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Plainville Mourning the Loss of Police Chief Matt Catania



Matthew Catania, Sr, passed away in the early hours of March 10, 2021 after complications from heart surgery at St. Francis Hospital. He was born on July 3, 1959 to John and Angela (Torza) Catania. He grew up in Rocky Hill and graduated Rocky Hill High school in 1977. He followed in his father's footsteps by becoming a police officer in 1981 for the town of Old Saybrook. He transferred to Simsbury in 1985, bringing his philosophy of professionalism with him. While in Simsbury he obtained

his Bachelor's degree and immediately went on to working on his Master's Degree in Leadership which he later obtained. He rose to the rank of Captain and retired in 2010 to become Chief of Police for the town of Plainville. He enjoyed serving the community and promoted community policing, a concept in which he wholeheartedly believed in. He led by example and was a true role model for the members of the police Department as well as his family. He shared his love of policing with his brothers, who have been or are currently police officers, and passed on the same passion to his two sons, youngest daughter, and son in law who are all currently police officers as well. He wanted the profession to be honorable. He had a passion for life, and all it had to offer. He fully invested himself into his many hobbies and researched everything to the point that he became an expert tailor, landscaper, builder, woodworker, mason, barber, Italian bicycle builder and whatever other subject that interested him. He loved to cook and made the best homemade pizza and rolls in the brick oven that

he built. Sunday mornings often began with homemade waffles and fruit. He was proud of his Italian heritage and loved the artistic quality of Italian made products. He always stopped to roll the windows down to listen and appreciate the engine of an Italian car as it went by or toot his Italian horns under every bridge he drove under. Above all, he loved his family, everything he did was for them. He was proud of everyone and their accomplishments no matter how big or small. He especially loved car rides, often with no destination. He sang along with the radio sounding just as the artist who performed the song. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife of 31 years, Melanie, and their children: His son Matthew Jr. and his girlfriend Jeana Birge, daughter Alyssa Vugdalic and her husband Kenan, son Nicholas and daughter Gabriella, and his soon to arrive Granddaughter, Mia Grace due in May, whom he was very excited to meet. He also leaves behind his brother John and wife Margherita Catania, brother Ronald and wife Donna Catania, sister Dolores and husband Mike Brooks, brother Glenn and wife

Patricia Catania, brother Gary and wife Francine Catania, brother Mark and wife Tricia Catania and brother Robert Catania along with his brothers in law, David and Brian Harris. He also leaves behind many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends, as well as the numerous police communities he served and impacted alike. His family received friends at a walk-through visitation Monday, March 15, 2021 at the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center 301 Country Club Road, Avon. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at Saint Mary Star of the Sea Church, 145 Main Street, Unionville. Burial with Police Honors was held in the Simsbury Cemetery. Masks were required at all services and social distancing was observed.

Donations may be made to the Chief Matthew Catania Law Enforcement Scholarship Fund C/O Plainville Police Department 19 Neal Court Plainville, CT. 06062.

For condolences please visit:
www.carmonfuneralhome.com

Remembering Matt Catania's "CHIEF OF THE YEAR" Award



Matt Catania congratulated by Deb Hardy and Kathy Pugliese as **2019 Chief of the Year**

Police Chief Matthew Catania was named Chief of the Year at the first annual Connecticut Law Enforcement Awards and Recognition dinner, held June 25, 2019 at Anthony's Ocean Catering in New Haven.

"This is one of those milestones I'll never forget," said Catania, who has led the Plainville Police Department for nearly nine years.

While grateful he was nominated for the award, Catania said the work the department does wouldn't be possible without dedicated officers and a supportive community.

The chief said, "I'm only as effective as I am because the officers here respond to my leadership style,"

while he works to provide the tools and training they need to do their job.

That style focuses on building bonds of trust with the community. "When your police department is user-friendly, your community feels confident that they can reach out to the police," he said.

Catania was nominated for the award by Town Manager Robert Lee, who told the awards committee he has seen the department's reputation, transparency and expertise grow under Catania's leadership.

Lee noted one incident where Catania returned to Plainville while on vacation in Rhode Island in order to back his officers.

"It is that type of dedication that stands

him above most other civil servants that I have observed in my 40 years of working in local government," Lee wrote in his nomination.

The Chief of the Year award was sponsored by the Peace Island Institute, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's New Haven field office and the Yale University Police Department.




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Plainville
Property Transfers

22 Birch Tree Rd: Potabenko Vladimir S. Est and Justin Lewis of Plainville to Michal Biadun, \$165,000 on 2/19/2021
570 Camp St: Simone Development LLC of Plainville to Amy Bartolucci and Kevin Herrick, \$380,000 on 2/12/2021
18 Elbow Ln: Linsley Veronica Est and Shawn M. Yost of Plainville to Classic Designs LLC, \$166,200 on 2/16/2021
3 Hoerle Ct: William T. Costello of Plainville to Donald A. and Jamie C. Hall, \$250,000 on 2/18/2021
36 Macarthur Rd: Richard J. Sutterlin and Daniel Otero of Plainville to LeProp Management LLC, \$80,000 on 2/12/2021
26 Sandstone Rd Unit 26: Carrier Holdings LLC of Plainville to James Newell, \$458,947 on 2/16/2021
58 Skyline Dr: Angelo A. Colella of Plainville to CDF Properties LLC, \$225,000 on 2/17/2021
73 Broad St Unit 9: Jennifer Denichilo of Plainville to Darling Boy Prop LLC, \$131,000 on 2/23/2021
482 East St Unit 15: Nicole Pelletier of Plainville to Laki Estates LLC, \$72,000 on 2/23/2021
97 Forestville Ave: Forestville Realty LLC and Denis Morin of Plainville to Forestville Park LLC \$580,000 on 2/25/2021
10 Hull Dr: Nevelos Katherine A. Est and Paula Flint of Plainville to Scott Nevelos, \$170,000 on 2/25/2021
57 N. Washington St: Elmo R. Aiudi of Plainville to David P. Aiudi, \$100,000 on 2/25/2021
188 N Washington St: Sonja E. Breer of Plainville to Nathaniel P. Grote, \$156,500 on 2/26/2021
33 Spring St Unit C4: John Oliveri of Plainville to Bennet J. Wenzel, \$109,000 on 2/23/2021
190 Tomlinson Ave Unit 1f: Roman Cwalina of Plainville to Alexander Goncharoy, \$190,000 on 2/23/2021
18 Washburn Dr: Shane P. Simpson of Plainville to Lilian A. Iyen, \$280,000 on 2/22/2021
Ledge Rd: Suzanne Naples of Plainville to Joseph T. Walasewicz, \$265,000 on 3/4/2021
37 Metacomet Rd: Jonathan E. and Christine E. Gould of Plainville to James and Cameka Loos, \$319,475 on 3/2/2021
139 Stillwell Dr: Yolanda Villanueva of Plainville to Matthew and Michelle Gerrish, \$215,000 on 3/1/2021
190 Tomlinson Ave Unit 12h: Robert N. Zirpolo of Plainville to Carla Cyr, \$175,000 on 3/1/2021
15 W. Pine Way Unit 1: John A. and Marie A. Creaco of Plainville to Steven T. and Cynthia M. Miles, \$282,000 on 3/4/2021.

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When Sewage Back-up Occurs
If a back-up occurs during business hours call:
Normal Business Hours - Monday - Friday 7:00am - 3:00pm
Water Pollution Department: (860)793-0221 Ext. 6518
If a back-up occurs during non-business hours call:
Non-Business Hours - Nights, Weekends & Holiday
Plainville Police Non-Emergency Line: (860)747-1616
Once contacted a WPC Maintenance crew will be notified of the situation and will arrive to determine if the backup is from the main sewer line. If it is, they will clear it. If the blockage is not in the main sewer line then the WPC Maintenance crew will direct the property owner to contact a local contractor.

Plainville 2021
Budget Public Hearing
Monday, April 5th
7 P.M.
Municipal Center
1 Central Square

All Day
Budget Vote
Tuesday, April 27th
6:00 am to 8:00 pm
Plainville
Fire House
West Main Street
(See Budget on page 22)

For Voting Information or Questions:
Please Contact:
Sue Abram
Democrat Registrar of Voters
860-793-0221 Ext. 7161

For Voting Information or Questions:
Please Contact:
Beth Gasparini
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Sunday Evenings

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

March 1st & March 15th Meetings



March 1, 2021

Refunding Bonds

- The Town currently has several Clean Water Fund loans with the State for treatment plant improvements that were completed in 2011. The remaining loan amounts total \$12.5M. The interest rate is 2%. For the last several months interest rate for General Obligation Bonds have been at record low levels.
- If this trend continues the Town could save a significant amount of money by paying off the State loan and converting the remaining balance into a General Obligation Bond. The maturity date of the proposed bond would be the same date as the existing loan.
- Barry Bernabe from Phoenix Advisors is participating this evening via ZOOM to give some additional information about this opportunity. There is a resolution under New Business that would authorize the issuance of refunding bonds for payment of the outstanding principal and interest on four of the outstanding Clean Water Fund loans totaling \$12.5M.

Road Paving Bids

- Town staff is making plans to move forward with the Road Bond program when the asphalt plants re-open in the Spring. Town staff is recommending that the Town Council approve three contracts as part of this project.
- The first recommendation is to authorize the purchase of \$600K of bituminous concrete pavement from Tilcon utilizing a state bid contract.
- The second recommendation would authorize the purchase of \$50K of concrete block from Cromwell Concrete utilizing a state bid contract.
- The third recommendation would authorize the hiring of Jones Construction to make repairs and adjustments to catch basins on the various streets receiving the new pavement. Jones Construction was the low bidder two years ago and they have agreed to hold their bid price for the work. Jones Construction has performed very well over the last two years with the catch basin work. The estimated value for this work is \$50K.
- There are three items under New Business regarding these recommendations.

COVID-19 Update

- The Senior Center has scheduled a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for Plainville residents 60 years of age and older on Friday, March 19th. The Community Health Center will be providing and administering up to 200 doses of the vaccine with a second dose follow-up clinic scheduled for April 16th.
- Plainville residents 60+ years of

age can make appointments for the March 19th clinic by directly contacting the Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

- The Community Health Center has also expressed interest in conducting a larger vaccine clinic that could be scheduled for a Saturday and administer 400-500 doses.

March 15, 2021

Data Storage –

Police Department and Town/Schools

- The FY21 Capital Improvement Plan included \$100K for the Police Department for data storage and \$80K for data storage for the Town and the Schools (\$40K apiece).
- The IT Department is recommending that the Town Council approve the purchase of data storage for the Police Department from Storage Networks of Westford, MA in the amount of \$52,940.
- The IT Department is also recommending that the Town Council approve the purchase of data storage for the Town & Schools from Storage Networks of Westford, MA in the amount of \$47,875.
- Both recommendations are included under New Business for your consideration this evening.
- IT Director Kevin Ross is participating in this meeting to give a summary of the equipment and the reasons for his recommendation.

Road Paving Bid

- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council authorize the rental of construction equipment and operator for pavement milling to Garrity Construction of Bloomfield, CT at the same hourly rates that they have billed the Town for the last four construction seasons.
- The total amount of the authorization shall not exceed \$125K. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

Robotic Survey Equipment

- The FY21 Capital Improvement Plan included \$25K for the purchase of Robotic Survey Equipment for the Technical Services Department.
- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council authorize the purchase of a robotic total station, data collector and accessories from Superior Products Distributors, Inc. of Milldale, CT utilizing State Bid Contract in the amount of \$22,425.83.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

COVID-19 Update/Vaccine Clinic – 4/2/2021

- The Town, working with Hartford HealthCare, will hold a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for Plainville residents on Friday, April 2nd. The vaccination clinic will be held

at the Firehouse.

- The Town has partnered with Hartford HealthCare who will be providing 100 first doses of the Moderna vaccine. The clinic for the second dose will take place at the Firehouse as well on Friday, April 30th. Those who received the first dose will automatically be signed up for the second dose as well.
- Residents must register for appointments in advance. Town residents will have the opportunity to begin registering for the clinic beginning on Wednesday, March 24th between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.
- When calling, residents must have their insurance card available, if they have one, and an email address. Those who do not have insurance will receive the vaccine at no cost. It is expected that the phones will be very busy the day of registration and Town staff is requesting that residents be patient when calling.
- Information on the clinic – including the phone number for registration - will be posted on the Town website and announced on social media beginning on Friday. I want to thank Hartford HealthCare for providing the staff and the vaccines for this clinic.
- Additionally, the State launched a new program today where seniors and others that cannot travel to a vaccination clinic can register to have the COVID-19 vaccine administered at their home.
- Seniors and others who are “shut-in” can register for the vaccine to be delivered to their home by calling the Plainville Southington Health District at 860-793-3419 or 860-276-6275.

Financial Dashboard

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

Happenings

*By: Matthew Daskal,
Asst. Town Manager*

Plainville Family Resource Network

The Plainville Family Resource Network is excited to be one of 12 “HUBS” in CT to support Family Child Care Providers for the CT Office of Early Childhood. We can provide you with a Licensing Tool Kit and one on one coaching throughout the process. Call us for more information today (860) 793-6304!

Senior Center

For information on Senior Center programming call the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

*Planning Your Vegetable Garden: Choosing Successful Varieties And Finding Organic Supplies [Tuesday, March 16, 3:00 P.M.—4:00 P.M.] (on Zoom at home or at the Senior Center) Presented by Jared Scoville. If you have been gardening for any

length of time you know what the winter is all about reading seed catalogs, picking out new varieties to try, and planning your garden! This virtual presentation will feature lots of practical information on strategies to successfully plan a well-yielding garden. From choosing the right tomato plants, to starting seeds, to where you can find local garden lants and supplies this will be a jam-packed informational session. Call the Senior Center to register or register on-line.

Virtual Memory Screening

(on Zoom from home or at the Senior Center)

Free confidential Virtual memory screening with Michelle Wyman, Dementia Specialist, Hartford Health Care Center for Healthy Aging. These confidential memory screenings average 20 minutes and consist of 5 questions to assess memory. They do not diagnose any illness but can indicate if someone should follow up with a full medical exam. Call the Senior Center to schedule an appointment.

Souper Soup Live Cooking Class: Matzo Ball Soup

Call the Senior Center or go on-line to register and to have the recipe emailed to you and to receive zoom link instructions.

That's Weird! (On Zoom Or In Person) [Wednesday, March 24, 3:00]

That's Weird: An ordinary-looking map with a sinister surprise. Earrings made of human hair. A piece of a revered Connecticut tree carved in the shape of a...ham? Museums are full of objects that make staff and visitors say, “Huh?”. But what makes these objects so strange to us? What makes an object “weird”? This presentation explores some of the Connecticut Historical Society's strangest items. You will learn how even the oddest artifacts can be gateways into a deeper understanding and appreciation of our state's history. Presented by the Connecticut Historical Society Museum & Library. Call the Senior Center to register or go on-line to register. You may see this presentation on Zoom from home or Zoom at the Senior Center.

