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See story on Page 10.



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Norton Park, Plainville CT

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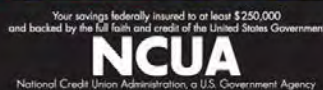
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DECEMBER

Pearl Harbor Day ~ Monday the 7th

Hanukkah ~ Thursday the 10th

First Day of Winter ~ Monday the 21st

Christmas Day ~ Friday the 25th

Kwanzaa Begins ~Saturday the 26th

New Year's Eve Thursday the 31st

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New Year's Day ~ Friday the 1st

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day ~

Monday the 18th

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Plainville

Property Tranfers

20 Crown St Unit 20: Timothy H. and Gabriele Miller of Plainville to Vince W. and Diane E. Sumpter, \$29,000 on 10/6/2020

12 Hardwood Rd: Jeffrey Haddock and Shelly Hayes of Plainville to Luis Rosado, \$186,000 on 10/5/2020

20 Julie Rd Unit C11: Alyssa J. Raponey of Plainville to Ryan D. Raponey and Olivia P. Rivkin, \$150,000 on 10/7/2020

21 Kent St: Matthew P. and Katherine G. Atkinson of Plainville to Brandy F. Tate, \$254,000 on 10/6/2020

20 Northampton Ln Unit 1: Tatiana Koczak of Plainville to Michael A. Burek, \$118,900 on 10/5/2020

3 Twining St: Jeffrey J. Barnes of Plainville to Richard Gonzalez, \$215,000 on 10/5/2020

115 Williams St: Roberta L. Hastings of Plainville to Brandon J. Cyr and Heather A. Tata \$250,000 on 10/6/2020

37 Bohemia St: Lalama Carmine Est and Robert Lawson of Plainville to Jacqueline O. Skenderidis, \$163,000 on 10/19/2020

4 Hittleman St: David L. and Julia E. Underwood of Plainville to Laura Jones, \$260,000 on 10/20/2020

62 Jefferson St: Michael C. Quagliaroli of Plainville to Carlos A. and Desiree C. Figueroa, \$229,900 on 10/22/2020

365 Woodford Ave Unit 6: Jad Hadir of Plainville to Marcel and Linda Jalbert, \$113,000 on 10/19/2020

365 Woodford Ave Unit 23: Onex Rivera of Plainville to Matthew R. Pattison, \$122,600 on 10/19/2020

1 Hillscrest Rd: Ryan P. Wells of Plainville to Suzanne Colley, \$220,000 on 10 26/2020

32 Maple St: Mark J. Ouellette LT and Mark J. Ouellette of Plainville to Nicholas and Jennifer Perreault, \$275,000 on 10/28/2020

103 Red Stone HI: Brian and Lindsay Perrone of Plainville to Ryan P. Wells, \$320,000 on 10/28/2020

14 Reliance Rd: James C. and Lucille V. Gulino of Plainville to Bridget N. Germain, \$285,000 on 10/28/2020

16 Testa Dr: Lakhshmi Padmanabhan of Plainville to Eric J. and Anna C. Minton, \$248,000 on 10/28/2020

190 Tomlinson Ave: Unit 13e: Kyle Landry and Megan Halloran of Plainville to Lisa A. Morelli, \$165,000 on 10/28/2020

582 Camp St: Thomas D. and Beverly A. Roche of Plainville to Ernest J. Hutchinson and Danielle Cuseo, \$234,600 on 10/30/2020

14 Cassidy Dr Unit 14: Nancy Clavet of Plainville to Tianna M. Oliva and Alex J. Biron, \$70,000 on 11/2/2020

39 Diamond Ave: Jeffrey Hayden of Plainville to Cuong P. Luu, \$169,000 on 11/2/2020

East St: Sabol Marcus M Est and Edward H. Smith of Plainville to Patricia Gagne, \$70,000 on 11/4/2020

1 Maria Rd: Adam R. and Kimberly A. Andrusia of Plainville to Jonathan W. Taylor and Paula Frejlich, \$377,000 on 11/2/2020

27 Norton Pl: Generation Four Rlty LLC of Plainville to Brittany R. Camasso, \$130,000 on 11/3/2020

18 Provencher Dr: Barbara J. Chorzempa and Cynthia A. Frazier of Plainville to Tomas Villanueva, \$229,900 on 10/29/2020

181 Rockwell Ave: Johnson Carol M Est and Heidi Famiglietti of Plainville to Nicholas Cianchetti, \$190,000 on 11/5/2020

190 Tomlinson Ave Unit 4d: Maria Jusino of Plainville to William E. Dillane, \$150,000 on 11/2/2020

182 Westwood Ave: HP Home Enterprises LLC of Plainville to Kenneth and Amanda Beauchene, \$318,900 on 11/4/2020.

16 Bradley St: Nicholas P. and Kenneth V. Cutler of Plainville to Sean Manierre and Jillian Gonchar, \$230,000 on 11/9/2020

284 East St: Barbara Pahl of Plainville to Alfred and Artemi Baci, \$221,500 on 11/9/2020

34 Hemingway St: Lisa A. Hayes of Plainville to Thomas D. Bosse, \$205,000 on 11/9/2020

73 Park St: Elizabeth A. Lackey of Plainville to Jessica Couture, \$146,000 on 11/10/2020

155 Pickney Ave: Elaine J. Picard of Plainville to Luis E. Ribot and Janet Blanco \$220,000 on 11/9/2020

50 Roseleah Ave: P&H Realty LLC of Plainville to PLG Properties LLC \$459,000 on 11/12/2020

Steps to Be Taken by Property Owners

When Sewage Back-up Occurs

If a back-up occurs during business hours call:
Normal Business Hours - Monday - Friday 7:00am - 3:00pm

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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 licensed drain layer/plumber.

Non-Emergency

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

NOVEMBER 16th, 2020 Meeting

White Oak Proposal Update – Phase 1

- Town staff has requested Loureiro to submit a scope of services to review the two proposals for the White Oak Property. Some of the services to be provided would include in-depth evaluations of the program components of each proposal including Environmental Considerations; determining the estimated tax and permit revenues; employment estimates and potential traffic and parking requirements for each proposal.
- Additionally, Loureiro would review the environmental impacts to the Pequabuck River; determine the impact to the cost of remediation; detail the potential benefits to the surrounding downtown businesses; and discuss the potential demands for Town services for each proposal.
- They would also review the potential timeline for each proposal and present their findings to the Town Council. Finally, Loureiro would assist the Town in drafting a Memorandum of Understanding with the preferred developer that would define the responsibilities of the Town and the developer going forward including specific milestone steps and a timetable for same.
- The cost to provide these services are \$13,500 and would be covered utilizing remaining state grant funds. The estimated timetable for the completion of the study is four weeks.
- The Planning & Zoning Commission has reviewed the two proposals and their recommendation should be forthcoming in a couple of weeks.
- Town staff also contacted the CT Main Street Center for their potential input. They offer municipalities a wide range of benefits and services to meet a variety of local community development and readiness levels. CT Main Street's mission is "to be a catalyst that ignites Connecticut's downtowns as the cornerstone of thriving communities". The Economic Development Commission will be meeting with them to get some perspective on the two proposals as well and report back to the Town Council.
- The current schedule is to present the Loureiro Study, the P&Z and EDC recommendations at the January 4th Town Council meeting.

Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Update – Phase 1

- Scott Bushee from the Department of Transportation

notified the Town Manager's Office that they are considering the construction of a 53-space parking lot off Redstone Hill Road as part of Phase 1 of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail in Plainville. He indicated that the trail has experienced heavy use in other communities and that users have parked in unauthorized areas such as businesses when accessing the trail.

- Mr. Bushee also has concerns about the trail visitors utilizing the existing parking at Norton Park. The D.O.T. is currently considering a parking area on the Soli property. The entrance to the proposed parking lot would be just south of 184 Redstone Hill Road. According to preliminary plans, the closest home would be located approximately 180' from the parking lot which would be screened from adjacent properties. There is currently an existing buffer of trees existing in the area as well. The next closest homes are located 325 + feet from the parking lot as well.
- The parking lot would have a small covered area for users and would directly connect to the trail. The lot would be closed after dark.
- Before moving forward, the D.O.T. is asking whether the Town Council would support the construction of a parking lot on the Soli property. Scott Bushee is anticipating that they will be ready to conduct a virtual public meeting on Phase 1 of the Trail sometime in February.

ClearGov Update

- Finance Director Rob Buden has begun implementing the ClearGov budget software package. He has submitted five years of audited budget data, FY20 unaudited data and FY21 to date budget information. These years will be used for comparative purposes for the FY22 budget.
- While there will be a learning curve for this new budgeting software package, preliminary experience suggests that it will be a more useful and transparent system for both the Town Council, Town staff and interested citizens of Plainville.

School Administrators Contract

- At the October 19th meeting the Town Council was notified of a newly negotiated contract between the Plainville Association of School Administrators and the Plainville Board of Education. The contract is for a one-period beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- The Agreement calls for a 2% wage increase, with a step increase and includes a \$500 increase to their tax-sheltered annuity. There would be no

change to the premium cost share for health insurance. The employees would continue to pay 19% towards the health insurance premium cost share.

- The Town Council has 30 days to accept, reject or do nothing with regards to the one-year contract extension.
- There is an item under New Business regarding possible action by the Town Council.

COVID-19 Update

- Plainville continues to be in the Red Alert category with an average daily Rate of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population that has risen to 25.5. There are currently over 100 CT municipalities which are in the Red Alert category.
- The Senior Center is currently open by appointment only. The Fitness Center is has re-opened as well as some other programs including pool tables, caregiver support and ceramics. Virtual programs continue to be provided as well.
- The Town and Board of Education operations have been affected by the pandemic as well. Currently there are 5 Public Works employees and two police employees that are currently quarantined and being evaluated for COVID-19. The Board of Education currently has 24 employees that are also being quarantined and being evaluated for COVID-19.
- There is also one Town employee and five school employees that has tested positive, all as a result of outside contact. To date this has not had a major impact on Town operations but that could change very quickly depending on the results of the tests.
- Town staff will continue to work with Regional Health Director Shane Lockwood to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and make any necessary adjustments to Municipal Building access as well as town staff and community safety protocols.

Financial Dashboard

- The Financial Dashboard for the period ending October 31, 2020 was included in the meeting information package and was also posted on the Town website.

Happenings

Leaf Collection

Leaf collection continues through Monday, November 30th. Now that the great majority of leaves have fallen, residents are asked to get them to the curb as quickly as possible.

Plainville Family Resource Network

Interested in becoming a Home Child Care Provider? The Plainville Family Resource Network can help with the process of becoming licensed. For existing providers the State Office of Early Childhood has identified Plainville Family Resource

Network as a hub providing many resources and grant opportunities. For orientation dates and more information on how to apply for the Get Started Program, contact the Plainville Family Resource Network / Plainville Child Care Network Hub at 860-793-6304 ext. 0

Senior Center

The Senior Center reopened November 5, 2020 for in person programming. Appointments are required, as are masks and social distancing. Remote and online programming continues to be offered. For information on Senior Center programming call the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

Senior Center Virtual Programs: Senior Centers from across the state are sharing a variety of virtual programs with older adults in Connecticut. Have fun! Learn something new!

If you wish to receive this state-wide virtual program list, please email: Guberman@plainville-ct.gov. We will forward the list to you.

COVID-19 Drive-through Testing FREE [Friday, November 17
9:00 – 1:00]

Testing is FREE and available at the Senior Center. No need to get out of your car, just drive through. No insurance necessary. You can get tested even if you've been previously tested. For information or to register contact the Community Health Center at 475-241-0140 or on-line at www.chc1.com.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group [Tuesday, November 17 10:30]

If you are raising a grandchild or other young relative, you are not alone. Join our monthly support group to share resources, ideas, struggles, joys and more. Call the Senior Center to register.

Souper Soups Cooking Class

(On Zoom): [Wednesday, November 18, 11:00 A.M.]

The Senior Center café may be closed, but you can still enjoy the taste of the wonderful Butternut Squash Soup made by Margaret Lemrise, one of our café volunteers. Margaret will be doing a live Zoom cooking class and, if you wish, you can actually cook along at home! The recipe will be emailed (or mailed) to you prior to the class so you'll have time to purchase your supplies. Advanced Registration Required- Prior to November 17 please register by calling Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

Help With Zoom

Available by telephone through the Senior Center. More programming and classes are now being offered virtually. If you have a smart phone, tablet, computer or even a regular phone, you can take advantage of so many programs on Zoom. Haven't tried Zoom? Call the Senior Center! We will schedule an individual telephone appointment to "meet" with Tammy to learn how to use Zoom.

From the Desk of:

Cal Hauburger
Economic Development &
Special Project Coordinator

White Oak RFQ: As previously stated, the Town has been working on the remediation and redevelopment of the White Oak property. We received two responses to the RFQ – one from D’Amato Construction and Meyer Enterprises who are looking to relocate their construction and manufacturing firms to the site while adding a 35,000 square foot building, and one from Manafort Brothers who are proposing a mixed-use center featuring 160 apartments, retail and restaurant space, office space – including a medical building – and open green space towards the rear of the property. The Town Council requested additional input be gathered from town boards and commissions, as well as the Chamber of Commerce and downtown businesses. The Town will be engaging Loureiro Engineering, who completed the environmental site assessment, to conduct a third-party analysis of the proposals and their potential impacts on Plainville. Among other items the report will focus on anticipated demands for town services, anticipated tax revenue, potential cost impact for the remediation of the property, potential environmental impacts, and potential benefits to the downtown economy. The study will be paid for by remaining Brownfield grant funds received by the DECD and will not result in any cost to the taxpayer. The study should be received from Loureiro in the first half of December and will be made available to those groups the Council is requesting input from.

