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## Plainville Schools Host Parades for Students Learning at Home



Wheeler School Principal Andrew Batchelder waves to local neighborhood students during the Wheeler parade. Teachers and faculty members drove through Plainville neighborhoods keeping in touch with students learning from home. See pages 11, 12 & 13 for more photos of parades and students.

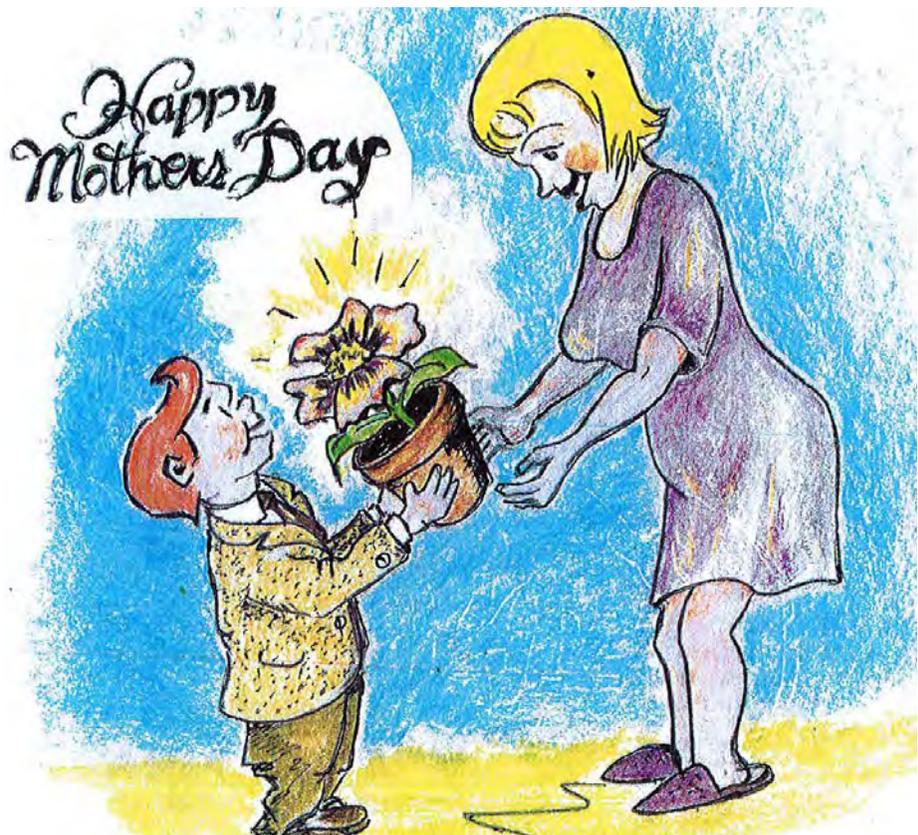
## Plainville's Bailey Brothers Take Home 3rd Consecutive Wrestling Title



Plainville brothers that wrestle out of KT Wrestling in Rocky Hill stay consistent at the CT State Youth Wrestling Championship. Jaxsen, 9 captures his 3rd consecutive state title defeating Empires Cole Desiano in a 5-3 decision in the finals. While brother Logan, 8 placed fifth in his division going 2-2.

With season cut short, Jaxsen is still hoping to compete for the Regional Title in Manalapan, N.J. on June 5th and the National Title in Wisconsin Dells, WI. on June 25th

*Pictured Left to Right: Jason, Jim, Jovanna, Jaxsen and Logan All Baileys of course!*



*Wendell Copeland*

### Town Events Cancelled

- Memorial Day Parade
- Wings & Wheels
- Fire Company Balloon Festival
- Senior Center May Trips
- VFW Bingo Nights
- Our Lady of Mercy- Mother's Day Breakfast

### Town Events Postponed

- Chamber of Commerce 112th Annual Awards Dinner August 26th - Details on page 5
- Chamber Pizza Feud October 17th - Details Page 3
- Chamber Golf Tournament September 28th
- Roaring 20's Hangar Party October 3rd Details on page 15
- Earth Day - Tues. November 3rd

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29 Mountain View Dr: USA HUD of Plainville to Robert W. Newton, \$105,000 on 3/13/2020

25 Overlook Dr: Adriano and Paayal M. Labella of Plainville to Raymond Waraksa and Wawan Sutiawan, \$292,500 on 3/19/2020

62 Plum Tree Rd: Lydia Suarezpolanco and Wells Fargo Bank NA of Plainville to Paula Szatchelski and Radek Sztachelski, \$150,000 on 3/18/2020

114 S. Washington St. Unit 12: Gustavo Salas of Plainville to Zachary J. Griffin, \$127,700 on 3/16/2020

115 W. Main Street: Good Shepherd Episcopal of Plainville to Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church, \$150,000 on 3/16/2020

152 Whiting St. Whiting Street Enterprise of Plainville to Skytop Enterprises LLC, \$200,000 on 3/16/2020

238 Farmington Ave. Anne Shaw of Plainville to Anna I. Guzman, \$158,500 on 3/25/2020

10 Mountain View Dr: Jonathan D. Witsil of Plainville to Aaron Pelletier, \$125,000 on 3/23/2020

190 Tomlinson Ave Unit 2d: Chere D. Boone of Plainville to Mariusz Blonski, \$152,000 on 3/25/2020

69 Northwest Dr Unit 37: Andrzej A. and Anna Czekaj of Plainville to Kristyn E. Zygmunt, \$149,000 on 3/23/2020

108 Westwood Ave: Deutsche Bank Natl Co of Plainville to SSA Home Improvement LLC \$117,000 on 3/26/2020.

50 Bartlett St: Anthony J. and Rose E. Matassa of Plainville to Lilinnette Cruz and Lillinnette Martinez, \$129,900 on 3/30/2020

394 East St: OBC Advisors LLC of Plainville to Nosal Properties of East, \$820,000 on 3/31/2020

54 Tyler Ave: Doris A. Matteau of Plainville to Katherine M. Sapko, \$146,450 on 4/1/2020.

77 E Main St: East Plain LLC of Plainville to 77 Ventures LLC, \$950,000 on 4/3/2020

311-r East St: South Plain LLC of Plainville to 311 Ventures LLC, \$950,000 on 4/3/2020

30 Mountain Veiw Dr: Stephanie Byrne of Plainville to Danielle E. Zareck, \$193,000 on 4/2/2020

47 Nothampton Ln: 47 Northampton Lane LLC of Plainville to Northampton Lane Realty, \$80,000 on 4/2/2020

69 Northwest Dr Unit 38: Andrew W. Marek of Plainville to Wojciech Plachta, \$148,000 on 4/6/2020

17 Timber Hill Rd: Cathy S. Spisak of Plainville to Jordan and Lori Brown, \$225,000 on 4/6/2020

125 Whiting St: Plainville Terminal LLC of Plainville to 125 Whiting Street LLC, \$85,000 on 4/6/2020

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AAA Speaks Out: Car Care during the Covid Crisis

As we all observe the Governor's 'Stay Safe, Stay at Home' order, AAA is reminding motorists that, while caring for ourselves and our loved ones, cars sitting idle may require a bit of extra care as well.

With that in mind, AAA is providing the following tips to ensure you will have reliable, safe transportation when you need it.

- 1. Be sure to clean and wipe down the inside of the vehicle including steering wheel, gear shift, door, dashboard, seat, door handle, seat belts and any exposed surfaces using a damp cloth with a small amount of soap.
2. Avoid any cleaners with alcohol or bleach - this may dry the leather/vinyl, causing it to crack and discolor.
3. Don't forget to clean keys and fobs as well.
4. Keep the gas tank filled at three-fourths or full. Full tanks provide less space for air and help minimize the possibility of condensation.
5. Make sure you clean your hands after filling your vehicle with gas. When possible, use a disinfecting wipe when touching a keypad or gas pump handle.
6. Drive the vehicle once a week to ensure the battery stays properly charged.

If you need help, the AAA Car Care, at 755 Queen Street in Southington, remains open for service.

Or, as a reminder, AAA Members can call AAA and an Emergency Roadside crew will come to your home - maintaining proper social distancing at all times - and check your battery at no additional charge.

Also, in an effort to help those who are helping us, AAA is providing our 'local heroes' - all first responders and health care workers - with significantly discounted Membership and Car Care services through May. For more information call 860-793-3645.

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

- Comedy Show, May 9th at VFW, tickets available
Pizza Feud, Oct 7th at VFW
Annual Dinner, August 26th
Annual Golf Tournament September 28th at Tunixis Plantation

Thank you to the VFW for all your help in accommodating our new dates. And to all our Chamber Members for their support and patience in these crazy times... Please don't hesitate to call or email any concerns to 860-747-6867 or info@plainvillechamber.com

The Plainville Chamber of Commerce

Thinking about starting a business?

Contact:

The Economic Development Commissioners For Assistance 860-793-0221 ext. 210

Dates to Remember in MAY

Mother's Day Sunday the 10th

Armed Forces Day Saturday the 16th

National Maritime Day Friday the 22nd

Memorial Day Monday the 25th

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

## April 6th and April 20th Meetings

### April 6, 2020

#### LEA White Oak Report Discussion

- Sara Burkhalter-Sweeney and Sam Butcher from Loureiro are attending the meeting to give an update to the report entitled "Former White Oak Development Plan". Loureiro has completed their Environmental Study of the White Oak Property and will summarize the findings in same.
- They will also give an update on the September 2019 estimated remediation costs and discuss next steps.

#### Road Bond – Pavement Milling

- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council award a bid to Garrity Construction of Bloomfield for pavement milling services. Garrity has done this work in Town for several years and have agreed to hold their price to the same rates they have charged for the last two years.
- The monies for this work will come from the Road Bond Program. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

#### Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7S

- Last week Governor Ned Lamont issued Executive Order 7S entitled "Property Tax Deferral". This order requires municipalities to participate in one or both programs regarding tax deferrals.
- The first program authorizes Towns to "provide property tax deferment to eligible residents, businesses, non-profits and other eligible taxpayers a 90-day deferment of any taxes on real property, personal property or motor vehicles". This includes sewer user charges as well.
- To be eligible, taxpayers must attest to or document significant economic impact by COVID-19.
- The second program authorizes Towns to charge an interest rate of 3% per annum for any delinquent portion of the principal of any taxes on real property, personal property, or motor vehicles (including sewer use charges) for ninety days from the time when it became due and payable until the same is paid.
- Following the ninety days, the portion that remains delinquent shall be subject to interest and penalties as previously established (18%) on the principal portion of the taxes owed. There is no eligibility requirement for the Low Interest Rate Program.
- Financial institutions and mortgage services that hold property tax payments in escrow on behalf of the borrower shall continue to remit property taxes to the municipality.
- Towns must notify the Secretary of the Office of Policy & Management which program(s) they are electing to participate in by April 25, 2020.