From the Desk of: Dominick Moschini, Superintendent of

Roadways

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Town of Plainville Has Received GFOA's Distinguished Budget Award for its 2020 Budget

The award represents a significant achievement by the Town. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the Town of Plainville had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well the Town's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual designated as being primarily responsible for having achieved the award. This has been presented to Calvin Hauburger, Economic Development & Special Projects Coordinator.



The Certificate was presented to Cal at the March 15 th Town Council meeting by Chairwoman Kathy Pugliese.

Economic Development Agency Election of Officers for 2021

At the EDA Virtual Meeting on March 18, 2021 via Zoom and Call-In, Val Dumais was re-elected Chairman and Nancy Autunno was also re-elected Vice Chair.

Economic Development Agency Mission

Plainville is a business-friendly community. Learn more about Plainville and what a wonderful place to live, work and play.

The Plainville Economic Development Agency (EDA) is responsible for guiding economic growth in the Town, focusing on encouraging new business investment through responsible growth while nurturing the existing business base. The Agency consists of five regular members and three alternate members appointed by the Town Council. The Agency administers the Town's Small Business Revolving Loan and Tax Abatement Programs, as well as endorse recommendations for the State's Enterprise Zone Program.

Doing Business

Plainville is best characterized as a small town. At just under 10 square miles, it is in fact one of the smallest towns in the state. But do not let our size fool you. We boast a high quality of life with a skilled labor force, and a diverse economy that has managed to hang onto a proportionally high percentage of its manufacturing base. Our largest taxpayers/employers include Tilcon CT, Inc., Gems Sensors, Inc., Connecticut Tool and Manufacturing, Mott Corporation, and Wheeler Clinic. After recently purchasing Robertson Airfield, we have the distinction of being one of very few Connecticut municipalities that own their own airport.

Our Town Manager/Town Council form of government provides for an efficient, business-friendly experience. Town Staff has been trained to work with business and industry to help them achieve their goals. The Economic Development Agency takes an active role in supporting business development through their tax incentive and business loan programs.

Plainville strives to offer advantages to businesses wishing to locate in our community, and our demographic makeup boasts a wide and diverse workforce ready to help you succeed. Plainville's location at the intersection of State Route 72 and Interstate 84 make it ideal for business that relies on transportation. In addition, rail service and a regional airport are available to add value to your business.

Department Overview

The Economic Development Agency recognizes that economic development is a vital aspect of Plainville's continued growth. To foster this growth, the EDA strives to increase responsible investment and development throughout our community. The Economic Development Agency advises the Plainville Town Council in matters of economic assistance to existing and incoming businesses. They also advise other land use commissions where their decisions may impact the Town's economy.

Local & State Business Incentive Programs

Plainville wants to help you grow. Whether you are already located in Town or want to relocate to Plainville, we offer several business incentive programs:

EDA Revolving Loan Program: The Town's Economic Development Agency (EDA) can consider business loans up to \$40,000 to help small businesses start up, expand, or relocate to Plainville. The loan program can be used for a variety of purposes including beautification efforts, plant expansion, capital purchases, employee hiring and more. A more in-depth program and/or an application by contacting the Economic Development Coordinator, Cal Hauburger by email or at 860-793-0221 x 7178.

EDA Tax Incentive Program: The Town's Economic Development Agency (EDA) offers a tax abatement program to attract new business and industry to the Town. Abatements are applied to local taxes on real property. Within limits established by State statute, members of the EDA can vote to propose an abatement percentage based on the amount of business investment, job creation, site use, future tax value, and overall benefit to the Town.

The Bioscience Zone Focusing on manufacturing, research associated with manufacturing, or distribution warehousing of items involved with the study of genes, cells, tissues and chemical and physical structures of living organisms, businesses may benefit from a five-year, 80% property tax abatement; and a 10-year, 25% business tax credit.

For any questions regarding the above applications, please contact the Economic Development Coordinator, Cal Hauburger, by email or at 860-793-0221 x7178.

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Cal Hauburger

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Carriage Services Sold the Bailey Funeral Home

Matthew R. Bailey, CFSP, owner of the Bailey Funeral Home in Plainville, has recently qualified for recertification of the designation of Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP), by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice. Matthew R. Bailey, CFSP, a Lifetime Member of the Academy, purchased the Bailey Funeral Home in Plainville in December of 2020 from Carriage Services, returning Plainville's oldest business to independent ownership.

A number of professions grant special recognition to members upon completion of specified academic and professional programs and "CFSP" is funeral service's national individual recognition.

The Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice, since its 1976 founding, has had as its goals: 1) to recognize those practitioners who have voluntarily entered into a program of personal and professional growth, 2) to raise and improve the standards of funeral service and 3) to encourage practitioners to make continuing education a life-long process in their own self-interest, the interest of the families they serve, and the community in which they serve.

To initially receive this award, the practitioner must complete a 180 hour program of continuing education activities and events. In addition, the practitioner is required to accumulate 20 hours per year to recertify. Credits are awarded by the Academy for work leading to personal and/or professional growth in four areas:

- Academic Activities
- Professional Activities
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Thanking you in advance! The Editor



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
William A. Petit Jr.
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 Plainville, New Britain

UniteCT

The Department of Housing (DOH), Connecticut has developed UniteCT, a \$235 million program to provide rental and utility payment assistance to qualified households who have been impacted by the pandemic.

According to DOH, the program will financially support households up to 80% of the HUD Area Median Income.

The 80% AMI for Plainville and New Britain is as follows:

Household of 1: \$54,950.00

Household of 2: \$62,800.00

Household of 3: \$70,650.00

Household of 4: \$78,500.00

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Household of 6: \$91,100.00

Household of 7: \$97,350.00

Household of 8: \$103,650.00

If you need help filling out the application, you can call (844) 864-8328 or email DOH-UniteCT@ct.gov.

The Neighborhood Housing Services of New Britain, 223 Broad Street, (860) 224-2433 also offers computer access if you need assistance.

For more information, at link below.

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOH/DOH/Programs/UniteCT>

Jason A. Pheasant | Press Secretary,
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 Rep. William A. Petit Jr. (22nd),

Individuals between the ages of 16 to 44 are tentatively scheduled to be eligible for vaccine registration on April 5.

According to the governor, the state will work with providers and the Department of Developmental Services to accelerate access for the most medically high-risk individuals under 45 during the month of April. Individuals who are currently eligible to receive the vaccine in Connecticut include:

All individuals age 55 and older;

Healthcare personnel;

Medical first responders;

Residents and staff of long-term care facilities;

Residents and staff of select congregate settings; and

PreK-12 school staff and professional childcare providers.

Anyone who is interested in receiving the vaccine must make their appointment in advance.

You can make an appointment by calling Connecticut's Vaccine Appointment Assist Line at 877-918-2224. The assist line is available seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Updates from the State/Federal level.

Governor Lamont announced that on Friday, March 19th, Connecticut began easing COVID restrictions in various sectors. While some capacity restrictions will be eased, all protocols for face coverings, social distancing, and cleaning procedures will remain. Individuals and businesses are urged to continue following local, state, and national health and safety procedures. Protocols that will remain in effect until further notice include

Face coverings and masks continue to be required

Bars that only serve beverages continue to remain closed

11PM closing time remains in place for events at venues, restaurants, and entertainment

Indoor theaters continue to have a 50% capacity

Large event venues (e.g. stadiums) to open in April

The protocols that will be revised in the coming days include:

Beginning Friday, March 19, 2021

All capacity limits will be eliminated for the following businesses, while face coverings, social distancing, and other cleaning and disinfecting protocols will continue to be required:

o Restaurants (8-person table capacity and 11PM required closing time for dining rooms continues)

o Retail o Libraries

o Personal services

o Indoor recreation (excludes theaters, which will continue to have a 50% capacity)

o Gyms/fitness centers

o Museums, aquariums, and zoos

o Offices

o Houses of worship

Gathering sizes will be revised to the following amounts:

Rep. Petit Supports Bill to Provide Legislative Oversight of Relief Funds

HARTFORD – State Representative William A. Petit Jr. (R-22) has co-sponsored a bill proposal that would provide legislative oversight on any relief funds provided to Connecticut by the federal government through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Per HB-6555, An Act Concerning Legislative Oversight and Approval of COVID-19 Relief Funds, the governor shall provide his recommended allocations to the General Assembly for their modifications and/or approval prior to their dispersal. Additionally, the bill's language requires that any future COVID-19 funds provided by the federal government follow the same process.

"Our government is supposed to be representative, but unfortunately for a vast amount of time we as your elected representatives have been partially locked out of many of these important

o Social and recreational gatherings at private residence – 25 indoors/100 outdoors

o Social and recreational gatherings at commercial venues – 100

indoors/200 outdoors

All sports will be allowed to practice and compete, and all sports tournaments will be allowed, subject to Department of Public Health guidance

Connecticut's travel advisory will be modified from a requirement to recommended guidance

Beginning Monday, March 29, 2021

Capacity limits on early childhood classes will increase from 16 to 20

Beginning Friday, April 2, 2021 Outdoor amusement parks can open. Outdoor event venues can increase to a 50% capacity, capped at 10,000 people

Indoor stadiums can open at 10% capacity

Summer camps and summer festivals are advised to begin the planning stages to open for the upcoming season.

Federal

On March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021—a \$1.9 trillion economic relief package. components. Set forth below are some of the major provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act.

Direct Stimulus Payments

The legislation provides a third round of direct-payment stimulus checks to eligible recipients. Individuals with yearly adjusted gross incomes of \$75,000 or less will receive checks in the amount of \$1,400 (plus \$1,400 for each eligible dependent). Those earning more than \$75,000 will receive less than \$1,400, and the benefit is completely phased out for individuals earning \$80,000 or more.

For married couples, each spouse is entitled to \$1,400 (\$2,800 for both), but the threshold is a total yearly income of \$150,000 or below and phases out for couples earning \$160,000 or more each year.

decisions," Rep. Petit said. "I believe the initial vote to extend the governor's emergency powers was appropriate as the state faced many issues and needed to make decisions in a rapid manner. I voted against the subsequent extensions because I felt it was time for the legislature to weigh in. This bill gets to the specific issues of funding and we as the legislature should be involved in the appropriation of these federal funds within the limits and regulations laid out in this grant. This bill guarantees we will have a say in how, why, and when this money is spent."

Connecticut is expected to receive \$2.6 billion in state relief as part of the American Rescue Plan. Funds provided through the federal government must be used for things like assisting small businesses, schools, and other areas impacted as a direct result of the pandemic.

On Tuesday, the House of Representatives voted unanimously in favor of the bill. It will now move onto the Senate for further action.

MAJOR GIFT CREATES TRANSGENDER PEER SUPPORT, MEDICAL, THERAPY SERVICES

"Walk With Me" to launch in Hartford and Plainville this spring

A \$100,000 gift is funding the creation of a specialized service to provide transgender adolescents and young adults with peer support, medical care, and gender-responsive therapy.

"Walk With Me" will launch this spring at Wheeler's community health centers in Plainville and Hartford. It is an outpatient treatment track for LGBTQ+-identifying young people ages 10-25.

Designed to create a safe, affirming, and inclusive array of services, Walk With Me aims to meet individuals where they are on their journey, and walk the path beside them and their loved ones to provide validation and a supportive environment for identity exploration.

Included in the track are specialty services to meet the unique needs of transgender and gender non-binary (GNB) or gender-expansive youth, who report significantly increased rates of depression, suicidality, and victimization compared to their cisgender peers, and who are at higher risk for homelessness or housing insecurity.

The Walk With Me track utilizes a combination of clinical behavioral health, peer support, community engagement and outreach, and educational components to meet transgender and GNB youth where they are—and support them on their journey toward living healthy, authentic lives.

"The transgender community deserves respect, support, and access to health care that is responsive to their needs," says Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, president and chief executive officer of Wheeler. "Because of the visionary support of our donor, we can create Walk With Me in innovative ways that our team could only have imagined before."

The anonymous donor says the issue of care for transgender individuals hit particularly close to home in their family, and they chose to invest in Wheeler because of its history of integrated behavioral and primary health care and staff expertise to provide the services well.

The donation is the second-largest gift from a living donor in Wheeler's history, and the organization is focused on raising additional support for the program to sustain it.

As the program develops, more information about Walk With Me and Wheeler's continuum of supportive services is available at: WheelerHealth.org/LGBTQIA

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To Your Health

Spring into Action

By Linda Coveney

Hello Spring! Having just noted the 1 year mark of the pandemic, it's time to embrace Spring, the season of renewal. Enjoy the crocuses peeking out to delight us with their colors and promise of warmer days and nights.

What's on your mind as you transition from winter to spring? Are you looking forward to new ways to break free, have more energy and to focus on what matters most to you? Perhaps you are slightly concerned about how you are going to show up now that you are shedding all those winter layers of clothes.

The good news is that spring provides a seasonal "fresh start". Nature is amazing. The foods that spout up this season help you to counteract the heavy comfort foods of winter, add essential nutrients to your diet, and maybe help you lose a few pounds.

Here are a few tips to help you put some spring into your step.

1. Get some Vitamin D. Vitamin D is commonly known as the sunshine vitamin. According to WebMD, "Research suggests that vitamin D could play a role in the prevention and treatment of a number of conditions, such as diabetes, hypertension, glucose intolerance and multiple sclerosis. It can also lessen the symptoms of mild depression." There have been a lot of articles about Vitamin D minimizing the effects of the virus.

Get your best Vitamin D outside in the sun. Many people can also benefit from a Vitamin D supplement. Get your levels tested to know if you are deficient.

2. Enjoy the Fresh Air. Whether you are walking, cleaning up the yard, or just standing outside, fresh air and sunshine are sure ways to boost your energy levels and elevate your mood. If walking is difficult, take a ride with the windows down. Breathe in the spring air and feel joy.

3. Visit your local farmer. Here is your opportunity to know exactly where your food is coming from and how it was grown. You will have access to the fresh, high quality, usually organic produce for your family. Take your kids and help them to appreciate what it takes to grow a garden and raise fresh food.

It's good for the community and good for you!

The best way to get your daily requirement of fruits and vegetables is through real food. Lately, I've seen a lot of advertisements for supplements that offer all kinds of promises. I'm skeptical that manufactured-

processed fruits and vegetables can offer you the same level of nutrition that any whole fruit or green will provide.

In fact, I have yet to find the nutritional label on these products. I once read that "If you spend your money on supplements and don't eat real food, you are wasting your money".

Not all supplements are bad, just don't let it replace whole nutrient dense food.

4. Increase your consumption of seasonal foods. Foods in season, grown and purchased locally are likely to have the most nutrients. Enjoy asparagus, fava beans, Swiss chard, spinach, mushrooms, parsley and radishes.

Fiddlehead's pretty spirals also pop up this time a year. To me, they remind me of a musical score and when I walk by a grouping, I almost expect them to break into song.

