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TOWN MANAGER ROBERT LEE RETIRES

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See story on page 6



Correction: Eric Peterson, interim Chief of the Plainville Police Department was incorrectly named in our November issue "Beauty Rehab Salon Ribbon Cutting"



State Representative William A. Petit Jr. (R-Plainville) presented Cristina Pellegrino, Owner of Beauty Rehab Salon, with a legislative citation during a ribbon cutting event held at her shop on Thursday, October 7. Pellegrino's salon will occupy 17 Farmington Avenue, located in the Olde Canal Square right next door to Bagels Plus. Though the shop opened in April, an official Grand Opening event was held in mid-November. Photo (L to R) are: Corie, Interim Police Chief Eric Anderson (should be Eric Peterson), Quinn Warzoko-Christopher, Co-President of the Chamber of Commerce, Cristina, owner, State Representative William Petit, Jr., Deb Tompkins, Vice Chair of the Plainville Town Council and Tyson.



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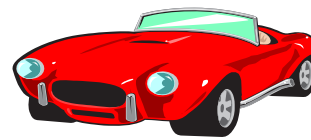
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24 Milford St: Jerome Colello of Plainville to Benjamin M. Morin, \$270,000 on 10/4/2021

194 Milford Street Ext: Wendy L. Bloom of Plainville to Marco Cadavid, \$229,900 on 10/4/2021

97 Northampton Ln: Stanislaw and Grazyna Stachure of Plainville to Ramon Estrada, \$375,000 on 10/8/2021

100 Northampton Ln Unit 17: David A. Knapp of Plainville to Annette Skrzypinski, \$165,000 on 10/4/2021

17 Overlook Dr: Bisson Nicole J. Est and Scott Bisson of Plainville to Heledy Ruiz and Aida M. Dilan, \$300,000 on 10/4/2021

50 Pierce St Unit 17: Alex Carson of Plainville to Christopher Urbanski, \$140,000 on 10/4/2021

33 Spring St Unit C3: William A. Violette of Plainville to Mikel C. Quinlan, \$120,900 on 10/4/2021

160 White Oak Ave: Ismael Cuadros of Plainville to Alex C. and Jessica L Rivera, \$220,000 on 10/5/2021

111 Williams St: Mackenzie and Lyndsey Like of Plainville to Anthony and Kacey Stewart, \$245,000 on 10/7/2021

2 Dominics Ct Unit 2: Carrier Holdings LLC of Plainville to Thomas M. and Brooke R. Nelson, \$445,724 on 10/12/2021

14 Hickory Ln: Cheryl L. Pelletier of Plainville to Edward G. and Lisa M. Robinson, \$165,000 on 10/13/2021

52 Macarthur Rd: William Labrecque and Bethany L. Pearson of Plainville to David M. Romajas, \$280,000 on 10/12/2021

75 Pickney Ave: Carol A. Paradis of Plainville to Michelle Y. Paradis and Michael J. Luzzi, \$210,000 10/15/2021

10 Pinecrest Dr: Lauralee Colella of Plainville to Henry W. Torniero, \$95,000 on 10/12/2021

12 Rockwell Ave: Marcantonio RET and Lindsay Bergenty of Plainville to Miguel A. Ramos, \$340,000 on 10/15/2021

65 Rockwell Ave: Evan M. Guimond of Plainville to Rebecca StJames and Jonathan S. Charles, \$260,000 on 10/15/2021

115 S. Washington St: Laurel Court LLC of Plainville to T Acquisitions LLC, \$730,000 on 10/12/2021

66 Atwood St Unit 12: David M. and Michelle B. Pestillo of Plainville

to Madison Powers, \$134,000 on 10/18/2021

50 Forestville Ave: Ferik Mustafai of Plainville to Anthony D. Anderson, \$313,500 on 10/20/2021

28 Madison St: Wanda Hess of Plainville to Natalz Rosario, \$275,000 on 10/20/2021

124 White Oak Ave: Tamara Vasquez of Plainville to Badgers Construction LLC, \$120,000 on 10/21/2021

54 Williams St: Kevin and Destiny M. Barlett of Plainville to Stephanie Hillinski, \$263,500 on 10/19/2021

33 Basswood St: Doner Diane J. Est an Michelle Bartolini of Plainville to Cynthia Prescott, \$99,000 on 10/28/2021

6 Bruce Ave: Tanya M. Cretella of Plainville to William Fuentes-Nazario and Lizbeth D. Santiago, \$230,000 on 10/25/2021

6 Butternut Ln: Beliveau Virginia R. Est and Deborah A. Bessoni of Plainville to Katarzyna Killian, \$240,000 on 10/26/2021

27 Church St: Gene L. and Sylvia Charette of Plainville to Matthew StJarre, \$670,000 on 10/26/2021

15 Florence Ln: Lisa Gittleman of Plainville to CtrlCt House Buyers LLC, \$68,000 on 10/26/2021

58 Forshaw Ave Unit58: Lee A. and Kenneth E. Mastrianni of Plainville to Bacon LT and Carmel L Bacon, \$249,000 on 10/25/2021

36 Mcdonald St: Dade Grajewski of Plainville to Anna and Ronailson Mescias, \$185,000 on 10.26/2021

16 Northampton Ln: D. E. Koskoff T and David E. Koskoff of Plainville to Miroslav Knezevic, \$81,000 on 10/22/2021

119 Northwest Dr: Bacon LT and Carmel L. Bacon of Plainville to Mackenzie and Lyndsey Litke, \$360,000 on 10/25/2021

20 Perron Rd: Maria J. Dimauro of Plainville to Sarah Lappostato and Antonio Pappostato, \$323,000 on 10/26/2021

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

November 15th



Town Council Report

Red Cross Team

- During the early morning hours of November 3rd, a fire occurred at the Russel Gate Condominiums located on Russell Ave. As a result, Five Families (9 Adults/2Children) were displaced.
- The Red Cross immediately sent in a "Integrated Care & Condolence Team" to assist the displaced residents. Funds were provided for their immediate needs including comfort kits and Recovery Envelopes.
- As a result of the fire, three of the units will need extensive repair before they can be re-occupied.
- I want to thank the Red Cross for assisting our residents in their time of need. They are always there when we need them most.

Tomlinson Avenue Bridge Project Discussion

- The replacement of the Tomlinson Ave. Bridge is finally ready to move forward. Over 10 years ago the Town secured a federal grant to pay for 80% of the cost of the replacement. Due to many factors including bridge re-design and additional analysis required by the Corps of Engineers the project was delayed.
- On October 21st, nine bid proposals were received for the project which involves the installation of a twin pre-cast concrete box culvert.
- The low bid was submitted by Dayton Construction of Watertown in the amount of \$1,296,849.50. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$1.4M. Town and State consultants have reviewed the submitted bid documents and have found them to be complete. Dayton Construction successfully completed the replacement of the Stillwell Drive Bridge several years ago.
- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council award the replacement of the Tomlinson Ave. Bridge Project to Dayton Construction of Watertown in the amount of \$1,296,849.50. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.
- In addition, the State is requiring that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute a "Project Authorization Letter" for the project. There is an item under New Business regarding this requirement as well.
- Finally, the estimated remaining cost for the project is \$1.54M. The Town share of 20% is calculates to \$308,156. The current balance left in the Tomlinson Ave. Bridge Fund is \$157K. The remaining amount of \$151,158 will be paid from the

Town Aid Road account.

CT Communities Challenge Grant Program

- Governor Lamont recently announced new economic development programs to create jobs and boost community vibrancy. One of the programs is the "Connecticut Communities Challenge Program". Under the Connecticut Communities Challenge program, the Department of Economic and Community Development will fund a wide range of projects that improve livability, vibrancy, and appeal of communities throughout the state while aiming to create approximately 3,000 new jobs.
- Town staff is planning to submit a grant application which, if awarded, would provide funds to assist in the infrastructure improvements which are part of the White Oak Development Project. There is a match required for the grant. Manafort Newport Realty has agreed to provide a good portion of the required match.
- It is anticipated that the grant request and the match will total around \$1.6M. Town staff will work with Manafort Newport to submit an "Intent to Apply" by December 3rd and the completed application by January 14th. It is expected that the State will not announce the grant awards until next Spring.