### April 20, 2020

#### Auditor Appointment

- In the information package for this evening's meeting is a memo from Finance Director Rob Buden recommending that the Town Council appoint Blum Shapiro of West Hartford to perform the FY20 Town audit. Mr. Buden points out that Blum did an outstanding job with the FY19 audit moving up the timelines to accommodate expected absences, that they work well with the Finance staff, and had a very competent team that performed the audit.
- Additionally, their audit fee was lower than the other firms that expressed interest with an RFP that was done for FY19.
- I concur with Mr. Buden's recommendation as well. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

#### Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7S – Tax Deferment

- On April 9th Governor Lamont issued an Executive Order mandating that CT municipalities consider two policies related to tax collections as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The first policy is a Tax Deferment Program that would extend the grace period for paying taxes without a penalty for three months. Normally, taxpayers are required to pay taxes within one month from its due date.
- The second policy is called a Low Interest Rate Program that would set the delinquent interest rate for all taxes due at 3% for a three-month period.
- Town staff including Rob Buden, Ann Marie Heering, Ana LeGassey, Atty. Mike Mastrianni and myself reviewed both policies including an Explanation of Purpose & Intent issued by the Office of Policy and Management as well as a Guidance Document issued by the Council of Small Towns and the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.
- Towns are required to adopt one or both policies and notify OPM by April 25th which one (or both) were chosen.
- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council adopt the Tax Deferment Program for eligible taxpayers. Eligible taxpayers are those who complete a form acknowledging that their household income has suffered a reduction in income of at least 20% due to COVID-19.
- Additionally, Businesses and Non-Profits would have to acknowledge that their revenue was expected to decrease at least 30% during the period from March to June 2020 versus the same time period last year at their Plainville property. The tax deferment would apply to the second installment of the sewer bills due May 1st as well as the July 1st tax bills.
- Town staff has come up with a plan to notify residents of this policy should the Town Council approve it this evening. This notification would include a Town-wide mailing, two CodeRED notifications, press releases, Town website notice and several A-Frame sign notifications placed throughout Town.

- Town staff is not recommending the Low Interest Rate Program due to possible cash flow issues which could require the Town to do short term borrowing which would incur interest that would be paid by everyone. Additionally, if the program was extended beyond the three months, additional interest from short term borrowing could create more burden on all taxpayers. There is also concern in administering the program due to lack of specificity its description.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

#### FY 2021 Budget Update

- On April 7th the Town Council unanimously voted to recommend a Town budget that, if adopted, would result in a zero mill increase for FY21 beginning on July 1st. The proposed FY 21 Budget totals \$62.5M and represents an increase of \$718,376 or 1.16%.
- The Town portion of the budget which includes General Government, Debt Service and Capital Improvement expenditures would decrease by almost \$200K or -0.84%.
- The Board of Education Budget is proposed to increase by \$915K or 2.39%.
- The overall Town Budget expenditure increase is approximately half the increase to the inflation rate for the last twelve months.
- There will be a Public Hearing on Monday, May 4th beginning at 7:00 pm. This will be a virtual Public Hearing. Residents will have three opportunities to express their opinion on the proposed budget. They are: 1) Send an email to the Town Council at [towncouncil@plainville-ct.gov](mailto:towncouncil@plainville-ct.gov); 2) send voice message via a phone number to be published later this month or; 3) participate via the phone during the Public Hearing on that evening. Information on how to participate during the meeting will be issued later.
- Because of a previous Executive Order issued by Governor Lamont, Towns are prohibited from holding All-Day votes. As a result, after the Public Hearing, the Town Council will adopt the Budget and set the mill rate for FY21 in time for the tax bills to be mailed before July 1st.

#### White Oak Update

- In the meeting information package there is correspondence from Atty. Alfred E. Smith, Jr. of Murtha Cullina - Attorneys At Law describing the Scope of Work he will be performing as it relates to his opinion concerning the applicability of the Connecticut Transfer Act and the possible acquisition by the Town of the White Oak property located at One & Sixty Three West Main Street.
- Atty. Smith will be participating in the May 4th Town Council meeting to detail his opinion and to respond to questions from the Town Council. His services total \$4,500 and will be paid entirely by the State Grant that was previously secured for the environmental study of the property that was performed by Loureiro Engineers. No action is required by the Town Council this evening.

#### COVID-19 Update

- Information regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic is changes daily, if not an hourly basis. In a conference call with Health officials held last Friday, the State Health Department is now predicting that the peak will not be occurring in Connecticut until mid-May. The reason for this prediction is that the increase in testing will reveal more cases of those with the virus.
- All Town buildings continue to be closed to the public; however, town business continues to operate, and phones are being answered and return calls are being made on a timely basis. Public Works is continuing with the road paving program and Buildings & Grounds continues to maintain public facilities including the parks.
- It is unclear at this time when Town buildings will re-open to the public. The earliest – and this may change – is early July. It is still unclear whether summer programs will be allowed to be held.
- The Presidential Primary has been moved back to August 11th. Wings & Wheels at Robertson Airport scheduled for June 13th has been cancelled for this year. In addition, the Hot Air Balloon Festival scheduled for late August has been cancelled as well.
- The Memorial Day Parade Committee will be meeting with the Health Director and myself tomorrow morning to discuss whether the Memorial Day Parade should be held. Southington has already cancelled their parade for this year.
- Beginning this evening, the Governor has ordered that people must wear cloth covering their face and nose in public if unable to maintain a social distancing of at least six feet.
- People looking for the latest information on the COVID-19 Pandemic can go to the Plainville Southington Health District webpage at [www.pshd.org](http://www.pshd.org). The Town website will also be updating information about the virus. That information can be found at [www.plainvillect.gov](http://www.plainvillect.gov). Information can also be found on the Centers for disease Control & Prevention website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

#### Financial Dashboard

- A copy of the Financial Dashboard for the 3rd Quarter ending March 31st was included in the meeting information package and was also posted on the Town webpage.

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### UNABLE TO ATTEND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS?

If you have an issue you would like to discuss with the Council or a Councilor, call  
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### YOUTH SERVICES

Healthy Plainville encourages the community to stay well by eating a healthy diet and exercising, and safely maintaining a distance of 6 feet or more from others when outside. Try one of these Healthy Lifestyle Challenges:

- Drink 32 oz of water a day every day this week
- Disinfect all contact surfaces- Don't forget your car
- Share a personal success on social media
- Follow a fitness video on YouTube
- Ask for help when feeling stressed

### TAX AND ASSESSING

Just a reminder that tax bills can be mailed in, paid online or dropped in the lockbox in the parking lot, between the stairs. The web address for online payment is <https://www.plainvillect.com/home/pages/online-payments-all-options>

### SENIOR CENTER

Although the Senior Center is closed for programs and activities, staff is available by phone during regular business hours. The Social Worker is also available by phone for questions or concerns about Medicare, financial assistance, caregiving issues and other questions.

**Foot care and ear wax treatment is available by appointment.**

**Dial-a-Ride** is available for non-emergency medical appointments and errands including groceries, pharmacy, and bank. (You cannot be sick, have a cough, or a fever.)

The Senior Center will be offering some on-line programming for Seniors including ukulele "jam sessions" for beginners and intermediate players, a gardening lecture, and fitness classes. Call 860-747-5728 for more information.

### 2020 CENSUS

As of 4/19/2020, Plainville reached a 60.5% self-response rate. In 2010, Plainville's mail-in self-response rate was 76.1%. For the first time in history, people can self-respond to the Census online and Plainville is trying to improve its self-response rate by at least 3% over 2010. Most especially, we want to reach those are 'hard to count.'

Folks who are considered 'Hard to Count' are:

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- hard to contact
- hard to persuade
- hard to interview

Unfortunately, they are often some of the most vulnerable among us and at risk of being under-counted. If you know someone who fits the description, please encourage them that the Census is safe, easy, and important.

The public is strongly encouraged to respond online at:  
[www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).

## Giving Condolences in Unprecedented Times

*By Cassandra Clark*

Social distancing guidelines have dramatically changed the way we care for each other when a loved one dies. Although an uncomfortable topic, many of us have questions about how we can be supportive and heal during these unprecedented times. There are many positive alternatives to the traditional funeral and wake.

First, call your loved ones. There is nothing like hearing the voice of family and friends. Put time aside to let those in your life know you are here to listen. They may not call you back, but rest assured having the phone number to someone who understands their present situation is often just what is needed.

Second, wakes are being held for immediate family. Often only five to ten persons can attend. So, what is a person to do? Wakes traditionally offer a chance to give condolences to the family, present the family with flowers and cards, and as provide closure for those attending. Send a card, or a personalized letter, to the family. Just like in a wake where many are in attendance, send flowers. Yes, major floral shops are still in operation. And when looking for closure, reflect on the positive times you shared. Parish Ministers, Priest, Rabis, Imams and alike are also available to listen to your needs. Use social networking options to talk to friends and family person to person, about the individual's life.

Services are not being conducted on many occasions. Funerals are an unfortunate casualty. We have options. We can visit our parish on a sunny day and sit and reflect. We can listen to inspiring music, such as Michael Joncas's "On Eagles Wings", the Beatles "Here Comes the Sun" or "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" by Israel Kamakawiwo'Ole.

Although we cannot touch our loved ones for the last time, some families are offered a unique option. Thumbies is a keepsake company that utilizes a loved one's fingerprint to make jewelry and

other mementos of the like. Having this physical reminder allows one to hold their loved one close

Some families still ask for locks of hair. Although the practice may seem strange at first, this is highly popular in some communities. There are many beautiful and creative ways to keep locks of hair. From lockets, rings to keepsake boxes, one can find reputable companies online specialize in preserving them.

During the burial, graveside services are also being limited to the social distancing. Often a temporary marker will be placed during the service to allow you to locate your loved one. Take time to visit the cemetery. You can simply leave a rock, a flower or quietly pray. You will be surprised at the sense of closure you feel once you are able to put things in their place, both literally and metaphorically.

Those loved ones who have chosen cremation and when there is no "final resting place", one may want to visit an area that reminds you of them. Perhaps visiting a favorite park or driving past the old family homestead. Maybe a visit to the seashore or getting takeout from a favorite restaurant. Sharing stories with family and friends about growing up in the old neighborhood or memories of a special vacation can help one to cope.

Showing compassion does not always need to take the place of sending flowers. Perhaps sending a care package of self-care items, such as hand lotion, relaxing bath salts, candles, and pajamas. Many grieving loved ones have spent recent restless nights and inviting sleep is welcome. Or perhaps a care package of favorite non-perishable food items. During these recent times it may be especially difficult for them to get out to shop.

Finally, we live in society almost entirely reliant on such social media for communication. Remember that those grieving are shedding real tears. It is often easiest to give condolences via an emoji and a message on a post, however, now is the time to go the extra mile. Be creative and offer those in need of compassion a human touch. We can come together and support each other; we just need to do it a little differently. And who knows, maybe some new traditions will be born from these extraordinary times

## From My Balcony

*By Jeannette Hinkson*

**A lesson learned:**

The corona virus has taught us a lesson, and it was perhaps a hard lesson learned.

First of all who allowed almost every drug we take to be made in China or any other foreign country for that matter?

Our political leaders, along with the FDA and the AMA knew of these facts yet it was allowed. Now in the middle of this epidemic there seems to be a shortage of drugs we take daily. Masks, gowns and almost anything used in the medical field is made in China. According to experts 90 % of all our drugs or their components are made in China with some coming out of India. It is predicted by some, China doesn't have to fire a shot, just shut down our medical supplies. You couldn't even buy a thermometer or a face mask for the past month and my question is, "How did this happen?" According to those on the inside lobbyists persuaded our congress, which allowed our drugs to be made out of the mainland US.

Old time politicians slipped this into the bill it was passed, even though in 2007, 81 people died of tainted Heparin, a blood pressure medication, made in China.

The FDA, who are supposed to check our drugs must warn the Chinese well in advance of an inspection. I bet anyone with half a brain can figure that one out. Our long time politicians are responsible for these problems yet they are voted into office, election after election, by the people who trust them to look after us but in reality are lining their own pockets and the pockets of their families. Drain the swamp and bring the manufactures of our drugs home!

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Social distancing restrictions may have temporarily closed many of our cultural, arts, education, exercise and entertainment venues, but I want to let you know that not all is lost. You can still enjoy many of Connecticut's unique experiences right from your own home!

Statewide, dozens of museums, art galleries, libraries, fitness and wellness centers, zoos and aquariums and other groups have modified programs and are offering educational and other fun classes and activities online.