Fiddleheads are high in vitamins A and C, omega 3 essential fatty acids and fiber. Sautee fiddleheads in ghee (clarified butter) or olive oil with onions and garlic and serve over brown rice or quinoa.

5. Spring Clean. Your home has been tightly sealed all winter, so you are likely breathing in stale air.

Let's face it, we have all spent way too much time indoors. Time to open the windows and let some fresh air in.

Try adding some detoxing plants to your home, such as Aloe Vera, Spider Plants, Snake Plants and Pathos to help clean the indoor air.

It's also a good time to spring clean your thoughts. The lack of sunshine, social gatherings and just plain anxiety has most likely influenced negative thinking. Take time to recognize what is positive and possible in your life. If it was easy, we would all be singing and smiling all the time. Take one step at a time to recognize a negative thought and quickly replace it with a positive one.

Here's a Spring Green Smoothie Recipe to energize your day:

- 1 fresh apple or pear (no need to peel if you buy organic)
- 3 bunches of parsley
- ½ peeled cucumber
- 2-3 stalks celery
- Small bunch of kale leaves
- Add water – ½ - 1 cup until you get the consistency you want
- Optional: 1 Tablespoon chia seeds
- Put all in high -powered blender and give it a whirl for about a minute.

This drink may not provide the sweetness you normally crave, but it is a great way to re-train your taste buds to love nutrient dense foods.

Happy Spring!

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

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Pictured are Mike Miller (owner) Katie Kennedy (Restaurant Manager) and Luis Ortiz (Chef)

Hop Haus opened its doors in the spring of 2014 as Southington's first gastropub. Owner Mike Miller wanted to create a dining experience focusing on craft beer & local products for creating handcrafted meals. Now also offering an array of domestics in addition to the local, craft brews. Our menu has morphed into a unique twist on your typical fare, utilizing farm to fork items. Hop Haus offers Happy Hour Tuesday - Friday and opens for lunch at 11:30am during the week. Over the years the business has grown considerably, now opening a second location on Whiting Street in Plainville.

Hop Haus has a Beer Garden for patio dining at both locations. Previously we've hosted beer dinners outside as well as other events utilizing our smoker! Over the last year Southington expanded it's beer garden to include a lower patio area as well as heating & enclosing the upper portion to make it usable year round. Plainville's beer garden will be opening soon!

Hosting monthly beer dinners & meet the brewer events helped get customers engaged with the brews & dishes they so enjoyed. Many of the events Hop Haus customers looked forward to

have had to be put on hold throughout the pandemic, but will hopefully be able to resume soon. Hop Haus' new Plainville location will have a banquet room perfect for beer dinners and gives the ability to host such events while maintaining proper social distancing. We are excited to be working with local breweries such as the Twelve Percent Beer Project for our upcoming events.

Beer isn't the only thing on the menu at Hop Haus! Our cocktail menu showcases local products to create quality drinks. All juices are hand squeezed daily! We've had fun working with local companies such as Litchfield Distillery and Wild Moon Liqueurs for our menus as well as events outside of the restaurant. We attended the Crazy Bruce's Brew Bash in 2019 entering in the Bloody Mary Contest and also had a booth sampling some of our creations.

Hop Haus is looking forward to its new endeavour in Plainville and is set to open the last weekend in March. Customer's have begun to visit our Southington location in lieu of Plainville's opening and we've been delighted to meet everyone!

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

(JOE faves} Main Street Diner for breakfast, just like my mother's cooking. Love the friendly and fast service every morning!

(SUSAN raves) Mike's Auto on Farmington Ave. has been servicing my car for years. And I mean years it is the same old car and thanks to Mike it is as good as new to me because of the wonderful workmanship they provide.

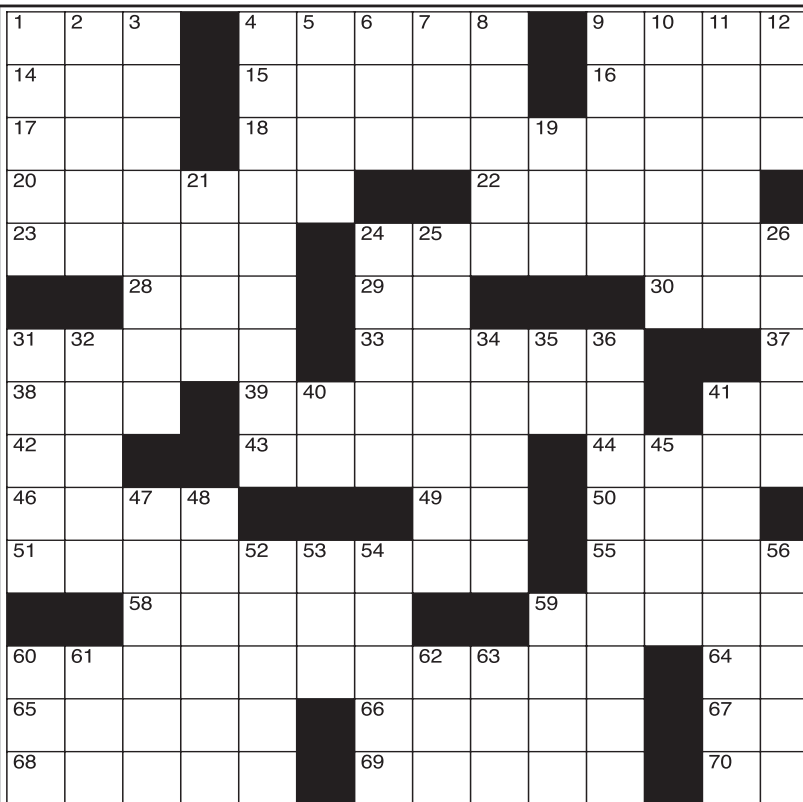
(ADAM faves) My favorite place to shop is Gnazzo's Food Center. I live alone and I don't have to cook because if you have not shopped at Gnazzo's you should. They have the best ready to eat meals, just heat in the microwave & that is home cooking.

Email your faves and raves to share it with everyone! Let's hear what you have to say, we need your comments!
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Answer on page 24

“Ask Sheila”

Q-1 Will the new Stimulus Payments affect my eligibility for my Extra Help with Medicare?

A-1 *No. The Stimulus Payments are not considered as Taxable Income for anyone.*

Q-2 My Father just passed away, so my Mother is collecting just his Social Security as her only Income. Will this change her eligibility for Extra Help with her Medicare ?

A-2 *The Income eligibility limits for a single person are lower than for a married couple. Currently if the Income of a single person is between \$2,641 and \$2,265 or less per month, they should qualify for Extra Help. For a couple , the limits are \$3,572 to \$3,064 or less.*

Q-3 How would I apply for the Extra Help with my Medicare?

A-3 *To apply on-line ; Go to :*

<https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/prescriptionhelp/>

And follow the Directions

If you would prefer to complete an application and mail it in, give me a call at 860-960-0091 and I can get an application to you.

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Parents are a child's first teachers in life and they play a significant role in maintaining their child's overall health. The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) encourages parents to introduce good oral health habits to their children during infancy,

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Provention, tooth decay affects children in the United States more than any other chronic infectious disease, highlighting the need for thorough oral care and regular dental visits. The ideal time for a child to visit the detist is six months after the child's first teeth erupt. During this initial visit, a dentist will be able to examine the development of the child's mouth.

Parents are often surprised when their infants can develop tooth decay and cavities soon after their teeth first appear. We usually call this baby bottle tooth decay, which is caused by the long-term exposure to liquids containing sugars like milk, formula, and fruit juice.

In addition to tooth decay, other dental problems, such as teething irritations, gum disease, and prolonged thumb or pacifier sucking, often start early. The sooner the child visits a dentist, the better.

There are many things that parents

can do with their child at home to maintain good oral health:

Clean your infant's with a clean, damp cloth twice a day.

Ask your dentist when you may begin to rub a tiny dab of toothpaste on your child's gums. Doing so will help your child become accustomed to the flavor of toothpaste.

As soon as the first teeth come in, begin brushing them with a small, soft-bristled toothbrush and a pea-sized dab of fluoride toothpaste.

Help a young child brush at night, which is the most important time to brush, due to lower salivary flow during sleep and higher susceptibility ro cavities and plaque.

By approximately age 5, your child can learn to brush his or her teeth with proper parental instruction and supervision.

The best way to teach a child how to brush is to lead by your good example. Allowing your child to watch you brush your teeth teaches the importance of good oral hygiene.

Children, like adults, should see the dentist every six months. Some dentists may schedule interim visits for every three months when the child is very young to build the child's comfort and confidence levels or for treatment needs.

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Easter Flower Sale

Robyn Poulos, Chairman of the Plainville Community Fund Annual Easter Flower Sale announced the sale will be held at Gnazzo Food Center on Thursday, April 1st, Friday, April 2nd, and Saturday, April 3rd. Hours 9 am to 6 pm.

All proceeds benefit the Community Fund's grants to Plainville schools, and non-profit organizations. Thanking you in advance for your support.

Happy Easter & Happy Spring!



Taste of Plainville

The Plainville Republican Town Committee will be presenting the "Return the Flavor" in July & August 2021 with the participating town restaurants. Jacob Rocco, Vice Chairman of the PRTC is Chair of the Fund Raising Committee. The proceeds from the promotion will benefit the PRTC and Plainville Community Fund.

The tickets for the event will be available starting in May. The ticket entitles you to receive 20% off your food check in over 15 town restaurants. Plus you will be entered in a raffle for restaurant Gift Certificates on September 1st. For more information or you wish to purchase tickets contact: Deb Hardy at 860-747-5995 or Jacob Rocco at 860-882-8139

Keeping You Informed: A Few Details About Federal Stimulus Payments

By: Webster Bank

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the U.S. Federal Government has authorized a round of Economic Impact Payments (often referred to as stimulus payments) to eligible recipients.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has begun distribution of these payments. We hope you find these answers to common questions helpful. *Am I eligible? When will my payment arrive?*

Please be aware that the terms of eligibility for the payments and their amounts have changed for individuals and dependents as compared to previous rounds of payments. While documentation from the IRS is evolving regarding details of the new payments, please see their website, which summarizes eligibility and answers basic questions. The IRS emphasizes that you do not need to take any action to receive the stimulus funds for which you're eligible.

How will I receive my payment?

If you're eligible for a third round stimulus payment you may receive your payment via direct deposit, paper check, or a pre-paid debit card.

Is my payment in my account?

You can review your account activity by accessing your account online or on Webster Bank's Mobile App. (If you don't yet have digital access to your account, register now.) The description of the deposit will include the word IRS.

Please be aware that Webster Bank doesn't have information on payment eligibility, timing, or distribution. Those are decisions made by the IRS. We recommend you check IRS.gov to get answers on how to resolve your concerns.

Thank you for choosing Webster Bank.

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

KNOWING LANDLORD AND TENANT OBLIGATIONS

Landlords and tenants have been fighting for as long as humans have been living in shelter. Most of the time these disputes could be avoided with an understanding of what is legally required by each party. This article will touch upon a few things to know when renting and for landlords.

A landlord can be held liable for an injury caused by a tenant's dog, provided that the landlord knew or should have known that the dog had the vicious or dangerous propensity to cause such an injury, and provided further that the injury happens on the premises owned or controlled by the landlord. Given this kind of potential exposure its no wonder why so many landlords do not allow dogs.

Tenants can only withhold rent if they go properly through the court. Many tenants believe if the landlord does not fulfill some obligation they can simply not pay all or some of the rent. While this idea is true, the tenant still needs to initiate a rental abatement action with the court to properly withhold rent.

Agreements made by landlords and tenants outside of court need to be memorialized in writing and signed by all parties. This is not a hard line rule, but just good practice for everyone to ensure their rights are protected. Too many times evictions turn into a "he said" – "she said" battle without any documentation.

I hope this proves helpful to those interested! Always remember when it comes to technical aspects of the law it is better to contact a licensed attorney who can help you with your matter.

Attorney Thomas A. Wurz

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An invitation to advertise your business in our Centerfold section of our monthly issues.

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The paper is an all volunteer effort, which makes it impossible to cover the advertising sales full time.

We know it pays to advertise.....we need more volunteers in that department. Help us, help you, to advertise call the phone number listed above. Thank You!

Sincerely,

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"Young at Heart" Senior Center News

HRA VITA Tax Aide Program: HRA in New Britain and Bristol are offering free income tax assistance by IRS-certified volunteers for families and individuals whose total household income is \$56,000 or less. Please call 860-356-2000 or 860-826-2278 to schedule an appointment. Dial-a-Ride can bring you to HRA if you need a ride.

VOLUNTEER GREETERS/CHECK-IN NEEDED: Greet members coming into our Center. Following the CDC/State guidelines, you will have our guests fill out the COVID-19 Screening Form, have them scan their membership card and direct them to their appointments, classes, etc. We are looking for both weekly volunteers as well as floaters to fill in when needed. Morning hours are 9-1pm and afternoon hours are 1-4pm Monday through Thursday. Friday hours are 9-1pm.

PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU FEEL SICK
Please do not come to the Senior Center if you are under quarantine or have been exposed to COVID19. Please do not come to the Senior Center if you feel ill. We cannot transport you on Dial-A-Ride if you feel sick. Please contact your doctor if you feel ill.
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Stay alert. Be aware.

Stop the scam.

Signs you are being targeted in a scam and what to do next.

Keeping your accounts and information safe is our number one priority, but we can't do it alone. That's why we want you to know how to identify and avoid scams, especially when phone calls, emails or text messages may be difficult to distinguish from legitimate messages.

Here's how a scam might go

Your phone buzzes. It's a call, email or text from what appears to be a trusted company that you do business with, such as your bank. In the case of a phone scam, you may even see a manipulated caller ID.

The caller or message seems urgent, describing a situation requesting you to provide information immediately in order to:

- Stop suspicious activity
- Secure your account
- Confirm a transaction
- Some other unexpected scenario

Do not reply if you're asked to do any of the following:

- Confirm actual but partial information they may have already obtained about you or your account
- Provide some of your personal information or account information
- Reply with a texted security code
- Update a piece of account information

Do not respond. Do not reply. Hang up.

Remember, People's United Bank will never make or send unsolicited calls, emails or texts asking you to provide sensitive information on the spot.

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- Passwords
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Never share your account information

- Social Security Number
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Your security is our top priority.

If you have any questions or concerns please call us. 1-800-894-0300

"BIRCH BRANCHES" PAINTING TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2:00 P.M.

A free supply kit, provided through a grant from the Department on Aging & Disability Services, CT Senior Center Project: CARES Act is provided. You can do this program at home on Zoom, or if you prefer, you can come to the Senior Center to do the program on our Zoom (we will set it up for you). Instructor: Lindsay Hottin. Call 860-747-5728 to sign up.

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THE FOOD SHARE PROGRAM AT THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Wednesdays for Plainville individuals needing assistance with food. For more information about eligibility and hours contact: Laurie (860) 747-5867. Drive up and a volunteer will put the groceries in your car!

