Street.
- The estimated cost of the 5,000 square foot facility is at least \$765,000. The applicant will provide to the Town verified documentation confirming the costs of the improvements upon the completion of the work.
- There is an item under New Business that would authorize the Town Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for the Plainville Funeral Home as recommended by the Economic Development Agency.

### All Day Budget Vote – Tuesday, April 24th

- This is a reminder that the All Day Budget vote will occur next Tuesday, April 24th. Electors and property owners can vote from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Fire House located on West Main Street.

### Financial Dashboard

- The Financial Dashboard through March 31, 2018 was included in the meeting information package. It has also been posted on the Town website.

## Happenings

By: **Scott William Colby, Jr.**

### PLAINVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- The Plainville Historical Society is hosting a Mystery Night at the Museum on Tuesday April 17th at the Historic Center at 29 Pierce Street. The program begins at 7 PM with doors opening at 6:45 PM for those “History Detectives” who want a head start in trying to identify artifacts and photographs from our collection. From kitchen gadgets and school photos to items related to World War II, the Fabulous Fifties, and our manufacturing legacy. And refreshments will be served!

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NUTRITION FOR ARTHRITIS SYMPTOMS THURSDAY, MAY 3 AT 10:00 A.M.

- What — if anything — can nutrition do for arthritis? Among the shelves of expensive supplements, which are really beneficial and which might be a waste of money? Join Miles Everett RN, RD, CDE to take a look at this issue.

- Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register for any of these free programs.

### PLAINVILLE LIBRARY

- Saturday, April 28th the Library will be hosting their second showing of the Monthly Movie Matinee: The Darkest Hour at 1:30 PM. The film is PG.
- Thursday, May 10th at 1:00pm & Saturday, May 26th at 1:30pm Monthly Movie Matinee: The Greatest Showman
- Thursday, May 17th at 6:30pm John Root presents “Attracting Birds and Butterflies to your Garden”

### PLAINVILLE PUBLIC WORKS

- Property Owners will be able to schedule their one bulk pick up free of charge either in the spring or in the fall. Bulk collection for 2018 will take place on Mondays during the following periods: April 9 through June 25, 2018 (excluding Monday, May 28, due to Memorial Day) and September 10 through October 29, 2018. Eligible residents must call CWPM at 860-793-6721 to schedule a pickup. When calling, you will need to provide your name, address, phone number and a complete description of the items to be collected. Calls placed by 3:00pm Friday can be scheduled for collection on Monday. If there is a high volume of collection they will continue the following day.

**\*\*Please Note:** Pickups must be scheduled by property owners. Multi-family residents (2-5 units) must also be scheduled by property owners/landlords.

## Sweeping Operation Spring Clean-up

### Dominick Moschini Supt. of Roadways

The sweeping of Town streets by the Roadways Department began April 16, and will continue until the operation is complete. Please do not pile LEAVES or YARD WASTE into the street.

Leaves will not be picked up at curbside. Residents are able to bring leaves only (NO GRASS CLIPPINGS) to the Transfer Station on Saturdays between 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM free of charge beginning April 1st.

If you have any questions, please call the Department of Physical Services at 860-793-0221 ext 208, Monday thru Wednesday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Thursday, 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM and Friday, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

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

Bulk collections are for residential only. Please keep weekly trash separate and miscellaneous iron/steel separate from bulk. For a list of acceptable bulk items, please scroll down the bottom of this page. Questions, can be referred to Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 x208.

- There will be Hazardous Household Waste Collection at the Burlington Highway Garage on Saturday April 21, 2018 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The Burlington Highway Garage is located at 66 Belden Road, Burlington, CT 06013. All residents are required to bring photo ID when attending any of the collection locations. This is the only hazardous waste collection for residents taking place during the Spring.
- On Thursday, April 5, the United Way of West Central CT presented the Town of Plainville with the “Change Maker Award” at their 16th Annual Community Builders' Reception. The Award recognizes an individual, company or community collaboration that demonstrates the ability to create and/or implement positive change.
- Over the past two years, the Town of Plainville has increased their United Way campaign contributions by 12.7%! A BIG Thank You to Town Employees! Their generosity has had a positive impact on local programs and community initiatives funded by United Way of West Central CT.
- Assistant Town Manager Shirley Osle attended the reception and accepted the award on behalf of the Town.

## State Rep. Dr. William Petit Jr. of Plainville Will Seek Re-Election

Hartford - State Rep. Dr. William Petit Jr. Of Plainville today announced that he will seek re-election to the 22nd State House District seat that he has occupied for the last two years and forego a run for Congress.

After much consideration with his family and friends, Petit said in the end it was a relatively easy decision to run for again for the State House and continue serving his constituents in Plainville and New Britain.

"I thought long and hard about running for Congress in the 5th District and all that would entail. But family considerations and my deep seeded commitment to the people I now serve won out," Petit said.

Petit had been urged by state and national figures to consider a congressional run.

Petit said he wants to continue working on critical issues that are important to his constituents and the state, including keeping our communities safe, public health considerations and straightening out the state's finances.

"Connecticut needs to come up with a better way to help businesses grow so that they can expand their payrolls. We need fewer regulations and we need to lessen the overall burden on earners and employers if we want to stimulate economic growth," Petit said. "At this point, I feel I can be a stronger agent for changing Connecticut for the better in Hartford than in Washington."

## ~ NOTICE ~

**Any Plainville Voter who wants to change their political party affiliation before the August 14, 2018 Primary, must do so at the Registrar of Voters or Town Clerk’s office in the Plainville Town Hall before May 14, 2018**



# 2016: The Election That Never Ends

By: Francis Rexford Cooley

Usually when a winner is declared in an election, that election is over, the various political parties analyze what worked for them and what did not, and preparations begin for the next set of election cycles: locals and either the mid-terms or Presidential. This has not been the case with the 2016 Presidential election. Like the undead the 2016 election keeps rising from its grave to be re-fought, again and again, as if Donald Trump's selection by the American people to the Presidency can be undone. It seems no amount of garlic, crucifixes, wooden stakes nor silver bullets can put an end to the monstrous constant extra-constitutional means attempting to overturn or make illegitimate the Trump Presidency. Not less than a week after Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein tells President Trump that he is not a target of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, the Democratic National Committee filed suit against the Trump Campaign, Russia, and Wikileaks accusing all three of conspiring to "swing the election" in favor of Trump.

Since President Trump's election in November 2016 he has faced a variety of attempts to prevent him from taking office, have his election declared to have been the work of a vast conspiracy, and criminalized through constant investigations. Remember those ads asking for Electors to break faith with the voters and swing the Electoral College to choose someone other than Trump President? Backed by Hollywood money and stars the end result was a greater net loss of Electors for Hillary Clinton rather than Donald Trump. This was followed by massive messy protests on inauguration day and others declaring opposition to a Trump Presidency while leaving piles upon piles of trash strewn across the protest sites, not exactly an effective tactic of political opposition. There were the accusations of "collusion" between the Trump campaign and Russian trolling operations that led to Congressional

hearings which produced more evidence of actual collusion between the Hillary Clinton campaign and parts of the Department of Justice in using the now discredited Steele dossier to seek FISA warrants against American citizens. The most damning piece of "evidence" launched against the President was his firing of FBI Director James Comey. The Democrats howled over Comey's firing in May 2017 though the Democrats seem to have completely forgotten their demands for Comey's head after he informed Congress that the investigation regarding Sec. of State Clinton's use of a private server and mishandling of classified information had been re-started during the waning weeks of the 2016 campaign.

It would be Comey's firing that spurred the selection of Robert Mueller as Special Counsel to investigate the claims of "collusion" lobbed at President Trump the same month as Comey's firing. Mueller's investigation into "collusion," which is not a crime, has netted little save for the shredding of lawyer-client privilege and has uncovered a possible affair President Trump may have had with the porn star Stormy Daniels. A revelation that has allowed the aging porn star to put together a national tour of strip clubs aptly titled, "Making America Horny Again," a possible last lucrative payday for the near-forty year old. Given that President Trump was on his third marriage when elected by the American people the news that he may not be the greatest husband in the country can be assumed to have already been known by the voters and dismissed.

Now with the statement by the Deputy Attorney General who appointed the Special Counsel that the President is not a "target" of the investigation the DNC is moving to the civil courts to re-litigate the 2016 election. One must wonder given the track record of the attempts to prevent, de-legitimize, and overturn the 2016 election when this sound and fury over this past election will finally end. Maybe it is time for the Democrats to recall their own advice to the Republicans when they seemed certain of Hillary Clinton's election to the Presidency that all should respect and accept the electoral process. It is time for the DNC to remember and live up to its own advice.

## Life With Wanda



My questions for this month is, are restaurants there to serve you or are they there just to throw something at you and call it food.

Every time I go to a restaurant and receive bad food or service I say, "That's it, I'm writing a letter," which of course I never do.

This past month the first one was when I tried ordering from a large pizza chain, and as they say you can't fix stupid.

Where do these people find their help? I called to order my pizza, which was a simple order. The young man was polite and asked for my name and asked, "Carry out or pickup? I always pick up because God only knows how long before he gets here. "What would you like sir?" Sir? Now, I gave him my name so what was the confusion? I have never ever met a man called Wanda. I knew this wasn't going to be easy but I proceeded. "Sorry sir, we're out of sausage, but to make up for no sausage I can give you double anchovies." Now, I didn't mention anchovies so where did he come up with that one? He then went on to explain they had lots of anchovies and he was offering them FREE!

It made me wonder if this kid knew the difference between a sausage and

an anchovy, obviously not. I told him to cancel the order but just as he was hanging up I heard him say to someone, "You just can't please some people."

Yesterday my husband wanted some ice cream. Dunkin Donuts and Baskin Robins are partnered together and seeing they have a drive thru window I figured if I don't have to go in I'm game.

We pulled up to the speaker and ordered two strawberry cones. "We don't have any strawberry," was the reply. So my husband asked what else they had, and the young man rattle off a bunch of favors, none of which we seniors might recognize. I told my husband to just get vanilla and again we were told they had no vanilla. "How about chocolate," asked my husband? "Nope, no chocolate," was the answer.

Ok, let's forget about the ice cream and we ordered two coffees and a couple of donuts. When we got to the window we were greeted by a young lady and I leaned over my husband and asked her, "Why no vanilla, chocolate or strawberry ice cream?" Whereas, she answered, "You would have to ask my manager, the manager does the ordering." "Ok, I asked, where is the manager?" her reply was, "she's not here!"

I then asked what if I had wanted a banana split and her quick reply was, "Well you'd really be out of luck because we have no bananas either."

She then added, with a shrug of her shoulders, "Well, you asked!"



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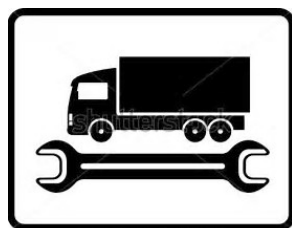
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**Plainville Relay For Life**  
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Contact Alicia Cleveland  
alicia.cleveland@cancer.org  
203-379-4828

**Event Details**

Relay for Life is a grass roots, community-based team event. Although every Relay For Life event is different, they have a few similar things in common

**Opening Ceremony**

The kick off event honors everyone who's been affected by cancer and everyone who has contributed to the success of the Relay season.

**Survivor/Caregiver Walk**

Survivors and their caregivers are the heart and soul of the Relay. Their strength and courage is honored with every step they take.