BAN Sale Results

- The Town recently received bids for General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes totaling \$7M for the period from November 17th until August 16, 2022. Three bids were received with the low bid submitted by BNY Mellon with a net interest calculation of 0.4081%.
- It is now anticipated that the Town will issue a General Obligation Bond when these notes become due next summer. These notes and bonds are for the Wheeler Elementary School Project and the Road Bond Program.

FY2021 Audit - Governance Communication

- CliftonLarsonAllen LLP of West Hartford is currently conducting the Town audit for the Fiscal Year Ending June 2021. They issued a letter dated October 29, 2021, communicating information relating to the audit.
- The letter detailed the responsibilities of both the auditors as well as the Town. The letter also speaks to the "Planned scope and timing of the audit" and "Other planning matters" related to communication between CLA and Town staff.
- The letter is intended solely for the information purposes for use by the Town Council and Town

management. A copy of the letter was included in the information package for this evening's meeting. No action is required by the Town Council at this time.

- The Town audit is currently underway and is expected to be completed by the end of December.

Honor Heights Proposed Sewer Survey

- Town staff recently solicited feedback from those residents that attended the September 16th Public Information Session held to discuss the possible installation of sewers in the Honor Heights neighborhood. The neighborhood has 82 homes.
- Forty persons representing 32 homes attended the meeting. The survey results were that 69% (22 homes) of those who attended the meeting were in favor of the Town to continue considering whether to move forward with the installation of sewers.
- Three residents indicated that they made some repairs to their septic system in the recent past and saw no need to have the sewers installed. One person stated "maybe", and another wanted to remain "neutral". Five persons did not respond to the survey.
- Based on the feedback, Town staff is recommending that some preliminary cost estimates be determined, and a potential financing plan be developed for review by the Town Council.

Farmington Avenue Tree Replacement Discussion

- Last summer the State D.O.T. removed approximately 10 trees on the west side of Farmington Ave. (Route 10) because they were dying and showing signs of stress. Approximately 20 years ago the Town planted some of these trees that were removed.
- The section of trees removed stretched from West cemetery to Roberts Street. Several residents have inquired as to whether the Town will be replacing these trees in the future.
- Town staff has provided a potential location for the replacement tree plantings. The estimated cost of the replacement is around \$10K. This could be reduced if the Town crew were able to perform the plantings.
- If the Town Council wishes to consider the replacement of these trees, Town staff will put together a more definitive cost and a recommended funding option.

Hemingway Street Drainage

- For several years some residents on the west side of Hemingway Street have expressed concerns regarding drainage issues impacting their property. This drainage issue is related to surface and groundwater flowing southerly toward remnants of the Farmington Canal located

- Town staff is soliciting feedback from the Town Council whether Town staff should put together more definitive information regarding this drainage problem.

Eversource Gas Replacement 2022

- Town staff recently met with Eversource Gas representatives regarding their plans for replacing some older gas lines in Plainville. Eversource is planning to replace gas lines on Canal Street, Strong Court, Church Street and Bank Street this winter. They are also planning to replace gas lines on Tomlinson Ave. west of Route 10 and on Park Street from Tomlinson to Broad Street.
- Town staff and Eversource have agreed that any gas line replacements on streets that were repaved within the last five years would be overlaid with the cost being paid by the gas company. We also agreed to share in the cost for pavement overlay on those streets where the road is in relatively good condition to extend the life of the road.
- Work is expected to begin in these two areas towards the end of January. Eversource will be required to maintain the roads during construction as directed by Town staff.

COVID-19 Update

- Plainville continues to be in the "red" category with an average daily rate of 15.1 cases per 100K. This is just above the 14.9 cases per 100K which would put Plainville in the "orange" category. This could be partially due to the lower-than-average vaccination rate by Plainville residents.
- According to the "CTPUBLIC.ORG" website, 64.9% of Plainville residents have been fully vaccinated. The state "fully vaccinated" rate is 81.8%. The U.S. "fully vaccinated" rate is 68.6%.
- By contrast Farmington (yellow) rate stands at 77.6%, Southington (orange) rate is at 70.1%. Another factor could be that Plainville has a much denser population than most municipalities in Connecticut.
- The latest positivity rate for COVID-19 in Connecticut is 2.42%. This is a slight increase from previous weeks due, most likely, from Halloween and more indoor activities. This was expected and, hopefully, will not increase much more than that going forward.

Financial Dashboard

- The dashboard through the end of October has been included in the meeting information package and has been posted on the Town website

Happenings
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Happenings

Reported for the Town Council Meeting November 15, 2021

*By Matthew Daskal
Assistant Town Manager*

***Fall Curbside Leaf**

Collection:

Fall curbside leaf collection is underway and will conclude December 3, 2021. Residents are reminded to bring their leaves to the curb early. Only leaf material will be collected.

***Sewer Billing:**

Sewer Billing was mailed at the end of October and due November 1, 2021. December 1, 2021 is the last day to pay without interest.

***Municipal Broadband**

Interest Survey

The Town of Plainville has launched an online broadband interest survey for residents and business owners. The purpose of the poll is to gauge public support for building a municipally-owned fiber-to-the-home (FTTX) broadband network that would offer connections to all town residents and businesses. Plainville property owners can access the survey and learn more at plainvillect.com/broadband or by going to the Resource Center on the town website and clicking the Broadband Interest Survey button. The survey will be live until June 1, 2022.

Plainville is currently working to deploy a municipal fiber network connecting town offices, wastewater treatment facilities, emergency services, and educational institutions in all four corners of the town with the town center. This state-of-the-art fiber infrastructure, including 12.5 miles of aerial cabling and three underground spans running beneath major highways. Installation of the municipal network opens the door for Plainville to efficiently build out a town-owned FTTX network.

Fire Marshal:

Children's Fire Prevention Poster Contest: The Connecticut Fair Plan and Fire Marshals Association are sponsoring the 2021 Fire Prevention poster contest for fourth and fifth grade students. All materials have been delivered to the school and all teachers contacted. Deadline for submission is November 30th.

Senior Center:

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

Memory Café At The Senior Center

Memory Cafés are safe and supportive social gatherings for people with changes in their memory along with their care partners. Join us on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 2:30 p.m. to relax and socialize with other people experiencing similar life challenges. This program is funded in part by Title III of the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. and the Connecticut State Unit on Aging.

New! Chair Volleyball

We are "borrowing" this very creative and fun idea from our friends at the South Windsor Senior Center! Join us for a game that will guarantee to have you laughing the morning away! Participants will be on teams of up to 6 players. No volleyball experience necessary! The only requirement is that you have to stay in your CHAIR while playing! Volunteers are also needed to help keep score/referee!

Dog-Gone Donuts!

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Cost: Free!

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Thanksgiving Dinner At The Senior Center!

Thursday, Nov. 25 At 11:30 A.M.

This special meal is for Senior Center members and any Plainville resident who is 60 years of age or older and who will be alone this Thanksgiving. Join us at the Senior Center for a delicious, homemade, traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all of the trimmings. Volunteers will provide transportation for those who need a ride to the Center. Please register in advance by Tuesday, Nov. 23. Let us know when you register if you will need a ride. If you are homebound and would like dinner delivered to your home, call us to let us know. There is no charge, but donations are greatly appreciated.

"Autumn In The Park" Canvas Painting

Monday, Nov. 29, 1:00 P.M.

Instructor: Lindsey Hottin

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Lindsey Hottin, of Lindsey's Craft Studio, will teach the class on Zoom. You can watch from the Senior Center or Zoom from home. Supply kits will include the required colors of acrylic paint, a small canvas and brushes. You will need a water cup for rinsing your brushes between colors and paper towels/rags for blotting dry between rinsing. Feel free to add any colors you may have at home.

Veterans' Social Hours

Tuesday, November 30, 10 A.M.

These monthly information and support meetings are for all veterans over 60 and their spouses. They are conducted by Sherri Vogt, Veteran's Liaison for Hartford HealthCare at Home. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register or register online at: www.schedulesplus.com/plainville.