Plainville Senior Center

Needs Volunteers to Deliver Meals-on-Wheels
The Plainville Senior Center and CW Resources are in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound older adults in Plainville. Meals are delivered between 10:00 am to 12 noon, Monday through Friday.

Volunteers use their own vehicles, however mileage reimbursement is available. Training is provided. Please call Ronda at the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728 if you are interested or have questions about this important volunteer opportunity.

The Senior Center is at 200 East Street.

VETERAN'S BENEFITS

Do you need assistance applying for veteran's benefits? Are you wondering what services and programs you might be able to access at the VA? If you served in Vietnam and were turned down for medical assistance in the past, you may now be able to get assistance.

Jason Coppola from the Connecticut State Department of Veteran's Affairs, Office of Advocacy and

Assistance is available by phone to help you with all your Veteran Benefit needs. You can reach Jason at 203-805-6340 (please leave a message).

GET TESTED FOR COVID-19

history at some Plainville nurses who had an impact on country and community.

A feature article on "Notable Nurses from Plainville's Past" is still posted on the Society's website at www.plainvillehistoricalsociety.com.

The article highlights a U.S. Army nurse in World War I, an early industrial nurse at Trumbull Electric, a school nurse who served for 42 years, and the women from the remarkable Plainville Public Health Nursing Association which served town residents for almost 50 years.

The Notable Nurses included:

Monica Brock
Edith Marcham
Lucy Sullivan
Elizabeth Heineman
Katherine Daly
Frances Litke

Look for the "Notable Nurses from Plainville's Past" story in the Hometown Connection May edition.

*Introducing Another Feature
in Celebration of Women's History Month ...*

**Notable Nurses
from
Plainville's Past**



**Historical Society
Highlights Notable Nurses
from Plainville's Past**

By: Rosemary Morante, Publicity Chairperson

As we honor today's healthcare workers, the Plainville Historical Society thought that 2021 was also an appropriate year to recognize Women's History Month by looking back in

Ask the Brayne...

Q. Is it true that the Social Security Trust Fund is facing a crisis?

A. **Yes, according to the director Dan Perrin of The Senior Center in Washington, D.C. he is fighting to get our government to return over \$2.8 trillion dollars that they borrowed from the fund for over 30 years. They left us with a bunch of worthless IOUs. The greedy politicians in Washington are the ones who drained our Trust Fund. We must contact our U.S. Congress Representatives to 1) Make immediate arrangements to repay the money raided from our Trust Fund. 2) Ensure the continued payment of earned benefits to Senior citizens who paid into the system during a lifetime of hard work. 3) Legally guarantee our Social Security benefits won't be reduced or cut to make up decades of Congressional mismanagement. This is a national crisis threatening to destroy millions of retired folks who are barely scraping by now.**

Q. With the cost of everything, gas, heating oil groceries and etc. will this Council be able to keep our Real Estate taxes from going up???

A. **No one can answer that question. All I can say is attend the Budget hearings, ask questions there and make sure you vote on the budget April 27th.**

Q. How do I submit questions to you?

A. **To submit questions call 860-747-4119, E-mail plainvillehometown@gmail.com or write to: Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman Street, Plainville, CT 06062**

Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of the month's next issue.

Next issue of the Hometown Connection will be in MAY.

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

Bill Brayne



Ceiling Fan Buying Guide

By Laura Davis, Owner of The Light Hangar Company

A ceiling fan is a must-have home appliance for Spring, Summer and Fall. Whether you're buying an indoor or outdoor ceiling fan for the first time, or you're looking to replace an existing one, the choices can be overwhelming. Here are some things to consider when choosing the right one.

WHERE IS YOUR CEILING FAN GOING?

Purchasing a ceiling fan for your porch is not the same as purchasing one for your living room. That's because each location is exposed to unique weather elements, which can affect the performance and life of a fan. If your new ceiling fan is going in a bathroom, kitchen, laundry room or covered porch, then it's best to purchase a damp-rated fan. If ceiling fan is to be located on an exposed deck or patio, then a wet-rated fan will be needed to withstand the wet elements.

WHAT SIZE CEILING FAN SHOULD

IBUY?

Ceiling fans are not one-size-fits-all fixtures. They can range in size from 24 inches to 72 inches wide. However, the right fan will depend on the size (square footage) of your room. Choosing the right size ceiling fan ensures maximum performance, style, and above all – comfort. The right size ceiling fan will do more than just keep you cool; it can also save you money.

MEASURING YOUR ROOM SIZE:

To determine which size ceiling fan you need, use these guidelines: Find the square footage of the room by measuring the length and width of the room and then multiply the (e.g. 12 feet x 12 feet = 144 square feet). Less than 144 square feet requires a ceiling fan under 42 inches. 144 to 225 square feet requires a ceiling fan from 44-50 inches.

225 to 400 square feet require a ceiling fan over 50 inches. Over 400 square foot spaces require a ceiling fan over 62 inches.

DO I HAVE ENOUGH CLEARANCE?

If you are concerned about head

clearance under your fan, then you'll want to consider a flush mount or low profile ceiling fan. This is intended for rooms where the ceiling height is less than 8 feet. These low-profile ceiling fans install flush against the ceiling, allowing the blades to hang 7 feet above the floor – comfortable height for walking under. A standard ceiling fan with downrod (2" or 4") is intended for rooms where the ceiling height is 8 feet to 10 feet. For higher ceilings, they make various length downrod extensions. If your

ceiling fan is not completely flat, you will need a sloped ceiling fan adapter. Most ceiling fans come with a ceiling mount that can work with ceiling pitch (or slope) up to a certain degree. However, this varies by manufacturer.

While there are many options in ceiling fans, it's best to figure out what you need before you begin shopping. Being informed is the best way to ensure you're getting the right ceiling fan for your project.

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Remembering Easter with Granddad

By Sally Miller



This is a story published before but I miss times like this, especially this year and last. When I was a little girl my sister and I would wake as early as 4:00 on Easter Sunday morning and get ready for sunrise service on the hill off of New Britain Avenue. We would grudgingly fight the morning but be encouraged by the anticipation of

having our grandfather all to ourselves. As we sleepily entered the kitchen, Gram passed us the homemade hot chocolate, toast and mittens. It was always cold on the top of that hilltop early in the morning and she prepared us for it with the hot chocolate and mittens. Granddad drove in silence, while we continued to try and wake up

The morning seemed magically bathed in darkness with a hint of light in the sky. It was such a special morning. We stood on the hill, standing close to Granddad so that we could keep warm. We began singing, Amazing Grace, and we were bathed in the warmth of the sun as it rose over the hill. That moment felt as if I was in another land. I could hardly catch my breath with the beauty of the sun and the singing of birds as the morning began to wake up. I can remember smelling Granddads Old Spice after shave, remembering that he stood close to keep us warm and the music was sweet as the earth welcomed

the sun on Easter morning. This moment made us feel so special. Arriving back at home, the aroma of bacon cooking summoned us into the kitchen. The smells that emanated made my stomach ache as if I had not eaten in weeks. The warmth of the kitchen and fragrances of breakfast and dinner being prepared at the same time was overwhelming and captivating. Even though I had not eaten breakfast yet, the smells in the kitchen seemed to touch my tongue. I could actually taste the food as the bouquet of wonderful scents came swirling through the room. The warmth of family, food and the significance of Easter morning engulfed me. I was secure in this family scene. After breakfast we chose to go to regular church services with Granddad. We always wanted to spend as much time with this wonderful man as we could. I would put on my patent leather shoes (that always hurt), and my straw hat that was stiff and had really ugly fruit or flowers on it. The hat had elastic

under the chin that almost cut off my speech. I was so uncomfortable in these outfits but would wear anything just to be with granddad.

After church, we shed the outfits and sat down to dinner. The orchestrated scene would start, "prayer and then, "please pass the ham, mac and cheese, biscuits, etc. "Now, years later, I think of those days with granddad and family. It seems as if he is especially close at Easter. As the sun rises Easter morning, I feel that granddad is standing next to me I watch the breathtaking sunrise and I even imagine that I smell his Old Spice cologne. I smile as the sun rises and quietly say, Happy Easter granddad I love you. I hear birds sing and I look off into the distance as if I can see him and whisper, "thanks for the memories especially this year. These memories are of things we took for granted pre-pandemic years.

Dr. Seuss Gets Culture Cancelled

By Francis Rexford Cooley

Criticisms accusing Dr. Seuss books of containing "racist" images has led Dr. Seuss Enterprises to cease the publication of six of the author's books. McElligot's Pool (1947), Scrambled Eggs Super (1953), On Beyond Zebra! (1955), and The Cat's Quizzer (1976) will no longer be published along with And To Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street (1937) and If I Ran the Zoo (1950), two books considered classics among American children's literature. The announcement of the removal from publication of these titles occurred on National Reading Day, a day to promote literacy that falls on Theodor Seuss Geisel's birthday. Thus, six books by Dr. Seuss were effectively cancelled on the author's birthday.

Dr. Seuss is the latest American author, artist, or intellectual to be a victim of the rampant cancel culture infecting American letters, film, and art. Works deemed offensive to any select group or containing language now deemed insensitive to any select group is now in danger of

being removed from the public square. The enforcers of these edicts are the large corporations which dominate media and react swiftly to "outrage" expressed on social media. Facebook, Twitter, Google, Disney, Amazon, Comcast and a few others dominate the media landscape from print to film to the internet. Works considered classics by prior generations are now disappearing from the marketplace effectively denying future generations of Americans the opportunity to delve into their American cultural heritage.

And To Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street was Dr. Seuss' first children's book. It is an important part of the cannon of American Literature, as important as The Spy (1821) by James Fenimore Cooper and "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" (1865) by Mark Twain are. All three works were the springboards from which these icons of American letters started their careers. And To Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street is a historically significant book. It helped make Theodore Geisel one of the most important authors in children's literature with some 700 million books sold worldwide.

If I Ran the Zoo along with And To Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street are both critically acclaimed

as well. Both books were awarded the "Lewis Carroll Shelf Award" by the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education which was given out annually from 1958 through 1979 to books that "belong on the shelf" with the two Lewis Carroll classics, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass. Other recipients of this award include A.A. Milne's The World of Pooh, Kenneth Grahame's The Wind in the Willows, and Beatrix Potter's The Tale of Peter Rabbit. McElligot's Pool joins If I Ran the Zoo as two of Dr. Seuss' three Caldecott Medal winning books for the "most distinguished American picture book for children." The Caldecott is given annually. These awards recognized these books for their critical merits.

The bending to the will of "woke" mob that demands anything they deem offensive to be banned is leading American corporations to withdraw from the public marketplace works of high artistic merit and American cultural significance. And To Think I Saw It on Mulberry Street, McElligot's Pool, and If I Ran the Zoo are not insignificant works. They are important works by an American cultural icon who has impacted generations of children worldwide, whose work is celebrated at the Quadrangle in

Springfield, Massachusetts where the Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden opened in 2002 and houses The Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum. These are historically significant and critically acclaimed pieces of American Culture that are being cast aside due to the offended sensibilities of a quasi-Soviet style self-appointed commissars.

The eradication of American history and culture is accelerating at a frightening pace. Monuments to the past are being defaced and torn down. Books and films are being removed from publication not due to lack of sales but because someone, somewhere is offended. Dr. Seuss is just the latest to fall victim to this "woke mob," unfortunately he will not be the last. History is full of societies and cultures that turned on their own cultural heritage purging what offended those in power from Revolutionary France and the Terror, the Soviet purges after the Russian Revolution, The Nazi's attacks on what they defined as "decadent" in German culture, Mao's Cultural Revolution in China, to the recent destruction of what is deemed irreligious by the Taliban and ISIS. **Whether Cancel Culture is a momentary blip in American history or the beginning of a decent into cultural suicide only time will tell.**

**On The Road Again:
How PT can help keep
you running
(or walking) this year**

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- Custom PT plan fit for your needs
- Manual physical therapy
- Gym and home rehab exercise program
- Education on proper form and equipment to prevent future injury and re-aggravation

Lacing up on a warm and sunny day after a long, cold winter can be one of the great joys for runners and walkers in New England, but the enthusiasm can often lead to pain and injury. Physical therapists at PTSMC of Plainville can offer both injury prevention and rehab.

Our goal is to help you get the most out of your training, avoid the pitfalls that can sideline novices and the experienced alike, and get you back on the road if you do sustain an injury.

Remember – most people do not need a doctor’s referral to see a physical therapist. If you’d like to learn injury prevention techniques, or if you’re dealing with pain, you can schedule an appointment at any one of our PTSMC of Plainville by calling (860) 517-8885 or visiting our website at www.PTSMC.com/Plainville

Hey, it finally feels like spring! As the weather warms up and days get longer, many of you will be hitting the road for runs or walks more often and for longer periods of time. Whether you’re a new walker or an experienced road warrior training for your 15 th marathon (slow down, you’re making us look bad!), it’s important to stay attuned to your body to prevent injury and maintain your level of activity throughout the spring, summer and beyond. Physical therapy can be instrumental in helping you avoid injuries or supporting your return from injury to a full level of activity.

They say the best offense is a good defense, and while that has literally nothing to do with running or walking, the general philosophy can be applied to your activity; after all, you don’t have to rehab 100% of the injuries you never sustain.

Physical therapists at Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers of Plainville can help you prevent injury by guiding you in:

- Proper running/walking form
- New training methods and techniques
- Proper shoe selection
- Proper pre-and-post activity stretches and exercises.

Unfortunately, injuries do happen. Common problems for runners/walkers can include Plantar Fasciitis, Tendinitis, and IT Band Syndrome, along with general muscle strains, knee pain, foot pain – the list goes on. If you sustain an injury, or if you are returning from a recent injury, PTSMC

PLAINVILLE LIONS ROAR

Plainville Lions Beginning – The Plainville Lions was organized on May 15th, 1941 and has since supported the community (e.g. Food Pantry, Plainville Social Services, Park concerts, etc.) through a variety of ways such as paper drives and fruit cake sales to name a few, and through our famous Pancake Breakfasts. **Blood Drive** – This year will be the first time that we will be working with the American Red Cross, and will be sponsoring a blood drive.

Spring into Life

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Please go to our website or facebook link for more information and on how to sign up: **Our website is:** www.plainvilleclions.org
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The Plainville Lions are always looking for new members that can help with any the of our activities, or in establishing new activities. For any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the President, Brian Lavigne at 860-747-2618 or email: lionbrian@gmail.com

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Chiropractic and You...By Dr. Tim Ouellette

Understanding migraine headaches and how you could help relieve or manage them with routine chiropractic care.

What is a Migraine Headache?

Frequent or not, head or neck pain caused by migraines and tension headaches are not something to live with and endure. According to the International Headache Society, headaches impact almost 40 percent of the American population. Migraines and tension headaches alike are caused by muscle contractions in the head or neck region. Anything from a bright screen, loud music, or lack of food and water can all be triggers for one of these uncomfortable aches, but there is a natural and drug-free solution.