**Liminaria Ceremony**

During this ceremony everyone touched by cancer is represented with a Liminaria light representing life and support.

**Closing Ceremony**

This is the time to commit to take action and help lead the fight for a world free from cancer.



**AAA Speaks Out:  
Distraction Tops  
Drivers' List of  
Growing Dangers**

April was National Distracted Driving Awareness month but a new AAA Foundation survey indicates that almost all drivers are already aware of the problem and fear it is getting worse.

The annual Traffic Safety Culture Index survey by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety shows that 88 percent of drivers believe distracted driving is on the rise, topping other risky behaviors like:

- Aggressive driving: 68 percent
- Drivers using drugs: 55 percent
- Drunk driving: 43 percent

**A Disturbing Trend**

The number of drivers who report using a cellphone behind the wheel jumped 30 percent since 2013.

Almost half of all drivers (49%) report recently talking on a hand-held phone while driving and nearly 35 percent have sent a text or email. Despite their own behavior, most drivers (nearly 58%) say talking on a cellphone behind the wheel is a very serious threat to their personal safety, while 78% believe that texting is a significant danger.

“What we have seen year after year is this ‘do as I say not as I do’ behavior. A sense that ‘I can text but you can’t’, which is extremely troubling,” says Amy Parmenter, spokesperson for AAA

in Greater Hartford.  
A recent study from the AAA Foundation shows drivers talking on a cellphone are up to four times as likely to crash while those who text are up to eight times as likely to be involved in a crash.

“The intention of this study is to better understand drivers’ perceptions and attitudes towards risky behaviors, so we can figure out the best possible way to address those issues to reduce crashes,” Parmenter says. “With more than 37,000 fatal crashes every year, we’ve got to do everything we can to save more lives”.

Although federal estimates indicate the number of distracted driving crashes has actually dropped two percent, that number is likely erroneous given that distracted driving is difficult to detect following a crash, which makes it one of the most underreported traffic safety issues.

AAA urges drivers to act responsibly when behind the wheel. In order to avoid distractions, drivers should:

- Put aside electronic distractions and never use text messaging, email, video games or internet functions, including those built into the vehicle, while driving.
- Pre-program your GPS and adjust seats, mirrors, climate controls and sound systems before driving.
- Properly secure children and pets and store loose possessions and other items that could roll around in the car.

**DENTAL HEALTH**

By: David R. Edelson, D.M.D.



In the United States, 20 million teeth are extracted each year. Because of fear, lack of knowledge or finances, many people wait until pain sets in before seeking a solution. By then, it is often too late.

KIDS: As kids become more active, they are susceptible to two types of tramantic tooth loss-premature loss of baby tooth or loss of permanent tooth due to injury or neglect. Children should wear protective mouth guards when playing sports, and parents should consult a dentist

immediately in the case of an injury.  
Adults: Most people do not know that gum disease is the leading cause of tooth loss among adults. Tooth loss is also linked to smoking, heart disease and diabetes.

Seniors: As people age, plaque accumulates and becomes harder to eliminate. Gum recession, older fillings and dry mouth put seniors at a higher risk of losing their natural teeth. Kids, adults and seniors are all at risk for tooth loss, especially if proper oral hygiene is not practiced.

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## PHS YMCA PROJECT GRADUATION

### Upcoming Project Grad Events:

**Family Photography Sessions with Kara Curtis, at Norton Park** (near gazebo), was on Sat., Apr 28, 1pm-5pm and Sun, Apr 29, 10am-1pm. Appointments were required in advance. \$25 per session for 8-10 digital proofs, or \$40 per session for 8-10 digital proofs and a printed package. Sessions are great for family and pet portraits, couples, maternity, grandparents and Mothers Day gifts. (\*\*Excludes Senior Portraits). The contact person was Kara Curtis at 860-417-9407 or kcallendergirl@sbcglobal.net

### Laughter Yoga, Sat., May 26, 4-5pm, at the YMCA.

\$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Laughter Yoga is the practice of using laughter as exercise. The class involves intentional laughter, deep breathing, and simple games that encourage child-like playfulness. For tickets contact Stevie at 860-793-2303.

Lastly, we are beginning to gather names of volunteers who are able to help decorate the YMCA the day before (Tues, 6/19), the day of (Wed., 6/20), and workers for the night of graduation. We need at least 50+ volunteers to make this event successful. Volunteers can be anyone, 18+ years. Please consider working as little as 2 hours, or as much at the entire event. Please solicit friends, family, neighbors, and underclassman parents. All help is needed and appreciated. Please contact Christine Millette at 860-869-3209 or avon\_christine@yahoo.com if interested in volunteering.

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*\*Editor's Note:*

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Register online at WWW.ct.wish.org (Scroll to middle of page for Walk for Wishes) Join the Our Lady of Mercy Church team. Or share the link to help sponsor your walk. You can also register in person the day of the Walk.

Gather with your friends, family and co-workers and join us on Walk Day. All participants are encouraged to raise money to help grant wishes of kids in our community.

**Meet at 8:30 AM at the registration  
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\* Andrew McCanny lives in Alabama  
and he is four(4) years old.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I moved to Plainville over two years  
ago. I never knew there were so many  
eateries, restaurants and happy hours.  
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Also, there is a little home style  
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and rum cakes to order. The Home  
Connection is full of information  
and keeps the family updated. I  
look forward to columns written by  
Jeanette, Gene, Dr. Dave DMD and  
Sally Miller.

I will keep exploring the town and  
the Home Town Connection is FREE.

*Mary Ann M.*

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## Don't Make Your Family Guess Your Health Care Wishes

*National Healthcare Decisions Week Focuses on the Importance of Advance Care Planning*

By: Kevin Baran, M.D.,

Imagine you are in an accident or sudden illness leaves you unable to speak for yourself. Your loved one or caregiver is faced with a difficult decision about whether to continue life-saving measures. How does that person know what to do?

Discuss, decide and document. These are three important steps to take to ensure your future care preferences are known. April 16 to April 22 was National Healthcare Decisions Week – a time to educate and empower people of all ages to create their advance care plan.

According to the Conversation Project, more than 90 percent of people think it's important to have conversations about end-of-life care with their loved ones, yet less than 30 percent have done so. Planning for accidents or a sudden illness may feel awkward, but conversations with family members today can ensure your care preferences are honored and that your caregivers don't have to guess what you want.

It's simpler than you think to get started. Here are a few tips:

- Choose an advocate. This should be someone who knows you well, is calm in a crisis, understands your decisions, is not afraid to ask

questions of care providers and will advocate on your behalf. An advocate can be a close relative or friend, but should be someone who knows you well and someone you trust to follow your wishes.

- Talk with your advocate and doctor about your future care preferences. Let your advocate and doctors know what's most important to you in life. What are the activities and abilities that make life most worth living? What are the things that give you comfort when you're sick? When, if ever, should your advocate decide that it's time to "let go"? And who should they include in that decision?

- Write it down. Formalize your decisions by putting them in writing. Learn more at [www.optumcare.com/nhdd](http://www.optumcare.com/nhdd).

- Give copies of your plan to your advocate, family members and doctors. Review the document with your advocate, doctors and family members. Update and review the plan whenever your preferences or situation changes. Have the document placed in your medical records.

I have seen firsthand the sense of peace, calm and satisfaction families experience knowing their loved ones' wishes are granted.

Don't make people guess what you want. Make your future care preferences known.

*Kevin Baran, M.D., an internal medicine physician with ProHealth Physicians located in Plainville at 120 West Main Street. Phone 860-747-0411*

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The Class of 1988 will hold our 30th Reunion on Saturday, August 18th, 2018 from 6 pm until 10 pm at The Kinsmen Brewing CO, 409 Canal St, Mildale, CT 06467. The cost and arrangement for payment will be announced shortly. Please continue to monitor our Facebook page: "Plainville High School Class of 88" or email us at phs88info@gmail.com

We are still looking for contact information for the following classmates, if you any any contact information for them please send it to us at phs88info@gmail.com:

Bob Alff, William Avery, Rachel Blackmore, Chris Brown, Steven Burgio, Micelle Chamberland, Michael Chasse, Steven Cote, Sean Cyr, Kelly Czerwinski, Maurizio D'Oca, Margret Depa, Kim Ditolla, Craig Evans, Wendy Flannigan, Eric Fruchtenicht, Stanley Funk, Michael Gagnier, Darek Gazdowicz, Ed Gonzalez, Michael Grossi, Laura Guertin, James Holcomb , Stephen Ingalls, Kevin Kirk,Antonio Labella, Kenneth Lank, Shawn Lucco, Aaron Luther, Shannon MacQuarrie, Cory Maitz, Bill Mattioli, Pamela Misluck, Michelle Morrison,, Suzanne Natale Rappocio, Gwen Odell Lostocco. Arpana Patel, Bernardo Pegues, Emily Pires, David Posadas, Rod Quenneville Diane Reinwald, Diane Rivenburgh Glenn Romano, Brian Roy, Rene Ruck Marc Santacrose, Heather Saverick Nicholas Sencio, Rachel Sessions Brian Tighe, Richard Tracey, Eva Zatorski, Carin Zerbarini, Michael Zmijewski

## PHS Project Grad NEWS

**Clothing Drive**, Sat., May 19, 10am-12pm at YMCA in Plainville. Please help us by bringing gently used clothing, shoes, linens, fabric in bags (no boxes). For more info or clothing pick up contact Lu at 860-712-5662.

**Laughter Yoga**, Sat. 5/26, 4-5pm, \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door at the YMCA. Laughter Yoga is the practice of using laughter as exercise. A class involves intentional laughter, deep breathing, and simple games that encourage child-like playfulness. For tickets or more information contact Stevie at 860-463-3600.

*Our next scheduled meetings are 5/2, 6/6 at 7pm at YMCA and perhaps more frequently as the event draws near. Individual committees forming now for food, casino, decorating, and more. Volunteer sign ups for the overnight event now being accepted. All levels of volunteers welcome. To volunteer contact Christine at 860-869-3209 or avon\_christine@yahoo.com.*

## Ed Mercure Memorial Poker Run

The Poker Run begins on Saturday, May 5th at 9 a.m. at the VFW Post 574 Hall 7 Northwest Drive. Riders leave at 10 a.m. The route will include numerous stops throughout central Connecticut. Upon return, lunch, music and more is planned.

People are welcome to participate in their vehicles, not just motorcycles. For more information, to purchase tickets or to sponsor the event, call PARC at 860-747-0316 or email edonovan@parcdisabilitiesct.org.

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## CPOA of Plainville (Citizens & Property Owners)

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The next meeting is Tuesday, May 8th  
**Open to the Public Join Us!**  
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## P-l-a-i-n-v-i-l-l-e faves and raves

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

{ Lee raves} Best breakfast in Town is at Guerin's Grill, corner of East Street and Stillwell Drive. Just like Mother used to make. Warm friendly fast service. That says it all!! See you there.

{Eva faves} I can not wait for the Hometown each month. The stories that are submitted by Sally Miller are written from her heart about her childhood and bring back memories for me. Love it.

{Victoria raves} I must say it is great to see that the Plainville Community Pharmacy is privately owned. The owner, Suruchi Patel has been holding a Coffee Break once a month on Saturdays. I attended the April Coffee and a happy I did, she answered my questions about co-pay on my perscriptions.