62 West Main Street: After purchase negotiations fell through with the veterinary clinic looking to expand by opening a second location in town, a liquor store has negotiated a deal to move into the property. Significant renovations are underway to convert the old bank into a new space. I continue to be in contact with the veterinary firm as they remain interested in coming to Plainville. The

firm prefers to purchase a property as opposed to leasing. At this time, there are few commercial properties available for sale in Town.

CT CARES Grant: The DECD has announced a one-time grant program offering \$5,000 to small businesses and non-profits with less than 20 or less than \$1.5 million in annualized payroll expenses. The online application opened Thursday, November 12th and is only expected to remain open until Thursday, November 19th. Interested parties are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. More information can be found on the DECD website. I will keep small businesses informed through my weekly email updates and postings to town social media.

Americold: Work is continuing on the Americold project on Northwest Drive. Following site work, clearing, and the drilling of foundational support rods into the ground, roughly 50% of the concrete flooring has been laid. It’s assumed that, weather permitting, this will be completed over the next week or two. Following that, rack installation will begin and continue throughout winter.

I hope you all are staying well and have a happy and safe Thanksgiving. I will be away from the office December 10 – 16th. As a result, agenda items for our December meeting will be sent out a little earlier than normal to give you time to review and get questions to me. As a reminder, I am planning on that meeting being held virtually and will get you that log-in information as soon as I have it. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best, Cal Hauburger
Economic Development &
Special Projects Coordinator
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From the Desk of:

Dominick Moschini,
Superintendent of
Roadways

Transfer Station Closing

Leaf collection has been completed for the year. Residents with any remaining leaves may bring them to the Town transfer station on Granger Lane free of charge.

Transfer Station Closing

The Town’s Transfer Station on Granger Lane will close for the winter season on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 3p p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Public Works at 860-793-0221 ext 7176 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday thru Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 am to 7:00 pm and Friday, 8:00 am to 12:00

The Entire Roadways Crew Wish Everyone a Safe & Happy Holiday

Election Day!!

As the Registrars of Voters for the town of Plainville, we would like to thank all of our poll workers and office assistants for helping to make things run so smoothly on Election Day. We were very fortunate to have several new people volunteer to work this year. According to our moderators every one of them did an outstanding job!

We had an 83% turnout which included 2800 absentee ballots that needed to be processed separately. We also had 118 people who registered and voted at the Municipal Center that day. All of this happened without any problems, which speaks volumes for our staff.

We would also like to give a shout out to our Town Clerk, Carol Skultety and her assistants for working tirelessly on getting the absentee ballots processed. We look forward to working with you all again in the future.

*Sincerely, Susan Abram and
Beth Gasparini*

Municipal Holiday

*****Schedule*****

Plainville Town Offices will be open from 8:00am to 11:30am Thursday, December 24, and closed Friday, December 25.

The Senior Center will be open from 9:00am to 1:00pm Thursday, December 24, and closed Friday, December 25. They will be providing grab and go meals on a reservation basis only. Call the Senior Center for more information or to make a reservation, 860-747-5728.

The Public Library will be open from 10:00am to 1:30pm Thursday, December 24, and closed Friday, December 25.

New Year’s Eve & Day
Plainville Town Offices will be open from 8:00am to 11:30am Thursday, December 31, and closed Friday, January 1, 2021.

The Senior Center will be open from 9:00am to 1:00pm Thursday, December 31, and closed Friday, January 1, 2021.

The Public Library will be open from 10:00 am to 1:30pm Thursday, December 31, and closed Friday, January 1, 2. The library will also be closed Saturday, December 26 and Saturday, January 2.

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- 2ND MATTHEW CIANCHETTI
DOUG WRIGHT
- 3RD JOAN SANTORI
- 4TH BETH JOHNSON
- 5TH ALYSSA FONTAINE
BRADY STUCKMAN
- 6TH GENE WOOLVERTON
WILLIAM C. BERGENTY
- 7TH TINA WISHART
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- 11TH PEGGY LEE
- 13TH WHITNEY RYNG
- 14TH LOU FRANGOS
- 17TH GEORGE BOUCHARD
- 19TH JOSH FONTAINE
- 21ST FILOMENA D'ONOFRIO
- 25TH RICHARD ORSI
- 26TH STEPHANIE WILSON
- 27TH FRANK BOUTWELL
BETH GASPARINI
- 29TH JOHN GASPARINI

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 7TH SANDY KLAPPRODT
- 8TH JO ROSINSKI
- 11TH JOYCE HAYES
- 14TH COLE ZETTERGREN
DARLENE BENSON
- 24TH ZACHARY FERGUSON
ADAM BERGENTY
- 28TH BILL PATTERSON
- 31ST MARISA D'AMICO

BELATED BIRTHDAY

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19 years old
November 6th**

And

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**Wish to:
Lorraine DeMicco**

November 23rd

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The Tea Party Patriots

Wake Up America By Gene

We all had a clear choice during this last election cycle. The full effects are yet to come. America is the Titanic and we are the passengers.

Poverty, misery and corruption might become the fashionable around the nation under the guise of helping others in need. Could all these scenarios be possible under the next administration???

1. Most of the time there will be no respect for the law.
2. Dishonesty and corruption are just for the government.
3. Immigration is strictly prohibited under most circumstances,
4. Police cannot be everywhere because of the defunding are not available to protect the rule of law and order.
5. National ID cards are usually mandatory and are used to keep track of most.
6. Under Socialism Public infrastructure including electrical grids, highways and bridges will be totally inadequate.
7. Violent political demonstrations and other forms of civil unrest will become common place.
8. The Biden-Harris Democrat Socialist agenda will all but erase the Constitution..
9. The Biden-Harris Democrat Socialist agenda will destroy Medicare and our entire Health Care System.
10. The Biden-Harris Democrat Socialist agenda will erase our borders and flood America with illegal aliens.
11. The Biden-Harris Democrat Socialist agenda will protect criminals and leave American families defenseless
12. The Biden-Harris Democrat

Socialist agenda will destroy the economy end America energy independence.

13. The Biden- Haris Democrat Socialist agenda will disarm the Military and America Super power status.

14. The Biden-Harris Democrat Socialist agenda will explode the National Debt by spending trillions of dollars.

Antifa:

Unlike Black Lives Matter, Antifa groups do not have a central website or identifiable leadership hierarchy, Many Antifa groups do have (or have had until recently) Facebook, Twitter, other social-media accounts and websites for their cities or regions which they have used for organizing and coordinating action. They suggest and preach revolution, insurrection, uprisings, and insurgency, or even civil war. Along with (BLM) Black Lives Matter Occupy Wall Street, some even calling themselves the RED Guards, (WWP) Workers World People, (FRSO) Freedom Road Socialists Organization and even (RCP) the Revolutionary Communist Party.

BEWARE of the 1619 PROJECT (The hate America teaching) As far as the State of Ct goes, Albert Einstein says "the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results.

Ct is one of the worst run states in the country and yet the people in the state keep on voting back in the good ole boy Democrats and expecting a different outcome.

"It does not take a majority to prevail... but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men." (Samuel Adams) (Some Excerpts from New American magazine October Vol. 36, No.19)

The Merriest Christmas and a better New Year.

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To Your Health

A VERY MERRY AND KIND HOLIDAY SEASON!

(Note: This is updated version of a previous article. I believe the message is worth repeating as we enter a New Year.)

2020 has bombarded us with one crisis after another. We all experienced way too much uncertainty and related fear, anger and stress. We are all in this together, yet divisiveness is at an all-time high. Too much stress and anxiety over time can have a negative impact on our health.

Consider this Loving Kindness Meditation practice as an opportunity to shift from negative to positive emotions.

According to a study by National Institute of Health, Loving-kindness Meditation is a traditional practice directly oriented toward enhancing unconditional and positive emotional states of kindness and empathy towards oneself and others.

The results showed that this meditation led to significant shifts in people's daily experiences of a wide range of positive emotions, including love, joy, gratitude, contentment, hope, interest, pride, awe, and amusement.

Loving Kindness Meditation

May you be Happy, May you be Healthy, May you be Safe, May you live with Ease. This meditation begins by first extending these compassionate words to yourself and then sending them to those around you and eventually to all beings. These positive statements, when repeated non-judgmentally can be positive and healing.

The Practice

Ideally, meditation is best practiced in a calm space, starting with deep breaths,

quieting of mind and body and focus on the words you are about to repeat silently. In my opinion, do what you can. If you find yourself feeling stressed or anxious, repeat this meditation while washing dishes, walking, cleaning or doing other repetitive activities. Something is better than nothing.

Start with a focus on yourself. Slowly repeat and internalize these phrases. May I be Happy, May I be Healthy, May I be Safe, May I live in Ease.

Depending on how much time you have, expand this to others. First, bring to mind someone whom you care about. With this person in mind, repeat the phrases, May You be Happy, May You be Healthy, May You be Safe, May You live in Ease.

Now bring to mind a "neutral" person. This is someone you might see regularly but don't know well...It might be a neighbor or an essential worker. Repeat the above words of loving kindness with this person in mind.

Next repeat the meditation bringing to mind someone you don't like or feel sympathy or compassion for. Remind yourself to see this person as one who feels pain and anxiety.

Now, allow your awareness to expand to all beings (people and animals) living everywhere. Consider those in richness, poverty, war, peace, hunger, abundance. Repeat these phrases, May All Beings be Happy, May all Beings be Healthy, May all Beings be Safe, May All Beings live in Ease.

The above is a quick overview of the practice. You can start slow and work up to opening your circle of compassion.

If you are interested in learning more, to search for some guided meditations online by Sharon Salzberg, Tara Brach or Jon Kabat Zinn. Your local Yoga Instructor can also help you with this.

As we close 2020 and enter the New Year, consider extending loving kindness to yourself and others. May you be Happy, May you be Healthy, May you be Safe, May your live in Ease.

Happy Holidays to All, Linda

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To All My Sisters by Heart

In August of 2015, after many tests were done, I was informed by my cardiologist that I needed open heart surgery to create bypasses for my coronary arteries because they were almost completely blocked. My case was not an emergency so surgery was scheduled for two weeks after my diagnosis. Waiting at home for that period of time felt like forever and I was a little fearful about the unknown. Plus I was doing nothing to get ready for that day or after. That was because I had no one to talk to who had been through this kind of surgery. I think if I had had someone to talk to me and share their experience with me, I would have been better prepared for the unknown.

Following surgery, a few days later I returned home. It was then that I realized how unprepared I was for home. I had no way to take a shower because I had nothing to sit on. My sister and I finally put a plastic lawn chair in the tub. I did not have certain clothes to wear. For example, what kind of bra to wear while my chest was trying to heal. There were probably other things I could have thought about before surgery but again I had no one to talk to who could have helped me be more prepared.

Dr. Heather Swales and Dr. Stephanie Saucier, both cardiologists and creators of the Women's Heart Wellness Program are in the process of creating a program for women heart ladies like myself to support women having heart surgery. Womenheart ladies have volunteered to be the people to reach out to these women and be their support system in any way possible.

This program right now will be virtual but women will be able to be in touch with us to ask any questions they may have. We can share with them our experiences and be available for them with our support, comfort, and peace. We can tell them about our womenheart support group, how it helped us, when our meetings are, what events we have and encourage them to come join other women who have already experienced

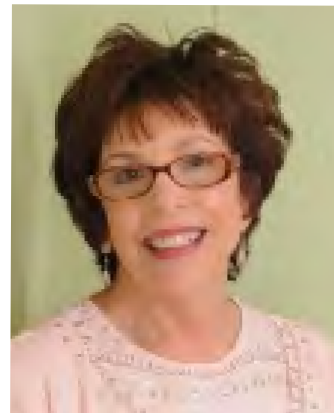
some type of heart episode.

Right now, our Womenheart ladies are getting prepared to work with the doctors to begin activating this program. First we must become volunteers with Hartford Healthcare at the Hartford Hospital and New Britain General Campus. We will then be educated by Dr. Swales and Dr. Saucier as to how we should approach the patients, how to converse with them and how to help ease their apprehensions, fears, and anxiety.

Originally when creating this program, it was for Womenheart Ladies to visit women before or after surgery while in the hospital. Hopefully in time this program will be an in-person visit. In-person visits may be even more personal and comforting to a patient. And they will know there is someone who can understand their feelings because we have experienced what they are about to experience. Also we will be readily available to them. And they can put a face to our voice and our caring ways.

Our Womenheart support group is still active at the Bradley Memorial Campus of Hartford Healthcare. We meet every third Wednesday of the month at 4:45 pm. However, due to the pandemic we are taking it month by month as to whether we meet or not. Once again just a reminder as Covid 19 appears to be on the rise, be as safe as possible. Continue to wear your mask, practice social distancing, and wash your hands as much as necessary. Also eat healthy, exercise, watch your blood pressure, weight and cholesterol, quit smoking, and if diabetic, keep it under control. Remember this is the "Simple 7" goal created by the American Heart Association. Created in 2010 to reduce Cardiovascular Diseases by 2020 and with a goal to improve all Americans health by 20%. So let us all try to reach this goal-for the health of it.