Individual Appointments For Veterans

Wednesday December 1, At The Senior Center

Do you need assistance applying for veteran's benefits? Are you wondering what services and programs

you might be able to access at the VA? Jason Coppola from the Connecticut State Department of Veteran's Affairs, Office of Advocacy and Assistance, is available on Wednesday, December 1, at the Senior Center to help you with all of your veteran benefit needs. Call him at (203) 805-6340 to schedule an individual appointment (please leave a message).

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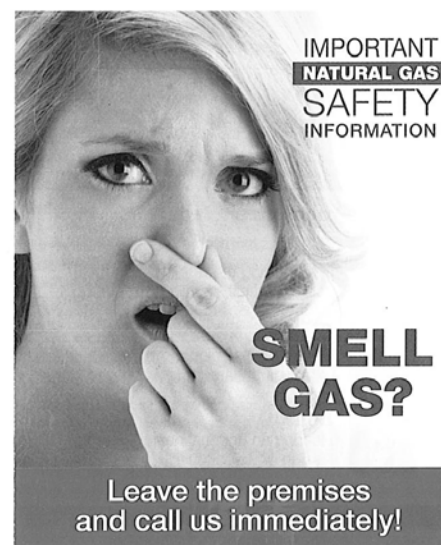
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25 Forest St: Christine Roy of Plainville to Spencer Roy, \$178,000 on 10/29/2021

55 Whiting St Unit 1c: Great Plains RE Assn of Plainville to Eugene Market, \$55,000 on 10/27/2021

185 Whiting St: Darmoros Realty LLC of Plainville to Raymond M and Marie S. Lebrun, \$193,500 on 10/27/2021

N.a: Yahya Murtadha of Plainville to Alberto F. Arebalot, \$429,900 on 10/28/2021

64 Birch Tree Rd. Willequer Roger Est and Adam Willequer of Plainville to Linda I. Ryder, \$220,000 on 11/1/2021

276 Camp St: Afreen J. and Shamaila A. Dilawar of Plainville to Anandraman Kalyanaraman and Durga Anandraman \$344,000 on 11/12/2021

3 E 4th St: Barbara A. Morse of Plainville to Centauri Investments LLC, \$102,000 on 11/3/2021

222 East St: Karen Damiano of Plainville to Caroline Beardsley, \$290,000 on 11/1/2021

224 East St: Karen Damiano of Plainville to Caroline Beardsley, \$290,000 on 11/1/2021

Elbow Ln: Classic Designs LLC of Plainville to David J. Dodge and Cynthia A. Rivet, \$350,000 on 11/8/2021

20 Forestville Ave: Leonel Rodriguez and Diana Sanchez of Plainville to Geycer DeLeon-Cruz, \$273,000 on 11/8/2021

Hidden Gln: Tina M. and Robert J. Tardiff of Plainville to Raymond Ortiz-Burgos, \$164,000 on 11/1/2021

122 Milford Street Ext Unit 84: Rosemarie Vigdal of Plainville to Kimberly Lapointe, \$146,000 on 11/1/2021

Northwest Dr: William Delfino and Martin Stein of Plainville to Northwest&177 LLC,\$2,600,000 on 11/1/2021

114 S. Washington St. Unit 26: Crowder Vugers Jr. Est and Darren Crowder of Plainville to Sanjay Desai, \$85,000 on 11/1/2021

137 W. Main St: Ken-Taro Plude of Plainville to Edward J. and Allison Saul, \$235,000 on 11/1/2021

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Town Manager Robert E. Lee Retires Serving Plainville for 17 Years

By: Brian M. Johnson

Town Manager Robert E. Lee said he plans to retire in January after serving the town since 2004, seeking to spend more time with friends and family in Florida.

"I had a great run, but at this stage of my life, it's time for me and my wife to be doing something different and for me that means retirement," Lee said. "I enjoyed coming to work each and every day. I will miss Plainville - the town and the staff. We have a great group of people working here. I have mixed emotions about retiring. If the (town) council ever needs my assistance I am still beyond willing to help if it is requested."

Although Lee will be moving to Florida, he said he plans to come up to visit in the summer.

"I guess I'll be becoming a snow-bird," he joked.

Lee's last day as town manager will be January 5th. He is the longest serving of Plainville's managers and has served for 42 years in local government.

Prior to becoming Plainville's town manager, he was Hebron's town manager from 1990 to 2004.

Prior to that, he was assistant town manager in East Hampton from 1978 to 1990.

"Working in local government you can make a positive difference and you can see the process through from beginning to end" he said. "I worked with many council members over the years, without exception, to do what was best interests of the community. That and our ability to attract good staff in Plainville is what kept me in Plainville is what kept me in town as long as I was here. I also feel like we changed the culture of the way that we responded to citizens' concerns. We became more responsive and focused on solving problems."

During his time in Plainville, Lee is proud to have helped to secure the purchase of Robertson Airport in 2009. He also cited as an accomplishment the consolidation of the town and school district's finances and HR departments, which he says encouraged town and education leaders to work together.

During Lee's time as town manager, renovations and improvements were made to Plainville High School, Wheeler and Toffolon Schools. He also

saw the town's Water Pollution Control facility upgrade through to completion and worked with the town council to initiate a road repair bonding program.

Lee said he is also proud to be leaving Plainville on "very solid financial footing."

"We have had very minimal tax increases over the last three years, keeping less than or at the rate of inflation," he said.

During Lee's time as manager, the town upgraded all traffic lights twice which, since 2006, saved the town approximately \$1 million on energy costs.

Lee said the town was also proactive in buying homes and relocating residents from flood plain areas such as Robert Street extension. This he said, prevented what could have been a "disaster" when the area flooded again following Hurricane Ida.

Before, his last day. Lee said he hopes to continue to work to advance the redevelopment of the White Oak property, move forward with the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail gap closure and move ahead on renovations to the Middle School of Plainville. He also wants to help put a plan into place for how to use American Rescue Plan funding.

I will recommend that the town council create a committee with town staff and council members to determine how best to spend that money," he said.

Lee's wife, Peggy, became the organizer of the Wings & Wheels Festival after former council member Scott Sanders and his wife, Andrea, who formerly chaired the Board of Education, also moved to Florida in 2018. Lee said he hopes someone will take over and carry on the tradition."

Lee also imparted some words of advice for whoever is hired to succeed him as town manager. "Trust the town staff and engage with the public as much as possible," he said. "Get out, walk around and familiarize yourself with the town. The people that you meet as part of your day will help you understand what people are looking for. By and large, the people were very supportive of myself and town staff and supported us."

Town Council Chair Kathy Pugliese was on the Town Council when Lee was hired. She said his "insight and leadership will be truly missed."

"I recall his answer when asked what he thought

was most important aspects to any community - his response was education and public safety," Pugliese said. "To this day both are critical to any successful community."

She too cited the combination of the Board of Education and Town's financial departments, human resources and technology as a major accomplishment.

"This is a model of synergy many other towns have looked to Plainville as a basis for change in their operational structure," she said. "Most recently he was in command during the overwhelming issues related to covid-19."

Pugliese said Lee's care for the community and determination for excellence set Plainville apart as a model for other towns in Connecticut.

We are also rated at AA+ by Moody's rating agency as a result of outstanding financial management. she said. "He has created a legacy of innovation and progress for Plainville which sets us apart from many other communities."

Councilor Deb Tompkins said Lee is a "24/7 town manager." She pointed out he was very responsive on social media, frequently answering residents questions on Plainville Talks.

"When people need their questions answered, he's always there to do it," she said. "He has been a very good town manager and is always great with the budget. His retirement will be a loss for us. It will be hard to replace him."

Town councilor David Underwood said Lee was "outstanding" as town manager.

"He will really be missed," Underwood. "It will really be very hard for the council to replace Robert. I wish him all the luck in the world. He deserves it. He worked really hard all the years he has been in Plainville."

Town councilor Rosemary Morante said it has been a pleasure to work with Lee.

Robert's breadth of knowledge, competence, ability to manage many things at once, and his responsiveness to town residents are among the many attributes that have had a positive impact on Plainville," she said. "It will be a challenge to replace Robert."