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## MSP Read a Thon Raises \$536 For Childrens Hospital

## Plainville Students' Artwork Exhibited

## Children's Author Visits Linden Students



The Middle School of Plainville's Library sponsored a Read a Thon from January 2 - April 2. All grade 6 & 7 students at the Middle School were invited to participate, and 45 students took the challenge. Participants sought sponsor donations for every book that they read. A total of 191 books were read, and a total of \$536 was raised to jointly benefit the Connecticut Children's Medical Center's Hematology and Oncology Department and Yale New Haven Hospital's Closer to Free. The top 25 readers celebrated with a pizza party in the library. The student who raised the most money was Cadence Collin LaVoie, who read 7 books and donated \$140. The top reader was Victoria Hamel who read an impressive 25 books and donated \$17.

The New Britain Museum of American art recently hosted an exhibit of creative artworks from the students of Plainville Community Schools. 200 students in grades k-12 had artwork on display at the museum from April 3- April 8. This event was made possible by the financial support of the Elizabeth Norton Trust Fund and the Plainville Community Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation.

World famous children's author Patricia Polacco recently spent the day at Linden Street School thanks to a grant written by Linden Library Media Specialist, Alyssa Lombardo. Patricia spoke to the students about the importance of kindness and integrity. Ms. Polacco has authored over 150 books including one written about a family quilt, The Keeping Quilt, that has been handed down in her family for over 100 years.

## MSP Students Learn About Sled Dogs

## PHS Students Compete in SEAPERCH at CCSU

## PHS Students Attend Financial Reality Fair



Plainville resident and dog sled runner, Joan Kaczmarczyk, visited the Middle School of Plainville on March 26th to speak with sixth graders about the care and training of sled dogs and the sport of sled racing. Students recently completed a unit of study in English Language Arts classes where they investigated wolf and dog behaviors as part of the nonfiction reading unit. Students also read Gary Paulsen's Woodsong where they learned of Paulsen's experiences running his dogs in the Iditarod. During the unit, each student chose a musher to follow in this year's Iditarod race and searched daily to see their musher's position. They read daily blogs and viewed photos and videos which were sent from the race, and were able to track their musher's progress by GPS through the Iditarod's website. Ms. Kaczmarczyk was a primary source for students to further their research. Her presentation included an explanation of the features of the dog sled, and a 'meet and greet' with her six Alaskan Huskies by the sixth graders. In addition, sixth grade students and faculty raised and donated \$1000 for Ms. Kaczmarczyk. Ms. Kaczmarczyk lost her home to a fire in January of this year and she has had to kennel her dogs while she rebuilds.

Plainville High School students in faculty members Mark Chase and David Gagnard's STEM and Engineering classes recently competed in the annual SEAPERCH competition hosted at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, Connecticut. Members of CCSU's Technology and Engineering Department along with Navy divers worked together to coordinate the event. A SEAPERCH is a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) designed to travel under water and complete a variety of different challenges like retrieving rings or cubes at the bottom of the pool and completing an obstacle course in the shortest amount of time. By participating in this activity, students applied engineering concepts, problem solving, teamwork, and technical skills while working together in teams. Over 100 students from school districts across the state participated in the various competitions trying to obtain the most points.

27 Plainville High School students, together with Business teachers Brian Edge and Vira Boatright, recently attended the Financial Reality Fair at Central Connecticut State University. The event is sponsored by Connecticut Credit Unions, and is a hands-on experience in which students, after identifying their career choices and starting salaries, are provided a budget sheet requiring them to live within their monthly salary while paying for basics such as housing, utilities, transportation, clothing and food. The students visit booths highlighting components of independent living, balance their budgets, and meet with a financial advisor to review their standing. The fair is a unique opportunity for each student to experience some of the financial challenges that they will face, while reinforcing what they are learning in Personal Finance and Financial Literacy courses at Plainville High School.



# *I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag...*





### April Everyday Heroes Recognized



Plainville High School’s School Psychologist Jeri Lynn Turkowitz and Middle School of Plainville Physical Education teacher Amy Tennant were recognized as the district’s Everyday Heroes for the month of April for their work with the Plainville High School’s Unified Basketball Team. They were nominated by Kimberly Shumbo, and were honored at the April 16th Plainville Board of Education meeting. In photo: Plainville Board of Education Chair Andrea Saunders, Amy Tennant, Braden Shumbo, Jeri Lynn Turkowitz, Kimberly Shumbo, and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maureen Brummett.



### Local Author Visited Toffolon School

Local author Jenna Grodzicki visited students at Louis Toffolon Elementary School on April 18th. Ms. Grodzicki spoke to groups of students about her two favorite things - - reading and writing! In her upper grade presentation, she discussed the way she conducted research in order to write her book, Finn Finds a Friend, a picture book about a friendly lemon shark. She also explained the importance of checking to be sure websites are valid. In lower grade presentations, she discussed the way that writers find ideas from everywhere, such as when she was vacationing in Cape Cod with her family. All students learned that the process of writing, revising, and publishing is a long one.

### Wheeler PTO Donates to Plainville Animal Shelter



The Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School’s Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) recently held a ”Pawtastic Pet” themed spring book fair, where families made donations to support the local animal shelter at the Plainville Police Department. Plainville Animal Control Officer Donna Weinhofer received the pet supply donations and a check for \$67.00 through the generous donations of the Wheeler community. The \$67.00 was raised through a “Cat VS. Dog Coin Wars” event where the dogs won by a considerable margin! The Wheeler PTO also raised nearly \$3,000 in Scholastic Book Bucks for Wheeler School. In photo: Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School Principal Andrew Batchelder and Plainville Animal Control Officer Donna Weinhofer with the pet supply donations collected during the school’s ”Pawtastic Pet” themed spring book fair.

### The Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development Hosts Forum on the Impact of substance Abuse

The Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development will host a forum entitled: “A Forum on the Impact of Substance Abuse In Our Families & Our Community” on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Middle School of Plainville George Ventrelli Auditorium, 150 Northwest Drive. “With marijuana laws changing around the country, including proposed legislation in Connecticut, the Plainville Coalition feels that it is extremely important to educate parents and the community about the facts related to marijuana and opioid abuse and what can be done to prevent it,” explained Coalition Co-Chairs, Roberta Brown and Lynn Davis. “Marijuana is addictive, with an estimated 10,000 Connecticut high school students addicted to marijuana,” explained John Daviau, Certified Prevention Specialist, who will serve as the moderator for the Coalition forum event. Marijuana is linked to increased use of alcohol, nicotine products and use of harder drugs, including the opioids. Adolescents who use marijuana are more

### Blizzard Blitz & Pizza for Plainville Schools

As part of the school district’s School / Business / Community partnership focus, Plainville Community Schools will partner with Dairy Queen and West Main Pizza in the “Blizzard Blitz and Pizza for Plainville Schools” project. The unique partnership opportunity will feature students at each school who will design a customized Dairy Queen Blizzard ice cream product and a customized pizza for West Main Pizza. Each school’s custom designed food products will be sold for one week each at Dairy Queen and West Main Pizza, with 20 percent of the profits from the sales of these items being donated back to the individual schools to support student activities. As part of the project, students will have the opportunity to hone their product design, marketing and advertising skills as they create their customized food items and develop marketing ideas to maximize sales for their individual schools. The customized school products will be on sale at Dairy Queen and West Main Pizza as follows: Linden Street School (April 29-May 5), Louis Toffolon Elementary School (May 6-May 12), Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School (May 13-May 19), Middle School of Plainville (May 20-May 26), and Plainville High School (May 27-June 2). “This is an outstanding collaboration between the Plainville Community School District and local business partners West Main Pizza and Dairy Queen. Students have been working hard to submit their entries for this exciting and innovative project,” noted Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maureen Brummett.

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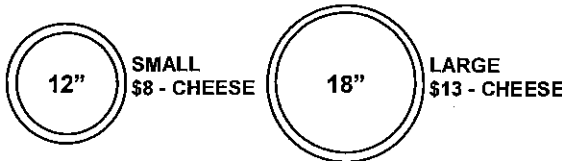
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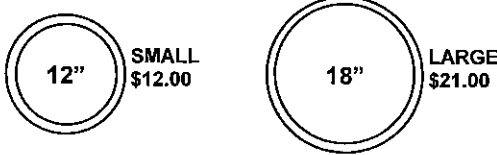
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# THE TEA PARTY PATRIOTS WAKE UP AMERICA

(before it's too late)

By Gene

This article brought to you in the interest for a better government and understanding it.

A new Governor will be elected this year, thank goodness, let's get it right this time. Polls suggest that Malloy is the most unpopular Governor in the country, and his unpopularity had nothing to do with the nomination of McDonald to the supreme court. Despite the nominees questionable record and now the nomination's unprecedented cronyism. He will make another nomination by the time the column is read.

Even the Hartford Mayor, Luke Bronin, said it was a mistake for Malloy to extend a ten year extension of the master State employees State contracts.

There will be many (like dozens) from both sides for Governor, some names may be unknown to many. And after the debates and May Conventions, many will drop out or make side deals. Lack of funds, name recognition and many other reasons. The dropouts will say once I ran for Connecticut Governor. The remaining candidates will promise (beware of false promises and rhetoric.) They will promise anything, ask them how? and hold their feet to the fire.

Also the Hartford bailout is bad because other cities will look for the same.

Then the buying and leasing of 30 year old used tail cars from Massachusetts for a new trail line and NO to redoing Dillon Stadium. How easy we forget the Dunkin Donut Park debacle and the ten million over budget and more than a year late opening.

*It sounds like deja vu all over again.*

Also no tolls on the highway: I-84, Route 8, Route 2 and others.

As far as the 5th district, Elizabeth Esty #metoo or #shetoo should resign. She didn't practice what she preached and someone like Diamond or Silk should run that will represent the State and the American people.

O.F.A. (Organizing for action). A shadow government organizations aimed at resisting and tearing down the CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC we know as AMERICA. Look it up, more to follow in June column.

There is a new sheriff in town (DC) and he is ready for good rodeo. HE WON, SHE LOST.

Sharia Law vs. the Constitution: Look behind the mirror once in a while and see the other side. Take a deep deep dive and check it out for yourself. The believing of the Qur'an (their Bible) is a basis of this law. Over 1.6 billion people in the world believe in Sharia law in one way or the other and that nonbelievers are not equal to them under this law. They are given three choices: Convert, or live as a third class citizen or death.

Cicero in B.C. mentioned that we should expose the dangers of liberal establishment, but it cannot survive treason from within. "An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for his is known and he carries his banner openly."