*Your sister by Heart
Sharon Corlette
Womenheart Champion*



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From My Balcony

By: Jeannette Hinkson

I am passing along a portion of an article submitted by a reader that perhaps relates what many of us feel during these trying times. I must give credit to Bob Rinear and his full article can be found on line, he writes.

Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday. Each year that rolls around, I explain why. The easy reason is that it's a time for friends and families to get together. We certainly don't do enough of that, and I'm guilty too. But for me the real Thanksgiving is special, isn't JUST because we get to see family we haven't seen all year, or that there's a cornucopia of tremendous food in the kitchen. Or that we get a day off.

No, for me the wonder of the day is that we have a Holiday for giving thanks. This is something; many of us are woefully inadequate at. I am guilty as charged. I should be on my knees every single day saying thanks for all the good things that there's been in my life. Yet life gets in the way. People get sick, we get too busy, we get caught up in the rat race. And then, instead of taking a breather and saying a prayer of thanks for all the good we have, we whine and complain. There's never enough whether it's time or money or love or health, or what have you, so I am grateful that Mr. Abe Lincoln decided that we needed a National day of Thanksgiving.

See, everyone learned the story in grade school that in 1621, the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Native Americans shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. To this day, kids dress up as Pilgrims and Indians and have school plays about it. However, it wasn't standardized across the colonies. In fact, while almost all communities had

church services. Where a thanksgiving remembered feast would occur, it wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, That President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

Well I'm glad he did so. At least for one solitary day out of the whole year, we are reminded that there are things to be thankful for. So, it's always been my favorite Holiday. We do get to overindulge in great spreads of food, we do get to see family and friends. We do get to take some time and look around and say our own version of Thank you for all we do have.

But this year, it's difficult. Not because I don't have things to be thankful for, I have many. Thousands, My wife beat cancer for instance! I've still got a roof over my head, food to eat, cars to drive. I still flick a little switch and lights come on. I push a button and the air in my home is chilled to 76 degrees. I could go on for hours just agog at the blessings that we take so for granted.

Mr. Rinear goes on to warn of difficult times coming and many feel this will be a reality and as the year 2021 comes many feel the same. Will the world continue as we know it or will foreign countries take hold of our democracy, only time will tell?

Many of those that have been elected are from other countries or were raised in other lands, countries that perhaps do not support the same values we grew up with.

Perhaps we are in for some trying times but we are strong and will survive. Many of you have lost loved ones and were unable to grieve properly. Many have lost their businesses or jobs causing you hardships, children have missed the opportunity to learn and live a normal childhood.

Family life is stressed and many relationships will not survive yet we must move forward, help each other and keep what we have together, we will conquer if we pull together.

GivingTuesday December 1 Nonprofits Need Your Support

Nonprofits are struggling due to the challenging effects of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic - there has been a significant increase in the demand for their services and a simultaneous decrease in both program and fundraising revenue. But despite the uncertainty surrounding these organizations, most are still running vital programs.

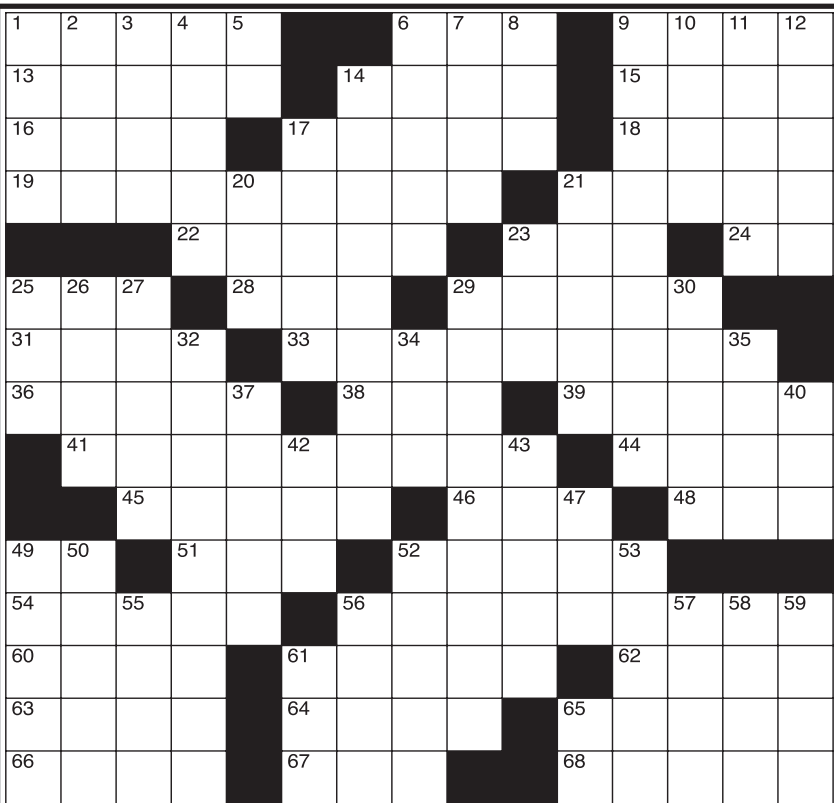
The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is GivingTuesday, a global movement of generosity and collective action. It is not just about fundraising - it is about communities banding together and giving of their time, power, skills, expertise and resources.

Your local organizations need your help. This year on December 1 and throughout the holiday season, consider giving back to your community in a way that is meaningful to you, whether it is through volunteering at a nonprofit or donating to a favorite cause.

"In addition to monetary and volunteer support, in-kind donations are greatly needed as well," stated Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of the Foundation. "Organizations are in need of things they never had to think about before - children's masks, PPE and additional cleaning supplies for example."

Donations for the towns of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. The "wishes" includes small wishes, such as food items, blankets, big wishes, such as refrigerators, etc.; and volunteer wishes. You can view it at mainstreetfoundation.org/community-wishlist and contact any organization directly to inquire about their specific needs.

"We invite you to help provide relief to our nonprofits today so we can keep our community strong for tomorrow," said Sadecki.



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. SKATEBOARDERS LOVE THEM
 - 6. POPULAR SPORTS PODCAST (ABBR.)
 - 9. FORMER OHIO STATE GREAT MICHAEL
 - 13. NOT DIRTY
 - 14. EARTH GODDESS (GREEK MYTH.)
 - 15. A SPANISH RIVER
 - 16. PIG MEAT (FRENCH)
 - 17. FAMED ASTRONOMER
 - 18. FLOATING ICE
 - 19. BROADCAST
 - 21. AQUATIC MAMMALS
 - 22. SOME ARE BATH
 - 23. HIP HOP TRIO
 - 24. NY GIANTS' #56
 - 25. SMALL EUROPEAN VIPER
 - 28. NEITHER
 - 29. MULTIPLE TONY-WINNER RIVERA
 - 31. LOUD NOISE
 - 33. SECOND YEAR HIGH SCHOOLER
 - 36. "___ IN COMPARISON"
 - 38. GOLF SCORE
 - 39. RAISE
 - 41. PASTAS
 - 44. EASILY MANAGEABLE
 - 45. FATHERED
 - 46. POUCH
 - 48. INSTITUTE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. PROOF OF PURCHASE (ABBR.)
 - 2. SOAP INGREDIENT
 - 3. BLACKBIRD
 - 4. SINGLE STEPS
 - 5. TIN
 - 6. BOOKS HAVE LOTS OF THEM
 - 7. MADE OF FERMENTED HONEY AND WATER
 - 8. YOU CAN GET IT IN A BED
 - 9. ROOM FOR COMMUNAL MEALS
 - 10. EARLY SYRIAN KINGDOM
 - 11. PROVOKES DRY AMUSEMENT
 - 12. USE WITH "THOU"
 - 14. MOLLUSK
 - 17. GRAIN STORAGE UNITS
 - 20. NOT A CAR, NOT A TRUCK
 - 21. OOZE
 - 23. N. VIETNAMESE ETHNIC GROUP
 - 25. TENNIS PROS GROUP
 - 26. SOMETHING THAT'S NOT WHAT IT'S PURPORTED TO BE
 - 27. E. INDIAN TREES
 - 29. BELOVED DECEMBER HOLIDAY
 - 30. REGIONS
 - 32. METRIC UNIT OF LENGTH
 - 34. PETER'S LAST NAME
 - 35. BEIGE
 - 37. 18-YEAR PERIOD IN ASTRONOMY
 - 40. WHERE GOLFERS BEGIN
 - 42. BASKETBALL STAT (ABBR.)
 - 43. FROCKS
 - 47. SODA COMES IN IT
 - 49. ON APPROVAL
 - 50. TRIMS BY CUTTING
 - 52. SMALL FINCH
 - 53. LANGUAGE BURA-___
 - 55. NOTHING
 - 56. IMBECILE (BRITISH)
 - 57. TROPICAL ASIAN PLANT
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MAIN STREET COMMUNITY FOUNDATION Celebrates Community Foundation Week by Highlighting Impact, Generosity During Anniversary Year

Main Street Community Foundation (MSCF) joined in the nationwide celebration of Community Foundation Week from November 12-18 to recognize the importance of these philanthropic organizations. Community foundations are uniquely situated to improve their regions through supporting innovative solutions and creating powerful partnerships. You have likely felt MSCF's impact in the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott, though you may not have known the programs and activities were fueled by your local community foundation.

Twenty-five years ago, MSCF was established by local community leaders who could not have envisioned a worldwide pandemic in 2020. However, they did create an enduring organization that in the past several months was able to quickly mobilize resources and provide COVID-19 response-related grants to meet the most urgent local needs. This timely response, and more than \$20.8 million in grants and scholarships provided since 1995, would not have been possible without the support of donors.

"There has never been a year like this, and MSCF has only been able to respond in the way it has due to the generosity of many donors," stated Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of MSCF. "The partnerships we have built with donors, non-profits, other foundations and the general public has been game-changing for our communities."

MSCF is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and was planning on hosting The Main Event: A Quarter Century Celebration to not only commemorate this milestone but to raise funds for its community leadership initiatives. Like most other events, it was canceled.

However, all sponsors of the event have redirected their support to MSCF's COVID-19 Response

Fund. This includes the Quarter Century Sponsorship (\$25,000) from Robert R. Rosenheim Foundation and the Leadership Sponsorships (\$10,000) from Barnes Group Foundation and Merrill Lynch Wealth Management. A complete list of sponsors can be found at mainstreetfoundation.org/the-main-event-2020.

"We are very grateful to our sponsors," stated Sadecki. "Their donations are being combined with those we've received all year to provide additional resources to organizations now and to provide aid to local nonprofits in the recovery period."

As Main Street Community Foundation continues to find solutions for its six communities – it is the collective work of all community foundations that will have the most profound impact. This was most evident amid this year's coronavirus pandemic where over \$1 billion was distributed by community foundations nationwide in response to the crisis. Additionally, community foundations, including MSCF, went beyond the money to help their communities adapt during this critical time—supporting charities, schools, nonprofits, and small businesses through partnerships with public institutions in cities, states, and in cooperation with the federal government.

Community Foundation Week was created in 1989 by former president George H.W. Bush to recognize the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community needs.

The Main Street Community Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for both present and future generations in the communities served by encouraging and promoting gift planning, prudent stewardship of assets, effective grantmaking and community leadership. A nonprofit public charity, created by private citizens, the foundation works with donors in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott who wish to build permanent charitable endowments to support their communities. Since its founding in 1995, the foundation has provided over \$20.8 million in grants and scholarships.

Plainville Organizations Awarded \$6,000 in Grants

Local nonprofit organizations are facing unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Program and fundraising revenue has drastically decreased, yet demand for services is stronger than ever as residents seek assistance for many basic needs and supports. To assist the Plainville community, Main Street Community Foundation recently awarded \$6,000 in grants from the Plainville Community Fund.

The grants awarded are:

- For Goodness Sake - \$1,500 – unrestricted operating support in response to COVID-19
- Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters - \$1,500 Community Based Mentoring Program in Plainville.
- Plainville Board of Education - \$500 – purchase of an iPad for the Plainville High School Math Department to facilitate virtual learning
- Plainville Community Food Pantry - \$500 – unrestricted operating support in response to COVID-19
- Prudence Crandall Center - \$2,000 – unrestricted operating support for services provided to Plainville residents.

"These grants were recommended by the Plainville Community Fund Advisory Council to respond to the most critical needs faced by Plainville residents during this pandemic," stated Byron Treado, Chair of the Advisory Council. "We want to provide relief today so we can keep our community strong for tomorrow."

Earlier this year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Main Street Community Foundation awarded \$5,000 in responsive grants from the Plainville Community Fund to two organizations meeting the basic needs of residents. In addition, this spring, a \$1,000 grant was awarded to the Chrysalis Center to support case management services at St. Philip House in Plainville.

The Plainville Community Fund was established at Main Street Community Foundation in 2006 by a group of committed community leaders in Plainville who were interested in creating a permanent resource for charitable programs and projects that would enhance the quality of life for Plainville residents. Over the past 14 years, the Foundation has awarded grants from the Fund totaling nearly \$100,000 to organizations and programs working to improve the lives of residents.