Whether you choose to watch an animal cam or undertake a new art project with your kids, you'll be sure to find something fun to do when you click on the Connecticut Department of Tourism site. [www.ctvisit.com/articles](http://www.ctvisit.com/articles)

**Stay Safe and Healthy!**

Sincerely, Rep. William A. Petit Jr.

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## The Circumspect Critic

by Robert James O'Dell

[Director: Craig Zobel

Writers: Nick Cuse, Damon Lindelof

**"The Hunt"**

*Twelve strangers wake up in a clearing. They don't know where they are, or how they got there. They don't know they've been chosen - for a very specific purpose - The Hunt.*

"The Hunt" was originally scheduled for release last September and had the misfortune of having two tragic mass shootings occur just weeks before it was to premiere. The studio rightfully felt it would be insensitive to release a film in which the main premise was elite liberals kidnapping ultra-conservatives and setting them free to be the prey in an exercise referred to as the hunt. The bloody spectacle of these confused and unprepared people being picked off like ducks in a shooting gallery was simply a bad fit to the sensitivity the country was feeling after experiencing two real life massacres still fresh on everyone's minds.

The film finally received a release on March 13th of this year. Again, unfortunately, a week later, all movie theaters were closed due to the CoronaVirus outbreak. The theaters remain closed. The studio next decided to release it early to streaming services where I was finally able to view it.

The reason for the controversy really is not justified as the same plot of bored rich elite types staging a hunt in which a bunch of poor shmucks are the target of the hunters has been done numerous times in films before, most famously in 1932's "The Most Dangerous Game". "The Hunt" adds a political angle to it but it never really unleashes that element to its full potential which could have made it a far more intriguing and, of course, controversial film. Once the hunt begins, the film throws most of its attention to the sometimes clever but more often graphically orchestrated kills. It does provide a series of abrupt changes of focus keeping us not quite sure who are main protagonist is while providing some unexpected early kills. Director Craig Zobel working from a script by Nick Cuse and Damon Lindelof manages to keep a cheeky

tone throughout but it is undermined by the lack of logic to its set up. It probably seemed clever to have the liberals be the gun toting murderers mowing down the redneck conservatives. It's been done so often with the shoes on the other feet. But there is a reason for that. Bleeding heart liberals in real life are the ones who tout peace, gun control and anti-violence. Conservatives in the world we actually exist in are the ones who believe in having every American armed to the teeth and possess the gumption to eliminate those who have differing political stances. The incongruity in this film is impossible to accept and ignore. It's not that the film doesn't provide some sharp dark humor with its amusing premise. But that ebbs and flows providing for an uneven attempt at satire which is only partially satisfying.

The film stars Betty Gilpin (so delightful in the Netflix series, "Glow") as the most resourceful of those being hunted. She is in full cynical, sardonic kickass mode and immediately grabs our attention. You truly believe in her prowess as she slips comfortably into survival mode. Other familiar faces making up the twelve being hunted include Emma Roberts, Ethan Suplee, Sturgill Simpson and Kate Nowlin.

In perfectly chosen stunt casting, two time Academy Award winner Hilary Swank is priceless as the obnoxiously elite power behind the hunt.

The film takes a few well honed swipes at the liberal/conservative divide that hit the bullseye. The films best scene features veteran actors Amy Madigan and Reed Birney as two of the liberal elites posing as backwoods conservatives who are the proprietors of a rural convenience store and gas station. After some carnage which they are cleaning up, they enter into a conversation on how well they pulled off their simple folk Trump types. As they argue about whether it is proper to call blacks, black or should it be African-American, we watch them drag the bodies of their victims into the backroom of the store. More hilariously cutting dialogue like that would have upped the ante of the film's quality. The violence is graphic but never lingered on. Zobel's direction is fresh without becoming intrusive. And the movies pace is swift and focused. It had the potential to be a film that stood out in the genre. Instead it turns out to be just a solid addition to it.

**Ratings: Acting: 80%**

**My Rating: 83%**

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## Letter from Sen. Henri Martin to those on the front lines of COVID-19

As we complete the second week of Governor Lamont's "Stay Safe, Stay at Home" executive order, Connecticut's residents are facing big changes to their daily lives. While most of us are acclimating to life homebound, there are some people who must still report to work as if it were a regular day.

For medical professionals and first responders, their current experiences at work are far from what constitutes a "regular" day. Their day-to-day responsibilities carry a lot more risk and pressure. These workers are exhausted from longer, more unpredictable hours. They are given far fewer days off meaning less breaks form a very stressful environment. They are anxious about their exposure – due to insufficient numbers or quality of personal protective equipment (PPE) – compounded by their concern that they are also exposing their loved ones.

All of these people are serving on Connecticut's front lines of the battle through this health crisis.

There are ways we can help our medical professionals.

- \* First and foremost, do your part and STAY HOME. The disease spreads by being carried from person to person. Hospital workers are dealing with enough already. Staying home and responsibly separating yourself from others are the most important things you can commit to in the next few weeks.

- \* Beyond practicing proper social distancing, you can support Connecticut's battle against coronavirus by volunteering your time and resources. Not only can the 2-1-1 help line connect you with state wide opportunities, but I have also gathered important information of the organizations and operations locally who need our help.

- \* Making and donating homemade masks, donating food items, donating blood and donating personal protective equipment are all examples of what people can do while not putting themselves at further risk to contract the disease.

To Connecticut's healthcare workers, you all are unsung heroes who continue to serve the population every day through the COVID-19 pandemic and I acknowledge and appreciate you. While these simple words seem inadequate for the sacrifices you are making, thank you to those people who have stepped forward to fulfill these essential roles and responsibilities.

To everyone, please reach out to my office if I can help you in any way. You can reach me at [henri.martin@cga.ct.gov](mailto:henri.martin@cga.ct.gov) or 860-240-0529

**Stay safe and healthy, State Senator Henri Martin**

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## Take a Cue from Nature

It is hard to believe only been a month has passed since our situation was officially named a pandemic. This created a lot of fear and panic. Quickly, the good side of our human nature kicked in. We stayed home, we bought only what we needed, we practiced social distancing, we were kind to others, we supported our local small businesses. Many offered free meditation, exercise, support and cooking classes on-line. Despite the early problems with Zoom, this new virtual way of holding happy hours provided a lot of solace for our extroverted (and introverted) friends. Businesses and kind souls started making masks and other needed equipment. American ingenuity moved forward with what it does best. We anxiously await availability of improved testing and a vaccine.

Based on the overload of trash containers that I've seen on walks with my dog Cooper, many of us are getting rid of excess clutter. I actually enjoyed the freedom of letting go of many papers and other stuff that has been taking up space in my basement for way too long.

In the process of deciding what to keep and what to toss, I came across names of people that were in my life many years ago. In one case, I was able to connect with a former colleague that I worked with 25 years ago. We managed to have a great conversation and it was like picking up as if no time passed. If I was caught up in the former busyness of life, I might not have made the effort to reach out.

At the present moment, we don't know the finish line for this. We would like it to be May 1st, but deep down, I think we realize this is not possible. We all wonder what the "new normal" looks like. We've changed, our way of life has changed. What we value has changed. What we carry forward will hopefully result a better world. The challenge is not to slip back into habits that no longer serve us and others.

The good side of our human nature will once again have to take a deep breath and find ways to safely navigate our re-entry into the "real" world. Loving kindness actions, communications and collaboration are key. Keeping ourselves healthy with nourishing foods, meaningful

connections and physical activity will help us make the best choice.

For some reason, Monday's bring to me a higher level of anxiety. This was especially true the Monday following the announcement that this would be the worse week since Pearl Harbor and 9/11. I already knew things were bad. I saw the models. Thankfully, my knowledge of yoga, nutrition and herbal training kicked in. It was important to take control of my stress and did this with deep breaths, alternate nasal breathing, calming herbal teas, nourishing fruits and vegetables and immune supporting mushrooms. Our bodies have a natural desire to get back to homeostasis and finding the help within us and in nature is the best medicine.

We only need to look outside our doors to understand the resiliency of nature and the resources available to all. It's important to take stock of our lifestyle and kitchen cabinets and add in what will help us thrive and be ready for what is next. Packaged processed non-food and high sugar items might provide a temporary state of comfort but won't provide the sustenance we all need. To be clear, I consider small quantities of high cacao chocolate to be healing.

You may have already read this poem, author unknown, on the internet. I don't agree that "we are not necessary", but the strong message about respect for nature is a good one.

*We fell asleep in one world and  
woke up in another.*

*Suddenly Disney is out of magic,  
Paris is no longer romantic,  
New York doesn't stand up anymore,  
the Chinese wall is no longer a  
fortress, and Mecca is empty.  
Hugs & kisses suddenly become  
weapons, and not visiting parents &  
friends becomes an act of love.  
Suddenly you realize that power,  
beauty & money are worthless, and  
can't get you the oxygen you're  
fighting for.*

*The world continues its life and it is  
beautiful. It only puts  
humans in cages.*

*I think it's sending us a message:  
"You are not necessary. The air, earth,  
water and sky without you are fine.  
When you come back, remember that  
you are my guests. Not my masters."*

**If you have a story to share about how your relationship with nature has benefited you during this time, please let me know at:**

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and top CEOs have pushed for  
trade to China and Mexico  
for years so Americans  
are now out of work.*

Did You Know that there is no electric coffee maker made in the US and that the only kitchen appliances made in the US is Viking?  
*This information came from  
the report by Diane Sawyer. Hopefully  
this has changed or will soon!!*

### I DIDN'T KNOW HALLMARK CARDS WERE MADE IN CHINA

That's why I don't buy cards at Hallmark anymore, They are Made in China and are more expensive!  
*I buy them at Dollar  
Tree - 50 cents each and  
made in USA*

I have been looking at the blenders available on the Internet. Kitchen Aid is **MADE IN THE USA.**

*Top of my list already...*  
Yesterday I was in Wal-Mart looking for a wastebasket. I found some Made In China for \$6.99. I didn't want to pay that much so I asked the lady if they had any others. She took me to another department and they had some at \$2.50 made in USA. *They are just as good..*  
Same as a kitchen rug I needed. I had to look, but I found some Made In The USA - what a concept! - and they were \$3.00 cheaper! We are being brainwashed to believe that everything that comes from China and Mexico is cheaper. *Not so.*

**One Light Bulb at A Time.**  
I was in Lowe's the other day and just out of curiosity, I looked at the hose attachments. They were all Made in China. The next day I was in Ace Hardware and just for the heck of it I checked the hose attachments there. They were made in USA

*Start looking, people.....  
In our current economic situation,  
every little thing we buy or do  
affects someone else -  
most often, their job.  
My grandson likes Hershey's candy.  
I noticed, though, that it is  
now marked "Made in Mexico."  
I don't buy it anymore.  
My favorite toothpaste  
Colgate is made in Mexico...  
now I have switched to Crest.  
You have to read  
the labels on everything.*

This past weekend I was at Kroger. I needed 60W light bulbs and Bounce dryer sheets. I was in the light bulb aisle, and right next to the GE brand I normally buy -- was an off-brand labeled, "Everyday Value"

I picked up both types of bulbs and compared them: they were the same except for the price.... the GE bulbs cost more than the Everyday Value Brand, but the thing that surprised me the most was that that GE was Made in MEXICO and the Everyday Value brand was made in - you guessed it - the USA at a company in Cleveland, Ohio. *It's way past time to start finding and buying products you use every day that are made right Here.*

So, on to the next aisle: Bounce dryer sheets. Yep, you guessed it, Bounce cost more money and is made in Canada. The Everyday Value Brand cost less, and was **MADE IN THE USA!** I did laundry yesterday and the dryer sheets performed just like the Bounce Free I have been using for years, at almost half the price.