How Can Chiropractic Care Help Those with Migraines and Tension Headaches?

Chiropractic care can be a great way to manage and relieve pain caused by migraines and tension headaches. Routine chiropractic care provides patients suffering from migraines and tension headaches with a safe, non-invasive, non-addictive alternative to prescription medications or over-the-counter pain medications (OTCs), which are commonly prescribed to patients to help them manage their pain.

Chiropractors deliver a gentle, non-invasive, non-addictive therapy, known as a chiropractic adjustment. Chiropractic adjustments reduce joint restrictions or misalignments in the spine and other joints in the body in an effort to reduce inflammation and improve the function of both the affected joint and nervous system. By increasing joint mobility and improving your nervous system function and spinal health, your body has the ability to better manage the pain caused by migraines and tension headaches.

Below are some of the health benefits chiropractic care and chiropractic adjustments can provide patients with migraines and tension headaches:

- Reduced pain and discomfort
- Decreased inflammation
- Relief from stress and tension disorders
- Improved physical function and performance

To see if chiropractic care is right for your condition, the chiropractors at Plainville Chiropractic will perform a consultation, examination and if necessary, take specific digital spinal X-rays. Based on the findings of our chiropractic exam and consultation, your doctor of chiropractic may elect to co-treat your migraines and tension headaches with other healthcare professionals including massage therapists, physical therapists, or other primary care physicians.

Local NAACP Establishes Scholarship to Advance Equality Through Education

Fund named in honor of Bristol trailblazer

The Greater Bristol Branch of the NAACP has been around since the 1960s. While the local branch had been working to ensure that political, educational, social and economic equality was achieved for all individuals in the local community, it was given a new energy and formally reorganized in 1985. That effort was spearheaded by many community members and pastors, including Reverend Dr. Eddie C. Whitehead. To honor his legacy and to continue their mission of advancing educational opportunities, the Greater Bristol Branch of the NAACP established the Reverend Dr. Eddie C. Whitehead of Bristol CT – Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund at Main Street Community Foundation.

An annual scholarship will be available to graduating high school seniors in Bristol, Burlington, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth and Southington who are pursuing higher education at a college, university or vocational/technical institution. The local NAACP has awarded scholarships in the past, last awarding a \$500 one in 2018.

"Partnering with Main Street Community Foundation allows this scholarship to now be permanent," said Eric Clemons, President of the Greater Bristol Branch of the NAACP. "This fund was created so the Greater Bristol Branch of the NAACP could create a legacy for the communities we

serve. At the same time, we remember the efforts of men and women like Dr. King and Pastor Whitehead, whose dreams to insure educational opportunities and equity will now live through this fund forever. It's the gift that keeps on giving!"

The scholarship is named in memory of two trailblazers: Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and Reverend Dr. Eddie C. Whitehead, a Bristol resident who was a community leader and a founding member of the Greater Bristol Branch of the NAACP.

"Pastor Whitehead, who would proudly tell you he was born in Yazoo City, Mississippi, was always knocking on whatever doors he had to help push the envelope of opportunity and equality in our community. In his younger days, he had seen more than his share of opportunities denied in the Jim Crow South," added Clemons. "Whomever he visited was guaranteed a good conversation, a push to take action, and some biblical advice to top it all off!"

The Greater Bristol Branch of the NAACP will continue to build this scholarship fund as a legacy to these two individuals. "We invite the community to come together and donate, allowing the awards to grow and more students to be assisted," stated Eric Clemons.

Anyone interested in making a contribution to the Reverend Dr. Eddie C. Whitehead of Bristol CT – Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund may do so at any time by donating online at mainstreetfoundation.org or by sending donations to Main Street Community Foundation, P.O. Box 2702, Bristol, CT 06010.

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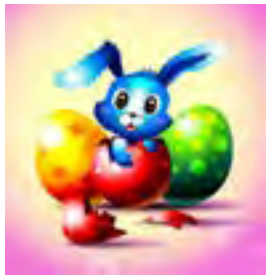
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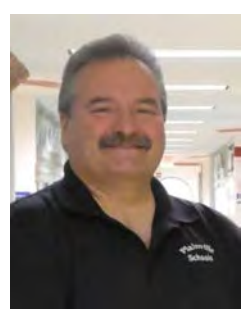
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Schools in Review

March Portrait Pioneers Announced

The Plainville Community Schools' "Portrait Pioneers" award winners for the month of March were recognized at the March 8th Plainville Board of Education meeting. Louis Toffolon Elementary School Custodian Greg Masse and Plainville High School faculty member / school counselor Oneda Lamont were the latest recipients of this award established to recognize school district staff members who exemplify and model the characteristics of the district's Portrait of the Graduate framework, which include being: Mindful, Resilient, Communicative, Innovative and Collaborative. School district employees may be nominated for this award by colleagues, students, parents, or community members.



Plainville High School faculty member / school counselor Oneda Lamont
Louis Toffolon Elementary School Custodian Greg Masse

Linden Street School Student Creates Animal Dictionary



Romeo Baci, a Linden Street School first grade remote learner in Lynsey McCurdy's class, recently expanded his writing skills by developing an English/Albanian/Greek Animal Dictionary in his free time. He enjoyed learning about all of the animal names and noticing similarities and differences between the different languages. Romeo was eager to share his book with his remote writing class, and ultimately having his book archived in the Linden School library for other students to check out and learn from. Romeo is a true author, in every sense of the word, and has already started drafting his next book in the dictionary series, African Animal Dictionary in English, Albanian, and Greek.

PHS Students Refurbish Choral Room



The Plainville High School Theater Unlimited Club voted to refurbish the high school's Choral Room (Room 403) into a black box theater. Under the guidance of faculty members TJ Riccardo, Todd Helming, Dave Gaignard and Facilities Director Steve Busel, the students are painting the presentation space, building a light and sound booth, adding projection, digital sound and digital lighting. Once completed, the multi-purpose theater can be used by the Plainville High School community for presentations with small to medium sized audiences. To complete the project, the students are utilizing funding that they earned through overseeing and managing rental of the school's auditorium in previous years. The students have also enlisted help from classmates who still need community service hours and want to give back to Plainville High School. The project is being led by the three senior members of the Theater Unlimited Club: Kaylee Markavich, William Lauria and Garret Millette.

Plainville Community Schools Celebrated Read Across America Day on March 2



Linden Street School second grader Skylar Clark dressed as a Smurf for Read Across America Day



Linden Street School second grader Declan McCormick dressed as Harry Potter with Linden Principal Jeff Wallowitz on Read Across America Day

Kids in the Middle (KIM) Make Craft



Middle School of Plainville and Kids in the Middle (KIM) program students Kayleigh Matos and Piper Krystock



Students at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School decorated their classroom doors based on their favorite book. Mrs. Miller's first grade class decorated their door based on the Dr. Seuss book, Horton Hears a Who!



At Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School, fifth grader Cheyenne Plaza read virtually to Mrs. Pelletier's second grade class

Members of the Middle School of Plainville's Kids in the Middle (KIM) program, led by Advisor Amy Kievit, recently made and delivered a small appreciation craft for all MSP faculty and staff members.



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Schools in Review

Music Is Not Dead Concert

I'm a Plainville High School alum and a lifetime resident of Plainville, however, I'm currently a Music Industry student at the University of New Haven.

This semester, my Live Concert Planning and Promotion class has been tasked with branding, coordinating, and producing an entirely student-led virtual concert experience to benefit our partners at the National Independent Venue Association.

Our event is called the Music Is Not Dead Concert (mindconcert.org) and is scheduled to take place May 1, 2021, at Pharaoh Studios, a professional recording studio located in Plainville. The line-up for the show is in progress, however, we're focusing on rock and hip-hop artists that we know and enjoy on campus.

*Our webpage, www.mindconcert.org. We can be found on Instagram @mindconcert, and on Twitter @unhmindconcert

*Featured artists, time, and ticket info is TBA but will be available on our website in the coming weeks

*The date 5/1/2021, and the location, Pharaoh Studios

*This event will be virtual, and ticket information can be found on our website as well

*Proceeds go to support the National Independent Venue Association

We would love our reach to include those in the neighborhoods where we will be hosting on Music Is Not Dead. We would greatly appreciate it if you contact me at my email address below for any questions and more information.

Thank you in advance! Maddie Rund

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PHS Students Participate in DEEP Event

Two students from the Plainville High School Environmental Club took part in a two-day virtual gathering run by the CT DEEP. Liliana Ruffini and Gianna Rodriguez, along with PHS faculty member Jill Miller, attended the Climate Change Youth Summit. Over 150 students from 30 different schools participated. They were encouraged to identify and develop ways to spread understanding of climate change that engage others in moving toward a zero carbon future. The purpose of the Summit was to introduce students to examples of civic engagement in order to develop personal action plans addressing climate change, provide methods of communication and peer-to-peer leadership skills, and involve youth in school and community activities that build understanding in climate change and actions.

Plainville First Graders Post Kindness Notes

First graders across the Plainville district recently listened to a read aloud entitled "Say Something" by Peter Hamilton Reynolds. As a follow up activity, the students created post it notes and other kindness affirmations for display in their classrooms.



Students in Daria Sargeant's first grade class at Toffolon created notes of kindness for their classroom

District Music Teachers Present at Annual Music Education Association Conference

Plainville Community Schools faculty members Greg Wilfrid and Marilyn Speranza will serve as presenters at this year's Connecticut Music Education Association (CMEA)'s annual conference to be held virtually on March 27th and March 28th. The theme of the CMEA conference this year is "Innovate through CommUNITY." Marilyn's presentation is entitled "Assess and Engage with Drag and Drop Google Slides" and highlights how to create drag and drop assessments and activities using Google Slides, applicable to all grade levels. Greg's presentation, entitled, "Storytelling in the Elementary Music Room" focuses on engaging classrooms in child-like storytelling and demonstrating a unit on student created soundtracks to children's literature using virtual music software!

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Also this month, parents are encouraged to register their children who will be five (5) years of age by 12/31/21 for our kindergarten program. Our preschool classes will follow the school district calendar and school hours for all three elementary schools, which are 8:50 AM to 3:30 PM. Due to COVID-19 issues impacting attendance and a decrease in enrollment, the State of Connecticut postponed the required student increase at Wheeler Elementary School from this year. However; the requirement of adding more students to the newly renovated Wheeler Elementary School remains in place and must be met by October 2021. If we do not fulfill this requirement, the district must attain enrollment of 352 students in order to be fully reimbursed for the state's portion of the renovation project. Failure to meet this requirement would result in substantial losses, so we are required to meet this requirement. Therefore, the preschool students from the Linden district will continue to attend preschool at Wheeler School in the Fall, 2021.

Note: Bus transportation will be provided for all Linden preschool students who will be attending Wheeler School. Transportation for preschool students other than those from the Linden School district will be provided based on district transportation guidelines for our elementary schools. Students who live outside of the designated busing zone for their school will not be provided with transportation.

Registrations will be accepted through our Central Registration Office on a first-come, first-served basis. If the program reaches capacity, your child will be placed on our waiting list in the order in which the completed registrations are submitted. Registration information may be found on the school district website: www.plainvilleschools.org under the Student Registration icon. Parents may also call Central Registration at 860-793-6301, option 3.

**Plainville Community Schools
April Calendar
April 2 - Good Friday
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OBITUARIES

~Alfonso Asensio~



93, a lifelong resident of Plainville, beloved husband to Jennie (Palumbo) Asensio and son of the late Hipolito and Jacinta (Gomez) Asensio, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 12, 2021.

Alfonso proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy, including a deployment to the U.S.S. Missouri, where he learned the skills and expertise in boiler and furnace mechanics, a trade that he would practice during his working years that followed. An avid sports enthusiast, he was an ardent UConn and NY Yankees fan. Alfonso was also proud of his Spanish heritage, loving large family parties featuring paella and his trademark, Spanish butter.

Alfonso was a source of strength to his family and many friends. In addition to his cherished wife of 68 years, Jennie, he leaves his sons, Bob and his wife Susan of MA and Richard and his partner, Chau Nguyen of CA; his grandchildren, Lauren (Chris) Demake, Jill (Thomas) Olsen, and Robert Asensio; and his great-grandchildren Dominic, William, Renee and Anna. He also leaves his sister, Trinidad Binkowski and many nieces and nephews; all who will remember him fondly. He was predeceased by his brother, Cesareo.

In support of his fellow veterans, Alfonso may be remembered with contributions to the House of Heroes CT, 3342 Whitney Ave, Hamden, CT 06518 or at www.hohct.org

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St. Plainville. Committal services with Military Honors followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Asensio family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.plainvillefuneralhome.com

~Helen P. Thompson~



age 97, passed away peacefully on March 17, 2021. She was the loving wife of the late Bertrand L. Thompson, Jr.

Helen was born in Bristol on April 12, 1923 to the late Bronislaw (Benjamin) Podchajski (Podhajski) and Wladyslawa (Emily) Zetarski (Zeszotarski).

She was a home maker and an active member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church. She enjoyed playing bingo and cribbage with her friends. She was an avid reader and completed two crossword puzzles each day.

Helen is survived by her son Attorney Barry L. Thompson and his wife Therese Pac of Bristol, her daughter Linda A. Procko and her husband Stephen J. Procko of Plainville, 6 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services and burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Plainville will be private. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit www.BaileyCares.com.

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~ Mary Isabel (Posadas) Cassidy~



91, of Plainville, passed away surrounded by the love of her family on Sunday February 28, 2021, and was reunited with her husband of 61 years, Robert R. Cassidy, in time to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Born in Plainville on December 12, 1929, she is last surviving of ten children to the late Juan Antonio and Ceferina (Otero) Posadas. A lifelong resident, "Mama" as she was affectionately known, remained in her hometown upon her marriage to her childhood sweetheart and neighbor, Bob, where they raised their five children and enjoyed watching their family grow for three more generations. Mary, who was so proud of her Spanish heritage, was a devoted mother and grandmother, and embraced being surrounded by her family. She created priceless memories, traditions of weekly dinners and loved decorating for her favorite holiday Christmas. She made magnificent quilts and left precious heirlooms for her loved ones to enjoy. Mama was the go to babysitter and would drop everything when her family needed help to assist with any home projects, including helping her father build the garage at the family home on Canal St. while her brothers were off fighting the war. She would never say no when asked for help! She was the life of the party and will be fondly remembered for sense of humor, silliness and her ability to make everyone laugh.

She is survived by her children, Kathleen Drozd of Plainville, Robert K. Cassidy and his wife Rebecca of Westbrook, Maureen Cassidy and Sarah B. Cassidy, both of Plainville; her son-in-law, David Snyder of Plainville; her grandchildren, Craig (Kim) Drozd, Matthew (Megan) Cassidy, Amy (Simon) Ward, Sarah (Ken) Tessier, and David Snyder; her great-grandchildren, Hazel Rose Cassidy, Nathan and Meghan Snyder, Nelson (Shannon) Drozd, Ashley (Dan) Varano, Emily and Julia Tessier, and Arran and Evan Ward; her great-great granddaughter, Anaïs Varano, and was anxiously awaiting the arrival of a great-grandson and a great-great grandson. She also leaves her brother-in-law, Donald (Lil) Cassidy and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Colleen Snyder, her son-in-law, Paul Drozd, her granddaughter-in-law, Kristin Snyder, her brothers, Ray, Joseph, Angelo, Philip, and Anthony and her sisters, Josephine, Mary Jean, Angelita, and Juana.