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From the Desk of: Cal Hauburger

Economic Development & Special Projects Coordinator

EDA Update

Willow Brook Estates: Newport Realty Group, part of the Manafort-Newport team that will oversee the redevelopment of the White Oak property, has begun site work on an age-restricted development after receiving town approvals over the summer. The 61-unit development located just off Unionville Avenue in both Plainville and Farmington, will allow residents the option of three different detached ranch style homes ranging between 1,444-1,610 square feet. Standard features include an open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, fireplaced family room, master suite, walk in closets, and granite countertops. Prices start at \$359,900. As of Friday, November 5, 30 of the 61 units were under contract. The high level of interest will push construction ahead of the proposed schedule with both Phase 1 & Phase 2 being done concurrently. Clearing of the property has just begun, and it is anticipated that homes will begin to close in June 2022. I will include some additional items in the hard copy mailing, but if viewing on the computer, you can read more about the development here.

Robertson Airport Improvements: The Town and Interstate Aviation are working together to complete a renovation of the current Administrative Building at Robertson Airport. When completed, a new observation area will be open to the public featuring a paved outdoor patio and lawn area with seating, firepit, and new landscaping, and an internal renovation which will feature new office

and conference rooms, seating areas with observation windows, and a café that will serve breakfast and light lunch options. Costs are being split between the two parties with Interstate Aviation fronting costs for internal renovation, and the Town fronting costs for outdoor improvements. Basic site work has recently started, and the project is scheduled to be completed for spring 2022. The additions will highlight one of Plainville's unique offerings and will be a popular place for aviation enthusiasts, and the general public, to visit. I will include schematic plans for the final build out to this mailing.

White Oak Update: At the October 25th Town Council meeting, we received approval to execute the Term Sheet agreement, outlining the general parameters and responsibilities, between the Town and Manafort-Newport. That document was subsequently executed and filed with DECD as part of our Brownfield grant. Attorneys are now beginning to draw up a Property Disposition Agreement which will memorialize the points of the Term Sheet, as well as additional agreements between the parties and finalize development details.

The Town also received a proposal from CT Brownfield Land Bank for their eventual role in the administration and management of the Brownfield grant on behalf of the Town. The document is being reviewed by attorneys and should go before the Town Council for approval to execute at their next meeting. Additionally, following a conversation with DECD, the Town is working with CTBLB on the formation of a request for proposal (RFP) to licensed environmental professionals to oversee remediation efforts on the site.

Finally, CT DECD recently announced the launch of two new grant programs, one of which the Town is interested in pursuing through the lens of the White Oak redevelopment. The CT Communities Challenge

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Grant's goal is to address downtown and "hub" developments, increase housing, develop "essential infrastructure", and further develop mobility improvements, public space improvements, and access to mass transit. Based on proposed development plans, the remediation and redevelopment on White Oak appears to be a potentially ideal fit for the grant's purpose. At this point, the Town is beginning to work with the Manafort-Newport team to scope out potential project parameters in which the grant funds could be best utilized. An "intent to apply" form must be completed by December 3rd and a full grant application by January 14th. If a decision is made to proceed, I will head the effort and work with other project stakeholders to file the grant application.

*Happy Holiday's to all;
stay well and see you soon!*

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Critical Race Theory HOW TO STOP CRT

1. Find out what your schools teach. Submit a FOIA request to gain access to public documents, including school board and school district materials. If requested, the government is required to hand over the records via "open records laws" and "sunshine laws." Learn more at <https://bit.ly/3zclRtZ>
2. Speak to your child's teacher and principal and share with them Heritage's analysis (heritage.org/critical-race-theory) showing that treating students in the manners described above violates several statutes, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the 14th Amendment.
3. Engage with your local school board. More than 14,000 school boards and 100,000 school board members across the country determine the shape and content of curriculum in their school districts, holding the key to how these various issues are addressed in American classrooms.
 - Identify local school board meetings to attend throughout the year (these typically occur monthly during the school year).
 - Stay abreast of board activities by reading meeting minutes (usually posted online after the meeting).
 - Locate school district budget documents and draft questions about spending on CRT/DEI-related activities, training, and personnel.
 - Look up the local school board's mission statement and become

familiar with assigned textbooks.

- Become involved in the school's Parent Teacher Association/Organization (PTA/PTO).
 - Set up a parent group on Facebook or other social media for families in the local school community.
 - 4. Become a whistleblower. You can submit documentation of CRT training at your school or workplace to Parents Defending Education (defendingeducation.org), activist Christopher Rufo (christopherrufo.com), or The Daily Signal (comments@dailysignal.com).
- *Education Officials Must Restore a Sense of National Character in Public Schools**
- *Teacher-Training Programs Don't Ignore Issues of Race**
- *Solving the Civics Crisis Begins at Home**
- *Critical race theory (CRT) is an academic discipline founded by law professors who used Marxist analysis to conclude that racial dominance by whites created "systemic racism." Critical race theorists have been dominant in colleges and universities for years, but their impact on public policy was limited until recently. The precepts of CRT have now burst outside the universities, affecting K-12 schools, workplaces, state and federal governments, and even the military. This has sparked resistance from Americans who refuse to have their children indoctrinated or to submit to race-based workplace harassment.*
- Every day, The Heritage Foundation works to build an America where freedom, opportunity, prosperity, and civil society flourish for the benefit of all.*
- This information received from the Heritage Foundation on 11/18/2021.*

Holiday Lighting Tips

By: *Laura Davis, Owner of The Light Hangar Company, LLC*

The Holidays are such a magical time of year. I already find myself getting eager to adorn my home with red and green festive décor and reminders of joyful Holidays past.

Soon the lights will be strung on my front porch and the tree will be making its way to the living room for the honorary tree lighting night. We will add MORE brightly colored lights to the tree and begin to open all of those ornament boxes and reminisce about the events that prompted these beautiful mementos. As a lighting store owner, the lights are clearly my favorite part. And while lights are synonymous with the Holidays, there are a few tips we can remember to be as SAFE as possible.

The Right Kind of Holiday Lights

As I'm sure you probably do, I find my Holiday decorations in a bin that I've stashed away from years past. Before you put them up is the best time to look them over. Your string light cords should be inspected for any brittle areas or knicks. You should also remove and replace any bulbs that have gone dead (not lit). Empty sockets can cause the entire string to overheat. Also, plug the lights in to test them before you go to the trouble of putting them up. Consider

upgrading your string lights to LED versions if they aren't already. It will save you electricity and the LED lights last on average 40 times longer than incandescent ones.

Electrical Outlets

It's important not to overload your electrical outlets (indoor or outdoor) with over-the-top displays. If outdoors, be sure your lights are plugged into a GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) outlet. This will automatically detect any interruption in currents and cut power to an outlet if an issue occurs. Also, be cautious about how you use extensions cords. Inspect them like the string lights and use outdoor-rated ones for any outside or damp areas.

The Clean Up

While this seems like the worst part of the Holidays, it's best to take your outdoor lights down in a timely manner. Extended exposure to harsh outdoor weather can cause damage and lessen the life of your beautiful lights. Be sure to coil your lights loosely around cardboard while getting them ready to stow away. Any tangles will cause problems untangling next Holiday season.

Wishing All of You a Wonderful and Safe Holiday Season!

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

(Susan Raves) I attended an event held at Papa's Pizza on Farmington Ave last month and now it is my favorite Pizza Place. The service was great and so was the pizza and salad. Try it you will like it!!

(Harry Raves) Mike's Auto has been taking care of my car since I bought it from Parson's Buick. So you know how old it is and because of the service my car is still like new. Thanks to Mike!

(Pete Faves) I am happy Mike from Hop Haus Pub has opened his restaurant in Plainville center. Open for lunch & dinner plus the Best happy hour prices in town.

Deadline for your faves and raves is the 15th of the month for the next issue.