*My challenge to you  
is to start reading the labels when  
you shop for everyday things and  
see what you can find that is  
Made In the USA -*

### **The job you save may be your own or your neighbor's!**

If you accept the challenge, pass this on to others in your address book so we can all start buying American, one light bulb at a time! Stop buying from overseas companies - you're sending the jobs there. (We should have awakened a decade ago...) Let's get with the program and help our fellow Americans keep their jobs and create more jobs here in the USA .

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# Senior Center News

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

Hello Plainville Seniors:

I just wanted to say hello and reassure everyone that the Plainville Police Department is doing well during this unprecedented healthcare crisis. All of us at the police department are certainly hoping that all of you are doing well too!

The Corona virus has certainly tested our ability to plan and coordinate efforts regarding how we would police our town during a pandemic. We are working very closely with the Town government, our regional health director, and our emergency services provider in order to meet our goals and objectives to ensure both your safety and ours.

We have been very successful in gathering the necessary personal protection equipment in order to safely serve our citizens. We have made some very minor adjustments to our day-to-day operations in order to limit the spread of the virus both from inside the department between members and from the outside in. In doing so, we are still

able to meet your service needs, dispatch calls for police, fire, and EMS, patrol the town, investigate crime, as well as send copies of any records you may need. I think we have been successful in making these changes with minimal interruption to service delivery.

Rest assured, we are here to protect and serve Plainville 24/7. Our officers and staff are focused on staying healthy and ready to do what we can to see us all through this very difficult time.

Please continue to practice social distancing and other basic healthcare recommendations.

I truly believe these basic techniques will help us get through this next few weeks and lessen the numbers of people getting ill in our community.

**Stay Well!**

*Chief Matthew Catania*

## Income Tax Appointments

The good news is the tax filing deadline has been extended to July 15th. Unfortunately, it is too early to know about AARP tax assistance. As soon as we know something about the tax program, we will call those who had appointments scheduled with us.

## Social Security Recipients Will Automatically Receive Economic Impact Payments

The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service announced that Social Security beneficiaries who are typically not required to file tax returns will not need to file an abbreviated tax return to receive an Economic Impact payment. Instead, payments will be automatically deposited into their bank accounts or a paper check will be sent (however you would normally receive your benefits).

## Trips, trips, trips

All of our April and May trips have been cancelled including our April Quick Trips and Outdoor Adventure Trips. As soon as we can, we will begin planning trips again. Refunds will be processed in the next few weeks, and we will mail the checks to you.

Trips by motor coach that have been cancelled so far are: Do You Love Lucy? Stars of the Grand Ole Opry; Albany Tulip Festival; the Abba Tribute, the Queen Esther trip and Culinary Institute.



As of now, all of our April programs, classes, trips and special events are postponed. We plan to reschedule many of these activities once it is safe to do so. And, we will definitely be planning a huge welcome back party with food, music, and loads of fun!

## 2020 Census

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

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

## Our Meals-on-Wheels

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

## The Food Share

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

## To: All Plainville Senior Center Members

It is soooo quiet here – we miss seeing and talking to all of you. Shawn and Ronda have been very busy gathering ideas for new programs, activities, trips, etc. - when all this is possible. For everyone's safety we must follow the directives and practice 'social distancing'. Ronda, Stephanie and Paul, along with our Meals on Wheels volunteers, have been helping to distribute food to those in need. The Senior Center is getting a 'spruce up' -- rugs cleaned, walls painted, etc. We want to have a renewed place to welcome you back whenever we can.

Thanks to those who have been making masks and dropping them off. We appreciate your help. We do have seniors who need the masks. If you are able to help by making and donating masks, please let us know.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office (860-747-5728) during regular business hours.

**Stay Home-Stay Safe!!!**

*Carol H. Beam*



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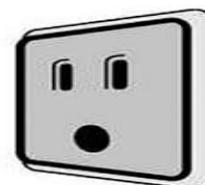
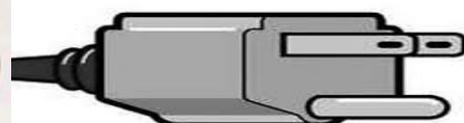
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# Young at Heart .....AT the Senior Center

## ELDERLY AND DISABLED TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS TOWN OF PLAINVILLE

Appointments are now being scheduled by the Assessor's Office for the State and Local Tax Relief Programs.

**Residents must apply by May 15, 2020.**

Applications will be taken at the Plainville Senior Center, by appointment only. Please call Bridget at the Assessor's Office for an appointment and complete guidelines, 860-793-0221 extension 244.

**LOCAL TAX FREEZE:** Must be 70 years old and meet income and asset requirement. A lien is placed on the property for the difference between the taxes paid and the taxes owed. Upon sale of property or death of the applicant taxes must be repaid. An interest rate of 2% accrues until taxes are paid.

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We know many people feel isolated and lonely. Be sure to reach out to a family member, friend or neighbor to say hello and keep in touch with others. Try and plan to reach out to at least one person a day... it will make you feel good as well as the person you call!.

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## Do You Remember May 2012?

**"Wisdom Award" & "Wisdom Award Distinguished Nominee"**  
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### Central Connecticut Senior Health Services First Annual "The Wisdom Awards"



Two Plainville residents were honored at the First Annual program held recently at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville. Martha Trask, the recipient of the "Wisdom Award." She has used her talents and love of the arts to mentor, teach and guide through various art-related programs including Plainville Adult and Continuing Education, Art League of Plainville and New Britain Museum of American Art. The award-winning artist is also a graduate of UCONN Master Gardener program and was instrumental in designing the Plantree Healing Gardens at Southington Cars Center. Martha has served as a volunteer on various municipal boards, and religious and political organizations. "She is a role model who should be celebrated for her steady stream of remarkable volunteerism and creativity," according to nominator Jill O'Brien Wendell Copeland, the recipient of the "Wisdom Award Distinguished Nominee". He is a multi-talented man whose drawings, cartoons, poems and articles have been published in area newspapers. In 2011 his design was selected for a decorative holiday stamp used by the Town of Bethlehem, CT. His enthusiasm for life and eagerness to learn new skills-such as photography and computers-has inspired many others at the Plainville Senior Center where he lends a hand. His nominators Anne Theriault and Sally Miller are in awe of his talents. "My advice for staying young is every day do one thing for yourself whether it is reading, writing a poem, or hiking. God gave you that one day so use it," Mr. Copeland said.

**This Years Memorial Day Parade is  
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**Kelly Hickey Named Everyday Hero for April**



Plainville High School Counselor Kelly Hickey was recognized as the school district's Everyday Hero for the month of April. Kelly was nominated by the Mandeville Family for her outstanding dedication to students and extra efforts to make a difference. She was honored virtually during the April 20th Plainville Board of Education meeting.

**"Kindness Rocks" Found in Plainville**



In the spirit of Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School's Kindness Campaign, School Recess Monitor Staci Monzillo is spreading kindness during school vacation week by dropping beautifully decorated "kindness rocks" randomly throughout five neighborhoods in Plainville.

**Domino's Pizza Donates to School Facilities and Food Service Departments**



Plainville Domino's Pizza owner Shovon Issa recently donated pizzas to every Plainville Community School' Facilities Department and Food Service Department employee to support them and their hard work in the school district during the district's shutdown. The Facilities Department and Food Services employees have continued to work during the school district shutdown supporting the breakfast / lunch "to go " program for students, as well as building maintenance and upkeep.

In photo: Custodial Manager Scott Martin and Plainville High School Custodian Marty Brennan load Domino's pizzas donated for Facilities Department and Food Service Department employees.

**TO ALL OUR MOMS.... WE LOVE YOU!!**



**Plainville Students Checking In During Remote Learning**



Linden School second grader Brandon Japonis working with his pets



Louis Toffolon school student Alyssa Consalvo gets exercise on her trampoline



Sebastian, Samantha and Samairy Garcia-Lorenzo ready for the Linden Street School Teacher Car Parade



Special message for Ms. Pascucci from 1st Grader at Toffolon



Maddison Gamache and Aubrey Ouellette waiting for Toffolon Teacher parade



Whitley Lanza Kindergartner misses her Wheeler School teachers

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

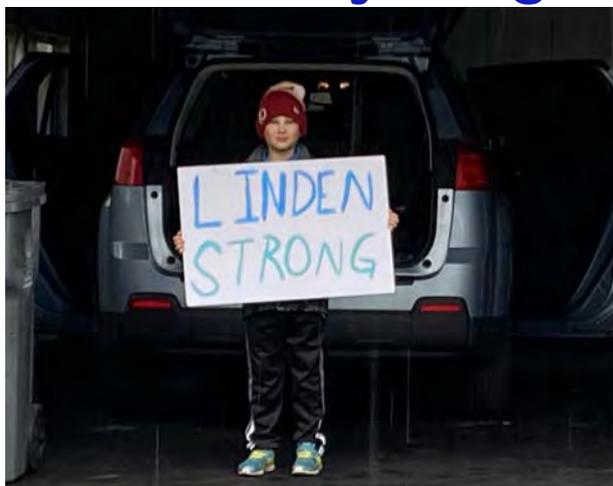


# Schools in Review

## Teachers From Toffolon School, Linden Street School and Wheeler School Join Drive By Neighborhood Parades



Linden 2nd grader Alekzande Hixson and sister wave to teacher Joan Corey



Linden 2nd grader Jaxson Niedzweicki watches the parade



Linden School faculty Parade in motion



Toffolon Parade watchers



Toffolon Principal Lynn Logoyke



Wheeler School Teacher parade



Toffolon Teacher parade procession



Skylar Clark 1st Grade Linden Street School



Carl Smith Plainville High School student



Wheeler student Ayla Lanza thanks teachers



MSP Student Matthew Schnauffer working remotely



Louis Toffolon 1st grader Jimmy Volinski misses Ms. Pascucci

*Of The United States of America*

## Happy Mother's Day!

By: *Sally Miller*

As I sat in my home in my recliner day after day, nervous about going out in this pandemic, I think back to a time of innocence and freedom. As Mothers' Day approaches, I think of days with my Mom and Grandma. Some spring and summer mornings, we three generations would work in the garden elbows touching and sometimes just touching each other on purpose with a love tap. They took the time to teach me the wonderful world of smell and touch. The patience of these two women was outstanding. We would work and walk in the garden. Mom would recite poetry and teach me by the show and tell method. This was a woman who travelled 70 miles a day to teach special needs children, but still took the time to spend precious memorable moments with my sister and me. Grandma's favorite area was the lily of the valley. The flowers looked like rows of bells lined up for inspection. You could smell the aroma as we rounded the corner of the old house. She would have me pick one and she would pass it slowly under my nose so that I could feel the faint sweetness that it emanated. I would place the bells against my face and feel its coolness. It felt like clean cool cotton sheets. Mom's favorite flower was the yellow daffodils, which were the color of an egg yolk



and she also loved pansies. She would point out that each pansy had its own wonderful little face. Each face turned up toward us and mom would say, "look at me". We sat under trees filled with pink, white and red colors. The branches looked like uncombed hair that had been decorated with brightly colored ribbons of pink, white and red. The yard was filled with purple and pink hyacinths which wore the most fragrant of perfumes that tickled our noses. Eventually an orchestra would begin of squirrels snapping branches as they scurried from tree to tree, red cardinals in their elegance sang as if in an opera in Milan and the robins flitted from tree to tree with their red breasts thrust forward as if proud of who they were. Signs of spring appeared as the dogwood tree turned pink and white against its chocolate colored branches. The drone of bees looking for nectar buzzed around, and an occasional butterfly would glide by on soft morning breezes. Mom was so fascinated with their stained glass like wings that we would sit quietly and watch in admiration as they joined the group of bees hovered over tulips the color of shiny red apples. twigs in their mouths as they began building a community as the community of these dedicated, wonderful mothers continued to spend time and teach this young girl to appreciate these wonderful treasures of life. Neighbors out for a walk would stop and sit for a while. Looking back now that we are in this COVID19 war, I realize that I took those precious moments for granted. I will not do so in the future. Those memories and some similar to those are helping me cope with these days of isolation.