Mary's love for animals may be remembered with contributions to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd, Newington, CT 06111 or to a charity meaningful to the donor that will benefit animals.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Mama's life at Plainville Funeral Home. A prayer service was led by Father Raymond Smialowski followed by committal at St. Joseph Cemetery. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit Mary's tribute page at www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

West Cemetery Spring Clean-up

The Spring Clean up began in March and continues through April.

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~Donald Russell Hallin~



79, of Plainville, husband of Deborah (Taylor) Hallin, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, March 7, 2021.

Born in New Britain on November 13, 1941 he was the oldest son of the late Russell and Avis (Samuelson) Hallin. Don graduated from NBHS in 1959 and enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly after graduation, serving for 3 years stationed in France. He went on to graduate from Central Connecticut State University, and began his career at The Hartford and Travelers Insurance, where he met his wife Debbie. Don along with his parents and brother, were longtime employees of Plainville Stadium. He went on to teach at Pulaski and New Britain High Schools, completed his Master's Degree, and retired after 32 years. Don looked forward to weekly breakfasts with his fellow retirees. He and Debbie were longtime Plainville residents and shared 51 years of marriage. Don had a lifelong passion for sports, having worked the student's games after school, was a volunteer for the Plainville Little League, participated in local bowling leagues, enjoyed watching NASCAR, and was a longtime season ticket holder for UCONN Basketball; though his proudest moments were always on the sidelines or bleachers at his grandsons' games. He also enjoyed spending quality time with his "grand-dogs". He leaves many cherished memories for his family and friends to reflect upon with a smile and a laugh.

In addition to his wife, Deborah, he leaves his children, Marc Hallin and his wife Jessica of Plainville and Catherine Michaud and her husband Christian of Bristol; his adored grandchildren, Andrew and Alex Michaud, Jacob Hallin, and Devin and Jayde Hill; his brother, Rodney (Danielle) Hallin and niece and nephew Michelle and Ryan. Don's family wishes to thank his caretaker and buddy, Carlos Medina, for his compassion and care.

Those who wish may remember Don with contributions to a charity of their choosing.

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



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~Katherine (Riegel) Kraus~



86, of Plainville, widow to Johann Kraus, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on March 3, 2021. Katherine was born on May 17, 1934, in Sremski Karlovci, Yugoslavia, and was the daughter

of Frederick "Fritz" and Julianna "Mila" Riegel. The family was forced to flee Yugoslavia leaving behind their restaurant and vineyard during World War II, moving to Germany. In 1952, the family left Germany to reside in the United States.

Katherine was employed as a waitress at Cooke's Tavern, The Simsbury House, and Red Coach Inn. At a young age, Katherine retired to start a family and begin her final career as a full-time mother.

'Keika' to her parents and sister, 'Mommy' to her kids, 'Grammy' or 'Nellie' to her grandchildren, 'Ma' or 'Katherine' to her daughter-in-law and sons-in-law, no family gathering or holiday party was ever complete without Katherine there. Friends, loved ones, and neighbors all recall fun times with her. Katherine could be funny, a bit cynical, and sweet all at the same time. Even if she spoke out about someone she always chuckled afterwards. She was free of malice, full of hospitality and honesty. Katherine was a woman with many loves; family, cooking, her flower gardens, cats, and exquisite jewelry. She enjoyed watching the birds on their feeders, QVC, especially 'In the Kitchen with David', listening and watching Elvis Presley movies and music, and traveling to Florida with family. Most of all, Katherine enjoyed hosting her weekly Monday night dinners with her family and making her specialty meals.

She is survived by her four children: Sandra Young and her husband Christopher of Palm Coast, Florida; Susan and her husband Felice DiLernia of Bristol, CT; Elizabeth D'Amico and her husband William of Plainville, CT and John and Catherine Caputo-Kraus of Plainville, CT; three grandsons Vinny Dilernia, Nicholas D'Amico, and Michael Kraus and two granddaughters Gina D'Amico and Bianca DiLernia; along with her grand-dog "Maggie".

Katherine may be remembered with contributions to Protectors of Animals, 144 Main St., Unit O, East Hartford CT 06118 or <https://poainc.org/donate/>; or by an act of kindness towards a senior citizen or anyone in need.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Katherine's life was held on Monday at Our Lady of Mercy Church. She was laid to rest privately at West Cemetery. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to Katherine's family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Loretta Marie Rose (Collin) Martin~



94, of Plainville, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, March 14, 2021. She now joins her husband, Charles and her sons, John and Russell in eternal peace.

Born in St. Agatha, Maine on September 19, 1926 to the late Edwin and Marie Anne (Guimond) Collin,

Loretta was raised and educated in Maine where she began her teaching career and where she met her future husband, Charles. They made their home in Plainville in the late 1960's, where they raised their four sons. Loretta continued teaching as a substitute for Plainville Schools, eventually becoming a health care advocate and home health aide. Remembered for her kindness and compassion, she made many friends and acquaintances in her daily life. Loretta was a woman of strong faith, and longtime communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church, practiced writing in her journal daily for most of her life, and was an active member and volunteer at the Plainville Senior Center. She made her home with her son Peter and his family for the past three years, where they relished in their mutual appreciation for the UCONN lady huskies, the NY Yankees, and hours of game shows and visits from family, creating many cherished memories.

She is survived by her son, Peter and his wife, Denise, with whom she made her home; and her son, Dennis all of Plainville; her daughter-in-law, Kimberly, her grandchildren, Alan, Michelle, Paul and Sean and great-granddaughter Grace; her sister Carmen Bartlett and her husband, Robert; her Goddaughter Suzy Bartlett and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and her sons, she was predeceased by her sisters, Rolande and Kathleen and her brother Lester.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Loretta's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. Family and friends gathered before at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

Prayer: For Our Deceased Loved Ones

O God of all life, pour Your consoling grace upon all who mourn the passing of their loved ones. Hear our prayers for those we love dearly who have gone before us into the life to come.

Look kindly on our departed family members, relatives and friends, especially those we entrust to Your eternal mercy and goodness. (Here pray for your beloved deceased by name.)

Consider their deeds of caring, kindness and charity. Welcome my beloved deceased into the company of the Saints, where tears are no more, and suffering and pain are over.

I pray one day to be united again with all my loved ones who have passed away. so that together we may praise You forever and ever. Amen.

~ Ernest P. Yersavich, ~



63, of Bristol, formerly of Plainville, died Saturday, February 27, 2021 at Touchpoints in Farmington, following a brief illness.

Born in New Britain on June 11, 1957, he was one of four children to the late Joseph and Margaret (Tranter) Yersavich. Ernie, as he was known to many, was

a lifelong resident of Plainville and attended local schools. A man with multiple talents, including technology and mechanics, Ernie was proud of the many Volkswagons he owned and worked on over the years. He was a kid at heart with many hobbies, and fulfilled his love for remote controls cars and toys working at a local hobby shop for the past few years. He will be fondly remembered for his kindness and caring personality.

He leaves his devoted fiancée, Melissa Lozewski; his brother, Peter Yersavich; his Uncle Al Yersavich, his Aunt Bertha Yersavich and his cousins, Ann, Carol, Kathy and Patty Yersavich; along with his nieces, Margaret and Angela and his great nephew, Tyler. He was predeceased by his brother, John Yersavich and his sister Susan Teodoro.

A graveside service in celebration of Ernie's life will be held in the spring at St. Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~Jeffery John "Jay" Chapman~



66, of Florida, formerly of Plainville, passed away with his beloved children by his side on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. Born in New Britain on July 24, 1954, he was one of two sons to Robert and Jeanette (Pepin) Hinkson. Raised and educated in Berlin, Jay settled in Plainville where he raised his two children. A

valued employee of Manafort Brothers, Inc. since the age of 15, Jay retired to Florida after more than 40 years of dedication. A well-known and talented dart player, Jay traveled to and won countless tournaments, spreading his humor and sarcasm along the way. A pool shark and bowling enthusiast, he was a fan of NASCAR and relished in being close to Daytona upon moving to Florida 7 years ago. A longtime, optimistic LOTTO player, he never a let a day go by without checking his numbers. Remembered for his quick wit and infectious personality, Jay was full of life leaving everyone in his presence with a smile on their face. He will be missed beyond words, leaving a legacy of love and laughter.

In addition to his parents, he leaves his children, Stacy Chapman Lipski and her husband, Steven and Justin Chapman and his girlfriend, Aimee Leger. He was the proud Pop Pop to Aaliyah Chapman, with whom he shared a special bond, Zachary Chapman, Emily Makhijani, and Maci Lipski; his brother, Glen Chapman; his sister, Shirley Hinkson; and many aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Grandma Anna and Pop Pop Sylvio Pepin.

A celebration of Jay's life will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Family and friends may gather one hour prior to the service, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

Please see the link below to view a livestream of the service at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 3rd. <https://my.gather.app/remember/jeffery-chapman> A gathering was held at his parents home in Clermont where friends and neighbors celebrated his life and exchanged memories.



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To the Citizens of Plainville Connecticut:

Pursuant to Chapter VII, Section 4 of the Plainville Town Charter, we are pleased to present the Town Council's Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. This budget outlines the priorities and plans to provide services to the citizens and taxpayers of Plainville. The budget expenditures are separated into four main sections -

Town Government, Board of Education (BOE), Debt Service, and Capital Projects.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Increase/(Decrease)	Appropriated FY 2021	Requested FY 2022	Proposed Budget
Town Government	\$ 18,610,731	\$ 19,191,787	\$ 581,056 3.12%
BOE	\$39,144,267	\$39,826,972	\$682,705 1.74%
Debt Service	\$4,430,350	\$4,430,350 -	0.00%
Capital Projects	\$313,8507,850	(306,000)	(97.50%)
Total	\$ 62,499,198	\$ 63,456,959	\$ 957,761 1.53%

The budget totals \$63,456,959. This is an increase of \$957,761 or 1.53%. If adopted as presented, the estimated mill rate would be 34.85 or 0.23 mills (0.65%) higher than the adopted FY 2021 mill rate of 34.62. The mill rate calculation assumes the revenues as proposed in the Governor's recommended budget remain the same. The mill rate is calculated as follows:

Expenditure Budget Change	Revenue Budget Change
Board of Education \$ 682,705	Other Taxes \$ 100,000
Town Government \$581,056	Sundry & Xfers In \$77,707
Capital Projects - Other Revenues \$35,000	
Debt Service - Fines & Fees \$12,750	
Licenses & Permits \$2,100	
Use of Money (\$38,500)	
Intergovernmental Revenue (\$119,736)	
Grand List Increase @ 34.62 587,318	
Amount to be Raised by Mill	
Rate Increase 301,123	
Total Expenditure Change \$ 957,761	Total Revenue Change \$ 957,761

Gross expenditures	\$ 63,456,959
Less direct revenue estimates	<u>(\$14,543,150)</u>
Net budget	\$48,913,809
Use of fund balance	(400,000)
Adjustment for uncollected taxes @ 2.60%	\$1,295,030
Amount to be raised	\$49,808,839
Value of 1 mill at 100.00% collection rate	\$ 1,429,265
	<u>\$49,808,839</u>
Calculated mill rate	\$1,429,265 = 34.85 mills

REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS

The Intergovernmental revenue estimates are based on the Governor's proposed budget released on February 10, 2021. The State of Connecticut Legislature still must vote on these revenues by June 2021, which is after our local budget process concludes. Our amounts can be changed over time as better information becomes available until the completion of our budget process and/or the mill rate is adopted.

Major Direct Revenue Changes {Increase/(Decrease) Over \$5,000}

	FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Use of fund balance	\$ 300,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 100,000
Conveyance tax	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$50,000
Motor Vehicle Supplement	\$400,000	\$450,000	\$50,000
Police fees	\$100,000	\$110,000	\$10,000
Miscellaneous State grants	** \$40,000	\$50,000	\$10,000
Interfund transfers in - WPCF	\$350,168	\$358,225	\$8,057
Recording fees	\$75,000	\$80,000	\$5,000
Telecommunications	** \$40,000	\$35,000	(\$5,000)
PILOT - Housing Authority	\$25,000	\$10,000	(\$15,000)
Interfund transfers in - Debt Mang		\$30,350 -	(\$30,350)
Investment Income	\$75,000	\$37,500	(\$37,500)
LoCIP	** \$124,736 -		(\$124,736)
Subtotal Direct Revenue	\$1,760,254	\$1,780,725	\$20,471
All other direct revenue - not incl			
current taxes	<u>\$12,813,575</u>	<u>\$12,762,425</u>	<u>(\$51,150)</u>
Total Direct Revenue	\$ 14,573,829	\$ 14,543,150	(\$30,679)

** Intergovernmental revenue line items

Summary of Expenditures (By Budget Function Except BOE)

	Appropriated FY2021	Proposed FY2022	Proposed Budget Increase/(Decrease)
General Government	\$ 2,488,246	\$ 2,520,728	\$ 32,482 1.31%
Public Safety	\$5,152,301	\$5,370,335	\$218,034 4.23%
Public Works	\$4,237,405	\$4,414,174	\$176,769 4.17%
Health & Human Services	\$1,917,850	\$1,940,131	\$22,281 1.16%
Civic & Cultural	\$160,050	\$180,815	\$20,765 12.97%
Employee Benefits	\$3,864,266	\$3,979,991	\$115,725 2.99%
Sundry (include Xfers Out)	\$790,613	\$785,613	(\$5,500) (0.63%)
Total Gen. Government	\$18,610,731	\$19,191,787	\$581,056 3.12%
Debt Service	\$4,430,350	\$4,430,350	- 0.00%
Capital	<u>\$313,850</u>	<u>\$7,850</u>	<u>(\$306,000) (97.50%)</u>
Total Town Government	\$ 23,354,931	\$ 23,629,987	\$ 275,056 1.18%

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The FY 2022 Board of Education operating budget is recommended at \$39,826,972. This is an overall increase of \$682,705 or 1.74% from the current fiscal year 2021. The table below summarizes the Board of Education budget by budget function. Under the Town Charter, the Town Manager is required to include the Board of Education's proposed budget as recommended by the Board of Education.