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Email your faves and raves to share it with everyone!
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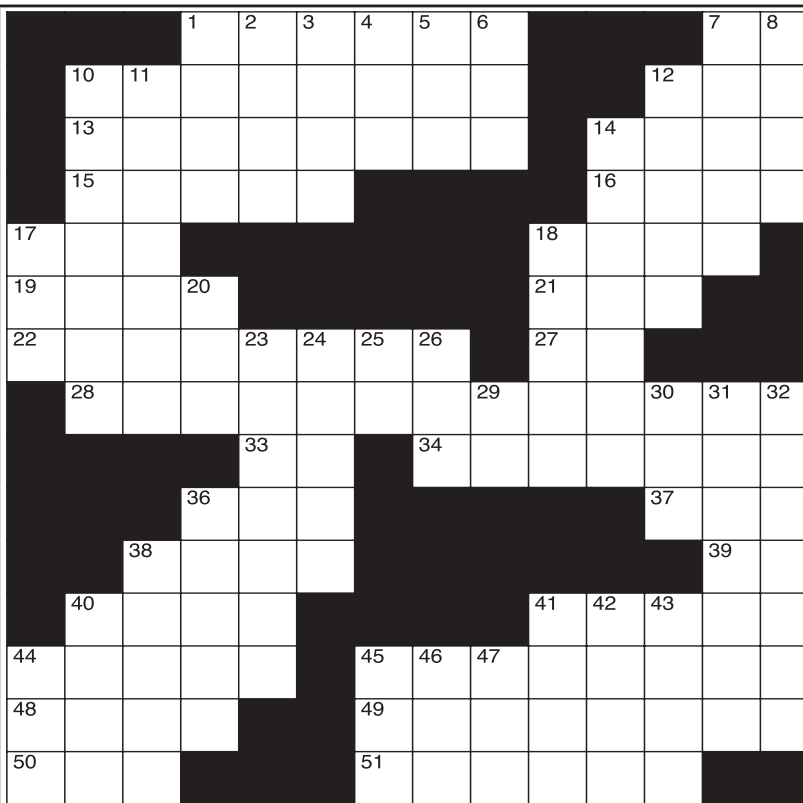
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- 8TH JO ROSINSKI
- 11TH JOYCE HAYES
- 14TH COLE ZETTERGREN
DARLENE BENSON
- 19TH ED STAGIS
- 24TH ADAM BERGENTY
ZACHARY FERGUSON
- 27TH ED PRATT (100 YEARS OLD)
- 28TH BILL PATTERSON
- 31ST MARISA D'AMICO

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. TOPSIDES
- 7. SINO-SOVIET BLOCK (ABBR.)
- 10. A SULTAN'S COURT
- 12. MAINE CITY
- 13. LARGEST LIVING LAND ANIMAL
- 14. APPETIZER
- 15. ENCOUNTERS
- 16. LEADER
- 17. THE SOURCE OF BACON
- 18. NUCLEAR NEAR REACH WEAPON (ABBR.)
- 19. CELERY (SPANISH)
- 21. PIE __ MODE
- 22. EYE DISEASE
- 27. HELLO (SLANG)
- 28. THOSE IN THEIR 80S
- 33. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (ABBR.)
- 34. BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS
- 36. MIMIC
- 37. FOR INDICATING SPEED OF ROTATION (ABBR.)
- 38. FEELING
- 39. VISUAL WAY TO INTERACT WITH COMPUTERS (ABBR.)

40. "LET IT SNOW!" SONG-WRITER

- 41. ESSENTIAL OIL USED AS PERFUME
- 44. NORWEGIAN COMPOSER
- 45. COAST
- 48. __ LANG SYNE, GOOD OLD DAYS
- 49. GLAND BEHIND THE STOMACH
- 50. TOOTH CAREGIVER
- 51. KING OF CAMELOT

CLUES DOWN

- 1. N. AMERICAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
- 2. FASCINATED BY
- 3. ROOT OF OUT
- 4. PATTI HEARST'S CAPTORS
- 5. ATOMIC #50
- 6. HABITUAL DRUNKARD
- 7. ARABIC FOR "PEACE"
- 8. TRICKERY
- 9. ONE'S PHYSIQUE (SLANG)
- 10. NOT QUITE THERE
- 11. WISTFULLY MOURNFUL
- 12. POPULAR DANCE
- 14. CUT OF MEAT
- 17. A WAY TO STAND WRITER
- 18. "GUNGA DIN" SCRE WRITER
- 20. 10TH MONTH OF TH (ABBR.)
- 23. A WAY OF JUMPING
- 24. UTAH TOWN
- 25. OF I
- 26. ACTRESS DE ARMAS
- 29. SILVER
- 30. PLAY A ROLE
- 31. __ FALLS
- 32. ATTACHES TO
- 35. JAPANESE TITLE
- 36. EXPRESSED PLEASU
- 38. BUCKETS
- 40. DIRT
- 41. HYPNOTISTS' GROU (ABBR.)
- 42. RESTAURANT DRIVE
- 43. DIGS UP
- 44. HE VOICES "OLAF"
- 45. RELAXING PLACE
- 46. BODY PART
- 47. PESKY HOUSE CRIT

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Life With Wanda



Well the best part of this month will be only in a few days and it will be next year, let's hope it is better than last. We have seen so many things I dare not mention all the bad ones and can only hope for a brighter future.

As someone once said, "Something's and some people make us happy by coming and something's and some people make us even happier by going."

I've found this to be so true and the year 2021 is perhaps one of those things and perhaps a half dozen people may disappear as well.

But all kidding aside, may each and every one of you have the best of a holiday season and many more to come.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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A-1) *First, these are National Commercials. The Benefits they talk about vary from state to state. To be eligible for these plans, you must qualify based on your Income level for the state you live in. These 'givebacks' and many \$0 benefits they proclaim are only available to people with limited Income. Another thing to be aware of, is the specified network of Doctors that participate with these plans. If your Doctors don't participate, what is the 'value' of the plan...*

Q-2) I have limited Income, only Social Security and a very small Pension. Would I qualify for the type of plan advertised on TV?

A-2) *You can go online to www.Connect.CT.gov and check your eligibility by answering a series of questions. This will help you determine if you should proceed further to get 'Extra Help'.*

Q-3) What if I miss the Enrollment period of Oct 15 to Dec 7th? Am I stuck with the Plan that I had this past year ?

A-3) *If you have an Advantage Plan, you can make a one-time Plan change or return to Original Medicare between Jan 1 and March 31.*

If you have any specific questions, or would just like to talk about Medicare, give me a call at 860-965-0091 Sheila

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George Logan, Republican candidate for Congress in Connecticut's 5th Congressional District released a new round of forty campaign endorsements:

"The energy and excitement around our campaign is growing by the day," said Logan. "To have so much support, at this early stage, says a lot about the commitment of our grassroots supporters to help win this race next year."

"With less than four months into the campaign and six months until the Convention, we've hit the ground running, and our support reaches every community in the 5th Congressional District," said Logan.

"We know this is one of the races that could flip the Congress, as national groups have been watching this district since February and spending since the Spring," said Logan. "I hear it everywhere I go that people are tired of the status quo and looking for someone and something different."

You can watch the campaign endorsement video:
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Residents can endorse George Logan's Congressional Campaign by visiting our website:
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A list of some endorsements below

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- State Representative David Wilson, 66th District
- State Representative Bill Buckbee, 67th District
- State Representative John Piscopo, 76th District
- State Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco, 80th District
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- State Central Committee Member Bryan Cafferelli, 28th District
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A Christmas Story Part 3

By: Sally Miller



He ran into his home and asked his Grandma, "what shall we do about Aunt Ellie, she doesn't have a Christmas tree!!"

She told the boy, to do whatever he thought was best. The boy ran into the barn and grabbed his little axe that his Grandpa had given him and taught him how to use. The boy had only used it to get work done alongside of his Grandpa but today he went into the woods and felled a tiny evergreen. He took it home and decorated it with homemade decorations before walking the precious gift to Aunt Ellie's. She opened the door to find this little boy who was so filled with the Christmas spirit holding this wonderful decorated Christmas tree. She hugged him and they smiled at one another as the spirit of the holiday swirled around them and lingered. Aunt Ellie kissed him and wished him a Merry Christmas as the young boy walked out into the cold December evening, smiling to himself.

He speaks of Christmas services and his eyes squint and are watery as he recalls the church handing out a wonderfully cool tangerine to each child. How rare and fragrant this wonderful gift was. He reached for this awesome seldom seen gift. As his small fingers wrapped around this precious gift the fragrance seemed to hypnotize him. He looks down at his hands today as if he still feels the coolness and he closes his eyes in recollection and smiles.

This gentle, loving, quiet spoken man

remembers with love and thankfulness and a slight misting of the eye as he sits and continues to speak of his childhood. He speaks of stockings hung, filled with fruits and homemade gifts, Christmas stories being told as he sat with his Grandpa by the fireplace and delivering homemade goodies to neighbors and friends with his Grandparents.