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satisfying. His motto was (You think it, we build it). A companion urn, a car, a brick, a boat, etc. it doesn't matter, he'll do it. Now being retired with a lot more time on his hands, he still fabricates custom Urns for animals or humans. He now specializes in custom crafts, like wall art, boxes of all sorts, cribbage boards, furniture and etc.

Loving his trade so much, he donates and volunteers at Plainville High School wood work shop. Now he is fabricating special little boxes for cancer kids, donates to (Beads of Courage from Arizona/Maureenshope from Syracuse, NY and Make-a-Wish) these boxes are for cancer kids to keep their beads of encouragement and hope while they are struggling with pain on their journey of recovery.

All his life, he has been a craftsman and accomplished a lot.., but he made a statement that nowadays the society is not teaching their youngsters to be tradesmen, and learn how to develop new skills. A short time from now, there will be a big shortage of tradesmen and skilled workers. **Because of lack of teaching now.**

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

## LIVING WILLS

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A Power of Attorney is different from a Living Will. A POA grants power to another to handle financial affairs and other associated transactions. A living will is purely for life sustaining measures. The last thing anyone wants in a life threatening situation is for medical professionals to be forced to interpret legal documents. The new POA in Connecticut affords more flexibility than ever, but convoluting it with medical directives is not advisable. Sometimes incorporating everything into one document does not streamline things, nor will it be a good place to try and save a buck.

Ultimately, living wills are all about good planning for people, their families, their friends, and others who might just be doing their job. While nobody ever wants to think about the inevitable, good planning will surely be a relief for all tasked with end of life decisions for another. Consulting with a qualified attorney is a way to take the stress out of this process and make sure your wishes are protected.

**May you and your family  
Stay Safe & Healthy!**

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# The Tea Party Patriots

## Wake Up America

By: Gene

America's Founders declared its citizens to be sovereign and the government the servant. But our public servants running our schools and teaching our children have sold us down the river, teaching our government can do what it wants, and claiming that government being instituting socialism. Of course, these teachers live off public dough through. Common Core - new national education standards that the federal government is bribing and coercing states to adopt similar like in the past-, NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND AND THE RISE TO THE TOP these Common Core teaching will harm students, not benefit them. If the monies are not taken to teach these directions, it will go to the next state or the communities/towns next to you.

"Data driven" education seeks only conformity, standardization, testing and a zombie-like adherence to the shallow and generic Common Core, along with a lockstep of oversimplified so-called Essential Learnings." Others are calling the program "ObamaCore." With the federal government handing out massive grants only to state governments that comply and Washington, D.C.

Despite all of the talk about "internationally benchmarked" standards being met. Common Core falls short again. Even the teachings of actual subjects is low on the priorities list unless it is being tested. The way to perform it to get the testing topics covered and adhere strictly to those topics.

The students should be given two or three alternates to decide what must be best for them. Very few teachers and professors are willing to go against the status quo in a meaningful way, from kindergartan (preschool) to colleges and universities.

American should encourage and pray for the brave teachers who are still holding the line, but no more children should be sacrificed to the false idol of government schools. When this Pandemic is over or nearly over this type of teaching could come back in a vengeance. Common Core (Socialism) Beware of the teachings of Sharia law over the US Constitution.

### THE RULE OF LAW

Also beware of a quick call one time Legislature session this spring or summer here in Connecticut to pass unusual bills like tolls, red flag and Con Con, etc.

Excerpts from Alex Newman seminars and lectures and from the New American Magazine, Vol. 35, No. 2

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BUSINESSES GET GOING  
RIGHT AWAY!****Plainville Pet Food Pantry  
Seeks Donations  
By Brian M. Johnson**

Plainville Animal Control Officer Donna Weinhofer is asking for donations to establish a “Pet Food Pantry” at the Police Department.

Weinhofer said she is coordinating with social services and other town departments as well as the town's food pantries on this effort. She said the coronavirus pandemic has been tough on pet owners. By creating this food pantry, she hopes to be able to provide food assistance for pets as well as flea and tick medicines if they are donated.

“Right now, people need the extra \$14 in their pocket for feeding themselves and for things like toilet paper and other essentials for the home,” Weinhofer said. “We don't want someone to say that they can no longer afford to care for their dog.”

Money for pet food is not the only struggle pet owners are facing at this time, Weinhofer added. She said many of the local businesses which had been providing \$20 pet medications have since closed. That medicine may cost as much as \$80, she said, at a regular veterinarian. In addition, veterinarians have been forced to meet distancing guidelines.

“They are being told to not do any routine appointments--only things like life or death surgeries,” Weinhofer said. “They are also being told to cut back on their interactions with human's.”

Yet a further challenge facing pet owners is how they will be able to get their pets shots in order for them to be licensed.

“Licensing is coming up in June,” she said. “Obviously we can't punish someone who can't get their dog a shot if the vet isn't taking them. We're not sure how to handle it. There are a lot of things up in the air right now.”

While pet owners have a lot of concerns on their mind, Weinhofer said the Pet Food Pantry will give them one less thing to have to worry about.

For more information, and/or to make your donations call the non-emergency Police line 860-747-1616 and ask to speak to Donna Weinhofer at Animal Control.

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**Message from a:  
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This is a rather strange and different time in our world with the Covid 19 virus affecting us all in one way or another. Our lives have become restricted, confining, confusing, a little frightening and yes sometimes lonely. When will this be over so our lives will be back to normal? The only answer I can suggest is “only time will tell”. In the meantime, we need to stay positive and believe we will see this virus to its end. So let's stay focused, hydrated, healthy, happy and fit. Spend everyday with a positive attitude and make each day special in some small way. Since our habits have probably changed because of this virus, I want to suggest some ideas that I think might help you in some ways.

First be sure to drink plenty of liquids daily, mostly water. You don't want to become dehydrated because it can be very harmful for your body and could stop its normal functioning. Sixty percent of your body is made up of water. So you must put in enough fluids to balance what you lose. Water aids in digestion, circulation and other functions plus we lose water when we sweat and urinate. So please remember to drink lots of fluids.

Second--continue to exercise daily even when at home. You can walk around your yard or inside your home. Make an imaginary track and follow it for about fifteen minutes or more. Walk up and down stairs if you have them or look on your television for programs with exercise.

If you have YOUtube, there are plenty of exercise and cardio programs to work with and yoga for stretching, breathing, tension release and meditation. If chair exercise is easier for you, there is chair yoga also available on YOUtube. If you do not have these programs on your television, you can always exercise in your chair while watching it. Don't forget, any body movement will help increase your circulation so hands, fingers, feet, toes, arms and legs can all get moving and stretching in that chair.

Third--we all know what we should be eating. So just watch your intake of sweets, fats, and fried foods. Watch your sodium intake and experiment with other seasonings to spice up your foods. Fresh fruits and vegetables may not be a great choice for right now so I suggest the frozen ones.

At the Hartford Healthcare family fun festival this year I found a pamphlet with heart healthy snack suggestions on it. Some of them are as follows: Fruits such as apples, bananas, berries, grapes, etc. Vegetables such as carrots, celery, peppers cucumbers with peanut butter or hummus Plain popcorn without salt/butter or unsalted pretzels Fat-free or low-fat plain yogurt, 1-2 rice cakes with peanut butter Smoothie with low-fat milk or yogurt

It may not be an easy time to sleep peacefully with this unsettledness in our world right now. However, our hearts need rest time. So if you can, try to get at least eight hours of sleep per night. If that doesn't happen, try taking a nap in the afternoon. We have lots of time now to do that. If lonesome, think of someone to call who may be alone and lonesome too. Or send cards or letters just “thinking of you”. If you don't have cards, make them. Have fun with your new time and think of others who may need you too. It will do your heart good (as they say) to bless other people's hearts and make them smile. Our support group on the third Wednesday of each month is postponed for now but I am available to talk if you need me. Stay well my sisters in heart.

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**Life  
With  
Wanda**

We have all lived through some trying times this spring and have little to make light of but being in the state of Florida, you can actually have a different outlook on things.

I know of some women that came to Florida on vacation and couldn't go home because their flights were canceled so they stayed for an extra month of sun, pool and golf, poor things.

Traffic is great as all the attractions that bring in thousands of tourists, from all over the world, *that can't drive*, were closed so they didn't come to see the mouse, thus open roads.

The Governor of Florida issued a lockdown and ordered everyone to stay home. Easy for him to say I had to go to the store five days in a row to find butter and milk, forget about toilet paper. I thought about going to a restaurant and stealing the toilet paper from the restroom but the restaurants are closed. Easy for the governor to close everything down he has a maid and cook that put in an order and it's delivered to the governor's mansion.

The other day I was going for Chinese food and a cop stopped me and asked where I was going. Well, I wasn't going to say Chinese, during the Chinese flu epidemic, so I said I was going to the package store to pick up a bottle of booze. He looked at me with one of those cop nasty looks and I said, “Look officer. I have been locked in the house for four days with a husband that hasn't got a hobby and can't remember what day it is, plus lousy TV. I've watched John Wayne in True Grit four times. Then there are three kids home twenty four seven because all the schools are closed.

I have a divorced friend, we took in that sits around and cries all day, plus she can't cook or pickup after herself, four dogs and her two cats that don't get along and a crazy neighbor that was sent home from a mental hospital because they needed her bed.

***He gave me an escort to the package store.  
I predict divorce and murder rates on the rise.***

***“Keep safe.”***

***Life With Wanda : Look what happened to me this week. (I just had to share it with you, I could not wait another month!)***

Here we are in another month and we have been in lockdown for so long I've taken to talking to telemarketers and I've found the game of stringing them along has actually been fun. The only one I get to see is the garbage man once a week so I make it a point of bringing him a can of soda or some homemade cookies every Tuesday. The newest thing I want to tell you about, just in case you haven't had this one pulled on you, get ready I feel this is the latest scam. I received a call from my doctors' office yesterday and her nurse said the doctor wanted to make an appointment with me because when the corona virus hit all appointments had to be canceled and I was one of those that missed my appointment. I said, “You have got to be kidding, I'm not going to any doctors office, we're still on lockdown.” With that the nurse said I wasn't to come into the office but the doctor would call me at 9:30 the following Tuesday and we would have what they are calling a “virtual visit” over the phone. I, being the practical one, called Medicare and asked if they were indeed paying doctors for this kind of doctors care and the woman said “YES” they were. What a waste of money it is no wonder Medicare and Social Security is going broke. I couldn't believe it until I spoke to the young girl next door and she said she received a call from her GBOYN and she has a phone visit for next week and she is wondering how that's going to go. ***Yes folks, the world has indeed gone mad!***

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Q-2: Do I need to do anything else besides sign up for the Advantage Plan that I decide is best for me?

**A-2: Before you can sign up for an Advantage Plan your 1st step is to enroll in Medicare, both Parts A and B. This can be done up to 3 months before your 65th Birthday. You enroll through Social Security on-line at SSA.gov, by phone 800-772-1213, or you can go to the Social Security Office**

Q-3: I have decided to enroll in a Medicare Supplement Plan, so I also need to enroll in a separate Drug Plan. Will my drug co-pays be the same in whichever plan I choose?