The Fund relies on the donations of individuals, families and businesses. These donations help meet the changing and emerging needs of Plainville, especially during this uncertain time. Contributions can be made at any time to the Plainville Community Fund by donating online at www.mainstreetfoundation.org or by sending donations to Main Street Community Foundation, P.O. Box 2702, Bristol, CT 06010.

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Petit Family Foundation Supports Klingberg Family Centers' Children's Advocacy Center

Dr. William Petit, President of the Petit Family Foundation, presented Klingberg Family Centers with a \$5,000 check to support Klingberg's Children's Advocacy Center (KCAC), which offers forensic interviews to help children and youth who have allegedly been victims of abuse or exploitation become survivors.

In the past the child/youth has had to answer questions and tell the same horrible facts over and over again to different professionals—teachers, DCF workers, therapists, guidance counselors, school nurses, lawyers, prosecutors, etc. The CAC model provides the resources for a one-time telling, with Forensic Interviewers who are specifically trained in conducting these interviews effectively, allowing for accurate details for all those who need them and the least trauma for the child.

The Petit Family Foundation honors the memories of Jennifer Hawke-Petit,

Hayley Elizabeth Petit, and Michaela Rose Petit by continuing the kindness, idealism, and activism that defined their lives. The Foundation's funds are given to foster and to support efforts to protect and help those affected by violence.

In remarks while presenting the grant, Dr. William Petit praised Klingberg Family Centers, saying, "The work that Klingberg does is valuable to the community, healing children and helping them towards a bright future."

Founded in 1903, Klingberg Family Centers is a private, nonprofit multi-service agency providing help to thousands of persons across Connecticut each year through twenty distinct programs. Klingberg's mission is to help build healing relationships that empower children and families to reach their full potential. Klingberg's programs are designed to extend hope and healing to children and families whose lives have been traumatized by abuse and/or neglect in its various forms, severe family problems, and mental health issues. The main campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut, with an additional location in Hartford. For more information about Klingberg Family Centers, visit www.klingberg.org.

Year End Lighting Trends

By: *Laura Davis, Owner of the Light Hangar Company*

It is getting nearer to the end of 2020. This dreadful year that has turned our lives upside down. I thought I would take a moment to reflect on some trends that I've seen throughout the year.

BLACK

While black may seem somber to some, black colored lighting fixtures have become THE BIGGEST TREND of 2020. It's the new favorite neutral color. It's chic, edgy, and making a space for itself in modern décor. You no longer need to coordinate your fixtures with your hardware (kitchen handles, faucet, etc). You can make a bold & neutral statement by simple using black. The benefit of black is that is also matches every color so you never need to worry about it going out of style.

LED IS MORE AFFORDABLE

LED is becoming much more affordable in terms of utility & under cabinet lighting. Make sure you remember to check what color temperature you are purchasing as you will have this light for a long time. I would also still shy away from decorative LED lights. You can purchase a regular decorative light and use an LED bulb.

CLEAR GLASS

Clear glass shades are a beautiful mash-up of industrial and rustic design. The clear glass paired with an LED filament bulb showcases the fixture as a piece of art rather than just functional lighting. There are still those who find the light from the filament bulbs a bit harsh. In that case you can opt for a double glass style with an interior opaque shade and a clear glass outer shade. Don't forget to set aside extra time to keep the clear glass clean though.

BIGGER IS BETTER

Homeowners are falling in love with bigger fixtures to create that "wow" factor and attract attention. More than lighting, these fixtures act as centerpieces to kitchens, dining rooms and living rooms. Also with the design of the clear glass, you can easily go bigger with fixtures without overwhelming your space.

MIX AND MATCH

While I love a good collection (a collection is a group of various fixtures with the same design elements), it's popular now to mix and match fixtures in different rooms using the same color and general style. You no longer need to be so matchy, matchy. As long as the design elements and color are similar – go ahead and be creative!

Here's to hoping that Holidays bring you a sense of warmth and comfort. Be well friends.



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1950 PHS Graduate Received "PRESIDENTS AWARD" NEVADA BOXING HALL OF FAME



Herbert J. Santos, Sr.

"Herb" is a 1950 graduate who gained national prominence in the sport of boxing. While at PHS, Herb played 3 sports: football, basketball and track. He moved to Nevada and made his mark as an attorney and boxing official. He has been involved in Nevada Boxing since the 1970's as a Judge and member of Nevada State Athletic Commission (NSAC) 1985-88, and Chairman 1987-88. Herb advocated safety practices for safety including attached thumb gloves as a result of the eye injury to "Sugar Ray" Leonard and helped to modernized NSAC rulebook published 1989. He received Special WBC recognition in 2012 as one of the top judges of the past 50 years. Herb has also received Special WBC recognition in 2014 for his contributions to boxing and he received 2016 Nevada Boxing Hall of Fame "PRESIDENTS AWARD" in honor of his contributions to the sport. In his illustrious career, Herb has judged and/or supervised over 720 professional bouts including over 60 title fights that included "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler vs. Thomas "Hitman" Hearns at Caesars Palace. Other bouts included the likes of: Sugar Ray Leonard, Mike Tyson, Michael Spinks, Larry Holmes, Julio Ceasar Chavez, Donald Curry and James "Bonecrusher" Smith.



The oldest judge in a world championship boxing fight is Herbert Joseph Santos (USA, b. 15 August 1931) who was 88 years and 199 days old when he acted as one of the three judges in the WBC Flyweight Championship, in Frisco, Texas, USA, on 29 February 2020.

Mr. Santos has been a WBC official for 38 years and has judged seven other WBC world title bouts as well as many other WBC affiliate-title fights.

History of Plainville Sports Trumbull Electric Baseball and Softball Teams

Tom Arcari was good enough to share these three photos of the Trumbull Electric baseball and softball teams from the 30s and 40s.

It reflects the history of Plainville sports and we would love to find out if anyone else in town has information about the teams. I haven't had any luck finding additional information but I am sure that there are family members in and around Plainville that could possibly share memories.

Thank you for sharing your information about the teams members.

If you have news about other Sportsmen or Women email to:

plainvillehometown@gmail.com

Byron Treado

1935 Trumbull Team

(See Picture)

Back Row: Charles Cleveland, Kellam, Freddie Miller, Jim Lee, Larribee, Yawin, Pahl

Middle Row: Huggard, Dorazio, Smith, Arnold, Bruce

Front Row: Sam Pavano, Shon Arcari, Cleveland – Bat Boy, Heath, Cliff Sturgeon

1936 Trumbull Team

(See picture)

Front Row: Pete Baraducci, Shon Arcari, Cleveland – Bat Boy, Mike Danilevich, Sam Pavano

Middle Row: Larry Gregory, Dalke, Yawin, Freddie Miller, Jim Lee

Back Row: Morrow, Wheeler, Kellam, Arnold, Roper, Bruce, Charles Cleveland

1938 Trumbull Team

(See picture)

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Second Row: Bill Christensen-coach, S. S. Gwilliam, Iggy Andrzejcyk, Freddie Miller, Henry Musshorn Jr., Bob Livingston, Jim Lee, Fernquist, ex-Governor John Trumbull, team manager Charles Cleveland

1943 Trumbull Team

(Roster only-no picture)

Kowaleski, Glowinia, Baylock, Usher, Blackstone, Fern Otero, Henry Musshorn, Dionne, King, Vic Dagata, Mike Danelevich, Chojnicki, Grocki, Freddie Miller, "Lefty" Ferrara, Cliff Sturgeon, Sam Pavano, Siry

1944 Trumbull Team

State Champions

(Roster only-no picture)

Berarducci, Salzillo, Art Dalke, "Lefty" Ferrara, Beebe, Vic Dagata, Siry, Grocki, Kowaleski, Humbert, Falconeri, Marenna, Zack, Sam Pavano, Daniels (Bat Boy), Artibani, D'Amato, Freddie Miller, Berarducci

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Life With Wanda



December, a month many love and probably as many dread. It's the end of the year and indeed this past year has been one for the books and now we must move forward and enjoy Christmas and greet the New Year with a fresh outlook.

I used to love Christmas, family would come and the little ones would open their presents and delight in the little things they received. A coloring book, crayons, a doll or a truck were favorites. As the children got older a new bicycle was a great surprise and the girls loved getting new clothes. As the girls got older makeup cases and even a pair of high heeled shoes made their eyes light up but, times have changed.

Somewhere things really got out of hand and I think it might have started with the computer or computer games. When we gave our grandchildren their first computer I noticed we didn't see much of them anymore. When the kids came over the little ones didn't come, they were home playing on the computer or messaging their friends. They didn't even talk on the phone; they messaged each other for hours and hours on end. I often wondered if they could actually talk.

Well, again Christmas is creeping near and I must find things they will enjoy but they have everything money can buy, God know they have more money than any of our generation has, so I went on a hunt for a gift that would make their life easier and no one else would have. I found this item by:

"Hallucinations by Hal". You'll have to admit it frees up your hands and might come in handy for another purpose you might have a use for.



So, in parting the year 2020 I say, thank God it's over, Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night..

Christmas 2020

By Sally Miller



I think about how much I have taken Christmas for granted in years gone by. When asked by family members what I wanted for Christmas, my mind would wander. I would think of all of my wonderful choices. My list might start with my favorite perfume, slippers, and maybe a piece of clothing.

This year the only thing on my Christmas list is having my family and friends safely with me and that is the only thing I CANNOT have. That makes it the most precious gift of all. It always has been the most precious gift but nothing else matters this year. I will miss all of them. I will miss the touch of loved ones, the hugs that only family can give one another. One of my grandchildren said that we could ZOOM or ECHO or any other digitized get together. I'm old school -I want to HUG.

I remember Christmas when we could stand shoulder to shoulder making ornaments, cooking and loving one another. We would look in each other's eyes and see the love and how much we meant to one another. This year I have decided that instead of just sending a Christmas card, I will write a special note inside and let each family and friend know just how much they mean to me and that will be my hug for them. This year, I will have the time since I won't be running in and out

2020 Holiday TV Movie Guide

Jingle Bell Bride (Hallmark, premiered 10/24): A wedding planner visits an adorable small town looking for a rare flower and meets a helpful local. It's a quest!

Christmas Tree Lane (Hallmark M&M, premiered 10/24): Hallmark stalwart Alicia Witt plays the owner of an adorable small business, a music store. She's also working to save the critical community asset of the shopping district from a developer. She will be surprised — but you will not! — to find out that the man she's falling for and the local representative of the developer might be one and the same.

Christmas Unwrapped (Lifetime, premiered 10/24): A reporter investigates a generous local man who plays Santa to his town. But is he actually passing along gifts from ... Santa? The description says she learns the true meaning of Christmas, so I'm assuming she does.

of stores. When I was young, my Gram used to send me letters and when I opened them, a piece of gum or a sprig of pine from her tree in the backyard would fall out. That gesture made me feel that I was special. I have a friend who is an artist and he made his Thanksgiving cards this year. How special I felt when I received mine

This year, we all need to feel that special feeling that being around family brought but maybe we can do something that will let them know how much we wish they were with us. Maybe this Christmas will be more special and bring us closer by taking time to let them know what they mean to us.

I remember when my great grandchild was about 4 years old. I had bought him so many presents that he stopped opening them and went back to playing a game on his phone. I won't be able to be with them this year because they live in another state and will have to be quarantined if they visit me. I will send him a special gift and a card with a note telling him how special he is to me. I may have just learned the greatest lesson this pandemic could have given me.

I wish all of you, my family, friends and especially Helen Bergenty a special and Happy Holiday. I want her to know how much she is appreciated for getting this paper out faithfully so that you can enjoy it,

Happy Holidays to all and I appreciate you reading my stories.

Correction from last month's ad: Correct Names of the Doctors below...

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Schools in Review

Toffolon Students Create "Mystery Word" Activity



Students in Daria Sargent's first grade class at Louis Toffolon Elementary School recently participated in a read aloud event and "mystery word" activity with the book, *Words To Love By*.
In Photos: Charlotte Steele, Caitlyn Krzykowski and Elliott Cole



DECEMBER DISTRICT CALENDAR

12/23 - MINIMUM DAY

12/24 THROUGH 12/31 HOLIDAY RECESS

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!



Middle School of Plainville Displays Flag for Veterans Day



As part of the Veterans Day programming at the Middle School of Plainville, the Plainville Fire Department continued their tradition of flying the large American Flag on site. The flag was flown from 7:00AM-9:00AM for staff and students to see as they arrived at school that day.

Wheeler School Students Celebrate Veterans Day



Wheeler fifth grader Sophia Cole reading her Veterans Day essay



Wheeler fourth grader Brennan Farina displays his feather

Linden Street School Students Learn about Veterans Day



Remote learning students Xavier and Zion Rivera in Joan Corey's second grade class at Linden Street School proudly participated in the school theme of wearing red, white and blue and incorporating patriotism in their learning as part of the Veterans Day tributes and programming on November 11th.