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1. LATIN AMERICAN DANCES

7. EUROPEAN VIPER

10. FINCH-LIKE BIRDS

12. CIVIL RIGHTS COLLEGE ORGANIZATION

13. A PERSON WHO ORGANIZES

14. SMALL CARNIVOROUS MAMMAL

15. CITY IN SWEDEN

16. GRAYISH-WHITE

17. GOOGLE CERTIFICATION (ABBR.)

18. SIX (SPANISH)

19. THE HIGHEST ADULT MALE SINGING VOICE

21. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

22. EXTERIOR PART OF A HOME

27. AND, LATIN

28. WHERE PIRATES HIDE THEIR BOUNTY

33. SIX

34. CORES

36. DIEGO IS ONE

37. \_ CARVEY, COMEDIAN

38. AROMATIC PLANT

39. CARRY WITH GREAT EFFORT

40. ONE POINT EAST OF SOUTH-

CLUES DOWN

1. "BEASTMASTER" ACTOR SINGER

2. RICE-DISTILLED LIQUOR

3. MESSENGER RIBONUCLEIC ACID

4. WET, MUDDY GROUND

5. HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO

6. DEFUNCT CHEVY CONVERTIBLE TRUCK

7. DEER-LIKE WATER BUFFALO

8. SKIN LESION

9. AMOUNT IN EACH HUNDRED (ABBR.)

10. WHERE KIDS PLAY BALL

11. ROMAN JUDGE

12. ONE WHO ENDURES HARD-SHIP WITHOUT COMPLAINT

14. COVER THE SWORD

17. "FROZEN" ACTOR JOSH

18. EYEGLASSES

20. METAL-BEARING MATERIAL

23. PRIMITIVE PERSONS

24. WILD OX

25. GROUP OF COUNTRIES (ABBR.)

26. BEFORE

29. SPANISH BE

30. OPPOSITE OF THE BEGINNING

31. WITH THREE UNEVEN SIDES

32. GIVES A PERMANENT POST TO

35. ACTORS' GROUP (ABBR.)

36. CAVALRY SWORD

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**Make My Day** • by: **Raymond Cormier**  
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Have you ever had someone do something that made your day? Be it an employee of a business, a police officer, town worker, neighbor or even a co-worker that you would like to thank.

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

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

Call 860-747-4119 and leave the name of the person, you may also E-mail your “MAKE MY DAY” to HMTNN@COMCAST.NET

**Everyone needs a Hug...**

I was sitting in the waiting for my appointment at the Hospital of Special Care the other day.

A young lady walking down the hall near the Snack Bar stopped when she saw her mother’s doctor. She stopped gave him a hug and spoke for a few minutes.

As she walked away, he shouted out to her.

**“You made my day”**

How true he was perhaps so busy to even think about himself.

Happy to share this with your readers. **Agnes**

**Good Samaritan.....**

From front page:

Shawn Pahl was asked to assist Cindy and her husband Doctor Frank Andriola of California, formerly of Southington.

Cindy’s father Jim Brunner recently passed away. He was a resident of the Plainville Senior Housing.

Cindy and Frank came to Plainville to make arrangements to move her Dad’s belongings.

They planned to donate all of his clothing and furniture to non-profit organizations.

As they packed boxes of clothing and miscellaneous items, Shawn loaded them in his pick-up truck. He was to deliver them to a non-profit the next morning. That night it started to rain, not having a tarp, he brought them into his house.

Shawn’s mother knowing that Our Lady of Mercy was having a TAG SALE the first week in May, She went through the boxes. As Shawn was repacking them, he was about to put a cloth jewelry pouch in the box, he opened it up and found \$3,000.00 in cash.

When Shawn told Cindy and Frank about the money, Cindy said her Dad told her, he had some cash for her to play Black Jack with (his favorite game) the next time she went to a Casino. She said if Shawn had a tarp to cover the boxes when it started to rain, someone at a Tag Sale or who knows where. They wouldn’t know where it came from.

**“ God made it rain that night, so Cindy’s Dad wish for his daughter to receive his gift came true”**



## Silence is Golden

*By Sally Miller*

Do you remember when you were a child and you woke up in the morning and lay perfectly still? You lay quietly and listened to the sounds around you. You listened to hear if your parents were up yet. A very wise man recently said, “Give yourself a few minutes in the morning before you begin your day and rush around. I find that I hadn’t done that in a long time. The other day I thought I would. I usually have the TV on and watch it a while before I get up. As I get up and start to move around, I think about what I had just watched and heard – new news, fake news, terrible news and tragic news and bad weather reports. I do not just lay there and listen to the silence.

But when I woke this week, I decided to try laying still and listening to the sounds around me. What I heard was silence, golden silence, and then I began to hear familiar sounds. I heard a car door way off in the distance, I heard a plane that seemed to be so far up that I probably couldn’t see it but I could hear the whisper of a distant engine as the sound gently entered the peace of the morning...

I heard the songbirds singing as if in a choir. Other birds were chattered, probably about the fact that it is still snowing in April. A tiny bird chirped as it moved closer to my bedroom window. He sang the sweetest song which I would not have heard, had I not been laying there quietly. I imagined that it might be a small sparrow. A dog barked off in the distance and I tried to figure out what kind it was. Small dog, I thought to myself. I smiled as I remembered my little dog “Ticky” that I had when I was 9 years old. I hadn’t thought about him in many years. I couldn’t believe that I could actually smell bacon cooking. I envisioned it coming from the many restaurants in the area which were preparing for the breakfast crowds. The silence continued to surround me and my thoughts were of Cape Cod. I envisioned myself standing on the beach admiring the white capped waves. The thought gave me the energy to get out of bed. I began to get up and face the day. I was so happy with the thoughts that I carried with me. The silence had brought me to a place of comfort and joy and memories. My body and mind felt happy and the peace of the morning silence moved with me as I began my day. *If any of you are not taking those few minutes for yourself before venturing into the day, you might want to try it.*

### AARP Chapter #4146

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**Trips listed on page 9**

**AARP meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1 pm at Faith Bible Church, Unionville Ave. & Northwest Drive**

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# FROM MY BALCONY

By: Jeannette Hinkson

I followed, with great interest, the story of a sixteen year old boy that lost his life when the third row seat of the family owned minivan he was driving, folded over him as he attempted to get his tennis gear from the rear compartment of the vehicle and even though he called 911 twice he was crushed to death.

This was indeed a tragedy and a freak accident, unless the manufacturer of this vehicle was aware such a thing could occur, but this is not here, nor there. The thing I find most disturbing was the fact the parents of this boy were invited to attend a council meeting where the police, council chair and other dignitaries expressed their condolences to the families.

Everything was going smoothly, under the circumstances, until one councilman, Wendell Young, made the uncalled for statement saying, “But there’s no amount of money that’s going to make you happy.” The family did not come to the meeting to seek compensation. *(I hope they do now)*

This uncalled for statement infuriated the family and the uncle of this young man told them in no uncertain terms how he and the family felt and the family walked out. I have heard some politicians say some stupid things but this goes beyond anything I have ever heard. When Councilman Young was asked to resign from the council,

because of his remark, he laughed.

Perhaps the 911 dispatcher messed up as well as the police that responded to the 911 call, but the thing that amazes me no one marched in the streets, burned building, looted businesses, burned and tipped over police cruisers nor do did I see Al Sharpton crying that something be done in this boys honor, Like when Michael Brown was killed after robbing a store, trying to grab the gun of a police officer and then tried to flee the area.

This action sparked the Black Lives Matter movement. Doesn’t the life of Kyle Plush matter to this councilman? It is truly amazing no children walked out of their classrooms, in protest for the remarks of this councilman.

Perhaps there might be a slight difference, this young man was a credit to his school and community, the young man was white, the dispatcher was white and the councilman was black.

My real question is, “SHOULD IT MAKEADIFFERENCE?” I can answer that, NO! Why when a person of color is killed by questionable means there is burning and looting? Does that help anyone? Does it help the community?

When such things happen it divides the people and it has to stop, we have to stop such hateful statements such as the one of politicians such as Councilman Wendell Young and I don’t care what color he is, I feel he is a raciest and the citizens of Cincinnati, Ohio should

remove him from office. There was more, and still is more, of an uproar over the refusal of a Starbuck manager not allowing two black men, who had not purchased anything from that Philadelphia location, from using the restroom, than the death of this boy.

Why is it the right of anyone to demand the use of the restroom of a business? As a retired business owner I found allowing persons to use the restroom in my establishment, in many cases caused damage, such as clogging toilets, which cost me money or had products, stored in those areas stolen.

The restrooms are the property of that business and it should be at their discretion of someone in charge who gets to use them. If you own a delivery company, taxi service or trucking company if someone wants to use that vehicle just because you are a business will you have to let them drive your vehicle?

Don’t write, call or leave messages calling me a racist as I consider myself and equal opportunity hater. You can ask anyone who knows me I don’t care what color you are, what God you worship, how you live or where you work, you are my friend until you do something to me.

Then as Betty Davis once said, **“Hang on, it’s going to be a bumpy ride!”**

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## Senator Martin Votes for Veterans Services Bill

Hartford – State Senator Henri Martin (R-31) voted in favor of a bill to expand veterans benefits to certain individuals diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, or experienced military sexual trauma. Senate Bill 294 extends services to veterans with an other than honorable discharge for reasons that may be attributed to trauma.

As Co-Chair of the Legislature’s Veterans Affairs Committee, Sen. Martin said that after the committee completed its review and approval of bills, it turned its attention to SB 294, An Act Concerning Benefits For Certain Veterans Who Have Been Diagnosed With Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Or Traumatic Brain Injury Or Who Have Had An Experience Of Military Sexual Trauma.

“I think after the Veterans Affairs Committee voted all the bills out, my co-chair and I immediately turned to one another and we said the most important bill that we could move along in the Senate Circle and hopefully through the House Chamber and to the Governor to sign was this particular bill,” he said.

Statistics from the federal Department of Defense show that 80 percent of all wounds sustained in battle involve head injuries, Sen. Martin said. Of those, 44 percent develop PTSD. These conditions can have cognitive, emotional, and behavioral consequences that impact daily living, and without proper understanding, in the past lead to dishonorable discharges.

“For soldiers trying to adjust to civilian life, brain injury, PTSD, those who have had an experience of military sexual trauma, and the physical and mental health issues that accompany these conditions increase that difficulty,” he said. “Being able to receive adequate access to services, supports, and programs is essential to a soldier’s recovery and reintegration into civilian life.” SB 294 passed unanimously in the Senate and now moves for a vote in the House of Representatives.

*Sen. Martin serves the communities of Bristol, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth, and Thomaston*

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History, Memories & Legacy

Rosemary Morante, Corresponding Secretary for the Plainville Historical Society

On 7:00 PM on Tuesday May 15th, the Plainville Historical Society will host author and historian Marty Podskoch who will give a presentation on his book Connecticut Civilian Conservation Camps: History, Memories and Legacy. The program will be held at the Plainville Historic Center at 29 Pierce Street.

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) began in 1933 as a public works program under President Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal to relieve the poverty and unemployment of the Great Depression. Twenty-one CCC camps were set up in Connecticut towns, state parks, and forests. Workers built trails, roads, campsites, dams, and fire observer towers. They also stocked fish, fought fires, and planted millions of trees. The results of their labor are still being enjoyed today. The Corps disbanded in 1942 due to the World War II.

The book is based on documents, photographs, and personal interviews with men who were in the CCC. As one Connecticut member remembered “I was interested in the CCC because there were no jobs and I had cardboard in my shoes to cover the holes. There were eight children in my family and the money I earned helped my parents.” The author found that CCC members felt pride in their accomplishments and appreciation for the development of character and purpose that they experienced. The stories of many young men in the CCC continued with their active military service in World War II.

Marty Podskoch is a retired teacher and author of seven other books including Adirondack Civilian Conservation Corps Camps and Fire Towers of the Catskills. He is also the author of the upcoming book Connecticut 169 Club: Your Passport and Guide to Exploring Connecticut which will cover interesting and unique destinations in every town in our state.

Marty and his wife Lynn raised three children in an old farmhouse in Delhi, New York where he was a middle school reading teacher. Marty and Lynn now live on Lake Pocotopaug in East Hampton, Connecticut. Marty’s books will be available after the presentation for sale and signing.

There is no cost for the program. Handicapped access is available. There will be refreshments and “meet and greet” time at the conclusion. All are welcome. Interested persons are also encouraged to join the Historical Society especially as our community heads toward Plainville's 150th Anniversary in 2019. Please see the membership form.