**A-3: The drug co-pays and premiums vary within all of the drug plans. Each Plan has its own formulary and some plan have deductibles. You can look up the prescriptions you take within the different Drug Plans to get estimated costs before you sign up for a particular plan.**

**You can do this yourself on Medicare.gov, or a local Agent can help you with this at no cost.**

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### Coronavirus and your Mental Health

This is definitely a very uneasy time, and there are things we can do to help, remember – you are not alone!

Anxiety and Depression is a medical condition, just like any other medical diagnosis and these symptoms can be long term, or triggered by circumstantial events.

Many people who have never experienced Anxiety and Depression are now beginning to feel overwhelmed, stressed and hopeless due to our current Health Care Crisis. If you had high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes... You would expect them to be treated, and managed to the highest maximum potential.

The expectation for managing Anxiety and Depression should not be any different – whether it is temporary or chronic.

If you experience signs and symptoms of anxiety or depression consistently for more than one or two weeks... Assessment by a Mental Health Clinician should be considered.

Depression and anxiety is very sneaky and can progress in stages.

It spreads into every aspect of your life, making it very difficult to complete activities of daily living. It can affect your appetite, either increasing it or making it difficult to eat at all. Loss of pleasure in things you used to enjoy. Increased difficulty sleeping at night, but still feeling tired, lethargic and unmotivated during the day. Difficulty maintaining your concentration and focus and subsequently due to these losses, you begin to isolate yourself from others.

Depression and anxiety can make you feel isolated and alone and feel like no one

else is able to relate to what you are going through.

**What to expect when I seek treatment for Mental Health Concerns?**

Anxiety and depression and other mental health concerns can be stubborn and may need multiple interventions to fully treat the issues.

People may start with with therapeutic modalities such as seeing a Professional Counselor. During these sessions, current symptoms being experienced should be reviewed, along with therapeutic interventions to help in the management of these symptoms. When learning these new techniques and interventions, be patient. It sometimes takes a great deal of practice to learn new coping skills and to master them so they are useful during episodes of distress. So be consistent with appointments and practice.

At times, when patients have been seeing a therapist, the Counselor suggest an additional appointment with a prescriber.

**Why do I need medications?**

When symptoms may progress further than what is manageable with therapy alone, medication management should be considered. When you meet with a prescriber, provide as many details about how you have been feeling and what symptoms you are experiencing. The more information you can give, the easier it will be to find the right medication for you.

In most cases, Medication Management and Therapy is the most successful way to treat

**Mental Health Concerns.**

Not all people who experience Depression and Anxiety, struggle with this their whole life time – Circumstantial events (Such as the Coronavirus) is a perfect example. Certain events we experience in life may trigger these episodes and it is important to treat them!

Remember, you have a right to live a life without Anxiety and Depression, so let us help!

I challenge anyone reading this who is struggling with any of the above to seek treatment. You wouldn't let a medical condition persist, so why let this!

We at Collaborative Psychiatric Services are open and are here to help! To prevent some of the immense nervousness and anxiety when going into the public currently, we are offering TeleHeath appointments for both therapy and medication management – allowing you to remain in the comfort and safety of your own home!

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## HISTORY CLOSE TO HOME

There is no doubt that we are living through an historical era. Our extraordinary circumstance is one for the books. It brings to mind another time of trial by virus during my childhood years.

## TWENTY SUMMERS

Just about the time that Americans were emerging from the Great Depression of the 1930s, there was a sudden outbreak of infection causing death and devastating illness targeting largely children and young adults. Mothers were frantic. Those infected who survived were left with lifelong disabilities. People noticed that it was worse during the summer months and seemed to be dormant during the winter.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was infected and suffered severe disabilities. Many had lung damage and the Newington Hospital for Crippled Children was filled with patients in iron lungs-- big cylindrical machines in which they were lying on their backs viewing the world from a mirror over their head-- all that was in the open.

Infantile Paralysis, a deadly, damaging scourge dominated each summer. There was little hope for complete recovery if you were infected. Many children did not survive the early symptoms of fever and muscular pain. It was terrifying. Little was known about it. Medical science was not what it is today.

Over the years, World War II came along, another lifestyle changing specter, took precedence, but polio still clouded every summer. Then it was discovered that the virus likely lived in stagnant water, and so it was that swimming was forbidden and all bodies of water from puddles to Paderewski Pond were strictly off limits. Long hot summers ensued when swimming was not allowed. There was no air conditioning; it hadn't been developed yet. Swimming pools in private yards weren't either since there was no such thing as plastic. Pools existed in the movies with swimming performed by Esther Williams. Kids were hot. The children's room at the Plainville Library on the "lower level" was a cool oasis.

President Roosevelt established a March of Dimes fund to attack Infantile Paralysis. Money rolled in from across America. He didn't ask for big donations, everybody could send in a dime and they did. Children collected dimes and sang the little jingle

about helping the "kid around the corner." Telethons appeared on amazing tiny hexagonal TV screens, new to private homes, appealing for funds. The American people were all in on this effort, the World War finally behind them. It funded the research of Dr. Jonas Salk who developed the first vaccine.

Finally, the Salk vaccine became widely available to the population in 1956 and was first administered in the schools. A great sigh of relief was felt across America. Later on the Sabin vaccine, administered orally, replaced it and continues to protect us from this viral scourge.

I am grateful to my mother, who watched over us during these perilous years, and often predicted that "*The worst storm the world has ever known came to an end one sunny morning.*" *She was so right. Rest in Peace Gladys.*

.....*Janice Eisenhower*

## MARCH OF DIMES SONG

Help the Kid around the corner,  
Help the Kid to walk again.  
Help each little Jackie Horner,  
A dime from you, sister, brother,  
Uncle Sam, Dad and Mother.  
Let's all fight to win this battle,  
Every dime's a silver bond.  
Your miles of dimes will bring happy  
To the Kid around the block.

...*Author Unknown*

## MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 10

### A Mother's Day Cruise

The idea for a Mother's Day cruise was hatched two years ago after Easter Dinner but had to be put on hold until last year as reservations were sold out.

When the long awaited day arrived we were whisked away down Rt. 9 to the Essex landing where the cruise boat awaited our arrival. A cloudy start of the day began to turn into a downpour so we decided to tip toe through the wet parking lot to the boat. Finally our hearts were warmed when we were greeted by the crew and shown to our elegant table on the mid-deck. Large buffet tables were set out through the day with tasty appetizers, main course dishes and desserts for us to enjoy. The band music played, people sang and danced as we cruised up and down the river. Children drew pictures on the steam covered windows. At the end of our trip we were given colorful carnations to take home.

...*Gert LaCombe*

## MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIES

Treating Mom to a day out of the kitchen was an early tradition that families created to honor her on this special day. As a child, going out to eat was not an option, so my Dad decided that we should have breakfast in bed to celebrate Mother's Day.

He set out to build a bed table from an old table leaf. Boards were attached to each end of the leaf for legs. Then he flipped it over and now he had a table for our *Mother's Day Breakfast*.

When Sunday morning arrived my brother and I anxiously waited in our rooms until we heard "*Breakfast is ready.*" We ran into my parent's bedroom and jumped onto the bed around the famous table for Mom's breakfast in bed.

.....*Gert LaCombe*

## MOTHER'S DAY

The origins of Mother's Day are often overlooked by the commercially oriented secular world of today. How it all began is a story of one woman's effort to help heal a nation after the Civil War.

The first Mother's Day was founded by Anna Jarvis to honor her mother Ann Reeves Jarvis who, in 1858 organized Mother's Day Work Clubs to help improve the West Virginia sanitary conditions that were appalling. Many families and children were found to be in poor health in her area.

Following the Civil War in 1868 Ann coordinated a Mother's Day of friendship in West Virginia to bring healing to the former foes on the battlefield, with outreached hands.

Ann Reeves Jarvis died on the 2nd Sunday in May of 1905. To honor the work of her mother, Anna Jarvis organized a small service at the St. Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia on the second Sunday in May in 1907. The following year 1908, the first formal service was held at the same church and a larger ceremony was also held in Philadelphia. Here she had white carnations distributed to the mothers and daughters in family attendance. The Mother's Day idea began to spread and in 1910 the Governor of West Virginia declared the 2nd Sunday in May an official holiday.

By 1914 President Woodrow Wilson declared the 2nd Sunday in May a national holiday to honor all mothers.

Anna Became very upset when she saw the commercialization of the day with the sale of flowers and candy. Her idea had become just another holiday and not a personal family day for mothers.

A commemorative 3 cent stamp was issued by The Government in 1934 picturing Whistler's mother with white carnations at her feet to honor Mother's Day that year.

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Wilhelmina "Billie" (Blashke)

**Anderson ~**



82, of Plainville, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Sunday, March 29, 2020 at Apple Rehab, Farmington Valley. She is now reunited with her beloved husband, David C. Anderson, who predeceased her in 2018.

One of three daughters to the late Paul and Anne (Conlin) Blashke, she was a proud Bristol native where she was born and raised, graduating from Bristol High School in 1955. It was love at first sight when she met David while working at Lake Compounce. They went on to share the next 58 years together, working as a team to raise three devoted children and becoming proud, loving grandparents. Billie was an office manager for several local optometrists, including Dr. Poulos and Dr. Tompkins, and made many friends and acquaintances. The family extends their sincerest gratitude to the staff at Apple Rehab Farmington Valley, especially her dear roommate, Beverly Low, for their care, compassion and guidance during Billie's time there.

She is survived by her children, Jane Clement, Chris Anderson and his wife, Robin, and Peter Anderson and his girlfriend, Shelley Creel; her grandchildren, Annie, Nora and Nils Clement, Jackson Anderson, Wally and Gabe Smykla, Allie, Kristina, and Samantha Fenton; her sisters, Martha Matthews and her husband, Brad and Anne Fitzgerald; along with many nieces and nephews.

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

Funeral services in celebration of Billie's life will be held and announced at a later date, when all are able to gather together. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their appreciation to the Anderson family for their trust. For future service information and online condolences, please visit [www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com)

## ~ Janice Mae Gustafson Demarest ~



89, daughter of Clarence and Almonte Gustafson, was born July 24, 1930 and died April 12, 2020. Janice was a lifelong resident of Plainville, CT. She leaves behind her husband Gilbert of seventy-one years, her three sons Stephen and his wife Maria of Portland, CT, James and his wife Karen

of Mishawaka, Indiana, and Edward and his wife Alison of Avon, CT, three grandchildren: Dr. Kenneth Demarest, Kim Tourjee and Mindy Provenzano and her husband Jerome, and two great grandchildren Kyle and Erik Demarest, seven step grandchildren, and one step great grandchild. Janice is predeceased by her older sister Ruth Gustafson White.

Janice was a very active member of the Plainville United Methodist Church, over the years holding many varied positions of responsibility, including teaching Sunday school for many years. Janice was also a Trustee of the Plainville United Methodist Church during a time when females rarely held this position. She was also active in the Cub Scouts, a mentor for students at Linden Street School and worked more than 25 years at Klingberg Family Centers in New Britain.

The family would like to thank the staff of Middlesex Health Care Center in Middletown for their care, comfort and concern for Janice's well-being over the years. Janice will have a memorial service at the Plainville United Methodist Church and will be buried at West Cemetery in Plainville, CT at a later date, yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association of CT.

## ~ Margaret E. (Coyle) Beliveau ~



beloved mother of Kathleen, Michael, and Susan, 80, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 9, 2020. She will be greatly missed.