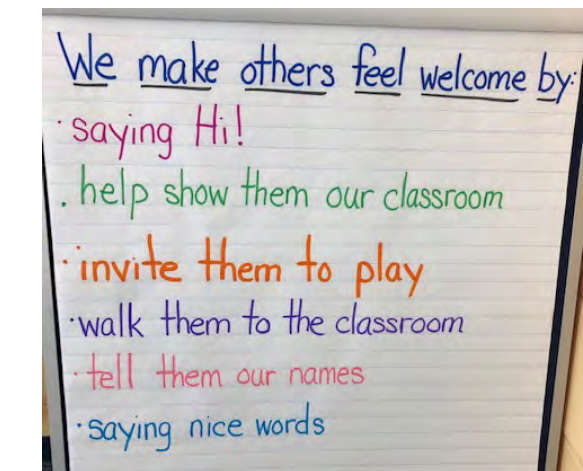
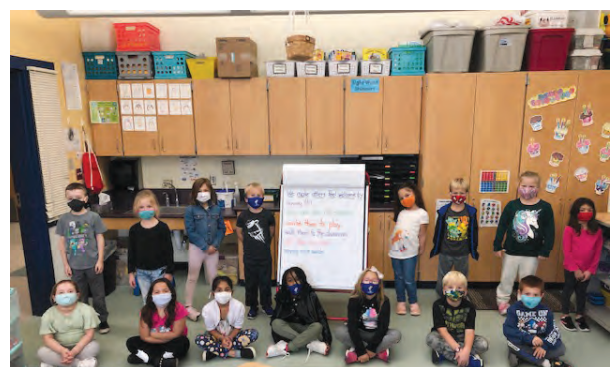
As part of Veterans Day programming at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School, fifth grader Sophia Cole read an essay honoring her grandfather for Veterans Day. In addition Wheeler's annual Veterans Day collaboration project was created by students in kindergarten through fifth grades. Students wrote messages and drew pictures on eagle feathers and then assembled into the head of an eagle, under the direction of Wheeler Art Teacher Laura Reed.

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag...



Students Learn About Inclusivity

Several elementary school faculty members and their classes in Plainville have recently participated in virtual read-aloud sessions and activities lead by Department of Education Open Choice Program Liaison Dina Lamenzo. The program is open to all first grade teachers and their classes, and is centered on inclusivity and equity.



Middle School Sponsors "Costumes for Charity" Competition



The Middle School of Plainville held their annual "Costumes for Charity" competition on October 30th. Faculty and staff members donned their favorite costumes and students were able to make a donation to vote for their favorites, collecting \$125 to be donated to the Plainville Community Food Pantry. Winners included: 1st place - Among Us; 2nd place - Andy Barclay with Chucky; 3rd place - Vampiper

Shown above First Place Winners - Among Us

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The Plainville Fire Department, in conjunction with generous donations from PetSmart and their customers, picked up and delivered brand new stuffed animals to the Plainville Family Resource Network (PFRN) based at Linden Street School. Each year at the beginning of the holiday season, PetSmart employees encourage their customers to purchase and donate in order to help those in need in their communities. In addition, a percentage of the price goes directly toward PetSmart charities. The Plainville Fire Department identified the Plainville Family Resource Network as the ideal organization to make use of these donations, and the Fire Department was thrilled to be part of making the magic happen! PetSmart Manager Kelly and team members Carolyn, Josie, and Taylor were happy to help Second Assistant Chief Kurt Plourde, First Lieutenant Billy Gammon, Fire Marshal Ron Dievert, Firefighters Ray Moreau, Phil Brochu, and Chris Centurelli, and Probationary Firefighter Adam Seigle get set up to deliver to PFRN Director Donna Cavallaro, the PFRN staff, and Linden St. School

MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PLAINVILLE EDUCATOR WINS AWARD



Middle School of Plainville Technology Education teacher Camille Westfall, is the recipient of this year's Technology Student Association (TSA) Chapter Advisor of the Year award. This award is presented to (TSA) chapter advisors who have provided exemplary

service and support to the Technology Student Association.

"Mrs. Westfall has given me the chance to learn and grow, not only as a future engineer and a leader, but also as an individual," said Valiantsin Kasabrukhou, a former TSA member. "I have been involved with TSA for over 25 years. I love being able to expose students to the various areas of science, engineering, innovation, and robotics technology," said Westfall. "More importantly, I love watching them become confident leaders of the future."

"It is no surprise to me that Camille would receive such recognition. She is a master teacher and an inspiration to so many students interested in technology," said Middle School of Plainville Principal, Matthew Guarino.

"My sincere congratulations to Ms. Westfall on this recognition, adding to a long list of prior honors and distinctions in the field she is so committed to. We are fortunate to have committed educators like Camille, who truly love what they do, and share their passion and knowledge with our students," noted Superintendent Steven LePage.

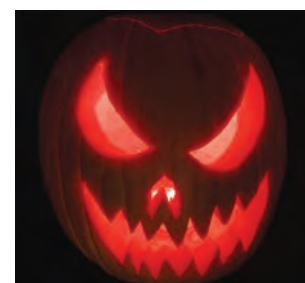
PHS Students Carve Pumpkins

Students in the Plainville High School Culinary Arts classes, under the direction of faculty member Jonathan Dunlap, recently participated in a Pumpkin Carving Competition. Members of the high school community were able to vote for their favorite pumpkins, and the top three winners received a gift card to Gnazzo's Food Center, who sponsored the event and donated the pumpkins.



FIRST PLACE:
Pumpkin #4
Autumn Oak Tree
created by:
Penley Giola

SECOND PLACE:
Pumpkin #9
Oogie Boogie
created by:
Haylee Rodriguez



THIRD PLACE:
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Rosie The Christmas Spider



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A NOTE ABOUT THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

The time has come for another election season to ruin the holidays for all! If Covid wasn't enough to ruin the year and the holidays for all... it had to be an election year to pit us against each other. In this article I would like to point out one of the lesser known policies about our voting system found within the electoral college.

First, a little review of the electoral college. When we vote for the President at the polls, we are casting our vote to be counted towards the popular vote. The popular vote in each state simply determines which candidate received more votes. In turn, this result is then passed on to the appointed electors of each state who are entrusted to cast their individual votes for the candidate who won the popular vote in that particular state.

Currently, Connecticut has 7 electoral votes.

The lesser known policy I alluded to is how electoral votes get cast if there is a dispute over the popular vote in a given state. Mail in voting is going to be more popular than ever this year for a multitude of reasons that requires no discussion for this article.

With that reality, the process of receiving ballots and counting them will take more time.

is presented to a state's voting may the electors cast their votes however they so decide? States are required to choose their slate of electors, ie. cast their electoral votes, 35 days after the election, which is 6 days before the electoral college meets. If the vote remains in question, then state legislators may set aside the popular vote and exercise their power to choose a slate of electors directly.

When all Americans are told that their vote counts this provision of the Electoral College has to be disturbing on its face. The potential exists that a state's majority party could overthrow the vote of the people and determine how their electoral votes are cast. This may seem familiar as it happened in Florida during the Bush v. Gore election. But while that dispute may be described as more of a street fight for the presidency, the potential for a dispute this year would be more akin to a royal rumble.

Democracy is not easy... America is not easy. What we have is an imperfect system that has the ability to react and amend itself when problems present arise.

Let us not forget that it is WE THE PEOPLE who control this land. Officials are elected to serve us.

With that, I hope we all stay safe and healthy as best we can and with the promise of a new year, we can move forward stronger than ever.

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DENTAL HEALTH

By: David R. Edelson, DMD

Children Oral Hygiene Routine



If there's one thing that all dentists have in common, it's that they regularly see young patients with tooth decay. Roughly 42 percent of children ages 2 to 11 have had decay in their primary teeth, while approximately 32 percent of children ages 9 to 11 have decay in their permanent teeth. Although it's vital for all patients to brush and floss every day, children in particular can improve their oral health by adding xylitol to their daily oral hygiene routine, according to an article published in the July 2010 issue of AGD Impact, the monthly newsmagazine of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD). Sugary foods and sticky candies can be difficult for children to resist, but they are a serious source of tooth decay, particularly when they get stuck in the crevices between teeth. Additionally, many children consume large amounts of soft drinks and sports drinks, which are known to have a high acidic pH and sugar content- a recipe for disaster in terms of tooth decay. These dietary factors- combined with the possibility that children are drinking more unfluorinated tap or bottled water- might explain why the rates of tooth decay are rising. However; xylitol gives dentists another weapon in the battle against tooth decay. Xylitol provides a simple solution for tooth decay in children. It's a natural sugar that doesn't cause cavities and can actually help to prevent them.

Xylitol is a sugar alcohol found in trees, fruits, and vegetables. It's also found naturally in the human liver, which is why it is safe for humans to consume.

Unlike table sugar, which breaks down in the mouth and creates an acidic, cavity promoting pH, xylitol does not break down and therefore does not create any harmful acids. Xylitol can be found in an array of products- including candies, mints, lemonade mixes, all purpose sweeteners, and certain brands of chewing gum-which can help patients fighting cavities without forcing them to drastically change their daily oral hygiene regimen.

Research suggests that patients should consume between 6-10 grams, or 3-5 servings, of xylitol per day. It's also important for patients to consume xylitol throughout the day and not all at once. The more often that xylitol interacts with the bacteria in your mouth, the better.

That way, it's always fighting cavities. While there is no quick fix for eliminating tooth decay, xylitol may offer a realistic way to counteract the problem, especially among the most vulnerable populations. Parents may wonder why a dentist would recommend that their young patients consume a sugar like substance, but with more education they will realize that xylitol is a natural product that can help to prevent cavities.

Although xylitol is safe for humans, it is important to note that there is one population...a furry one... that cannot tolerate the sweetener. An article published in the February 2010 issue of AGD Impact reports that, even in small amounts, xylitol can be deadly to dogs.

For this reason, it's important to keep xylitol containing products out of your canine's reach.

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

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

{Peter faves} I can see why Uncle Bob's Ham & Eggers was voted Best Breakfast in town. They are open 7 days a week and I have breakfast at least 4 days a week at Uncle Bob's. The service is great, fast & friendly.

{Jackie raves} I believe the Plainville Hometown Connection is an O.K. local paper because as I read the paper last month. You guessed it the most important bathroom fixture developed a problem. I went to the Plainville Plumbing Supply on East Street. The ad was right, Pat Minor the owner was right there to help me. He walked me step by step on how to repair the fixture, Pat had the parts for the repair and because of his advice I was able to do the repair myself. Thank you! Pat

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Rosie the Christmas Spider

By: Gertrude LaCombe

Christmas time at the Historic Center is always our busiest time of the year. Preparations for the holiday season are the talk of the day as decisions are made on what activities we should have to entertain the families of Plainville. All the rooms are cleaned and dusted, decorations are put up in the hall, and are readied to show off the joy of the season.

This year has been very different from past years and only a few people have been in the building because of the pandemic. So I began to think of a tiny living creature that comes to visit us every summer. It slips under our front door and make its home under the table at the entry way. Her name is Rosie the spider and we love her very much but she is determined to make this spot her home no matter how many times we have tried to sweep her out the door. Now she has grown a bit, taken up residence and is wondering what is going on here this year. Where's Christmas?

Rosie now finds herself trapped in a very strange situation. She moves from room to room lost and lonely. She tries the grand staircase (such a big drop), hangs from the ceiling and looks out the windows trying to find Christmas. The dollhouse is not decorated for the holiday and there are no colored lights or dressed up trees to curl up in. Sure it's warmer than outside, but not cozy--not without her friends.

She must be really sad that there haven't been any children with their parents coming through the door to find a cup of Lion's Club hot cocoa, waiting to be sipped, then sit down to decorate some cookies, or make a gingerbread house and visit with Mrs. Santa Claus. She wishes that she could do something to make Christmas come back.

Now it seems that she has disappeared and we are so worried about her. I think she needs your help. Perhaps when you are about town, to Gnazzo's, the bank, church or maybe the gas station, Mom and Dad might swing by Pierce Street and slow down a bit, or even stop for a minute in front of the building to see if you can spy Rosie through the front door. It would be a big help for us to know that she is still nearby because she does move around. It is very important to report to us at our e-mail address and let us know where you saw her and the date. You can drop off a message with your name and address at the mail slot in the door. She just might send you a surprise. Rosie will be so happy to know that you helped her to find Christmas.

The staff and members are still waiting for the time when we will all be able to get together again at the Historic Center and miss being able to serve the people of our town at this time. We are looking forward to a Happy New Year without the pandemic.

The Historic Center remains closed as winter descends over Plainville. The building is being maintained by minimal Historical Society staff. Someone is available to take land line calls most Monday or Wednesday mornings. Check out our website for updates or you can contact us by e-mail.

FOCUS ON FAMILY FUN

Please participate in our virtual Christmas program for children. Rosie will search for Christmas, appearing so that she can be seen with a peek inside the front door or she might be looking out a window on the front of the building. Her position will change periodically so that your child can track her as she searches for Christmas. Feel free to park briefly in front of the building. The brick piazza provides a safe place for the children to approach the building away from traffic. Your child will want to file a report at our e-mail address. We have asked for a mailing address. Present planning calls for Rosie to be mailing notes or other appropriate material for elementary age children. Please be assured that any personal information will not be shared or archived. Rosie will be accepting messages that are dropped into the mail slot on the front door of the building and she will answer them if you provide an address. You can always check out our website or Facebook page for any news of Rosie. This will be a fun, free and best of all, safe activity for your family during December.

We have heard on very good report from a second grader that "Joey on the bus" has announced that Santa Claus is dead. Yup! He got the Covid. Our research indicates that this is fake news. In fact, Santa Claus is alive and well and plans to visit Plainville's children on schedule.