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Cells divide only a certain amount of times in the body. The cell division process takes place at the time of conception and is needed for development and growth of life, and as we grow, cells divide & multiply. However as we continue to get older cell division slows down.

Telomeres- The University of Utah's Dr. Richard Cawthorne and his colleagues discovered that shorter telomeres are correlated with shorter lives. They are the stretches of DNA which protect our genetic information from being destroyed. However, when the cells divide, these telomeres get shorter. Ultimately when they get too

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HGH is not considered to be dangerous. Amidst all the benefits of HGH there are still some stigmas that exist and the media has portrayed this hormone in a very negative light, mostly due to injectable applications.

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**For more information and research, Contact: Shirley R Bloethe 860.989.0033 or email HGH8609890033@gmail.com**

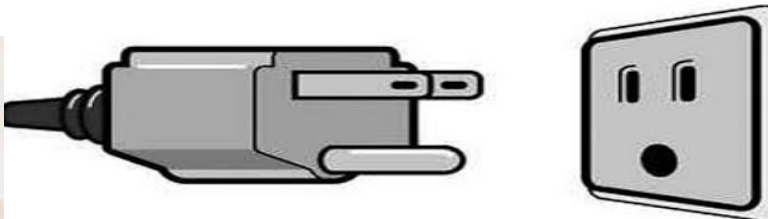
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Something else I didn't know ... why do people need to urinate so much at night time.

**Answer from a Cardiac Doctor:**

Gravity holds water in the lower part of your body when you are upright (legs swell).

When you lie down and the lower body (legs, etc.) is level with the kidneys, it is then that the kidneys remove the water because it is easier.

*This then ties in with the last statement!*

I knew you need your minimum water to help flush the toxins out of your body, but this was news to me.

*Correct time to drink water..*

*Very Important.*

**From a Cardiac Specialist !**

Drinking water at a certain time maximizes its effectiveness on the body:

2 glasses of water after waking up - helps activate internal organs

1 glass of water 30 minutes before a meal - helps digestion

1 glass of water before taking a bath - helps lower blood pressure (who knew ???)

1 glass of water before going to bed - avoids stroke or heart attack (good to know!)

In addition water at bed time will also help prevent night time leg cramps.

Your leg muscles are seeking hydration when they cramp and wake you up with a Charlie Horse.

A Cardiologist has stated that if each person sends this message to 10 people, probably one life could be saved !

I have already shared this information. What about you ?

**Do forward this message.**

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## TRUMP PENCE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 04.22.18

### TAX DAY

President Trump traveled to Hialeah, Florida to lead a Tax Cuts for Florida Small Businesses Roundtable event with local and state leaders. While there, President Trump commented on how Tax Day 2018 will be the last time taxpayers have to deal with complicated tax return filings. While millions of Americans have received bonuses and pay raises thanks to the President's historic tax cuts, some of the benefits still lie ahead, including simplified tax returns that will help reduce unnecessary burdens on millions of Americans.

### *Families Can Look Forward to:*

- \* **Lower Individual Tax rates**
- \* **Nearly doubled standard deduction**
- \* **Doubled Child Tax Credit**
- \* **New \$500. Tax Credit**

### LIMITED STRIKES ON SYRIA

Last week, President Trump ordered air strikes on select targets in Syria to eliminate Bashar al Assad's chemical weapons capabilities. The U.S. military acted with our coalition partners, Britain and France. It's clear that the difference between President Trump and his predecessor when a dictator crosses a red line is that this President will take decisive action. The air strikes in Syria represent a limited engagement on the part of the U.S. Military, but they sent an important message to thuggish rulers from this U.S. President.

### FIGHTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Today, sex trafficking is recognized as modern slavery and a plague on our nation and the world. President Trump signed a bill last week that will give law enforcement and victims new tools to fight sex trafficking. The legislation makes it easier to target websites that enable sex trafficking with legal action and demonstrates that President Trump will do everything he can to combat this brutal atrocity.

### AMAZON'S POSTAL "SCAM"

Amazon continues to exploit below-cost rates for shipping across America. To address this and other issues, President Trump convened a task force to study the United States Postal Service. The task force will submit a report with recommendations on companies such as Amazon and propose a restructuring of the Postal Service to prevent a taxpayer-funded bailout.

President Trump stated his concerns with Amazon before the election. They pay little or no taxes to state & local governments, use our Postal system as Delivery Boy (causing tremendous loss to the U.S. Postal), and are putting many thousands of retailers out of business!!

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# Small Steps – Big Results

By Linda Coveney

Whenever faced with a large work project, I like to chunk it out into small steps and schedule key milestones. Then, when the deadline approaches, I'm happy to see how much is already accomplished. This process helps to reduces stress levels and build confidence to take on the next big thing. This beats the times when procrastination sets in along with sleepless nights and unhappy team members who get short changed when not given adequate time to respond. It's not unusual to put off getting started on our health goals. We tend to put other's interests ahead of our own. There seems to be endless number of other tasks, diversions or other priorities that get in the way until we either have no choice to begin or are so overwhelmed that we can't move forward at all. Knowing why you want to make a change, having goals and a plan can help improve motivation. Nothing will help if you

don't get started. On April 4th, the Healthy Plainville coalition launched the "Let's Get Healthy" kickoff event at the Middle School of Plainville. Lots of families and friends joined in to hear more about the mission and strategy and talk to local resources about ideas for active lifestyles. The healthy food was amazing. These easy to make menu items were provided through the generosity of local restaurants and grocers. Not only were they beautiful, they tasted great and reinforced that healthy doesn't have to taste bad. A "Take one Small Sustainable Step at a Time" document was provided to all attendees. If you didn't attend the event, you can view this document on the Healthy Plainville Facebook page. These small steps can help individuals and families work towards the 5 2 1 0 strategy of: 5 fruits and vegetables/day 2 hours or less of recreational screen time, 1 hour of physical activity/day 0 sugary drinks Depending on current lifestyles, tackling all four of these strategies at once might be overwhelming and cause one to give up before reaping the many rewards.

A more reasonable approach might be to identify one fun, simple step and just get started. Here are some examples:

- mplement "Vegetable Monday". Include at least one vegetable in each meal.
- Get a 3-4 ingredient cookbook from the library. Each family member selects their favorite dish. Cook and clean up together and at the end of your new recipe challenge, vote on which one will become a regular "What's for Dinner" item.
- Set a timer for a 5 minute break from the computer every hour. Note how much more productive you are when you return to your desk.
- Select one vegetable, fruit or herb to grow and enjoy your harvest throughout the summer.
- Replace sugary drinks with water at least 3 days/week. Notice how you feel when drinking water vs. sugary drinks.
- Exercise for 1, 5 or 10 minutes/day. Build on this when you are ready.
- Park as far as possible from the door – at least 3 times/day

I'm sure you can come up with many more ideas. When you do, let others know on the Healthy Plainville

Facebook page. Your actions will inspire others. Once you begin to take small steps, don't forget to stop and consider how these actions are positively impacting how you feel, your energy levels and your motivation to continue. It's easy to go through the motions, but the real value comes when you slow down to actually acknowledge your accomplishments. Watch out for any negative self-talk. Don't fall into the trap that you are not doing enough or make unfair comparisons to others. No one is in your shoes and what works for you right now is just fine. We all had to crawl before we could walk.

*Are you ready to take the first step?*

*Have a wonderful Memorial Day. It's a great time to remember all of those who took those critical and important steps to ensure our freedom and safety.*

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- Q. How many Businesses, Doctors, Lawyers and Professionals are located in Plainville?  
A. I am still researching it, hope to have an answer next month.
- Q. What criteria is used when deciding which streets repairs are done?  
A. The Engineering Department/ Public Works
- Q. How do I submit questions to you?  
A. To submit questions call 860-747-4119, E-mail hmtnn@comcast.net, write to Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman Street, Plainville, CT 06062 or drop them at the office.

Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of each month.  
Thank you for this months question. Please keep them coming.

## ~Don't Forget Your Mother This Year ~ Mothers Day Sunday May 13th



**Kensington's at Norwich Inn**, 607 West Thames St., Norwich, hosts brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with breads and pastries, breakfast items, chef-attended omelet station, soups and salads, raw bar, carving station with prime rib; hot entrees like stuffed fillet of sole, applewood-smoked pork loin and chicken and broccoli alfredo, desserts and kids' meal options. Cost is \$45.95 (plus tax and gratuity) for adults and \$14.95 for kids 5 to 12; children under 5 are free. 860-425-3630,

**Black-eyed Sally's**, 350 Asylum Street, Hartford will host its traditional gospel brunch featuring The Mary Tyler Gospel Revue and a full Southern buffet (chicken and waffles, smoked Virginia ham, blackened catfish and more.) Seatings are 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$29.95 for adults, \$12.95 for kids 4 to 10. 860-278-7427, blackeyedsallys.com.

**The North House**, 1 Nod Road, Avon, will feature a special menu from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with dishes like roasted prime rib, pan seared trout, a raw bar and oven roasted turkey. Cost is \$49 for adults; \$19 for kids 12 and under. Adults will receive one complimentary Bloody Mary or mimosa. Reservations

**Carbone's Ristorante**, 588 Franklin Ave, Hartford, offers its regular menu in addition to Mother's Day specials and half-priced bottles of wine under \$75 from noon to 6 p.m. Reservations are recommended. 860-296-9646, carbonescct.com.  
**Carbone's Kitchen**, 6 Wintonbury Mall, Bloomfield, offers its regular menu in addition to Mother's Day specials; half-priced bottles of wine under \$65 and 25 percent off bottles over \$65 from noon to 7 p.m. Reservations are recommended. 860-904-2111, carboneskitchen.com.

**Treva**, 980 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, offers a brunch buffet from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. The menu includes breakfast items (scrambled eggs, brioche French toast, frittata bianca); cold items like cured meats, cheeses, oysters, gravlax and salads, and entrees of pasta, turkey breast, prime rib and herb-roasted salmon. Cost is \$40 for adults, \$20 for children 12 and under. 860-232-0407, trevact.com.

**Avert Brasserie**, 35A LaSalle Road, West Hartford, hosts brunch from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Offerings include breakfast items (Belgian waffles with blueberry compote, scrambled eggs with grated Gruyere); cold selections like salads, oysters on the half shell, cheeses and French charcuterie; and family-style dishes of coq au vin, salmon and roasted sirloin. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$23 for children

**Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**, 44 S. Main St., West Hartford, offers a three-course brunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with menu items like eggs Benedict with sliced filet mignon or housemade crab cake with a tomato hollandaise; a veggie omelet, cinnamon apple brioche French toast, California-style steak and eggs with sliced filet mignon, and salmon Cobb salad. Cost is \$44.95 for adults and \$18.95 for children. 860-676-9463, flemingssteakhouse.com.

**Ideal Tavern**, 142 Center St., Southington, hosts Mother's Day brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with specials like brioche French toast, steak and eggs, lobster Benedict, oven-roasted Scottish salmon and pan-roasted filet mignon, and dinner from 3 to 9 p.m. with special dishes like shrimp and grits, oven-roasted Rhode Island swordfish, veal Bolognese and wild mushroom ravioli. Items are priced at \$7 to \$35; the regular menu will not be offered that day. 860-863-5444, idealtavern.com

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## 2018 Rated "PG-13"

Evelyn and Lee Abbott have managed to thus far survive an invasion by alien creatures that has lay waste to civilization with insuppressible death and destruction. They have successfully harbored their three children and sequestered them in a remote location fortified in every way possible to minimize the volume of sound they make. These carnivorous creatures hunt humans down by sound, making it a matter of life and death to remain as quiet as possible. There tenuous but fairly stable lifestyle is suddenly challenged by an abrupt personal tragedy, changing the entire course of their family dynamics and causing a fractured unspoken friction between the parents and their children.