This man continues to give today. He carries the legacy of his Grandparents and Christmas all year long. I have watched him buy and give guitars to children who needed them for school, he makes birdhouses which decorate many of the yards in Plainville. This wonderful man has had a small Christmas tree on a table in his living room the entire year, and Santa sits in a place of honor on his fireplace all year, but who cares. He turns to smile at me as he places an ornament on his tree and remarks that he made it in 1950. He has little mementoes of items he made for the many foster children he took care of and speaks of them as he places these items on the tree. I recently found out that the town of Bethlehem, Ct. has a Christmas stamp at their post office and Historical Society, which was created by this wonderful man and chosen to be the stamp of the year. You may go to that town and use it on your envelopes at Christmas. His hands are never idle. Every so often I find that he has added another Santa to his collection. It is the Christmas season and Christmas gives this man the same joy that it did the little boy. He remarks that Christmas is his happiest time of year. He spends a lot of his time at his workbench making things during the season. I visited him today. When he turned from his workbench with a twinkling of his eye, I realized that I knew this man long before I met him.

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

VOLUNTARY COMMITMENT LAW

There are several variations of a psychiatric hold in Connecticut. This article explores when an individual voluntarily seeks help at a medical facility. While most people want to get help on their own terms there still needs to be parameters for both sides. That being said, let's take a look at how voluntary commitments are governed.

A hospital must notify a hospitalized individual within 24 hours, prior to the time an application for commitment is filed, that they may continue as a voluntary patient. Presented with the choice of being deemed "voluntary" or "involuntary" is important because commitment paperwork can make people very wary about receiving treatment. It triggers that fight or flight mentality in a lot of people who figured they were in control of their treatment. So when choosing a voluntary commitment the chances of a successful stay are increased.

Once a voluntary commitment has been established the hospital can still file commitment paperwork

if the patient refuses treatment, is imminently dangerous or request to leave. The patient can request a probable cause hearing in these circumstances to have a judge review any commitment paperwork submitted. This hearing has to be held within 72 hours of the receipt of the filing by the patient. If probable cause is found and the patient requires more than 15 days to prepare for a commitment hearing they can only be held for the 15 days.

Commitment proceedings ultimately decide how long an individual may be held with the caveat that they have a hearing at least every 2 years. The review period would depend on the individual and how much of a threat they are deemed to be. So whether the patient arrives voluntarily or involuntarily they may still be committed.

I think it is worth noting that there are other means for psychiatric holds and this article is not meant to cover everything.

Given the climate of our times, all means of psychiatric holds need to be explored when an individual in need is presented.

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Plainville COVID -19 Update

Plainville continues to be in the "RED" category with an average daily rate of 15.1 cases per 100K. This could be partially due to the lower-than-average vaccination rate by Plainville residents.

See the full COVID-19 report on page 4

"The Town Manager Robert E. Lee's Report"

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Biden Calls For Calm But Says Rittenhouse Not Guilty Verdict Leaves Him Angry And Concerned



After the Kyle Rittenhouse jury verdict, President Joe Biden urged Americans to protest peacefully and adhere to the law, adding that he was angry and concerned.

Biden said he urges everybody to express their opinions peacefully and consistently with the law. He notes that any violence, destruction of property, and violence have no place within our democracy. Biden stated

that his administration has been in contact with the Wisconsin Governor to prepare for any outcome in the case.

Biden states that he spoke with the Governor and offered support and any assistance necessary to ensure public safety.^[L]^[S]

Biden stated that while the Kenosha verdict will make many Americans angry and worried, he also said that they must recognize that the jury had spoken. He said he ran on the promise to bring Americans together, adding that he remains steadfast in his determination to ensure every American is treated equally under the law.^[L]^[S]

The recent verdict by Kenosha jurors was that Rittenhouse was not guilty of all charges.^[L]^[S]

Biden tweeted an image of Rittenhouse during his presidential campaign, trying to link him with Trump and White supremacists. Biden didn't answer recent questions about his past criticisms of Rittenhouse and, instead, said he stood by the verdict.

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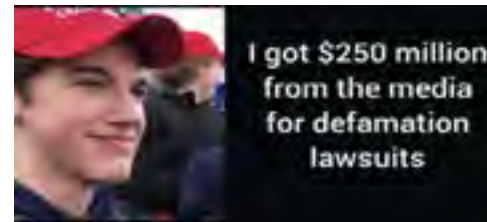
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After paying out megabucks to Nick Sandman, you would think the mainstream media would have learned their lesson by now about why you shouldn't attempt character assassinations on innocent kids.

No one said they were the sharpest tools in the shed, but surely if you had to hand over \$250 million to a teenage boy after calling him a white supremacist and demonizing him on live television every night, you would think twice about doing it again.

But then again, this is the MSM that we're talking about.

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November "Portrait Pioneers" Celebrated



The November Plainville Community Schools' "Portrait Pioneer" award winner, Louis Toffolon Elementary School Tutor Carl Hawkins, was recognized at the November 8th Plainville Board of Education meeting. Carl was nominated by Plainville Community Schools staff members Caitlin Butkus and Chiara Ramos. This award was established to recognize those who exemplify and model the characteristics of the school district's Portrait of the Graduate framework, which include being: Mindful, Resilient, Communicative, Innovative and Collaborative.

New Board of Education Members Sworn in by Town Clerk Cindy Porrini



The newly elected members of the Plainville Board of Education, Rachel Buchanan, Cassandra Clark, Becky Tyrrell and Lori Consalvo were sworn into office prior to the start of the November 8th Plainville Board of Education meeting

MSP Hosts "New Student Group"



The Middle School of Plainville School Counselors held "New Student Group" during the first seven weeks of school. The group was provided to middle school students who were newly registered to the Middle School for this school year. The purpose and focus of the group was to support new students as they adjust to student life at the Middle School.

Tom Abucewicz Recognized by Board of Education



Newly retired Plainville Community Schools District Courier Tom Abucewicz was recognized at the November 8 Plainville Board of Education. He served as the District Courier for more than 19 years!

PHS Pumpkin Carving Winners Announced



First place pumpkin by Maja Grabowski

The second annual Plainville High School Pumpkin Carving Contest was held in Jonathan Dunlap's Culinary Arts classes. Students honed their vegetable prep and garnishing techniques, planned their designs, and completed the carvings. The PHS community voted and seven top winners received gift cards to Gnazzo's Food Center, who donated all of the pumpkins for the project. The top placing students were: 1st place, Maja Grabowski, who also received a trophy, 2nd Place, Cassiane Montanez, 3rd Place, Jacob Hallin, 4th Place Aingeala Sanchez, 5th Place, Alexa Jones, 6th Place Jayden Sullca, and 7th Place, Adriana Mills. Students demonstrated that they are communicative, innovative, and resilient!

Toffolon Pre School Class Performs at Board Meeting



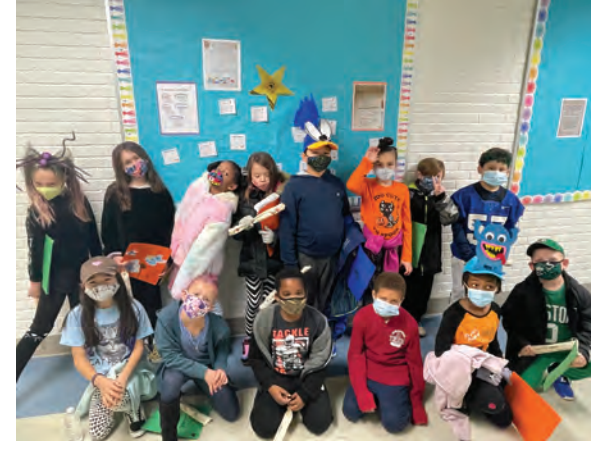
Preschool students in Rachel Valentine's class at Louis Toffolon Elementary School performed a special fall song at the start of the November 8th Plainville Board of Education meeting!

Middle School of Plainville Hosts ASL Club



The Middle School of Plainville has started an American Sign Language (ASL) Club. 22 students in grades 6-8 gather weekly after school to learn how to communicate using ASL. Seventh grader Faith Posner is taking the lead with Advisor Denise Grodzicki on this exciting new club at the Middle School!