THE HISTORICAL CHRISTMAS SPIDER

Throughout history, the spider has been a symbol of happiness and good fortune. Many cultures fashioned jewelry depicting its image, dating back to the scarab, popular in ancient Egypt.

A European Christmas folk tale writes of a spider that spun an elaborate web in an evergreen on Christmas Eve in the home of a poor family. When the curtains were opened in the morning the sunlight turned the web into sparkling gold and silver. The family experienced good fortune from then on.

Thus, the tradition that it will bring luck to hang a spider-shaped ornament on your tree. Some believe that this legend was the origin of the use of tinsel.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR
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Taste Buzz

TURKEY DINNER

Buy: ½ lb. sliced deli turkey
1 Box Stove Top Stuffing
1 Carton McCormick's turkey gravy

Prepare stuffing as you like.

Roll out a slice of turkey and place a line of stuffing in the middle the short way and roll up. Place the rolls in a buttered or sprayed oblong baking dish with sides.

Cover with the gravy. Bake at 350 until hot.

Serve with whatever you like.

Unbelievably good.

SWEET POTATO

Wash and pierce each Sweet Potato with a fork. Then wrap each Sweet Potato in Plastic wrap. Place in Microwave on high for 10 minutes. Check if the Sweet Potato is not soft return to Microwave for a few more minutes. Split the Sweet Potato & place a pat of butter. And Enjoy!

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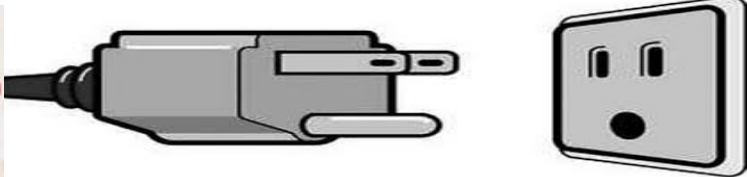
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OBITUARIES

Linda Sue (Walentukonis) Catucci



70, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on November 8, 2020 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain, the same hospital where she was born on March 24, 1950. Linda was a nurse, an occupational change at age 60 that she took on later in life, proving that you are never too

old to get an education. She was an expert stained-glass artisan and taught many students her craft. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, Marcus and Laura, and most recently she had a new favorite, her great-granddaughter, Kara. She was a huge animal lover, always willing to talk about her three cats, Prance, Freddy and the late Fluffy.

Linda loved talking and learning about her family history. Her father, William Walentukonis, was born to immigrant parents, his father from Lithuania, his mother from Poland. She was extremely proud that her father was a veteran of WWII, having been wounded just days before the end of the war. Her mother, Jean Noyes, had deep roots in New England and was directly descended from five Mayflower passengers. Her travels took her as far as China, but she was content with a good book and knitting at home. She also loved M&Ms and her Mini-Cooper.

Linda is survived by her brother, Peter Walentukonis, her two sons, Michael and Marcus McClellan, her "daughters", Yvonne Hickey and Kimberly McClellan, her grandchildren, Marcus and Laura Cyr, her great-granddaughter, Kara Muller, her favorite uncle, Russell Noyes, along with many other family and friends that were dear to her heart. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Bonnie Lee Walentukonis in 2005.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Brian Byrne, his staff, and all the staff at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain for the excellent care that was given to Linda during her battles with cancer.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made at any local animal shelter in Linda's name.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Linda's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of remembrance were shared. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Thomas W. Walker ~



49, of Ivoryton, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London.

Born on December 11, 1970, he was the only son of JoAnn (Wasley) Walker, of Ivoryton and the late Dennis Walker, who predeceased

him this past July. Raised in Essex, Tommy, as he was known to his family and friends, attended The Williams School in New London, earned his B.A in Psychology from Skidmore College in upstate New York, and his teaching certification from Central Connecticut State University. Following in his family's traditions, he had a lifelong passion for sailing, attending Pettipaug as a child, and eventually fulfilling his dream of self-employment as a boat caretaker at various local marinas. His proudest role was being a father to his son and best buddy, Chase, with whom he shared an affinity for trains, video games and most recently, roller coasters.

In addition to his mother, JoAnn and his son, Chase, he leaves his uncles, A.J. Wasley and his wife, Toni; and Alan Wasley and his wife, Nancy; and shares many cherished childhood memories with his cousins that he grew up alongside. He also leaves Chase's mother, Sarah (Suhoza) Walker and her family.

In lieu of flowers, Tommy may be remembered with contributions to Dog Star Rescue, PO Box 721, Canton, CT 06019 or at www.dogstarrescue.org

~ Karen Lee Corbin ~



left our side on October 20, 2020, at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. She was a young 61. Born on February 12, 1959 in New Britain, to Zenon and Margaret (Pelletier) Corbin, Karen grew up in Plainville and graduated from Plainville High School in 1978.

After high school, Karen took a position with American Savings Bank as a bank teller and then went to Heublein, Inc., where she worked as an Executive Assistant for over 18 years. In 1999, Karen went to work for Stanley Black & Decker as an Executive Assistant, eventually becoming the Executive Assistant to Jim Loree, President and CEO. Karen worked for Jim as his assistant for almost 20 years and, over that period, they became close friends. Karen was a beloved friend and extended member of the Loree family.

Karen is survived by the love of her life and significant other of 43 years, Ted Morris of New Britain, and their dog, Bandi.

Karen was an animal lover all her life, especially dogs. She was a sports enthusiast, specifically football and basketball, and loved bowling. Karen was a strong, independent woman, fiercely loyal and protective, ever caring and always putting others before herself. She was a dutiful daughter, a supportive friend, a loving partner and a trusted confidante.

Karen was preceded in death by her father and mother, Zenon and Margaret, and her sister, Angelina Corbin. Knowing that Karen is with her entire family helps to give all who knew and loved her peace.

Calling hours were held at the Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville. Funeral services were held at St. Joseph Cemetery, 169 Farmington Ave, Plainville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Karen's honor to the American Cancer Society, 111 Founders Plaza, 2nd Floor, East Hartford, CT 06108, or at <http://www.cancer.org/>

~ Richard Steven Hepp ~



70, of Niantic, CT died peacefully on Thursday, October 22, 2020.

He was born September 13, 1950 in New Britain, CT and was the eldest son of Richard N. Hepp and Olga Hepp. He grew up in Plainville, CT and graduated from Plainville

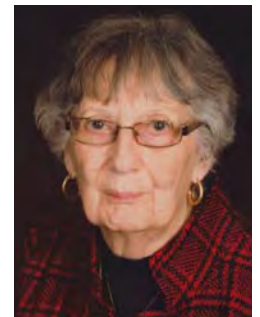
High School in 1968. His love of the ocean led him to reside in Niantic, CT. He owned and operated his own business, R.S. Hepp Co., Renovating Contractors, doing classic restoration of buildings belonging to churches, prep schools, and universities.

Rick enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and was known for his quick wit and sense of humor. He took a genuine interest in the lives of others, especially his siblings, cousins, nieces, and nephew. He had a close relationship with his parents and was a wonderful support for his mother before she passed away. He shared a love of racing with his brothers, creating special memories by attending the Indy 500, Formula 1 and NASCAR races together. Rick loved music and getting together with friends to play the guitar. Often during the winter months he would spend time in the Keys or Belize, savoring the beach life. His warm presence at any gathering, whether with family or friends, added life to the party.

He was predeceased by his father; Richard N. Hepp, and his mother, Olga Keiko Hepp. He is survived by his four siblings; Robert G. Hepp (Sandra) of Davidson, NC, Nancy J. Hepp of Milton, VT, Lynn Atkinson of New London, CT and Ronald J. Hepp (Patti) of Southington, CT. He is also survived by his dear friend, Sally Springer of Reading, MA; his six adored nieces and nephew, and two grandnieces and a grandnephew.

Memorial contributions may be made to Care & Share of East Lyme (PO Box 114, East Lyme, CT 06333) or a food bank of choice.

~ Rita Mary (Aiudi) Dewyea ~



passed away peacefully on November 8, 2020 after a long illness. She was born in Plainville, CT on November 10, 1931 to the late Bramante and Selferina Aiudi.

Rita met the love of her life, Everett Dewyea in 1950. They married in 1952 and shared over 55 years together before

his passing in 2007. They were lifelong residents of Plainville, where they were very active in the community.

Education was always very important to Rita. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the University of Hartford in 1980. She then continued on to earn a Master's Degree in Corporate Taxes in 1987, all while raising four daughters, caring for her aging parents, and working as Comptroller at White Oak Corporation in Plainville. In later years, she was an instructor at Tunxis Community College in the evenings. Her love of learning and example of hard work served as an excellent example to her girls.

In the early years, Rita and Everett took the family on camping trips throughout the east coast and Canada, before purchasing their family cottage on French's Pond in Henniker, NH. There, they hosted many family and friends and made many happy memories for over 25 years.

Family was everything to Rita. She made every effort to be on hand to celebrate birthdays, graduations, and weddings for all of her eight grandchildren...in whatever country or state they resided in at the time. This afforded Rita the opportunity to visit Germany, Japan, California, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Virginia.

Over the years, Rita was very active in her church and community. She was a lifelong parishioner at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church and volunteered on several committees, including St. Anthony's Society. She was also involved with: the Plainville Senior Center, Plainville Historical Society (treasurer), AARP, Plainville Zoning Board of Appeals, Plainville Council on Aging, the Red Hat Society, and various bridge flights and bowling leagues. She was also a member of the Republican Town Committee and was excited to work the polls during numerous election cycles.

Rita leaves behind her daughters Sylvia and her husband Joseph Riley of California, MD; Marcia and her husband Robert Gauvin of Spotsylvania, VA; Diane and her husband Michael MacLeod of Narragansett, RI; and Brenda and her husband, Russell Ahlgren of Wakefield, RI.

She also leaves behind her eight grandchildren, whom she loved - John J. Dempsey IV, Daniel Gauvin, Michael Dempsey, Jennifer (Gauvin) Atkison, Christopher Ahlgren, Kevin MacLeod, Emily (Ahlgren) Salvador, and Alexander MacLeod. Rita also leaves behind her 15 great grandchildren who brought her much joy in her later years; her beloved brother, Rugero and his wife Anne Aiudi of Dania Beach, FL, her sister-in-law, Shirley (Dewyea) Joyal of Enosburg Falls, VT; and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband Everett Dewyea, her sister, Lena Dakin, and her brothers, Geno and Evo Aiudi.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Plainville Senior Center (where she spent many enjoyable hours), the Plainville Food Pantry or Alzheimer's.org.

Family and close friends gathered at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 94 Broad Street, Plainville followed by burial at St. Mary's Cemetery, 1141 Stanley St, New Britain. For additional information or to leave words of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com.

OBITUARIES

~ Mark Edward Fioravanti ~



66, of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. He was the beloved husband and best friend of Eloise (Cadrain) Fioravanti, with whom he shared 47 years of love, laughter and worldwide travel adventures.

Born in Key West, Florida on June 9, 1954, he was the oldest of five children to Georgia Lee (Bailey) Fioravanti of Southington and the late Edis John Fioravanti. Raised and educated in Plainville and New Britain, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force upon graduating from New Britain High School in 1972. He served his country stateside for four years during the Vietnam Era, and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in 1976. Mark and Eloise settled in Plainville where they raised their two children, and had a mutual love for traveling, having visited Iceland, Hawaii and the Galapagos Islands, among countless other special destinations, and, a true conch at heart, returned home to the Keys this week each year for their annual Fantasy Fest. He leaves a legacy of hard work at NCR Corporation where he was a dedicated employee for more than 40 years and achieved countless certifications in technology. A former Boy Scout leader, he earned Life Scout status and was proud of his son's Eagle Scout accomplishments. Mark had a keen eye and passion for photography, having captured many precious moments and scenery to be enjoyed for years to come. Remembered for his quick wit and dry sense of humor, his hard work ethics and adventurous spirit, he will be missed greatly by his family and many friends near and far.

In addition to his wife, Eloise, and his mother, Georgia, he leaves his son, Mark Fioravanti, II and his wife, Karen; his daughter, Heather Long and her husband, Greg; and his grandchildren who brought his endless joy, Kat and Elias McGhee and Aurin Fioravanti. He also leaves his brothers and sisters-in-law, Craig and Paula, Scott and Martha, Jeff and Lisa, and Keith and Wendy; many nieces and nephews; his aunt, Sylvia Naples; his brother-in-law Howard Cadrain; his sisters-in-law, Patricia Ward and Robyn Cadrain and extended family. He was predeceased by his aunt and uncle, Beverly and Daniel Burke. Mark may be remembered with contributions to the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org/donate

In honor of Mark's favorite holiday and love for Fantasy Fest, his life was celebrated on Halloween, Saturday, October 31, 2020. Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of remembrance were shared, followed by Military Honors. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit:

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~ Brenda Ann (Daley) Kozuch ~



58, of Plainville, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home surrounded by her loved ones on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Brenda was born in Bristol, CT on August 23, 1962, daughter to the late Henry Joseph and Marilyn (Meade)

Daley. She grew up in Bristol, graduating from Bristol schools and spent some time living in West Hartford, prior to settling in Plainville, where she has resided for the last seven years. Brenda previously worked as a server for many years in the restaurant industry and was a volunteer at the voting polls. She was a strong, faithful, woman who was always putting others before herself. Her life was not always easy, as she battled her struggles, but never once complained and always remained positive, refusing to give up. Over the last two years, Brenda reached her goal of a life of sobriety, which truly saved her and brought her back to be with her family, where she was happiest. She fought to find her way back home and finally did. All around, she was a beautiful person inside and out and always lived life with a smile on her face. She enjoyed cooking, decorating, and serving others. She also enjoyed the outdoors, especially sun bathing at the beach and camping. She led a life of simplicity; as long as she had her cup of coffee and knew her children were okay, she was fulfilled. As she did with everything in life, Brenda faced her cancer with strength, grace, and dignity up until her last day. Her loved ones take comfort in knowing that she is no longer suffering and is at peace.