My good film radar picked up on this film the moment I saw the first trailer for it. It was reinforced by the follow up trailer and moved this film to the very top of my must see list. Now, my radar isn't perfect and there have been instances where my enthusiasm became severely deflated when I actually got to see the film. "A Quiet Place" is not one of those times. All the ingredients that are guaranteed to light up my radar were there. First you have my fondness for the genre. A science fiction/horror/thriller hybrid is an instantaneous grabber for me. Add to that my appreciation of the acting talents of Emily Blunt and my interest instantly doubled. The final push was simply the fact that it looked like it would be told from a different perspective than we have experienced before, giving it a freshness that appeared intriguing. Delivering on all its promise, "A Quiet Place" immediately jumps to the top of my favorite films of 2018 list.

This lean, mean nail biter of a film is a testament to what a film should be. There is a reason one tells a story through the medium of film. That reason is to convey the mood, emotion, plot, characterizations, events and thematic intentions visually. It is, after all, a visual art form. And director John Krasinski shows a definite affinity for doing just that. He wisely chooses to totally forego the shaky and ill focused camera work that has become standard practice in today's horror films which blur the action and makes the viewer work overtime just trying to figure out what is happening. It's a gimmick that is far more aggravating than it is effective.

Krasinski sets most of the film in an idyllic setting. It's a country side teaming with nature's beauty from vibrant foliage to sparkling streams and majestic waterfalls. The farmhouse itself is a Norman Rockwell image of the Americana rural life and it is so inviting that we feel a sense of

# The Circumspect Critic

## by Robert James O'Dell

### "A QUIET PLACE"

familiarity. It stands in stark contrast to the ravaged and desolate ghost town where the Abbott family scavenges for useful supplies. It is there that the film begins its' story where we observe them traversing through a deserted department store, picking up items that might come in handy. We get glimpses of past newspaper headlines amongst the debris that give us an indication of what has transpired to leave the Abbott's in their current situation. A title card alerts us to the fact that this is the 89th day. We quickly feel the sense of danger in the air as the family oh so quietly wanders through the store practically on tiptoes. They don't speak to one another but instead give each other visual signals and communicate using sign language. The entire schematics of what is occurring is brilliantly laid out for us totally by the visuals. With minimal dialogue the film shows us all the essential details that advance the storytelling. It is very clear from the start that sound is not on their side and in fact threatens their very existence.

Krasinski's spare script written along with Bryan Woods and Scott Beck puts a great emphasis on the family dynamics and the strong need and desire that parental instincts manifest into. Their need to keep their children safe at all cost influence their every move. This particular search for supplies is motivated by the need for medication as it appears their middle son is ill. When an inevitable tragedy shakes the very foundation of the Abbott family, we witness how guilt, misunderstanding and unspoken emotions can create distance and mixed signals between people who are essentially bonded by love for one another. Most of the film takes place over a year after this family outing to the nearby desolate town. Evelyn is now in her final trimester of pregnancy and the family has worked hard to put together an environment in their shelter where the complications inherent in having a newborn baby are minimized. There is obvious tension between Lee and his daughter Regan who believes her father blames her for the tragic event which occurred earlier. She is more than ready to go out and assist in dangerous sojourns away from their shelter while her younger brother, Marcus is overcome with fear about leaving the confines of their safe place. Resentment and emotional misinterpretations bubble just below the surface causing inner tension within the family. While Evelyn and Lee remain affectionate and supportive they are finding it more difficult to relate to their children's misgivings.

Krasinski has fashioned a film that comes without any baggage or superfluous dead weight to interfere with the bare bones conceit of the plot. Every detail, everything you see on the screen is there in support of advancing the plot and giving us a sharper

awareness of the tenuous existence of our core family in this apocalyptic nightmare. He gives us only glimpses of these marauding beasts as they attack in moments that startle the audience and raise the adrenaline level. The film has provided us with characters we truly care about and do not want to see any harm come to. It provides the film with an emotional depth all too often absent in these films.

The film has an unexpected secret weapon. In a film centering around trying not to make a sound, an integral component is the sound. Kudos to the sound design and editing department on this film because their work gives it its potent power. All the sounds have a purpose and a separate personality as if they are characters within the film. Whether it is laundry hung out to dry flapping in the wind or a stream of coffee trickling into a cup or the roar of a waterfall cascading down, all the sounds have a clarity that enhances the images on the screen. The rustling of the shrubbery signaling the approaching monsters sends instantaneous chills through you. The amplified clarity of these common sounds combined with the intensity of the musical soundtrack by Marco Beltrami give you an uncontrollable case of the chills.

None of this would work without the contributions of the actors assigned to breathe life into the characters and in this case they have been well chosen. Director Krasinski assumes the role of Lee Abbott, a father who will sacrifice anything to assure his family's safety. Krasinski has just the right combination of sympathetic understanding and no nonsense determination to provide a well rounded portrait of a man of emotional fortitude. Playing his devoted and independently capable spouse is Krasinki's real life wife, Emily Blunt. Blunt is a dynamic actor who pours such emotionally powerful strength into Evelyn that you can't take your eyes off her whenever she is on the screen. Blunt is perfectly in touch with the character she is playing and the connection Evelyn and Lee share is flawlessly portrayed. As their teenage daughter, Regan, Millicent Simmonds is unforgettable. She captures the angst, insecurities and misconceptions of her character and ably displays them all with her expressive face and definitive body language. Regan is deaf and doesn't speak but Simmonds easily shows us everything the character is feeling. Thanks to the persistence of director Krasinski, a deaf actress was cast as Regan and Simmonds does it all to show that he was right to do so. You will remember her long after you have seen the film and you will want to see more of her. Noah Jupe does impressive work as younger brother Marcus as he captures both

the adolescent insecurities and the unpolluted perceptions of a child. The sincere bonding of these four actors make this family relatable and puts the audience in the position to truly care about the outcome of their struggle for survival.

The final third of this film is a heart palpitating terrifying excursion into the family's fight for life as they are all separated just when an unexpected blast of sound sends a herd of these creatures descending upon their homestead. As they each flee and manage to outwit the creatures their options grow smaller and smaller and will diminish completely if they can't reconnect with one another. It is a heart palpitating excursion that tests the level of terrifying suspense you can endure. With a series of plausible encounters between the individual family members and the deadly creatures, the film ratchets up the fear factor with increasing intensity. Evelyn is trapped at home alone just as she goes into labor, Regan has gone to the scene of the family tragedy in an emotionally unstable mood, Marcus has gone to the outer edges of their compound to set off fireworks to distract the beasts and Lee is searching for Regan. As they all desperately try to stay alive, the film becomes a pulsating rush of desperation and sacrifice.

If you are anything like me, "A Quiet Place" will stay with you and become more and more impressive as you give it thought and contemplation.

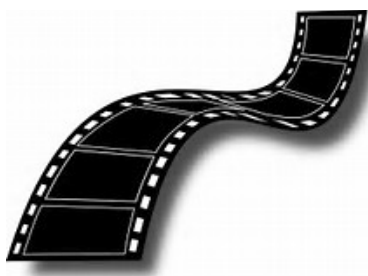
Ratings: Acting: 97% Directing: 97% Script: 95% Creature Effects: 95% Sound Design & Editing: 96% Soundtrack: 93% Cinematography: 94% Entertainment Value: 100%

Overall Rating: 96%

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to 3pm. Admission on Friday is \$1. Items may begin to  
be brought to the garage at 15 South Canal St. on April  
9th. No furniture brought to the garage. Furniture may  
be donated at 19 South Canal St. beginning April 30th

## Grace Lutheran Plainville Church Recognized for Public Welcoming Statement

At a recent meeting of the congregation, Grace  
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anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.  
Because of this statement, Grace has been recognized  
by Reconciling Works as a "Reconciling in Christ"  
congregation. Reconciling Works is a Christian ministry  
affirming God's love for people of all sexual orientations  
and gender identities. Reconciling in Christ is a program  
of Reconciling Works.  
The Rev. Stephen Brisson, pastor of the congregation,  
notes that while Grace has always been a warm and  
welcoming community of faith, the statement of  
welcome explicitly makes known our practice of full  
inclusion into the life of the congregation and church  
those people that have traditionally wondered about the  
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Grace can be found at 222 Farmington Ave. in  
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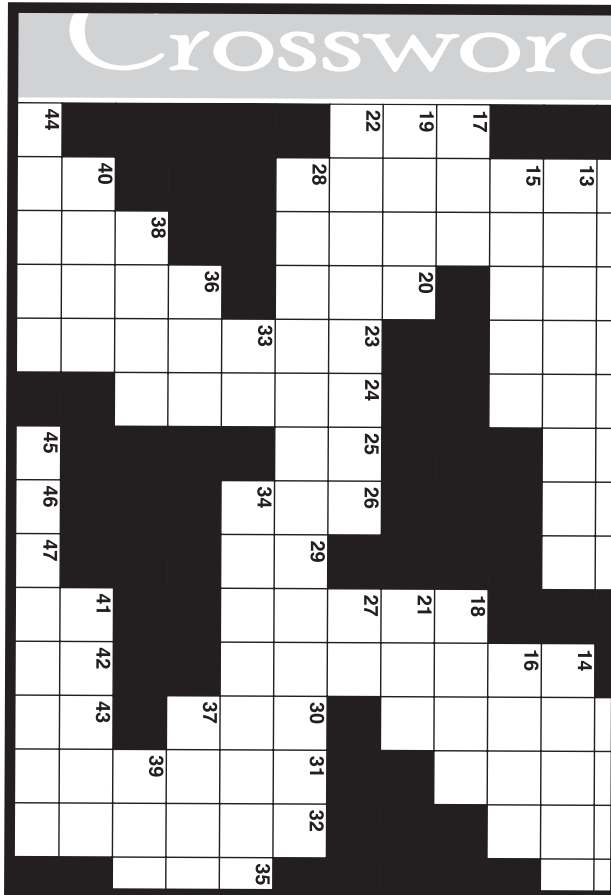
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## Councilman Danny Carrier Presented With Chair for Service On Council



Former Council member Danny Carrier was recently presented with a Town of Plainville Chair in appreciation of his service as a Town Council member. Danny served two terms and was the liaison to Economic Development, Downtown Beautification Committee, Robertson Airport Committee and Capital Projects Building Committee. Danny was recently appointed as a citizen member of the Capital Projects Building Committee.

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As part of our ongoing mission to support local community organizations, Plainville VFW made a sizeable donation to the food pantry. Pictured above, Rob Beveridge (left) and Christina Glasper (right), officers of the Post, present Scott Unnever (center), manager of the Plainville Community Food Pantry with a check for \$500.

Madeley-Roberts has a long history of support to the Plainville community and the Plainville Community Food Pantry (PCFP), which traces its roots back to the late 1960s. The PCFP provides food, clothing, emergency assistance, furniture and household items, crisis intervention and referral services to Plainville residents in need. Madeley-Roberts, VFW Post 574, located at 7 Northwest Driver at the corner of Route 10, supports Plainville citizens through scholarship programs, community programs, and by virtue of their military service. Madeley-Roberts is committed to supporting veterans and members and prospective members are encouraged to visit the Post to learn about membership benefits.