Summary of Expenditures (By Budget Function)

	Appropriated FY 2021	Proposed FY 2022	Proposed Budget Increase/(Decrease)
Salaries	\$ 25,377,729	\$ 25,874,795	\$ 497,066 1.96%
Employee Benefits	\$7,725,069	\$7,876,762	\$151,693 1.96%
Purchased Prof Services	\$594,853	\$608,508	\$13,655 2.30%
Purchased Property Services	\$600,770	\$601,314	\$5,44 0.09%
Other Purch Serv	\$1,827,146	\$1,861,067	\$33,921 1.86%
Other Purch Serv - Ins	\$239,799	\$254,086	\$14,287 5.96%
Other Purch Serv - Tuition	\$950,497	\$946,235	(\$4,262) (0.45%)
Supplies	\$1,706,059	\$1,678,932	(\$27,127) (1.59%)
Property			

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Virtual Conversation, Legislative Update



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What: Virtual Conversation, Legislative Update

When: Thu, April 1, 2021 - 9:00am

Where: Via Zoom - go to

<https://tinyurl.com/6wz53ke4> to register

Senator Henri Martin (R-31) and Representative William Petit (R-22) are providing an online "office hour" which will be an opportunity to hear from constituents and to provide an update on the 2021 Legislative Session.

They will host the event via Zoom Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 9:00am to connect with community members.

Join the officials for a few minutes or the full hour to learn more about pending policy changes on a variety of topics.

MEDIA CONTACT

Sarah Clark 860-212-0838 sarah.clark@cga.ct.gov

THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (ARP): INITIAL STATE ALLOCATIONS, ESTIMATES

The Office of Fiscal Analysis continues to examine the federal response to the current pandemic. The information in this document outlines the estimated grants for Connecticut that have been identified in the Federal Funds Information to the States (FFIS) briefings 21-15 and 21-16 with additional information obtained from a summary of legislation produced by NCSL. Please note some of this information is preliminary and is still contingent on further federal guidance.

As additional details become available, OFA is regularly updating this report. Please use the link below to access the most recent version.

https://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa/Documents/year/BLKGT/2021BLKGT-2021326_American%20Rescue%20Plan%20Act%20of%202021.pdf

The Town of Plainville is currently seeking a Full-time Recreation Coordinator in The Recreation Department

This position is represented by AFSCME Local 1303-472 of Council #4. The starting hourly rate of pay of \$24.06 per hour with a 35 hour work week. Hours are Monday thru Wednesday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Thursday until 7 p.m.; and Friday until Noon. Generous benefits package.

Applications are available in the Human Resources Department, Room 300, Municipal Center, One Central Square, Plainville, CT 06062 or on our website. Applications will be accepted until March 19, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Position will remain open until filled.



Hometown Religious Directory

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF PLAINVILLE

A congregation of the United Church of Christ
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 Phone 860-747-1901
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WORSHIP SERVICES

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 Sunday 7:00 p.m.
 Centering Prayer Service
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
 Scripture Study

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The Church gave out high quality, reusable KN95/KF94 masks to those in our community. Each recipient received 2 masks and an information sheet on how to properly use and care for their masks. For more information, contact the Church Office at 860-747-1901 or via email at churchoffice@uccplainville.org.

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Worship Services -

Rev. Dr. Shelley D. Best

Sunday School.....9:00-9:40 a.m.
 Praise & Worship.....9:45-10:00
 ...Church Service.....10:00 a.m.

Bible Study

Wednesday..11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Board Meetings

Senior Ushers (1st Sat before 1st Sun) 11a.m.
 Gladys Floyds Missionary Society (2nd Sun)
 Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)

Lay Council (1st & 3rd Sat) 9:30 a.m.
 Christian Education (3rd Tues) 7:00 p.m.
 Men's Meeting (2nd/4th Sat) 9:30 a.m.
 PEP (Every Sat) 1:00-4:00 p.m.
 Trustee/Steward (Feb, & Apr. at 9:30 a.m. & 2nd Mon. of Jan Mar & May)

Choir Practice

Senior (Sat before 1st Sun) 5: p.m.
 Jubilee (Sat before 2nd/4th Sun) 5:p.m.
 Mass/Youth choirs (Mon after 1st/2nd Sun 7 p.m.

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Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday

8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Weekday Liturgy

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat 8:00 A.M.

Devotions

Rosary-Monday-Saturday
 before Morning Mass

Sacrament of the Sick

Call the office for any sick person to receive the Holy Eucharist

Stations of the Cross Every Friday Evening,

6:30pm, in the church

Confession every Saturday at Noon

Triduum Celebration,

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7 pm,

April 2, Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

3 pm Celebration

Holy Saturday, April 3-11:00 am

Blessing of the Easter Food 10am in Church,

Easter Vigil April 3 at 7:00 pm,

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 4, 7:00, 8:30 & 10:30 am

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and our website at www.olmct.org.

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Website: www.plainvilleumc.org

APRIL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SERVICES

WORSHIP TIME 10:00AM

REGULAR EVENTS

AA.....TBD

Al-Anon.....TBD

Single Purpose Women's Group..TBD

Boy Scouts.....TBD

SPECIAL EVENTS

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP:

Thursday, April 1, 7 PM

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP:

Friday, April 2, 7 PM

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday April 4, 10 AM

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Sunday 10:00 am

Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 am

Morning Worship Service 11:00 am

Junior Church Ages 4-8 11:00 am

Evening Worship Service 6:30 pm

Bible Study & Prayer Wednesday 7:00 pm

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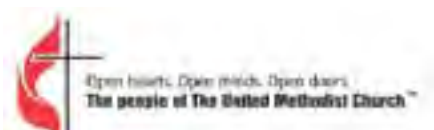
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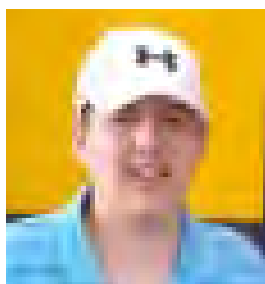
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Bible Study



Jake's Sport Talk



Hello everyone,

Welcome to my monthly article.

For this month's article, I will be talking about Plainville winter sports for Plainville Boys Basketball and Plainville Girls

Basketball. (Boys swim team is also happening but I can't report on that team because I don't know as much about the swim team and the scores are not reported on the CIAC website, but I wanted to acknowledge them also.)

Boys Basketball 2021 season

The Boys basketball team opened up their season against Lewis Mills on February 10th. It was an away game and the team lost a tight game; Lewis Mills 47, Plainville 46. The Boys played well but was in a losing effort but I give them a lot of credit. They tried their best and that is what matters.

The next game was against Southington for another away matchup on February 12th. The boys started the game well. It was 11-2 to open up the first quarter of action but Southington came back and won the game in the end; Southington 49, Plainville 37. We started off hot but in the end could not keep the streak going. Coach Wenzel knows how to win and

I know he is trying. He has not coached basketball in awhile so there is a learning curve and Plainville is a very young team who lacks size but they are going to put their best foot forward every game and there's a lot of fight in this team. That is what I like.

The next game the boys played Bristol Eastern at home on February 17th and this time it was a win at home-Plainville 48, Bristol Eastern 39.

The next game the boys had was with Farmington at home on February 23rd The team lost a close game Farmington 50, Plainville 44.

The next matchup the boys had was with Avon on February 26th for an away game. The boys lost that game Avon 66, Plainville 59. It was close the entire game but Plainville just could not get a lead and Avon pulled ahead late.

For their next game, the boys hosted Bristol Central on Saturday February 27th and they lost Bristol Central 66, Plainville 39.

The following game that the boy's team had was another loss to New Britain - New Britain 67, Plainville 39 and that loss made the boys 1-6 on the season. The next event was postponed on March 4th against Bristol Eastern.

Girls basketball 2021season

The girls opened their season vs Lewis Mills at home on February 10th and they got a victory-Plainville 35 & Lewis Mills 33. It was a great win

and the game was won by a Jaida Vasquez buzzer beater. Great job Jaida!

The next game on February 12th the girls played Southington and won in overtime Plainville 48, Southington 47. Another great win-proud of the Plainville Lady Devils.

The next matchup we were not so lucky as we lost on Wednesday February 17th away Bristol Eastern 77, Plainville 33.

Next game we had away with Farmington. Final score was Farmington 54, Plainville 40.

There was a home matchup vs Avon on February 25th. The girls won Plainville 65, Avon 38.

The next game after that was Saturday, February 27th; an away matchup vs Bristol Central the girls won Plainville, 55 Bristol Central 33.

The next away matchup was New Britain; the girls won Plainville 51, New Britain 41.

The following matchup was a home game vs Bristol Eastern and the girls won; Plainville 45, Bristol Eastern 36 and that win made the girls 6-2 on the season.

The next matchup the girls had a home game on March 8th vs Bristol Central and they won Plainville 66 Bristol Central 45 the win made the girls 7 wins and 2 losses.

I'm very proud of Plainville High sport teams.

Hope you all enjoyed my article!

Go Blue Devils!!!

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Minari (2020)

PG-13 | 1h 55min | Drama | 12 February 2021
(USA)

Director: Lee Isaac Chung

Writer: Lee Isaac Chung

Stars: Steven Yeun, Yeri Han, Alan S. Kim

A Korean family, in search of the American dream, tries to start a vegetable farm in 1980's Arkansas.

Lee Isaac Chung's beautifully restrained ode to the struggles of one specific family to realize their hopes and dreams flows like cinematic poetry. Leaving behind their jobs in California, the father Jacob ((Steven Yeun), mother Monica (Yeri Han) along with their two children, mature beyond her years Anne (Noel Kate Cho) and six year old David (Alan S. Kim) settle down on a 50 acre farm in a small Arkansas town. Working by day at a chicken farm as sexers (separating the young chicks by gender) and spending the evenings putting together the necessary ingredients to plant his Korean vegetables which he believes there is a strong market for amongst the fast growing Korean population, Jacob works to bring to fruition his dream. Monica prefers city life, being closer to a hospital due to their son's heart condition and the higher social strata of city dwellers. Jacob intends to make a success of his vegetable farm and live a quiet life away from the city. The culture class is a prominent theme. Chung allows us to conclude that Monica comes from a higher social class than Jacob and has a disdain for the "hillbillies" she sees as their Arkansas neighbors.

The Circumspect Critic

by:
Robert James O'Dell

Minari

She is immediately turned off by accommodations provided by their new home ("it has wheels") and makes the determination that they won't be staying there very long. But the farm is Jacob's dream and he has no intentions of walking away from it. He believes it will provide a comfortable living for the whole family once he gets it up and running. Their conversations are fraught with contradictions of one another's position. They also are flush with authenticity. These are conversations that people in such a situation would be having.

Chung is a master storyteller who allows his tale to unfold with a fluid forward movement that is memorably simplistic. He has created a special film, one with perceptive observations and a solid understanding of family dynamics. These very dynamics come into sharp focus with the arrival of Jacob's grandmother, Soonja (Yuh-Jung Youn) from Korea. She is a rather unorthodox grandmother who is unfiltered as she speaks her mind, uses profanity and undercuts the moral and ethical standards set by Jacob and Monica.

Of course, there are the usual kinds of natural obstacles that are dealt with during the course of the film. There is the threat of destructive weather, the well that provides irrigation to the crops running dry, a devastating fire and business deals falling through. Yet it is the characters that remain front and center. The strain on Jacob and Monica's relationship, the complex relationship between Soonja and David and Jacob's uneasy friendship with his religious zealot of a neighbor Paul (the fabulous Will Patton) who comes to work the farm with him remain the focal points of

Chung's film.

The ensemble cast is excellent. The uncluttered, naturalistic cinematography by Lachlan Milne is superb. The melancholy soundtrack by Emile Mosseri is appropriately simple and serene. "Minari" is a deeply personal film that is a lovely piece of cinema and a joy to experience. In a very inconspicuous manner the film details the immigrants desire to assimilate in its adopted homeland while staying true to their own culture. It's a beautiful portrait of the power of family to endure the worst of times as they work to provide the best of times.

Ratings

Acting: 96%

Directing: 95%

Script: 95%

Cinematography: 97%

Entertainment Value: 90%

My Rating: 95%



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Letters to the Editor

ABOUT RACIAL PROBLEMS AT SMITH COLLEGE

As a 1972 graduate of Smith College in Northampton, MA, I was disappointed to read of the latest campus imbroglios, which should serve as a cautionary tale for every school....and beyond the educational community.

During the summer of 2018, a Black Smith student, Oumou Kanoute, was mistaken for a non-student and questioned regarding her presence there. The custodian who had questioned the girl was put on leave.

A law firm hired by Smith found no evidence of bias, especially since Ms. Kanoute had been eating in a dorm that had been open only to a program for young children that summer. The ACLU defended the student, while the president of Smith, Kathleen McCartney, began anti-bias training for all staff.

Both the cafeteria worker who served Ms. Kanoute and the custodian began receiving hate mail from students as well as being photographed and written about disparagingly on Facebook.

Later, a second custodian who had not even been working there the day of the incident was also targeted. Both the cafeteria worker and the second custodian have since left the school due to the harassment by students.

More recently, a courageous staff member of the college, Jodi Shaw, has taken a very public stand against the perceived anti-white indoctrination of the staff members by the administration. Despite being a single mother of two children, Jodi has resigned from Smith College.

Evidently, there is quite a bit of staff/faculty support for Ms. Shaw, though much of it has been quiet.

Bottom line: The "progressive" Left has done no end of damage by seeking to divide us by race, gender, religion, etc. Martin Luther King, Jr. had it right: Our character, not skin color, is what should define us. *Jane Bate*

America needs Dr. Seuss

Dear Patriot,
To this day, Dr. Seuss remains a quintessential American author whose influence remains unmatched. He sells millions of books and gets nearly as many children interested in reading each year.

And yet, the Democrats have declared Dr. Seuss CANCELLED.

Save Dr Seuss from the Radical Left
We're counting on you to SAVE Dr. Seuss from the toxic cancel culture plaguing our nation and stand up to the Left's censorship.

Thank you for defending Dr. Seuss from the "woke" liberals trying to take him down!

Our children aren't in classrooms, and our school systems are breaking down. Canceling one of America's most famous children's authors is the last thing we should be doing. We need to motivate them to read, not ban one of the most popular American authors to ever live.

Cancel culture is toxic and the Left's Dr. Seuss ban has far more nefarious motivations than simply removing a few titles from a library shelf. Not only does the Radical Left want to silence opinions that contradict its own, but it wants to indoctrinate future generations with its socialist agenda.

Just a few short years ago, Obama CELEBRATED Dr. Seuss' achievements at the White House. Now, Biden is ERASING his legacy. The difference? The most radical factions of the Democratic party have taken the reins. Now that they've canceled Dr. Seuss, there's no telling who the next victim of cancel culture will be.

So, my friend, can we count on you to take a stand and fight for the American ideals of free speech and freedom?

It's the only way to guarantee Big Tech and the Left don't CANCEL FREE SPEECH for good!

DEFEND FREE SPEECH

Thank you, *Newt Gingrich*

INCREMENTAL ISLAM 12

One of the best ways to learn about Islam is from courageous former Muslims, who have lived it and left it. Having renounced Islam, they already have a target on their backs; yet these heroes have a passion for waking up the non-Muslim world which, in turn, increases the danger to these authors.

Following is a brief list of apostates whose books and videos are completely candid and written from heart wrenching personal experience.