Brenda is survived by her sons, Henry, Erik, and Corey Kozuch, her daughter, Leila Kozuch, her granddaughter, Taylor Kozuch, her brother, William M. Daley, and her sister, Karen Daley Hull.

A Graveside service in celebration of Brenda's life was held at Saint Mary Cemetery, Huckleberry Hill Road, Avon. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville is honored to serve the Kozuch family.

Donations in memory of Brenda can be made to My Sisters' Place, Inc., 221 Main Street, Hartford, CT 0610606010.

~ Elaine Myers Langley ~



75, of Plainville, CT, went home to be with the Lord on November 9, 2020. She was born October 19, 1945, daughter of Fausta (Radicioni) Myers and Trooper Harry A. Myers Jr. of Mystic.

Elaine grew up in Mystic, Hartford, and Collinsville. As a child, she enjoyed family

picnics and drive-in movies. She treasured memories of family vacations on a cabin cruiser, fishing and swimming in the Mystic River and the Sound. After graduating from Canton High School in 1964, she went on to a series of jobs as a bookkeeper, telephone operator, and at Roosevelt Mills clothing store. She found her calling caring for others, as an Alzheimer's specialist and as a cafeteria aid at Lewis S. Mills High School.

Elaine married Richard Langley on June 18, 1966, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Burlington. They recently celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. Together, Elaine and Richard enjoyed travelling to visit family, taking day trips, and going for drives. Elaine loved spending time at the beach and keeping in touch with friends near and far. She was skilled at sewing and mending clothes, and baked a constant supply of chocolate chip cookies. Elaine enjoyed dining out, a good slice of cheesecake, the movies, and photographing family and friends for photo albums. Delighting in her role as Noni, Elaine was deeply involved in the lives of her grandsons, and seeing her nieces and nephews and their children grow up.

Elaine was predeceased by her parents, and siblings Diane Marsden and Richard Bartolucci. In addition to her husband, she is survived by son Richard Langley, Jr. (Katie Boiteau) of New Britain, daughter Lisa Romano (Kenneth Ouellette) of Burlington, twin sister Marguerite Myers Mischak (Michael) of Collinsville, sister Michele Woodward (James) of New Hartford, grandsons Douglas Romano (Breanna Iannone) of Burlington, and Jason Romano of Plainville.

A celebration of Elaine's life will be held privately by the family.

~ Barbara (Mierzejewski) Wilk ~



83, of Kensington, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 2, 2020. She was the beloved wife of the late Raymond J. Wilk. Born in New Britain, daughter of the late Stanley and Jean (Reut) Mierzejewski, she lived in New Britain and Kensington

most of her life. Barbara was a young 83 and was employed with the Town of Plainville until this past March. She enjoyed casino trips, shopping and going out dancing with her friends. She was also a member of the Elks club in New Britain. She had a generous and giving nature and was loved by all who knew her. A loving mother and grandmother, she leaves her three children, Maureen LaBella and her husband Joseph of Colchester, David Wilk of Kensington, and Michael Wilk and his wife Michelle of Portland, and four grandchildren, Krista and Caitlyn LaBella and McKenzie and McKayla Wilk. She also leaves her brother Stanley Mierzejewski and his wife Lisa of Berlin, her longtime partner Sal Rubino of Kensington, and many nieces, nephews and friends. She was predeceased by her son Robert Wilk and her brother Richard Mierzejewski. A Mass of Christian Burial washeld at the Sacred Heart Church, 158 Broad St., New Britain. She was laid to rest following the mass in Sacred Heart Cemetery, New Britain. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Burrirt Hill, 332 Burrirt St., New Britain is serving her family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association at www.heart.org.



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OBITUARIES

~ Neil Richard Santacroce ~



71 of Plainville, left his family and friends unexpectedly on Friday, November 13, 2020.

Born in New Britain on August 15,

1949, Neil was the older of two sons to the late John A. and Edith (Fragola) Santacroce. A lifelong resident, he was a graduate of Plainville High School. A family of dedication and patriotism, Neil followed in his father's footsteps, and enlisted in the US Army immediately following high school. He voluntarily served two tours of duty during Vietnam for which he received many commendations and awards, including the Army Commendation Award with Valor and the Bronze Star with Valor. Upon returning home, he worked tirelessly for General Electric for 35 years.

A life of selflessness and generosity, Neil gave wholeheartedly to his country, his family and his friends with constant and quiet acts of love. He was meticulous with his home, his yard and his possessions, and had a wittiness that was relished by those around him. A man of strong faith, he was a longtime communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church, as well as the VFW Post #574. His legacy of love and kindness will forever be remembered and cherished by all who knew him. He leaves his brother, Gary; and many aunts, uncles and cousins who enjoyed his company and friendship.

Neil's love for his country and fellow veterans may be remembered with contributions to the House of Heroes CT, 3342 Whitney Ave, Hamden, CT 06518 or www.HOHCT.org

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Neil's life was held at at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94

~Galliano Bucci~

An inspirational legacy came to an end for Galliano Bucci, 83, on November 14th. He was born in Ortona, Italy in 1937 the oldest of two children. As a young child Galliano and his family miraculously survived. He moved to Argentina with his family where he met and married his cowgirl and the love of his life Emilia. Moving to the United States in 1965 arriving in New York. Once settled in CT, he found his home away from home in the tool & die manufacturing trade. So much, that he was able to bring his own business, B & R Machine to life in 1977 making things for planes, trains, and even things that flew in space. Finally retiring in 2004 he was able to dedicate his time totally to his family and to the second biggest love of his life, his grandson Dylan. Galliano is survived by his wife of 60 years Emilia, his son Daniel, daughter-in-law Jennifer, grandson Dylan and many other friends and extended family members.

A memorial service in celebration of Galliano's life will be announced at a later date.

Tirzah Elaine (Hendrixx)



Stegmaier

passed away on November 15, 2020 at the age of 97.

Elaine, as she was known, was born March 10, 1923 in Mt. Pleasant outside Port Angeles, Washington to Clara Dorr Hendrixx and Johannes Hendrixx. She graduated with honors from Lincoln High School in Tacoma in 1941 and worked briefly as a welder at Vultee Aircraft Corporation in Long Beach, California before enlisting in the U.S. Women's Army Corps in 1943. Elaine was stationed at Fort Jackson, S.C. before deployment to the European Theater of Operations in the 2010th WAC Detachment from 1945 to 1947, where she served in the first women's unit in Occupied Berlin, Germany, and was promoted to Unit First Sergeant. After being honorably discharged, she moved to Washington, D.C. where she met and married Louis Turner Stegmaier in 1950. Elaine and Louis eventually moved to Plainville, Connecticut, where they raised their sons, Carl, Craig, Cory, and their late son, Clark. Elaine worked as a secretary at the Congregational Church and Episcopal Church in Plainville. A long time town resident, she was active in Cub Scout Pack 49, Broad Street School PTO, and was a Plainville High School Band Mother. An avid amateur genealogist, Elaine loved to research family history for practically anyone. An adventurer at heart, she regaled family, friends, and strangers with vivid stories about her travels, history, and her incredible life, including riding in a jeep with then-General Eisenhower in Berlin, and taking walks with President Truman in D.C. Even at 97, Elaine was sharp as a tack, filled with wit, and a bold sense of humor. She loved her family dearly and will be sorely missed.

She is survived by her sons Carl and his kids Kay and John; Craig and his wife Jennifer, and his children Craig J. and wife Kristen, Eric and wife Heather, and Rebecca and husband Rob; Cory and his sons, Nathaniel and Alexander; her adopted son Tom Sharr and kids Andrew and Christianne; and 11 great-grandchildren and several spouses, nieces, and nephews. The last member of her generation on either the Hendrixx or Stegmaier side, she was predeceased by her son Clark, her husband of over 55 years Louis, her siblings, Vic, John, Ruth, Wilma, Helen, and Mary, her parents, and life-long Army friend, Jane DePuy.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, PO Box 233, Plainville, CT 06062.

Family and friends gathered on Friday, at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of remembrance were shared followed by military honors. Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Kingston, Massachusetts at the convenience of the family.

Charles A. "Chick"



Smedick

With great sadness, Charles A. "Chick" Smedick, 68, of Westbrook and Hobe Sound, FL, formerly of Plainville, passed away peacefully on

Sunday, November 15, 2020 at the John Dempsey Hospital in Farmington. He was the beloved husband of Barbara (Moschini) Smedick for 46 years.

Chic was born on May 4, 1952 in Bristol son to the late Henry M. Smedick and Anna (Main) Smedick, who survives him. He grew up in Plainville attending local schools and graduated from Plainville High School in 1970. In his youth, Chic was an Eagle Scout and conservation officer. His interest in public service was cultivated as a young man as he served many years on the Plainville Fire Company as a volunteer firefighter, alongside his brother and in-laws. In the early 1980s, he became interested in law enforcement, a line of work that would become his life's passion. He attended Tunxis Community College in the Criminal Justice Program. He went on to enlist in the Police Training Academy and soon after began his successful career in law enforcement, working for the Town of Plainville Police Department. Chic tirelessly served the community of Plainville for 30 years and was devoted to making the town he grew up in a safer, better place to live. Over the course of his dedicated time served to the Town of Plainville, Chic received countless department commendations, attended numerous special trainings and volunteered many hours for community organizations. He reached a well-deserved retirement from the department as the Administrative Sergeant in 2012, but his community involvement did not stop there. He continued to be a familiar face in town by serving as a Funeral Assistant at Bailey Funeral Home, helping families at very difficult times. In retirement, Chic and his wife, Barbara, enjoyed their

winters at their house in Hobe Sound, FL and their summers at the family beach house in Westbrook, CT along the Long Island Sound. He enjoyed days at the beach surrounded by family and friends, golfing, and fishing. Chic was a humble, loving, witty guy with an infectious smile and a heart of gold. He was truly one of a kind and a man who was highly respected by all. The community of Plainville mourns with his loving family.

In addition to his wife, Barbara, and his mother, Anna, Chic is survived by his two sons: Jeffrey Smedick of Westbrook, and Nicholas Smedick and his wife Heather and their children, his pride and joy, his two grandsons, Nicholas Jr. and Joseph. His beloved dog Vito. He is also survived by his brother Daniel Smedick, his sisters, Nancy Hatch and Dina Harris; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family members and a wide circle of friends.

A funeral procession will leave Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville at 9:30 AM on Saturday, December 5, 2020 for a Mass of Christian Burial for 10 AM at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad Street, Plainville. Due to the current pandemic, a limitation of 100 guests are allowed to attend the Mass, so we kindly ask for family and close friends only to attend. Those in attendance will be



asked to follow all CDC guidelines, required to wear facial coverings and maintain social distancing.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Chic may be made to The Robert M. Holcomb Scholarship Fund, c/o Plainville Police Association, 19 Neal Court, Plainville, CT 06062. Family and friends gathered on Friday, at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of remembrance were shared followed by military honors. Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Kingston, Massachusetts at the convenience of the family.



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America is full of Bulls--t

Let me go on record to say that I was born and raised in America. There is no better place. Its what is inside this country that is full of Bulls--t. There is an expression the truth hurts, hence this is where the BS starts.

So how did the BS start. Well believe it or not it started with our founding fathers. They were prominent slave owners, and led by our 3rd President, Thomas Jefferson who said, " all men were created equal." Stunningly full of BS.

BS is rampant. it's everywhere. B S comes from advertising, politics, corporations, salespeople. We'll start with politics. Just look at our election alone. People want politicians to be honest. If they did that it would throw everything off. The whole system would collapse. People know this, they like their bulls--t up front. Bill Clinton was like that. He told people he was full of s--t up front. People said at least he's honest, and was able to get two terms. Doyle said he was honest, BS.

Business Men- are always trying for the customers account. So they are always bullsh--ting the bullsh--ters on one another. Then comes the big smile when they see clients. The big smile and the BS starts as they align themselves behind the customer so they can service the account. Businessmen claim is we customize in customer service. The person that coined the phrase 'buyer beware' must of got it good.

Advertising- Its the cheap version of the \$2.00 BS. Things that are overprice and don't work. They sell their product to make you feel your insecurity. Of course, they always use gorgeous models with big boobs and BS story.

Show biz - Completely dishonest, corrupt, full of BS but in a nice way. Plenty of drugs and perverted sex. If their going to be full of bulls--t, mind as well enjoy your work.

Media- Exploding with BS! Media is made up of all the above. They are at the crossroads of all the bulls--t. They sit at BS junction. They have enough BS to open branches in every state.

When it comes to true major league BS, this organization gets an Academy Award,

Religion. It's no contest. Religion has convinced people that there is an invisible man that lives up in the sky. He who watches you every minute of

everyday. The man has 10 specific things that he doesn't want you to do. Perhaps the Pope and his cardinals may want to add an amendment to the 7th commandment, which reads thou shall not commit adultery . The amendment should say, Thy clergymen shall keep thy hands off altar boys.