*Madeley-Roberts is able to support the community through fundraising efforts such as Bingo which is hosted every Tuesday and Thursday, at 6:30 p.m., at post headquarters, 7 Northwest Drive. The public is invite.*

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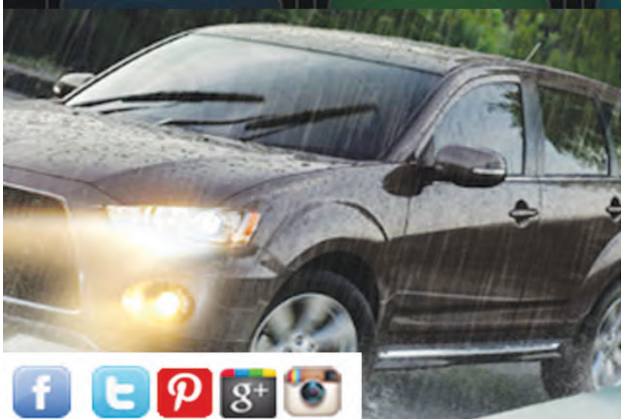
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The society members appreciated all the research that Val did to bring the St. Anthony Society up to date.

Our Lady of Mercy Church Served as Host to the Knights of Columbus  
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## Plainville Knights of Columbus Host Special Ceremony

Past 3rd degree Grand Knight and current 4th degree Faithfull Navigator (head officer of the assembly) Mark Germain proposed early in 2017 that the Council and assembly host the ceremony for this spring to support the state assembly. Taking this on was a significant challenge as the event budget historically ran near 10,000 dollars to provide state wide promotion, candidate ceremonial materials, and event expenses. The Plainville knights organizations accepted the challenge; formed a team whose core leaders were Doug and Patti Wright, Dennis and

It is also notable that six priests joined the 4th degree in the event. Priests do not participate directly in Degree exemplifications as laymen do, but rather take the degree by observation and the Plainville assembly is joyfully pleased to welcome Our Lady of Mercy current pastor Fr. Raymond Smialowski and former pastor Fr. Kevin Forsythe into the assembly after this event as new Sir Knights.

The summary above is included in this article to explain why it was a very special event on Sunday

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ William George Jeanfavre ~



of Unionville passed away on April 8, 2018 at the University of Connecticut Health Center after a long illness. He was the husband of Jean Russell Jeanfavre. William was born on September 28, 1933 and was predeceased by his parents,

Robert and Helen Jeanfavre of Torrington.

In addition to his wife, William leaves a brother Robert R. Jeanfavre of Bantam, a Niece Deborah Read and her husband Robert of Tennessee; a Brother-in-law Chester Russell and his wife Lynda of Bristol; a Niece Jennifer R. Vanasse and her husband Christopher and daughter Emily of Bristol; a Nephew Patrick Russell and his children Ryan and Hailey of Southbury. He also leaves behind several cousins and great-nieces and nephews.

William was a 50-year member of Frederick Franklin Lodge #14, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Plainville where he served as Organist during his entire membership. He also served as Organist for Evening Star Lodge #101 of Unionville. He was a 42-year member of Frederica Chapter #110 Order of the Eastern Star where he served as Worthy Patron five times and Organist for 30 years. He shared his musical gift by serving as Grand Organist for the Grand Chapter of Connecticut Order of the Eastern Star three times.

William was a member of the Sphinx Temple Shrine and enjoyed singing with the Chanters to help raise funds for the Shriners Hospitals. He also joined the transportation unit taking children to and from the Shriners Hospitals in Springfield and Boston. He served as Past High Priest Columbia Chapter #31 and Thrice Illustrious Master of Lee Council #25 of York Rite Masons.

William was a recipient of the Pierpont Medal in Bronze for his service to the Masonic Fraternity.

In addition to his Masonic activities, William enjoyed golf, skiing, gardening and traveling to exotic places such as South America, Australia and the Great Barrier Reef, New Zealand and French Polynesia with wife Jean at his side. They also enjoyed visiting several Canadian provinces and much of the United States.

A celebration of his life was at the Plainville Masonic Temple on Saturday, April 14, 2018 In lieu of flowers, donations to the Shriners Hospitals of Springfield and Boston are requested in his name.

## ~ Jeffrey W. Larese ~



Jeffrey W. Larese, 50, of Bristol, CT passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at home. Jeffrey was born in New Britain, CT and was the son of the late James D. and Carol (Pizzoferrato) Larese.

Jeffrey is survived by his brother – James D. Larese, Jr. his sister Jodi Bouchard and her husband Larry all of Plainville, CT, his aunt Joni Hines of Farmington, CT and his nephew Michael Bouchard of Plainville, CT as well as a host of family and friends. Jeffrey will be deeply missed by family and friends.

A private graveside service was held Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at Fairview Cemetery, New Britain, CT. The Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home, 764 Farmington Ave., New Britain, CT has charge of arrangements. To extend condolences to the Larese family or to share a memory of Jeffrey, please visit shakerfuneralhome.com.



## ~ John W. “Bill” Beverley~



91, of Bristol passed away on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at Bristol Hospital. He is now reunited with his loving wife and childhood sweetheart, Florence Marie (Almeda) Beverley, with whom he shared 65 years of love and devotion and raised three

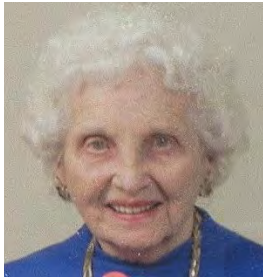
adored children.

Bill was born on March 22, 1927 in his East Street home in Plainville, son to the late John W. and Cecila (Bell) Beverley, Sr. He was a longtime resident of Plainville and attended local schools graduating from Plainville High School. Bill was part of the first Plainville Little League Championship team and was inducted into the Softball Sports Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA. He was a longtime and dedicated member of the Redeemer’s AME Zion Church in Plainville. A proud American, Bill served our country in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged. In his former years, Bill was employed by Aetna working as a claims specialist supervisor. Prior to his career at Aetna, Bill ran his own auto body shop, Beverley Auto Body, formerly located on Townline Road in Plainville. Following retirement, Bill worked at Stanley Golf Course and later as the Superintendent for the Plainville Cemetery Association maintaining and helping to oversee both town-owned cemeteries - East Cemetery (East Street) and West Cemetery (North Washington Street). Bill was a man of musical talent, finding a passion for playing the saxophone and creating his own band, the “Velvetones.” He had a profound love for golf and also took an interest in archery. He was an honest man with a great sense of humor and will always be remembered by all who knew him.

Bill is survived by his children, Michael Beverley, of Bristol, and Deborah Beverley-Wiggins and her husband, Edward, of Middletown; his grandchildren, Corey Smith and his wife, Rhonda, Kyle Smith, and Michael Beverley; his great-grandchildren, Olivia, Jaden, Joshua, Noah, and Keisha; his sister, Helen Sneed and her husband, Gregory; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, David Beverley.

A memorial service in celebration of Bill’s life will was held at the Redeemer’s AME Zion Church, . Bailey Funeral Home, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, Bill may be remembered with contributions to research for lung cancer via the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

## ~ Doris E. (Maier) Prassl~



98, of Plainville, passed away comfortably on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at Apple Rehab of Farmington Valley in Plainville. She is now reunited with her loving husband, John H. Prassl Jr., who predeceased her in 1988

Doris was born in Kensington, CT on February 4 1920 daughter to the late John and Edith (Schlaak) Maier. She was a longtime resident of Plainville and a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church. In addition, she was involved with the Plainville Senior Center. Doris loved going to and taking part in tag sales. She will be deeply missed and always remembered for her kindness, caring, and generosity.

Doris is survived by her daughter, Edith A. Bucchi and her husband, Phillip, of Ocala, FL and her son, John H. Prassl III and his wife, Darya, of Littleton, NH; her grandchildren, John H. Prassl IV, Jeremy M. Prassl, Larissa A. Schroeder, and Phillip R. Bucchi Jr; and her great-grandchildren, John and Elena Schroeder, Liem and Elle Prassl, Phillip Bucchi III, and Lily and Taylor Bucchi. In addition, she leaves her devoted companion, Roy Kaine. Doris was predeceased by her brother and her sister, Edna Sargalski.

Calling hours were at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Doris’ life was at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Burial followed in Saint Mary Cemetery, 1309 Stanley St., New Britain. In lieu of flowers, put a smile on someone’s face.

## ~ Robert James Politis ~



52, of Bristol, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, April 6, 2018 at his home.

Robert was born on July 28, 1965 in New Britain, son of Richard James Politis and the late Gwendolyn (Post) Politis.

He was a talented carpenter who owned and operated his own business, Diversified Building, for many years. He was very talented artistically and passed that on to his children. Robert had a profound love of the outdoors, especially for hiking and camping. He loved to cook and was a master at barbecuing. He was a man who had a silly sense of humor and was always able to make people laugh and smile. Above all, Robert took great joy and pride in his two children, Linnea and Robert. He will be deeply missed by everyone with whom he had crossed paths.

Robert is survived by his father, Richard Politis and his step-mother, Charlotte Politis (Plainville); his two children, Linnea Politis (Middletown), and Robert James Politis II (Plainville); his sisters, Ronette Politis (Wolcott), Melissa Barley (Maryland), and Sarah Blake (Plainville); and several nieces, nephews, extended family, and countless friends. He was predeceased by his mother and his brother, Richard Politis.

Calling hours were held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville with a service in celebration of Robert’s life. Burial followed in West Cemetery, Plainville.

## Heaven Needed Mom

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~ Barbara (Pierce) Bush ~



Barbara Bush, the former first lady of the United States, died April 17, 2018, at the age of 92.

Her death, which came shortly after Bush decided not to undergo further medical treatments for congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, was announced in a statement from the office of her husband, former President George H. W. Bush.

One of the world's most recognizable women in the 1980s and '90s, Barbara Bush presented a grandmotherly image that hid an iron will and strong determination to help her family succeed. And succeed they did — all the way to the top, more than once.

Early Days

Born Barbara Pierce June 8, 1925, she grew up in Rye, New York, the daughter of a magazine magnate, granddaughter of an Ohio Supreme Court justice, and a distant cousin of 14th President Franklin Pierce.

She met her future husband, George Bush, when she was a 16-year-old boarding school student and he was a 17-year-old prep school boy preparing for a career in the U.S. Navy. An intense courtship led to marriage when she was just 19 and George was home on leave from his service in World War II. She dropped out of Smith College after two years of study in order to devote herself full-time to her new husband and the family they dreamed of.

That family was one that rarely settled down. They moved 29 times, all told, as George pursued business and political opportunities and Barbara made a career of caring for her husband and the six children they would have over the course of 13 years. Eleven of those moves happened in just the first six years of their marriage, and even as they settled into each new home, George frequently traveled on business.

It was not always an easy life for a young wife and mother. Daughter Doro later recalled to author Ann Grimes: "I remember Mom saying she spent so many lonely, lonely hours with us kids. I can understand how she felt. She did it all. She brought us up."

But Barbara's ambitions took her beyond raising children and into the public eye in the form of charitable work. Volunteerism was a keystone of her life. Among her earliest causes was volunteering in hospitals, and over the years, her charitable work grew to encompass board terms for organizations including Ronald McDonald House and the Morehouse College School of Medicine.