Sam Solomon is a former sharia scholar as well as a brilliant speaker and author. A particularly timely book of his is Modern Day Trojan Horse: The Islamic Doctrine of Immigration, which covers the rules of migration from Muhammad to modern day. You may be surprised to learn the pronouncements of sharia on immigration to non-Muslim lands.

Nonie Darwish has made many videos, addressed audiences, and written several books, one of which is Cruel and Usual Punishment, in which she peels away layers of the onion. She explains, for instance, consequences of polygamy such as the fact that men who are left without women are more determined to become martyrs to earn their 72 virgins.

Dr. Wafa Sultan, in her book, A God Who Hates, migrated from Syria to America, and contrasts the two cultures in a personal and riveting way.

Ayaan Hirsi Ali recounts her experience with Female Genital Mutilation and escaping an arranged marriage in Infidel.

Mark Gabriel is a former imam and professor of Muslim history at Al-Azhar University. In his book, Islam and Terrorism, Gabriel recounts his family's attempt to kill him when he renounced Islam.

Given the price these authors continue to pay for their apostasy from Islam, please take advantage of the courage of these and other apostates to learn about Islam and educate others.

Jane Bate

OMG I'M RICH!

Usually we make comparisons to various things or objects.

For instance we can make comparisons from automobiles to humans. When we make a purchase of the automobile, we have that new car smell.

When a baby is born they have that fragrant aroma of a newborn. As both get older they consume expenses and maintenance. For example the auto will need oil and filter changes, tires, brakes, etc. The new born will require food, clothes, nurturing, etc.

Towards the end is when the familiarity ends. The automobile is either sold to a third party or traded in. The human though has great value. Below are 7 valuable things that a human inherits.

1. Silver in the hair.
2. Silver and Gold in the teeth
3. Crystals in the kidney.
4. Sugar in the blood.
5. Lead in the butt
6. Iron in the arteries.
7. Finally an inexhaustible supply of natural gas.

I bet we probably never thought we would accumulate such wealth!

So the next time you go to renew your license, you may want to check off if you want to be a donor. It may defray the cost of the funeral for your loved ones.

Now I leave you with some April Fool quotes from Mark Twain:

"Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed."

April 1st- This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty four.



*Remember to
reserve your spot,
and get your shot.
Hopefully we are on
our way to normalcy.
John Gasparini*

Bob Stefanowski (opinion): 'When it comes to pledges from Democrat leaders to improve (CT) cities, the list of broken promises is long'

Echoing President Joe Biden's recent address to the nation on COVID, Gov. Ned Lamont recently used the term "underserved" to describe his urban constituents. "Reaching our underserved communities remains a priority of my administration," the governor claimed, "and we will do everything we can to get as many vaccines administered as we can in the coming weeks."

If urban communities remain underserved after all these years, Democrat leaders have only themselves to blame.

Hoping to prioritize those with underlying health conditions and first-responders, Kica Matos, Vice president of Initiatives at the Vera Institute and former deputy mayor of New Haven contacted the governor and state health department to request a waiver so that all Fair Haven residents could make vaccination appointments, not just those in the currently eligible age bracket. She was denied.

If Governor Lamont and his

administration are truly concerned about helping these communities, perhaps they should find some time to listen to them. U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro and New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker all participated in the event, though their motives raised some eyebrows when later walking through the neighborhood Senator Blumenthal was heard commenting "We should be registering them to vote."

Admittedly, lip service and self-interested politicians are not exactly headline news in Connecticut. Broken promises, however, are a more serious offense. And when it comes to pledges from Democrat leaders to improve our cities, the list of broken promises is long.

Remember when Governor Lamont campaigned on the promise of a \$375 million property tax cut? That plan was abandoned once he took office. What about the PILOT grants our cities depend on to offset their losses from non-taxable property? That program has been underfunded since its inception in 1969.

A study released by WalletHub shows that Connecticut residents have the second-highest tax burden in the entire nation.

With a proposed \$50 million tax on healthcare insurance premiums, a \$90 million mileage tax on trucks, and a 17 cents per gallon gas tax it looks like Democrats are trying their best to get to number one.

But the deceptions don't end there.

After receiving less than 30 percent of what the state promised them in PILOT grants last year, 28 leaders from across the state penned a joint letter to the governor this January, asking him to boost funding for the program and prioritize assistance for municipalities in the worst shape.

With the pressure on, Governor Lamont allocated an additional \$100 million to distressed municipalities in his budget proposal. The sleight of hand, however, was that the funding will come from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund — a \$1.9 trillion package to bail out mismanaged blue states across the country under the guise of pandemic response. But the program is a one-time giveaway.

What will happen to city finances once the gift goes away?

The Lamont budget does the same thing to education. The headline reads that school districts will see a 10.5 percent increase in funding over the next two years — but it will also be paid for with one-time federal money and therefore be temporary. And finally, the latest in a long line

of whoppers, Governor Lamont is promising municipalities 50 percent of future tax revenue from soon-to-be-legalized marijuana. Perhaps he should deliver some of the sales tax money cities have been waiting for since 2015 before making new pledges.

The truth is, Democrats will have to keep breaking promises, raising taxes and leaning on every penny of relief they can get from their pals in Washington if they're to have any hope of camouflaging the financial disaster that is heading Connecticut's way.

Instead, we should recognize this bailout for what it is — a one-time stimulus that could help us fundamentally restructure Connecticut if used properly. But that would require some tough decisions like reducing discretionary spending, restructuring the state pension plan to protect the retirement security of our employees, and rooting out the waste, fraud, and abuse in places like Connecticut's Port Authority.

Democrat leaders have been failing our cities for years — but they remain ever confident in urban residents' loyalty. Public service should be about others, not the self. And in the middle of a pandemic, their focus should be on vaccinations rather than votes.

Excerpts from Bob Stefanowski
Opinion

News of Interest..... In case you missed These!!

INSANITY!!!

Submitted by: Stan Pelchar

"This morning, I realized that everything is about to change. No matter how I vote, no matter what I say, lives are never going to be the same.

I have been confused by the hostility of family and friends. I look at people I have known all my life so hate-filled that they agree with opinions they would never express as their own. I think that I may well have entered the Twilight Zone.

You can't justify this insanity. We have become a nation that has lost its collective mind.

We see other countries going Socialist and collapsing, but it seems like a great plan to us.

Somehow it's un-American for the census to count how many Americans are in America.

People who say there is no such thing as gender are demanding a female President.

Universities that advocate equality, discriminate against Asian-Americans in favor of African-Americans.

Some people are held responsible for things that happened before they were born, and other people are not held responsible for what they are doing right now.

Criminals are caught-and-released to hurt more people, but stopping them is bad because it's a violation of THEIR rights.

People who have never owned slaves should pay slavery reparations to people who have never been slaves.

After legislating gender, if a dude pretends to be a woman, you are required to pretend with him.

It was cool for Joe Biden to "blackmail" the President of Ukraine, but it's an impeachable offense if Donald Trump inquires about it.

People who have never been to college should pay the debts of college students who took out huge loans for their degrees.

Immigrants with tuberculosis and polio are welcome, but you'd better be able to prove your dog is vaccinated.

Irish doctors and German engineers who want to immigrate to the US must go through a rigorous vetting process, but any illiterate gang-bangers who jump the southern fence are welcomed.

\$5 billion for border security is too expensive, but \$1.5 trillion for "free" health care is not.

If you cheat to get into college you go to prison, but if you cheat to get into the country you go to college for free.

And, pointing out all this hypocrisy somehow makes us "racists"!

Nothing makes sense anymore, no values, no morals, no civility and people are dying of a Chinese virus, but it is racist to refer to it as Chinese even though it began in China.

We are clearly living in an upside-down world where right is wrong and wrong is right, where moral is immoral and immoral is moral, where good is evil and evil is good, where killing murderers is wrong, but killing innocent babies is right.

Wake up America. The great unsinkable ship Titanic America has hit an iceberg, is taking on water and sinking fast. **Copy and mail to family & friends. I suggest you do the same!**

Did u get this??

Virtual Informational Sessions and 10-Week Class Forming for Individuals Interested in Becoming Foster Parents

There is a pressing need for foster families in Connecticut, and Wheeler is hosting two virtual informational sessions and a 10-week virtual course for individuals interested in fostering a child or youth. During this challenging time, especially, individuals and families are considering how to make a meaningful difference.

INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS: Virtual sessions that provide an overview of the need in Connecticut and the foster parent process with Wheeler will be held on:

April 22, 2021 at 7 pm

Meeting sign-in credentials are available at WheelerHealth.org/Journey.

TIPS-MAPP 10-WEEK COURSE:

Wheeler is offering a 10-week virtual course called TIPS-MAPP, Trauma-Informed Partnering for Safety and Permanence - Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting, to prepare prospective foster parents and families for the role of fostering a child or youth. Classes run on Monday evenings from May 10, 2021 through July 26, 2021 from 6 pm-8 pm.

"TIPS-MAPP is a journey where participants explore their values and personal connection to children. It's a place where people learn more about the foster care system in Connecticut and gain insight into the roles, challenges, and experiences of social workers, foster parents, and most importantly, the hundreds of children in Connecticut who need loving homes and families," said Sharon Pendleton-Ponzani, LCSW, director, Wheeler Foster Care Services. "TIPS-MAPP participants explore loss, grief, and forms of attachment, as well as how foster and adoptive families can help a child to not only heal from abuse, neglect, trauma, and loss, but to grow and thrive."

TIPS-MAPP is delivered by Wheeler's dedicated team of specialists, social workers, and clinicians who work closely with foster families from the start and continue as supportive teammates throughout the fostering process.

TIPS-MAPP Course Schedule: (Classes run from 6-8 pm on Monday evenings).

Pre-registration by May 3, 2021 is required by contacting Wheeler's Foster Care Specialists.

May 10, 2021: Welcome - About Our Program

May 17, 2021: A Foster Care &

Adoption Experience

May 24, 2021: Losses & Gains
May 31, 2021: NO CLASS DUE TO HOLIDAY

June 7, 2021: Helping Children with Attachments

June 14, 2021: Healthy Behaviors

June 21, 2021: Helping Children with Birth Family

June 28, 2021: Helping Children Leave Foster Care

July 5, 2021: NO CLASS DUE TO HOLIDAY

July 12, 2021: The Impact of Fostering & Adopting

July 19, 2021: Perspectives in Fostering/Adoption

July 26, 2021: Endings & Beginnings

The program is open to prospective parents from all walks of life. Participants can be married, single, or part of a domestic partnership. They can own or rent their homes. Parenting experience is a plus but not required.

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Mocking Bird - Puppets saying over and over and over again. TV breaking news, paper headlines and some radio stations repeating the same bi-line the same code words and phrases over a long periods of time.

Stockholm Syndrome - where the same faults words and their thinking is embedded in your mind over and over so after you start to think the same as they do.

Bait and Switch - when two news items are presented social media will pick the least destructive item so as the people attention will be diverted from the real thing.

LET'S RESTORE ELECTION INTEGRITY, in many Ways

- *Reinstate paper ballots
- *Allow candidates to choose areas to audit the vote
- *Mandate the election process be recorded with video and audio equipment.
- *Publicly and immediately post recent vote results
- *Mandate the cleaning up of all voter registration
- *Eliminate same day voter registration
- *Put in place laws to protect evidence of voter fraud, punish fraud.

*Early voting would be a big mistake.
Throughout our country's history, one day voting was never a problem.

Why is it a problem now?

- *Require an absolute chain of custody for ballots.
- *Repeal laws that allow for unattended drop boxes for ballots. (ballot harvesting)
- *Repeal laws allowing for no excuse absentee ballots
- *Ballots should have verifying features, why should voter identification be eliminated?

You need voter identification for many various reasons including check cashing, EBT cards, Birth Certificate, Drivers License, boarding a plane, obtaining a Passport, getting married, joining the military, renting items, applying for a Credit Card, buying fire arms, application for hunting and fishing license, using Social Security services, obtaining medicare/ medicaid, car registration, renting a car, cashing a large lottery win, and also entering a Casino and applying for a players card. Alcohol purchases, etc. and many other reasons.

So why a voting identification a problem?

Don't allow government employees or political hacks to run the polls.

These reforms listed should serve whether an election integrity plan is one that will improve integrity.

We must have election reforms because our country is at stake regardless, whether we have a President and a Congress and the White House on our side of the fight.

You see the Democratic party is getting more and more radical, they're embracing Communism.

In George Orwell 1984 , there are telescreens

everywhere, as well as hidden cameras and microphones.

Nearly everything you do is watched and heard. It even emerges that the watchers have become experts at reading peoples faces.

Every book could be rewritten, every picture repainted, every statue and street and building has been renamed, every date has been altered. Every record has been destroyed or falsified.

Does this sound familiar? Happening now?

This organization that oversees this is called THOUGHT POLICE.

As far as the almost two trillion relief package being passed by the house should benefit the victims of the virus.

What is neglected to be pointed out most of the money in the bill was going to pet projects for the politicians. Remember politicians are supposed to be working for the good of the people not their own self interest. And you the tax payers are paying for all of this and here goes your new stimulus check.

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Leg of Lamb 6-7 lbs.
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1-1 1/2 salt
Pepper to taste
1 large onion
Wipe leg of lamb with a damp cloth.
Cut a clove of garlic into 4 pieces. Make 4 equally spaced shallow gashes on the fat side of leg of lamb, insert pieces of garlic into these gashes. (Garlic may be

omitted) Rub salt and pepper over leg of lamb.
Place in a shallow roasting pan, fat side up. Insert meat thermometer in the thickest part of the leg, so that the bulb is at the center of the roast, touching neither bone or fat.
Place in moderately slow oven 300-325 and cook 30-35 minutes to the pound, or until thermometer registers 175-180.
Transfer roast to hot platter and cover to keep hot, remove garlic pieces. Drain off excess fat from roasting pan, leaving about 3 tablespoons to make gravy.

GRAVY

3 T drippings in pan
3 T flour
1/2 c water
Mix above together until smooth, scraping residue in roasting pan to make brown gravy.
Garnish with parsley or fresh mint and serve with mint jelly.

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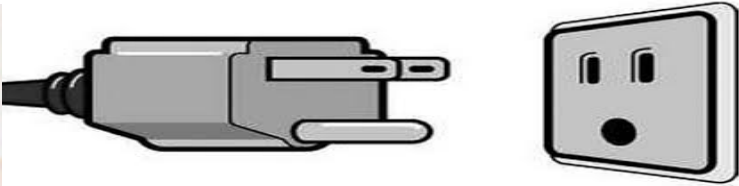
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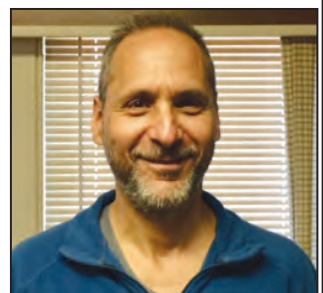
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