So if you break any of these rules he will send you to a special place where there is fire, smoke and you will burn, torture, anguish, cry and scream until the end of time.

But he loves you!!! He loves you and he needs money. He is all powerful, all present, all wise, just can't handle money. Religion takes in billions of dollars , pay no taxes and somehow they always need money. Talk about a good BS story.

I would like to use a small pun, " HOLY S--T !!

Since this is the last article for 2020, lets hope we start the new year back to normal.

Let's hope this pandemic will be behind us in the coming year. I hope I've given you a little laughter in these past articles. With that being said:

*Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.
John Gasparini*



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Deaths
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Probable: 332

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Electing a President

By Francis Rexford Cooley

The process of electing the President of the United States is laid out in the United States Constitution. The system created and developed by the Founders of the American Republic is a process to choose as the chief administrator of the Federal Government to ensure the President represents the country as a whole not just a region or specific interest.

In order to do this the Founders created a multi-step process of the Electoral College. This brief essay will outline that process and the reasons for it. The Founders created a Republic. They feared both tyranny from the rule of a single person but also the tyranny of the mob.

The United States Constitution is a document of checks and balances. The Electoral College is part of that system of checks and balances. It is important to remember only the members of the United States House of Representatives were originally elected directly by the citizenry. The members of the U.S. Senate were selected to represent their state by the state's legislature. In Connecticut that was a vote by the General Assembly.

In 1913 the 17th Amendment brought forth the direct election of U.S. Senators. The Electoral College functions in choosing the President much like the state legislatures functioned in choosing U.S. Senators prior to 1914, the citizens elect the Electors who then elect the President. The manner of selection of the Electors is left to the States in Article II, Section I of the U.S. Constitution.

Each state receives its number of Electors based on its representation in Congress, an Elector for each Representative and Senator the state sends to Washington. Thus each state's Electoral College representation is not purely proportional to its population, it is weighed to benefit smaller states against larger states. This is a product of the Connecticut Compromise during the writing of the Constitution. Smaller states like Connecticut feared having the President chosen by the large states of Virginia and New York. The compromise ensured the President would have national support rather than just of a few large states. With the greater urbanization of America today the Electoral College's role in producing national support rather than just limited regional support is even more vital today than it was 230 some years ago.

Voters go to the polls to vote and select whom they support for President. Who they are actually voting for is the slate of Electors who have been nominated by the party of the candidate to vote for that candidate when the Electoral College meets in December to elect the President. The Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, Green, and other political parties that had candidates running for President have selected their slate of Electors to vote for their candidate prior to the election during their party conventions. It is in each party's interest to nominate individuals who will vote for their party's candidate if the voters choose them as the Electors.

Electors who break ranks with their party's nominee and vote for someone else is known as a "faithless" Elector. While it happens on occasion no "faithless" Electors have ever swung an election.

The votes cast in the election are tallied. If it is a close election there may be a recount. Recounts are usually triggered by a statistical formula in each state. It may be 1% or 0.5% vote separation between the candidates. The mechanism of the recount is determined by the state but the standard of what is a legal vote must be the same in the state. One county, or voting district, cannot have a different standard of what a legal vote is from another within the same state.

Once the vote is completed, including recounts, the vote is certified by the state. In Connecticut the Office of the Secretary of State certifies the vote.

With the vote certified the Electors have been chosen. The Electors then meet at the State Capitol on the same appointed date in December as the Electors in other states and cast their ballots for the President. In Connecticut the Electors place their votes in a wooden box made from the Charter Oak. The results are counted, announced, and the results are sent to Washington where the votes from all the Electors will be tabulated by Congress and the new President will be formally elected.

If a candidate has not achieved a majority of Electoral votes the House of Representatives chooses the President. Each state's delegation of Representatives votes as one. Connecticut has one vote as does California. The candidate who wins a majority of states, twenty-six is the number currently needed, becomes President. This is the Constitutional process for electing the President.



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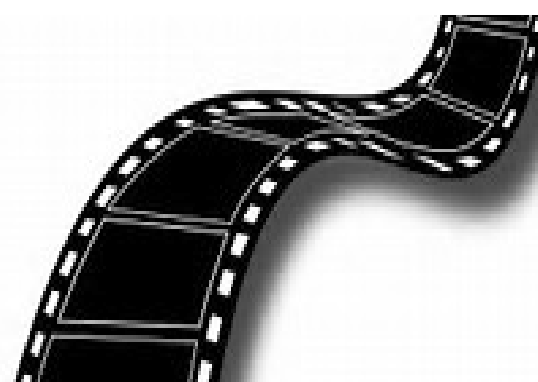
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The Circumspect Critic

by:
Robert James O'Dell

Over the Moon (2020)



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Over the Moon (2020)

PG | 1h 35min | Animation, Adventure, Comedy | 23 October 2020 (USA)

Directors: Glen Keane, John Kahrs (co-director)

Writers: Audrey Wells, Jennifer Yee McDevitt (additional screenplay material by)

Stars : Cathy Ang, Phillipa Soo, Ken Jeong, Sandra Oh

In this animated musical, a girl builds a rocket ship and blasts off, hoping to meet a mythical moon goddess.

In certain circles the words "cute" and "charming" have taken on negative connotations and are meant to diminish the quality of the subject matter. In the case of the Netflix animated film, "Over The Moon" those two words apply with the highest positivity. It is co-directed by two Oscar winners in Glen Keane (an animator for animated Disney films such as "Beauty and the Beast", "Aladdin", "Pocahontas" and "Tarzan") and John Kahrs ("The Incredibles", "Tangled" and "Monsters, Inc."). Not surprisingly, it features some stunning animation as well as deeply felt emotions by well rounded characters. Visually the film is often breathtaking and emotionally it is often heartbreaking. Like many animated films in recent years, it deals with the loss and the difficult task of moving on.

The film follows the journey of young Fei Fei (Cathy Ang). Life was filled with warmth and affection for Fei Fei thanks to her doting parents (John Cho and Ruthie Ann Miles). She loves helping out in the family owned bakery, making mooncakes with her mother and romping around with her pet rabbit, Bungee (Edie Ichioka). But her favorite pastime is listening to her mother tell the old chinese folk tale regarding the goddess, Chang'e (Hamilton's Phillipa Soo) who took an immortality potion who now lives alone on the moon pining for her long lost love, Houyi (Conrad Ricamora). This idyllic life comes

to a tragic end when Fei Fei's mother's waning health finally leads to her death. Four years later, Fei Fei has grown even closer to her father and continues to make and now delivers mooncakes from the bakery. So it is a shocking revelation when Fei Fei discovers that her father has met another woman and is thinking about moving on and getting married.

Making matters worse is the fact that Mrs. Zhong (Sandra Oh) has a son, Chin (Robert G. Chiu) who is all too anxious to be her little brother. Fei Fei's image of eternal love is shattered by her father's decision to move on so she hatches a secret plan to build a rocket and fly to the moon to prove that Chang'e is real and so is eternal love. After a series of failed attempts, she eventually succeeds in building a workable rocket and launches. Her journey hits turbulence when she discovers that the annoying Chin is a stowaway aboard her rocket.

One of the film's major highlights is the stark contrast between life in a small chinese village, which is so realistically realized, and the fantasy world of the fantastical moon world of Lunaria. It's like the stark contrast of the simple Kansas landscape to the color filled world of Oz. Filled with oddly shaped inhabitants ranging from resembling bubbles, stars and chickens amongst other things, Lunaria is an eye popping treat of luscious colors and magnificent landscapes.

Then there is Chang'e. The real Chang'e isn't quite the fairy tale image Fei Fei had imagined. Bitter, vein and angry, she shows no warmth or empathy towards her visitors from earth. Instead, just like the wizard of oz did to Dorothy, she sends them off on a journey to retrieve her gift and return it by a certain time. She needs it to complete her secret potion that will resurrect her eternal love Houyi.

"Over The Moon" succeeds on so many levels. It effectively explores the themes of loss, moving on and the power of home. It neatly parallels the story of Fei Fei's quest to live within the memory of her mother and Chang'es' quest to bring her life's love back to life. It knowingly shows us that who and what we need is right in front of us. It reinforces the importance of friendship and the emotional support it

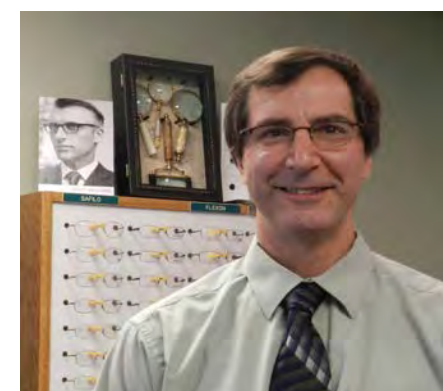
can provide if we let it. And, of course, it reinforces that age old adage, "there is no place like home".

Much of the soundtrack is serviceable. Pleasant enough within the context of the film but not enough to have us singing the songs after the end credits roll. There are a few exceptions like "Rocket to the Moon" which features the vocal strength of Ang. Then the songs go full blown pop with the enticingly excellent Ultraluminary, sung with pop star gusto by Soo. Backed by outstanding visuals the song is definitely the film's showstopper.

There is also a sweet melancholy song sung with mellow emotion by Ken Jeong, of all people. It is an emotionally stirring moment as Jeong's character Gobi, a green jellitol moon creature who befriends Fei Fei, laments about loss in a tune called "Wonderful".

"Over the Moon" is one of those family oriented treats that can be enjoyed by audiences of all ages. With no double entendres or bathroom humor to mar the film's message or turn away the youngest viewers, **this is a treasure of a film that is multigenerational.**

Ratings: Voice Performances: 95%
Directing: 100%
Script: 96%
Animation: 100%
Songs: 80%
Cinematography: 97%
Entertainment Value: 100%
My Rating: 94%



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NEWS BRIEF - In Case You Missed These!!!

Moschini Elected Fire Chief

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The Moschini family has almost 116 years of fire fighters for the Plainville Fire Company, that is three generations of service to keep Plainville residents safe. Congratulations!

Plainville COVID-19 Red Status

Public health advice:

High risk people to stay home.

Avoid gatherings with non-family members.

Canceling public events and limiting community gathering points.

Social distancing and wear masks.

We all should follow all the above advice, to stay safe.

Plainville Senior Center

The Plainville Senior Center reopened November 5th with limited activities. Monday's Zumba class had six attendees and at least 10 people have signed up for the first in-person bingo event on Wednesday. Support groups for caregivers and grandparents raising grandchildren have also resumed.

"So, far, so good." Assistant Director Ronda Guberman told the Herald. "People have to pre-register for every activity they want to participate in. They are being very cautious, but hopefully as they start learning we are open they will come when they feel comfortable." *The above article was printed in part with permission from the New Britain Herald*

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State Representative 22nd District William Petit, State Senator 31st District Henri Martin and President Donald Trump all were elected in Plainville.

President-elect Joe Biden won Connecticut's 20 electoral votes putting him over the needed 270 electoral votes

Plainville Police Department & Social Services

The Police Department and Social Services annual Salvation Army Stuff a Cruiser and Red Kettle Drive has been changed this year. You may bring monetary donations and gift cards to the Police department lobby on Neal Court now to Thursday December 10th.

The Plainville Police and the Social Services members.

Thanking You in advance for your kind consideration.

Al-Anon meetings are accessible via Zoom. For more information, visit: ctalanon.org/meetings.

Plainville Sports Hall of Fame

The committee of the Plainville Sports Hall of Fame are looking for nominees to be considered for induction. (Page 11 may help) To submit a nominations:

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"Honk If You Love Jesus"

The other day I went to the local religious book store, where I saw a "Honk If You Love Jesus" bumper sticker. I bought it and put it on the back bumper of my car, and I'm really glad I did.

What an uplifting experience followed. I stopped at the light of a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord, and didn't notice that the light had changed. That bumper sticker really worked! I found lots of people who love Jesus.

Why, the guy behind me started to honk like crazy. He must really love the Lord because pretty soon, he leaned out his window and yelled, "Jesus Christ" as loud as he could. It was like a football game with him shouting, "Go, Jesus Christ, Go!" Everyone else started honking, too, so I leaned out my window and waved and smiled to all of those loving people.

There must have been a guy from Florida back there because I could hear him yelling something about a sunny beach and saw him waving in a funny way with his middle finger stuck up in the air. I asked my two grandsons what that meant. They kind of squirmed, looked at each other, giggled and told me that it was the Hawaiian good luck sign. So, I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign back.

A couple of people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and were walking toward me. I bet they wanted to pray, but just then I noticed that the light changed, and I stepped on the gas. And a good thing I did, because I was the only driver to get across the intersection. I looked back at them standing there. I leaned way out the window, gave them a big smile and held up the Hawaiian good luck sign as I drove away.

Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!

DOT proposes 53 space parking lot for Farmington Canal Heritage Trail

Town Council Chairwoman Kathy Pugliese said she wants to see where it would be located and wants to hear from nearby residents before the Town Council gives its approval. "I'm just not ready to give an OK on that right now, she said. Councilors Deb Tompkins and Rosemary Morante agreed that having a better image of the area would be helpful.

Details of the DOT proposal are in the Town Manager's report on page 4.

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