To the White House

As George's political ambitions ramped up, Barbara was by his side, supporting him in each campaign he mounted, from his first as Republican Party county chairman in Harris County, Texas, to his final winning bid for president of the United States.

It was when George was elected vice president under President Ronald Reagan in 1980, and Barbara became second lady, that she first became an internationally known figure.

As second lady, Bush quickly made it clear that her personal cause would be family literacy. It was a cause that had deep roots in her own life. Her son Neil, her fourth child, had been diagnosed with dyslexia, and she devoted much time to helping him overcome his

difficulties with reading.

With a national stage at her disposal, Bush spent much of her energy researching the causes of illiteracy and supporting efforts to combat it. Among her projects as second lady was a children's book she wrote from the point of view of the family dog — "C. Fred's Story" — the proceeds of which were donated to literacy charities.

Bush's term as second lady wasn't without its missteps. Perhaps the most famous came during the 1984 presidential campaign, when Geraldine Ferraro was George's competition for vice president. Asked about Ferraro, Barbara famously described her as "that \$4 million — I can't say it, but it rhymes with 'rich.'" Bush later called Ferraro to apologize, having explained that she thought the remark was off the record.

It was a rare political comment from a second lady who more typically preferred to remain behind the scenes and work on her own charities rather than dip a hand into her husband's affairs. She was supportive, always, but rarely strove to be an influencer. It was a trait that would remain when she became first lady upon George's election as president in 1988.

First Lady

As first lady, Bush came on the heels of a predecessor who could easily have been a very hard act to follow: Nancy Reagan. The glamorous and outspoken Reagan was known for her designer clothing and opulent redecoration of the White House, as well as her highly visible "Just Say No" anti-drug campaign. Bush's more down-to-earth style was quite the opposite of Reagan's, but rather than try to downplay the difference, she embraced it, positioning herself as a practical woman who cared more about getting things done than looking good.

Bush took this tack from her earliest days as first lady. As her husband's inauguration approached, she gave a self-deprecating dig at her own appearance that ended with a bit of self-promotion: "My mail tells me that a lot of fat, white-haired, wrinkled ladies are tickled pink. I mean, look at me — if I can be a success, so can they." Soon after, she pointed out at one inaugural event that her stylish appearance was exclusive to the festivities: "Please notice — hairdo, makeup, designer dress. Look at me good this week, because it's the only week." Yet the first lady didn't entirely shun designer wear. She was known to prefer Arnold Scaasi, who designed her inaugural gown, and Bill Blass.

As far as establishing her charitable self in contrast to Reagan's "Just Say No," Bush had long laid the groundwork for her literacy work, and it only grew when she became first lady. Soon she established the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, supporting literacy programs that involve parents as well as children. She wrote a second children's book while in the White House, again from the point of view of a family pet: "Millie's Book."

Bush was also active with the White House Historical Association and raised \$25 million toward the White House Endowment Trust, which funds ongoing efforts at restoration of the White House.

Her charity work in the medical world also continued, and she made a statement that was bold for its time when, in 1989, she visited "Grandma's House," a home for children with HIV and AIDS. In a time when most still mistakenly believed that AIDS could be spread by casual contact, Bush held and hugged several of the children, as well as an adult with AIDS. It was a powerful gesture that was one of the influential

moments leading to greater understanding and acceptance of the disease, and she continued to work toward that goal throughout her time in the White House.

Bush's homey ways made it hard for her to accept the heightened levels of security expected of the first family. She advocated a lower-key way of life for herself and her husband than what the Secret Service preferred, arguing that she should ride in a small car rather than a limousine and travel on commercial flights. Yet she wasn't all smiles and friendly hugs. Her family half-jokingly called her "the enforcer," she told the Today show. "Because I enforce," she explained. "If you do something bad, I point it out to you."

Bush rarely spoke out about political issues. When she did, they weren't always in line with the values of her husband's party. Most notable was her support for reproductive freedom. In her 2010 book, "Barbara Bush: A Memoir," she stated, "I hate abortions, but just could not make that choice for someone else." In the same book, she expressed her distaste for "gay bashing" and her belief that both abortion and sexuality are personal matters that the party should not take a specific stand on.

The latter was an opinion she had expressed much earlier, during her husband's 1992 campaign for reelection. That campaign was an unsuccessful one, and the Bushes left the White House as the Clintons entered in 1993.

Later Life

In the years following the first Bush presidency, Barbara was honored with the dedication of the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine, and several schools and libraries were named after her. She and her husband founded the George and Barbara Bush Center at the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine, housing the Bush Legacy Collection of memorabilia.

Bush saw her family's political ambitions reach great heights once again when her eldest son, George W. Bush, was elected president in 2000 and reelected in 2004 — making Barbara Bush only the second American, two centuries after Abigail Adams, to have been married to one president and mother of another.

Her third child, Jeb, was among the candidates for the Republican nomination in the 2016 election, and Barbara famously flip-flopped on her support for him. In 2013, she told the Today show that though Jeb was well-qualified to be president, she didn't want to see him run: "I think it's a great country, there are a lot of great families, and it's not just four families or whatever. There are other people out there that are very qualified, and we've had enough Bushes." Yet when he launched his presidential bid, she reversed, supporting his ambitions and campaigning for him in New Hampshire before he ended his candidacy early in the primary season.

Bush was honored in 1995 with the Jefferson Award for Greatest Public Service Benefiting the Disadvantaged. In 1997, she was recognized for her work toward literacy with The Miss America Woman of Achievement Award. After Nancy Reagan's death in 2016, Bush was the oldest living former first lady.

In addition to her husband, Bush is survived by her children, former President George W. Bush, Jeb Bush, Neil Bush, Marvin Bush and Dorothy Bush Koch, as well as a number of children and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Robin Bush, who died of leukemia in childhood.



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# Plainville Wind Ensemble’s Upcoming Concerts

by Kathleen Marsan, Executive Director

The Plainville Wind Ensemble are on their way to “Shuffle off to Buffalo” for the 40th Annual Association of Concert Bands Convention in Buffalo, NY on May 5th. The Association holds an annual convention where directors, band members, managers, industry leaders, administrators, and educators exchange personal views, share experiences, and learn from educational seminars and musical performances.

This year’s convention will be held at the Adam’s Mark Hotel and is hosted by the Buffalo Niagara Concert Band. The large ensemble is one of six concert bands from throughout the U.S. selected to perform at the convention.

During their performance, the band will perform “To the Summit” and have the honor to be conducted by the composer, Robert W. Smith. Two other pieces stand out in their program: “A Hymn to the Beauty that Was”, composed by Jane Russel Bate and “A Connecticut Fanfare by Scott Perkins. “A Hymn to the Beauty that Was” is an elegy to the three Petit women who met tragic deaths during a home invasion in Cheshire, CT on July 23, 2007. During the piece, three solo instruments represents one of the women: Jennifer, the mom, portrayed by the euphonium; Haley, depicted by the English horn; and Michaela represented by the flute. Bate earned a B.A. from Smith College, studied arranging at Eastman School of Music, and holds graduate degrees from Central Connecticut State University.

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Jane stated “I am immensely grateful for each performance of “A Hymn to the Beauty That Was,” and would like to thank the Plainville Wind Ensemble for bringing this piece to Dr. Petit’s hometown”.

As this is the closing of Plainville Wind Ensemble’s 30th Anniversary, “A Connecticut Fanfare” was commissioned to honor this milestone. Composed by Scott Perkins, it will be premiered at the convention and again performed at the Spring Concert. “I was delighted when the Plainville Wind Ensemble asked me to write a work for them in celebration of the 30th anniversary of their founding, particularly because of my many connections to the group. I grew up in a corner of Bristol, CT, only a few blocks away from Plainville. The ensemble is directed by Ken Bagley, my former high school band director, and its members include old friends of mine from as early as elementary school. So, it seemed only fitting that I title the piece after my home state; thus, “A Connecticut Fanfare”, Perkins writes. Perkins is a member of the faculty at California State University, Sacramento, where he teaches music theory and composition.

PWE’s Spring Concert will be held at the Plainville High School on May 20th, 2pm with a pre-concert performance of the Flute Ensemble beginning at 1:30pm in the foyer of the Mel Perry Auditorium. All three compositions will be performed along with several other pieces such as “Lux Aurumque” by Eric Whitacre, “Florentiner March” by Julius Fucik and “Illumination” by David Maslanka. The Friends of the Library will be present to sell packets of Michaela’s Garden, seeds of her favorite flower – 4 O’Clocks. Proceeds of the sale benefit the Petit Foundation.

June 5, at 6:30pm, the Plainville Wind Ensemble will perform for the Norton Park Concert series, with the Center Stage Jazz, a program of PWE, performing the following Tuesday, June 12th at the Park. For more information on the Plainville Wind Ensemble, visit their website [www.plainvillewindensemble.com](http://www.plainvillewindensemble.com) YouTube and Facebook.

## From the Desk Of.....

### THE REALITY OF STALKING

Most people think that stalking and harassment are things only celebrities have to fear. However, through the advancement of technology, every day people run the risk of being overexposed. Sometimes this exposure manifests itself into stalking and harassment for regular people. Thankfully, the law affords both criminal and civil actions to be taken for the victims. So, in the event the police are not willing to do anything, potential victims may still secure their safety through a civil order.

Connecticut criminal law penalizes anyone who recklessly causes another person to reasonably fear for their physical safety by willfully and repeatedly following or lying in wait for them. This is the minimum standard for criminal stalking, which carries a maximum sentence of 6 months and \$1,000 in fines. The jail time and fines increase with the intent and severity of the stalking up to 5 years in prison and \$5,000 in fines. Furthermore, the Connecticut harassment laws do not require in-person contact to constitute harassment. Electronic mediums, like facebook or email, may be used for harassment as well as telephones and other like instruments. The most severe penalty for harassment in Connecticut is 5 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.



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### Thomas A. Wurz

Therefore, regardless of a person’s intent or lack of direct contact with the victim they may be guilty of stalking or harassment based on the victim’s apprehension.

The one real downside to the criminal law of stalking and harassment is that it requires the police to have enough evidence to bring the charges against someone. So what can you do if the police are not going to help? Victims can bring an ex parte request for a civil protective order. “Ex parte” means that neither party has to be present in order for the judge to grant a protective order to the applicant. If granted, the order provides the victim with a means for having their stalker held criminally liable for placing them in physical fear as long as the accused violates the contact requirements implemented in the ex parte order. Ultimately, nothing can assure everyone’s complete safety, yet civil protective orders provide people with an avenue for enhancing their safety without being forced to leave it to the police.

So whether you are Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, or Joe Schmo you should always be on the lookout for people that may want to put you in danger. Knowing how the law can work to protect you may make all the difference.

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Two brothers who lived in the house with their families ran the store. It was a butcher shop, really — everyone went there for the meats and would pick up some groceries as well.

As a child, it was very busy and very big in my eyes — hustle-bustle going in

and out of the meat locker, making hamburger on the spot, cutting meat orders to order. I always looked forward to going to that store.

Remember, this was a city neighborhood, and it really served a six- or seven-block area. Neighborhoods were like village.

Then one day, my father started to go to a different store: a "supermarket." The Food Saver was about four

blocks west of Benny's. My father said it had a better selection, better prices and was the same distance from our home.

Benny's closed a few years later.

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I miss Benny's — it had

sawdust on the floor...

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