"Crazy Hair, Hat and Sock Day" at Toffolon School



The Louis Toffolon Elementary School Student Council, under faculty member Sue Fabrizio's leadership, organized a school-wide "Crazy Hair, Hat and Sock Day" event. All students and staff were able to participate and any optional donations that were collected will go to the Plainville Community Food Pantry.



I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag....



Wheeler Students and Staff Dress for a "Story Book Character Day"



Students at staff at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School recently enjoyed a "Story Book Character Day" where they dressed in their favorite book character costume!

Toffolon Students Busy with Various Activities



Fourth grade students at Louis Toffolon Elementary School were busy with a number of activities in October. On October 19th the students visited Chatfield Hollow State Park in Killingworth, Connecticut, where they experimented with building landforms and water sources as a part of their Science unit. The students also enjoyed a hike around the park enjoying signs of fall. On October 29th the fourth graders participated in Pumpkin Math. Each student brought in their own pumpkin to work with, estimating the height, weight, girth and number of seeds for their pumpkin. They then determined the actual figures, and ultimately carved their pumpkins into Jack O' Lanterns!

CT Kid Governor Rally Bus Visits Toffolon School



The Louis Toffolon Elementary School fifth graders recently enjoyed a visit by the Connecticut Kid Governor Election Day Rally Bus with the 2021 Connecticut Kid Governor, Reese Naughton. The Toffolon students gathered outside when the bus arrived, participated in a trivia contest, heard from Miss Naughton, and cheered as oversized photos of the 2022 Kid Governor candidates were revealed. The Toffolon fifth graders also participated in the Kid Governor process and elections. The visit was organized by faculty member/ Student Council Advisor Susan Fabrizio.

Students Visit Pumpkin Patch



Preschool students at both Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School and Louis Toffolon Elementary School enjoyed the opportunity to visit a "pumpkin patch" at each school made possible by donations from both DATCO and Big Y of Plainville. Each preschooler was able to pick out their own pumpkin from the patches, which they then decorated with their classmates!

KIM Program Hosts Two Events



The district's Kids in the Middle (KIM) program held two events in October. During the first event, entitled, "KIM Cares" the student participants made crafts to donate to local nursing homes. The second group event was a tour of the Newington Humane Society. Students brought a donation to the pet food pantry in order to attend.

Wheeler School Promotes Down Syndrome Awareness



Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School students participated in a number of activities in October to raise awareness and promote acceptance for Down Syndrome Awareness Month. On October 22nd, the Wheeler Student Council arranged a "Wear MisMatched Sock Day" where all students and staff were encouraged to wear mismatched socks to promote Down Syndrome Awareness.

Linden Street School 5th Graders Host "Socktober" Event



5th graders at Linden Street School recently partnered with United Way of West Central Connecticut to give back to the community by hosting "Socktober" - during the month of October they collected socks and other personal care items to donate to local families in need.

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Community Invited to Celebrate Jewish Festival of Lights

On Sunday, December 5th, the greater Southington/Bristol Jewish community is invited to celebrate the festival of Chanukah with music, food and candle lighting. Gishrei Shalom Jewish Congregation will host the event at a member's home in Bristol beginning at 5:00 p.m. Masks are strongly encouraged as is social distancing.

Rabbi Alana Wasserman, the congregation's spiritual leader, will chant the traditional prayers. Everyone is encouraged to bring their chanukiyot, candleholders which have room for a candle for each night of the holiday, plus a "servant" candle which lights the others. As this will be the last day of the eight-day holiday, the room will be filled with candle-light.

Chanukah is a minor holiday in the Jewish calendar and is called the "Festival of Lights". It commemorates the Jewish victory against the Syrian Army in 160 BCE and the miracle that there was only one night's worth of oil to light the eternal lamp in the Temple in Jerusalem but it burned for eight days. In that time, the Jews were able to obtain more oil.

Potato pancakes and sufganyot (jelly doughnuts) are traditional parts of the Chanukah meal are a reminder of the miracle of the oil since they are fried. The holiday celebration continues with singing and games including "dreidel". The dreidel is a four-sided top with a Hebrew letter on each side. The Hebrew letters stand for "A Great Miracle Happened There".

Gishrei Shalom Jewish Congregation was established in 1984 and is part of the Reform movement. Services are held in the chapel at the First Congregational Church of Southington. More information about religious services and community activities can be found at www.gsjc.org or on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1111193335754524/>

**For the location and directions or to RSVP,
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Laura S. Minor

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What is on your Wish List?

With supply chain issues and prices skyrocketing, holidays may feel a little different this year. Have you heard the phrase, "less is more"? It is attributed Ludwig Miles Van Der Rohe in 1947 in relationship to modern architectural design.

Based on the number of items seen on the curb these past 2 years, filled donation bins and the many Buy Nothing Facebook sites, many of us, given the extra time at home, have already decided that too much stuff doesn't necessarily equal too much happiness.

Here's another explanation of this quote." Being content with less, creates space in the heart for more love." Doesn't that sound great. Given the fear, frustration, uncertainty and increased stress of the pandemic, do we really want to move back to the hectic, indulgent, extreme pace of holiday's past? Perhaps we will reflect on this most difficult pause we just experienced and use this opportunity to take stock of how we really want to spend our time with loved ones.

Frankly, I've seen real excitement in the faces of those on my gift list when I passed on a family item, a piece of furniture or jewelry, a patch from WWII, a picture of grandparents, etc. Having these items that have family connections, reminds us of all our relatives endured and accomplished for us. I remember the delight each Christmas when my grandparents received a box of grapefruit and oranges. Good vitamin C food that was hard to get in the NE on those days.

What are some of the things that you would find meaningful this year? A letter, a phone call, an invitation to an experience such as a visit to a museum, lunch at a favorite location?

How about a gift card to a local grocery store, salon, restaurant or specialty shop in town or a healthy homemade item? Maybe you want someone to plant a tree in your honor or donate to a favorite cause. These types of gifts might make you happy and help our local businesses and organizations who really need us now. This is a case of "Less is More and Local is Better!"

Maybe what you prefer is similar to desires of those around you. Now would be the time to have these conversations of what stays the same and what will be different. What new traditions can you create to spread love and excitement and the value of less is more, love and local is better?

May you all have wonderful holidays, create warm and loving traditions and move forward into the New Year with the resolve to simplify your life, improve your relationships, focus on your health, and build a better community.

Happy Holidays, Happy 2022!
Linda



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I KNOW A GUY

By: Myke Roy



Happy December y'all! I would like to start by thanking each and every one of you who have helped MRC have one

of the best years on the books. The good news is that I'm booked right through spring 2022, the bad news is that I'm not able to take on any more work until spring 2022.

Enough about me, lets get started with my regularly scheduled program. As I said, it's December, and there are so many noteworthy dates to remember. Starting with December 7th which is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. This is the day that was set aside for us to never forget the cowardly attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor.

On a much brighter note, there is December 25th, Christmas. This is the day most Christians celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

December 26th is Kwanzaa. Many people of African descent in America celebrate Kwanzaa from December 26th through January 1st.

And finally there is December 31st, New Years Eve. This is the day that so many people decide their resolutions for the new year. Studies have shown that these resolutions usually last about a month or less.

Now, what 7 ways can I help you save money this month you ask? Well, I'm going to tell you right now...

1. If you have furniture in front of your radiators, move that furniture. You are blocking heat from getting into your room
 2. If your radiator is attached to an external wall, put some aluminum foil behind it. The reflective nature of the foil will prevent heat from disappearing through the wall.
 3. Try a fireplace plug. You can lose up to 20% of your home's warm air through leaks in a loose fireplace damper
 4. Curtains. Open them up on nice days to let the sun in and close them up when the sun goes down to keep the heat in.
 5. Take a hot water bottle to bed at night. It will keep your feet warm and it will allow you to turn the thermostat down a little at bedtime.
 6. Buy in bulk. Get a Costco or BJ's membership and buy in bulk when possible. As for myself, I have both and they complement each other.
 7. If you haven't yet, get a AAA membership. The cost of getting your car pulled out of a ditch or getting a jump start will more than pay for that annual membership fee.
- Neveah, Jace and I want y'all to have a Merry Christmas and an awesome 2022.***

And as always, when you are asked where you are getting this outstanding information just tell them..."I know a guy".