Margaret was born on November 2, 1939 in New Britain, CT daughter to the late Robert and Margaret (Heacox) Coyle. She grew up in New Britain and graduated from Mary Immaculate Academy. Margaret moved to Plainville in 1967 and established a loving home where she raised her family and has been a resident since. Margaret was employed by the former Briarwood College for more than 30 years as the administrative assistant to the President of the college. Always willing to lend a helping hand, she spent many years volunteering her time with the Prudence Crandall Center in New Britain, in addition as a literacy volunteer and volunteer throughout local soup kitchens. She enjoyed gardening, playing tennis, and playing cards with friends. She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville. A loving mother and friend, Margaret will always be remembered for her kindness and generosity. Margaret is survived by her children, Kathleen Beliveau, Michael Beliveau, and Susan Beliveau; her brothers, William Coyle and his wife, Mary Lou, and David Coyle; and several nieces, nephews, extended family members, and a wide circle of friends. She was predeceased by her brother, Jimmy Coyle.

Burial with a service of committal in Saint Mary Cemetery in New Britain will be held privately among Margaret's family. A Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Margaret can be made to the Prudence Crandall Center or the Connecticut Humane Society. The staff at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville extends their appreciation to the Beliveau family for their trust.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Margaret E. Beliveau, please visit our floral store.

## ~ Asuncion Utanes Culling ~



86, of Plainville, passed away at home surrounded by her family on Saturday, April 4, 2020.

Born in the Philippines on August 15, 1933, she was the first born of nine children to the late Aurelio and Toribia (Utanes) Culling. A woman of high intellect, Asuncion earned her Bachelor's degree at the age of 18 from the Philippines Normal College, followed by her Master's Degree from the University of Philippines. She shared her love for knowledge with others as an educator in her home country, and migrated to the U.S. in 1980 with her siblings. She worked in finance for various banks and institutions, and retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Hartford. Remembered for her strength and independence, her presence will be missed.

She leaves her siblings, Juanita Battung (Esteban), Lourdes Rodulfo, Aurelio Culling (Socorro), Norma Mitchell (Donald), Mila Nanez (Enrique), Virginia Culling, Erlinda Pangilinan (Danilo); her sister-in-law, Cecilia Culling; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Cesar.

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

## ~ Gail (Mitchell) Brophy ~



70, of Plainville, beloved wife of Lawrence Brophy, passed away on Sunday, April 5, 2020 at Countryside Manor in Bristol, following a nearly 6 year battle with Huntington's Disease. She beat the odds, fought a tremendous fight, and faced her illness with much

strength, grace and optimism.

Born in Southington on July 15, 1949, she was one of five children to the late Gerald and Edna (Bell) Mitchell. A graduate of Southington High School and the Hartford Community College Nursing Program, Gail found her calling in nursing. She truly loved her job and touched the lives of many patients during her longtime career at the New Britain General Hospital, the Skyview Center in Wallingford and Wadsworth Glen Health Care from where she retired as a supervisor in 2014. She and Larry shared an instant bond upon their meeting, and sealed the deal just 17 weeks later. They shared over 20 years of love and life adventures, fulfilled their mutual affection for world travels and made annual trips to their favorite place, Saratoga. She will be greatly missed, leaving her gift of courage, kindness and her warm smile for all to remember.

In addition to her husband, Larry, she leaves her brothers, Gerald Mitchell and his wife, Maria, Robert Mitchell and his wife, Carol and Thomas Mitchell; her much loved nieces and nephews, Tamara Corella and her husband, Richard, Molly Mitchell, Maggie Jones and her husband, Evan, Niki Rotenbury and her husband, Ernie, David Mitchell, Jr, RJ Mitchell, Jr. She was predeceased by her brother, David Mitchell.

Gail's family extends their gratitude to the staff at Countryside Manor, especially her friend and advocate, Joanne McHannah, for their years of compassionate care.

Gail may be remembered with contributions to the Huntington's Disease Society of America, 505 Eighth Ave, Suite 902, New York, NY 10018 or [www.hdsa.org](http://www.hdsa.org)

A memorial service in celebration of Gail's life will be held and announced at a later date when all are able to gather together. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their appreciation to the Brophy family for their trust. For future service information and online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com)



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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Ann Marie Hutengs ~



71, of Bristol, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family, on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Born in New Britain on September 8, 1948, she was one of four children to the late Walter and Lillian Hutengs. Ann was raised and educated in Plainville and was a sales associate for

Carling Switch Company. Some of her many pastimes include reading, knitting, pottery, watching western movies and cheering on her much loved NY Yankees, especially her favorite, Derek Jeter. Her home was always filled with the sound of music, expressing her admiration for Blake Shelton. A devoted mother and grandmother, her family was the center of her life.

She is survived by her children, Debra Barnes of Bristol, Karen Barnes and her significant other, Ryan Cappuccio of Huntersville, NC, and Brian Barnes and his wife, Eileen of Plainville; her grandchildren, Kyle Olsen, Christopher Olsen, and Courtney Aubin of Bristol, CT, Sarah Voisine of New Britain, CT and Emily Barnes of Plainville, CT; and her great-grandchildren Marshall Olsen and Isabella Aubin. She also leaves her siblings, Loretta Czerbinski and her husband Jeffrey of Hagerstown, MD and Richard Hutengs of Boulder, CO; along with many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Janice Carbone.

Ann may be remembered with contributions to the Bristol Hospital Cancer Care Center, 41 Brewster Rd, Bristol, CT 06010. A memorial service in celebration of Ann's life will be held and announced at a later date, when all are able to gather together. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their appreciation to the Hutengs and Barnes family for their trust. For future service information and online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com)

## ~ Dorothy M. Pelletier ~



86, of Plainville, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, March 29, 2020. She was the wife of Joseph R. Pelletier, with whom she shared 63 years of marriage.

Born in Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada on May 11, 1933, she was one of three daughters to the late Aurele

and Eliza (Michaud) Pelletier. Dorothy and Joseph settled in Plainville shortly after their marriage, where they raised their four children and became proud grandparents. Dorothy worked for General Electric and Hamilton Standard, among many other positions, until her retirement. Her greatest joy was being surrounded by her family, hosting frequent gatherings. Always one to start a game of cards, she also enjoyed watching basketball, having been a longtime fan of the Boston Celtics. A woman of great faith and strength, she was a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church.

In addition to husband, she leaves her children, Diane Gagnon and her husband, Leopold; Denise Avery and Mark Pelletier and his wife, Leigh (Stagis); her grandchildren, Kim, Kevin, Melissa, Brian, Norman and Kayla and two great-grandchildren, Zachary and Logan. She also leaves her sister, Liette Albert and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Norman, and sister, Yolande Pelletier.

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



## ~ George W. Kemzura, Jr. ~



72, of Plainville, devoted husband of Mert Coulombe Kemzura, passed away after a valiant eight day battle with the Covid 19 virus on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain.

Born in New Britain on September 12, 1947, he was one of two children to the late George W. Kemzura, Sr. and Gladys Margaret (Rand) Kemzura. A lifelong Plainville resident, attended local schools, and was a 1966 graduate of Plainville High School, where he left his mark and made many lasting friendships. George and Mert met in 1974, and blended their families together in 1978, sharing 41 years of love, laughter, affection and life adventures. Always a man of hard work ethics, George was a quiet leader and well respected engineer. He was a dedicated production manager at B & F Manufacturing, whose expertise made a lasting impact on his co-workers and associates. George was fascinated by technology, and enjoyed researching the latest gadgets, rarely passing up an opportunity to add to his impressive collection of vacuums and flashlights. Affectionately known as "Poppy" to his much adored grandchildren, George took great pride in each of their accomplishments. Remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, his humble selflessness, and strength, he will be greatly missed, leaving many treasured memories and a vast space in the hearts of many.

In addition to his wife, Mert, he leaves his children, Ted Coulombe and his wife, Sara, Danielle Blanchette and her husband, Duane, Jodi Coulombe, and Sarah and Jessica Kemzura and their families; and his grandchildren, Alek, Zac, Isabelle, and Collin Coulombe and Corinne and Mitchell Blanchette. He also leaves his sister, Peggy Bonomi, his brother-in-law, Joseph Ralph Theriault and his wife, Rosemary; his sister-in-law, Betty Ouellette and her husband, LeoJames, and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves his large extended French-Canadian family, with whom he shared a mutual admiration, many enjoyable visits and celebrations.

The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their appreciation to the Kemzura and Coulombe families for their trust. A memorial service in celebration of George's life will be held and announced at a later date when all are able to safely gather together. For future service information and online expressions of sympathy, please visit:

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Church at 168 Unionville Ave., Plainville, CT 06062.

## Heaven Needed Mom

*A beautiful garden now stands alone,*

*missing the one who nurtured it*

*But now she is gone, her flowers still*

*bloom, and the sun it still shines,*

*But the rain is like tear drops,*

*for the ones left behind.*

*~ Miss you Mom ~*

## ~ Eileen Mary (Barrett) Lux ~



85, of Plainville, Connecticut passed away peacefully on Monday, March 30, 2020 after a long illness surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of Francis Lux, her loving husband of 64 years. Eileen was born on January 8, 1935 in

New Britain, Connecticut daughter of the late John and Margaret (Melley) Barrett. She was a former hairdresser and worked for many years at New Britain General Hospital (Hospital of Central Connecticut) in the X-ray department and as a unit secretary in the newborn nursery before retiring in 1998. After her retirement she enjoyed going to Florida each year with her husband, playing golf and spending time with her family and friends.

In addition to her husband, Eileen leaves behind her loving children Holly Eamiello and her husband Lee of West Hartford, Nancy DeVoe and her husband Mark of Plainville, Brian Lux and his wife Patricia of Farmington, and Wendy Lux and her husband Albert Yakulevich of Bangor, Maine. She also leaves eight grandchildren, Caitlyn Dell'Accio, Gina Mazzadra, Michael D'Onofrio, Kara Sadlon, Natalie and John Lux, and Connor and Brandon Yakulevich, and one great-grandson Vincent Dell'Accio.

She is also survived by her sister Kathleen Krar of Suffield, Connecticut, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers John, Robert, Raymond and Walter Barrett, and her sisters Barbara Barrett and Maureen Reeves. She will be missed by all who knew her. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at a later date at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Unionville, Connecticut. Donations may be made in Eileen's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489.

## ~ Daniel Steve Marquis ~



55, of Burlington, beloved husband, father, brother and friend, left us unexpectedly and far too soon on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at Bristol Hospital. He was the husband of Michelle (Scarfe) Marquis, with whom he shared over 30 years of love, laughter and life adventures.

Born and raised in Hartford, he was the son of the late Alberie and Anita (Lizotte) Marquis. He was a graduate of A.I Prince Tech where he began to build his future career as an electrician. He used his newly learned skills as he enlisted in the U.S. Navy Seabees. A man of hard work ethics and dedication, he was employed for 15 years as an electrician and project manager for Ferguson Electric, before fulfilling his lifelong dream of entrepreneurship. He and his business partner, Mark Lewis, created Industrial Electric and Construction in 2004, which they grew into the successful business venture that it is today. Well respected by his peers and employees, his knowledge, patience, and fairness amongst his team were unparalleled. He was more humble than proud and relished in sharing his accomplishments with his family. For several years, Friday nights were spent with his family and friends at Stafford Motor Speedway cheering on his business partner in their IEC sponsored racecar. In addition to his wife, Michelle, he leaves his son, Michael J. Marquis; and his sister, Nancy Marquis. He will also be missed by his father and mother-in-law, Sebastian and Norma Scarfe; his sister-in-law, Cathy Pedemonti; his brother-in-law, Mark Pedemonti; his niece Francesca Pedemonti; his nephews John and Dominic Pedemonti; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and countless friends, clients and business associates. Dan may be remembered with contributions to the American Kidney Fund at [www.kidneyfund.org](http://www.kidneyfund.org) or the American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org). A celebration of Dan's life will be held and announced at a later date when all are able to gather together. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their appreciation to the Marquis family for their trust. For future service information and online expressions of sympathy, please visit:

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Gregory Mazur ~



73, of Plainville, passed away after a brief illness on Monday, April 6, 2020 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain. He was the husband of Donna (Sztaba) Mazur.

Born in New Britain on August 3, 1946, he was the one of five children to the late George and Jessie (Sunderland) Mazur. Part of the original "Camp St. Gang", Greg was a proud lifelong resident. He settled in his hometown where he raised his two sons, became a proud grandfather, and could frequently be found at one of the towns many social gathering spots. A 1964 graduate of Plainville High School, he was a natural athlete and excelled at most sports. Greg enlisted in the U.S. Navy after graduation, proudly serving his country overseas in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam, and was honorably discharged in 1970. An integral part of the maintenance team for the State of Connecticut Department of Corrections, he traveled to various facilities throughout the state, leaving many friends and co-workers upon his retirement. An avid sportsman, one of his many passions was fishing, passing along that same passion to his sons and nephews, and fulfilled his love for the outdoors through his many years of involvement with the Boy Scouts of America. Having been injured during the war, he continued to give back to his fellow veterans as an affiliate and volunteer for the Paralyzed Veterans of America, participating in their annual fishing derby. Known to always be willing to lend a hand, he especially enjoyed growing a beard each year and taking on the role of Santa for the Congregational Church of Plainville. Remembered for his love for his family and his country, he will be greatly missed and remembered fondly with each cherished memory and future fishing trip.

In addition to his wife, Donna, he leaves his sons, Bret and his wife, Jessica and Bart and his wife, Julie; his pride and joy, his grandson, Brandon; his sisters, Barbara McLellan, Georgia Mazur, and Joyce Robinson, and many adored nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Sandra Mazur.

Greg may be remembered with contributions to Tackle the Storm at [www.tacklethestormfoundation.org](http://www.tacklethestormfoundation.org) the Paralyzed Veterans of America at [www.pva.org](http://www.pva.org) or the Boy Scouts of American at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)

A celebration of Greg's life will be held and announced at a later date when all are able to gather together. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their appreciation to the Mazur family for their trust. For future service information and online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com)

## ~ Michael Allen Sloane ~



52, of Bristol, much loved husband, father, brother, uncle and friend, passed away on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at St. Francis Hospital, after beating the odds against cancer for two years with strength and determination.

Born in New Britain on June 9, 1967, he was the son of the late George and Cynthia (Whitman) Sloan and was a 1985 graduate of Plainville High School. Michael fulfilled his passion for painting and renovation as the owner and operator of Michael Sloane Remodeling, making his clients his friends for the past 30 years. Remembered for his larger than life personality, his kindness and charisma were infectious and commanded the attention of any room he entered. The self-proclaimed "corvette guy", could be found many days cruising in his precious yellow treasure. Musically talented, Michael wrote, sang, and excelled at guitar, providing hours of entertainment for his family and friends. A sports enthusiast, he enjoyed NASCAR races, and was a diehard fan of the New England Patriots and New York Yankees, proudly representing his favorite player Graig Nettles by wearing the #9 often. He was a longtime member and volunteer for the Bristol Elks Lodge #1010, where he leaves a wide circle of friends who supported him greatly throughout his illness. He will be missed beyond words, leaving a legacy of love, laughter and many cherished memories.

He leaves the love of his life, Katherine (Kaleodis) Sloane and his pride and joy, their son, Austin, of Bristol; his brother, George Sloan, Jr and his wife, Bethany; his mother and father-in-law, Peter and Agnes Kaleodis; his sister-in-law, Lynn Diaz and her husband, John and his brothers-in-law, Michael Kaleodis and Jeff Eisenhauer. He was the cool, fun uncle to Tyler and his wife, Shannon, Peter, Niko, Maxwell, Jackson and Emily; and leaves many aunts, uncles and cousins, including Darrin, countless friends, especially his best buddy Danny Guglietta and his four-legged faithful companion, "Don Mattingly" who misses her master Mike immensely. Mike's family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the doctors, nurses and staff at the Smilow Cancer Center at St. Francis Hospital and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for their care and compassion.

A Go Fund Me page has been created in Mike's memory. Any contributions will go towards a vein finder for the Smilow Cancer Center and St. Francis Hospital. A celebration of Mike's life will be held and announced at a later time, when all are able to gather together. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their appreciation to the Sloane family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy ur family for their trust. For future service information and online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com)

## ~ Thomas C. Waddell ~



73, passed away after a brief illness at his home on Saturday, March 28, 2020. He is now reunited with his beloved wife, Barbara (Cusano) Waddell, who predeceased him in 2011.

Born in New Britain on January 20, 1947, he was the only son of Wallace and Pearl Waddell. A lifelong

Plainville resident, he attended local schools, graduating from Plainville High School in 1965. He married his childhood sweetheart, Barbara, shortly after graduation, and they settled in his family home where they raised their two sons and shared 45 years together. Tom was a dedicated employee of Pratt and Whitney from where he retired in 2006 after 40 years. He made many friends and coworkers along the way that he enjoyed catching up with. An aficionado of fine cigars, and sports enthusiast, Tom lived a simple life full of family, friends, and kindness towards everyone he met. Picnics and holidays surrounded by his family brought him the most joy, as well as motorcycle rides, ESPN and using his vast knowledge at crossword puzzles. His presence will be greatly missed, though he is now at peace and alongside the love of his life for eternity.

He is survived by his sons, Shawn and his wife, Barbara of Plainville and Kevin and his wife, Stacey of Brimfield, MA; his grandchildren, Ashley, Marc, Matthew and Aubrey Waddell; and his great-granddaughter, Ella. He also leaves his sister-in-law, Valerie Wright, her husband, John; his brothers-in-law, Robert Cusano and his wife, Lucille and Joseph Cusano and his companion, Shirley ; his nephew, Jason Wright and his wife, Suzanne and his nieces, Diana Wright, and Andrea and Roberta Cusano.

Tom's generosity and affection for his hometown may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, PO Box 233, Plainville, CT 06062. Funeral services will be held and announced at a later date when all are able to gather to celebrate his life. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their appreciation to the Waddell family for their trust. For future service information and online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com)

## ~ Leonard Hazen Wishart ~



of Plainville, CT passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, April 24 at the age of 90. A Music Man with a deep faith, large laugh and a huge heart, he was never short on words or stories, and more importantly never short on his love for his family. Throughout his young life his family travelled from NY to AZ, TN, ND, and always

back to the small fishing village where his roots remain, Tabusintac NB, Canada.

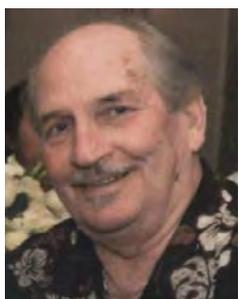
Born June 30, 1929 in "Da Bronx", he was the second of four sons of the late Leonard and Inez Wishart. He leaves behind a wonderful legacy in his large family. His adoring and devoted wife Tina, his five children Sarah (Mike), Peggy (Pete), Eileen (Rob), Dan (Jen), and Amy, two bonus children Donna (Pat) and Stephen (Kris), 19 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, his brother Edward (Lola), and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his first wife and mother of his children, Lorraine, and his brothers Tom and Adrian.

He also leaves behind his extended family of nurses, CNAs, administration, and staff at Ingraham Manor who took such wonderful care of him, called him Papa, loved on him when his family couldn't be there, and could always make him smile.

"May your troubles be less and your blessings be more" We sure were blessed to have him.

A memorial service in celebration of Len's life will be held and announced at a later date. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their appreciation to the Wishart family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com)

## ~ Francis A. Pratt ~



also known as "Red" to some, 83, of Plainville, passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness at Apple Rehab of Avon.

Francis was born on March 6, 1937 in Macwahoc, Maine, son to the late Arthur and Norma (Parks) Pratt. Upon high school graduation,

he enlisted in the U.S. Army, proudly served our country while stationed in Germany and was honorably discharged. He went on to attend Porter's School of Design and soon after began working at New Britain Machine. He worked as a machinist and retired after over 30 years of dedication. Francis was also the former co-owner of the duck pin bowling alley in Plainville. He was artistically talented and enjoyed playing golf or reading a good mystery novel. He also enjoyed and looked forward to

attending Saratoga for the horse races. Francis was a very easy going, free spirited man with a true zest for life. He was well-liked and respected by many. Above all, Francis was a devoted, loving father who undoubtedly adored his daughters. He will surely be missed deeply and will always be remembered.

Francis is survived by his former spouse and lifelong companion, Elizabeth Pratt, and their daughter, Alyson Perkins and her partner, Brian Bozak, of Avon. He is also survived by his siblings, Reginald Pratt and his wife, Judy, Alice Daly and her husband, Tom, Betty Tracey and her husband, Michael, and Larry Pratt and his wife, Jane, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Maura Ellen Pratt Micari and his siblings, Robert Pratt, Richard Pratt, and June Reale.

Services in celebration of Francis' life will be held at a later date when all are able to gather together. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville extends their appreciation to the Pratt family for their trust.



# ~ Silent Auction ~



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- Bids should contain Name, Phone Number and bid amount
- Minimum bid of \$3,500.00
- Winner will be announced on June 20, 2020 via phone
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- Mechanical Warranty for 24 months or 36,000 miles
- All work under warranty will be performed at Mike's Auto & Body Shop
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*"Thank you for participating in this Silent Auction to benefit the Plainville Food Pantry." Mike and Keith  
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# NEW MEXICAN RESTAURENT CONTINUES TO SERVE

BY: CASANDRA CLARK

On March 9th, 2020, I had the pleasure of sitting down with Augustin Solórzano, owner and manager of our town's newest restaurant, Don Bigote. Located in the heart of downtown Plainville at 54 West Main Street. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming. I had just finished a wonderful, authentic Mexican lunch with my son, Jonathan. Opening the week before the recent challenges of social distancing and quarantine, Solórzano has continued to welcome customers. The takeout menu is extensive, and the quality of the food remains above expectation.

That day I had the freshest salsa ever! I enjoyed the Sotillo lunch special consisting of a Burrito and Enchilada that had the perfect seasoning while my son had the Fajita Salad with Grilled Steak. If we had room for dessert, it would have been hard to choose between the Chocolate Lava Cake and the Flan.



Solórzano stressed that he “did not want to disappoint people.” He waited to open until everything was in place. He takes pride in his work. Solórzano

said, “I love when people smile when they eat something I make.” Service is very important. Solórzano is happy to modify a dish to meet the dietary needs

of patron. He often uses corn tortilla in awareness of gluten free diets. There is even a kid’s menu that has hamburgers and hot dogs for those who have not yet developed a taste for Mexican food.

Solórzano was inspired by a friend who said, “your have so much passion for cooking”. After working for 23 years in restaurant management, he finally became an owner. Solórzano knew that Plainville was just the place. Don Bigote is a family restaurant with a full bar. He looks forward to the day when patrons can enjoy a meal while relaxing on the patio.

Until we, as a community, can go out to eat, Solórzano will continue to offer us take out. They are open Monday-Thursday 11:30 am to 10 pm, Friday & Saturday 11:30 – 11pm and Sunday 12 to 9 pm. Call in an order to (860) 351-5250 or (860) 351-5786. Don Bigote’s is a wonderful option. Fresh, delicious food that is full of flavor and sure to please. Remember to like them on Facebook!



## Local Business TRUMPF Donates Face Shields

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