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Main Street Community Foundation Awards Grants Totaling \$7,500 from the Men & Boys' Fund

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- Plainville Adult and Continuing Education - \$2,000 - Boot Camp for New Dads program, a community-based workshop that supports the transition to fatherhood

- The Children's Law Center - \$2,000 - Legal representation of male children in family court from the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott

"Meanwhile, the Plainville Adult and Continuing Education program, Boot Camp for New Dads, is a national program that is being brought to Plainville, and it will be the first in the state."

"The generosity and enthusiasm of the six communities we serve makes what we do possible," said Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of the Community Foundation. "It takes many donors and volunteers to deliver on the mission."

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Hello, patients and friends of Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers of Plainville!

In this month's article, we will be sharing some common winter safety tips to prevent injuries and help keep you safe & healthy this winter. Whether you're shoveling, skating, skiing, snowboarding, or doing any other activity, it's important to take precautions to avoid injury.

Although winter activities can be really fun and a great way to remain active during the cold months, they lead to high rates of injury during the season. Some common injuries include sprains, strains, dislocations, and fractures. It's common for these injuries to occur at the end of the day when people overexert themselves. Many of these injuries are preventable and participants should be sure to prepare their bodies. This can be done by keeping in good physical condition, never participating alone, warming up to avoid cold muscles and tendons sustainable to injury, wearing appropriate protective gear and clothing, and drinking plenty of water before, during, and after any activities.

Common Winter Sports Injuries & Tips to Avoid Them

Knee and Ankle Injuries:

Downhill skiing and snowboarding put you at a substantial risk of injury to your knees and ankles. An ankle sprain can be more painful and take longer to heal than an ankle fracture. The most common ankle injury is an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tear. Tears or ruptures of the ACL or Medial Collateral Ligament (MCL) of the knee are some of the most debilitating injuries and often require surgery. To help protect yourself from these injuries, have your board bindings inspected frequently and

be sure that your footwear is sized properly.

Hand and Wrist Injuries:

It is very easy to break your wrist or fingers when skiing or skating or with a slip and fall. Proper footwear is essential to avoid slips and falls. The straps of the ski pole could lead to an injury to your wrist or a tear to the ligaments of your thumb. A common injury called "skier's thumb" occurs when you fall awkwardly onto your hands while holding a ski pole. This results in a UCL tear which is a ligament on the inside of the thumb. You can prevent this by making sure your ski straps stay below your wrist.

Lower Back Injuries:

Cold weather constricts muscles and diminishes flexibility. Back pain can occur as a result of failing to warm up properly and overworking your body. A more serious back injury can occur as a result of a fall that causes damage to vertebrae or compresses the discs in your back. To prevent this, keep your back and abdominal muscles strong before you start your winter activities to give you the muscular endurance you need.

Snow Shoveling Injuries

Perhaps surprisingly, shoveling results in a very high number of injuries. This is due to improper form while clearing snow. There are many ways in which you can remain injury free while clearing your sidewalk or driveway.

It is important to warm-up before performing a strenuous physical activity. This is especially important before going out into the cold. This can consist of a five to ten minute warm up which can include walking briskly, running in place, or stretching to increase the blood flow to your muscles and prepare them. These preparations are important because warm muscles are able to adapt to unexpected

movements much more quickly than cold muscles. Again, it is important to wear proper footwear with an adequate tread to prevent dangerous slips and falls on icy surfaces this time of year.

Improper form while shoveling leads to injuries and strains of inadequately conditioned muscles between the shoulders, upper back, low back, buttocks and upper legs. Proper form involves squatting with your legs apart, knees bent, and back straight. Always remember to maintain good posture and to consider the natural curve of your spine as you shovel snow. For this reason, you should keep the shovel close to your body and lift with your legs. It's also important to avoid twisting and turning movements while shoveling snow in order to prevent back injuries.

Choosing the proper shovel is also important. An ergonomic snow shovel that weighs less than 3 pounds, can take some of the effort out of snow removal. A shovel with a curved handle or an adjustable handle length will minimize painful bending. An ergonomically correct shovel should be used to push the snow rather than lift it. Ideally, you will keep your hands about 12 inches apart when gripping the shovel to provide greater stability and minimize the chances of injuring your low back. Lastly, it's important to pace yourself, take frequent breaks, and stay hydrated.

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Ask the Brayne...

Q. A friend asked me "What hand do you wear your Wedding and Engagement rings on after your husband dies?" I don't know perhaps you can check to see if you know or could find the answer!

A. *Yes, I do know!! You wear your wedding ring on your right hand.*

Q. Our family enjoyed the Sunday Breakfast at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center and would like to know if the Knights of Columbus will do it again and when. We are not members of the O.L.M.

A. *Thank you for that question. I am a member of the church and also a member of the Knights.*

We will be hosting the Sunday Breakfast once a month. Usually the first Sunday of each month. You can check with our Hometown paper or call me at the paper 860-747-4119, leave your name and phone number with your question. See you Sunday December 5th "Breakfast with Santa"

I should be in the kitchen, please ask for me. I would love to meet you and your family.

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

Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of the month.

Next issue of the Hometown Connection will be November.

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

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year" Bill Brayne

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SPOUSE vs SPOUSE

With Covid still lingering and the stress of the holidays upon us, I thought I would close out the year with a little humor.

Sustaining a marriage is no child's play. Ask any married couple, and they will tell you it takes a great deal of effort to make a marriage successful. One important element in a successful marriage is fun. Marriage can be so much fun if a husband and wife do not mind jokes at their expense. By jokes, I mean lines that are humorous, witty, and clearly aimed at making light of situations that are most troublesome for married couples. Here are some of the best husband and wife jokes that should add some fun to your married life. These jokes are not intended to demean the wife or the husband, nor do I endorse gender-typification. It is just an attempt to bring smiles on their faces. ***So get your spouse grab your favorite beverage, coffee or cocktail and enjoy.***

Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other person is ***a husband.***

When did you get to know your spouse? ***Sadly, a week or two after the wedding.***

Mom, what does the stork do once he has fed the baby? ***He lies on the couch, drinks beer, watches TV, burps, and farts.***

A man approached a very beautiful woman in a supermarket "I've lost my wife here in the supermarket. Can you talk to me for a couple minutes "Why do you want to talk to me?" she asked puzzled. ***Because every time I talk to a beautiful woman, my wife appears out of nowhere.***

Husband asks his wife, "Will you marry after I die?" The wife responds, "No I will live with my sister." The wife asks him back, "will you marry after I die?" The husband responds, ***No I will also live with your sister."***

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is ***to forget it once.***

Wife: If you keep losing your hair at this speed, I shall divorce you.
Husband: ***oh my God! I was stupid enough trying to save them!***

Why are husbands like lawn mowers? ***They're hard to get started, they emit foul odors and they don't work half the time.***

I felt incomplete until I married you. ***Now I'm finished.***

What is the penalty for bigamy?
Two mothers-in-laws.

Marriage is full of surprises, but it's mostly just asking each other, ***" Do you have to do that right now?"***

Two men were talking about their wives. The first man says, " My wife is an angel." The second man says.
" You're lucky! Mine is still alive"

When you are single, you see happy couples everywhere. ***But when you are married, you see singles everywhere.***

My husband cooks for me like I'm a god- by placing burnt offerings before me every night.

How was the word "Wife" coined?
They took the first two and the last two letters of "Wildlife"!

What should you give a man who has everything? ***A wife. She will tell him how everything works.***

Being married is like having a best friend who doesn't remember anything you say.

Marriage is a three ring circus: ***engagment ring, wedding ring, and suffering.***

Q: If love is "grand," what is divorce?
A: ***A hundred grand, or more.***

Every man wants a beautiful wife, a smart wife, a loving wife, a sexy wife, and a cooperative wife. ***Sadly, bigamy is against the law.***

Marriage is like a walk in the park, ***Jurassic Park.***

My girlfriend accused me of cheating. ***I told her she was starting to sound like my wife.***

My doctor told me I needed to break a sweat once a day, ***so I told him I'd start lying to my wife.***

All marriages are happy, It's trying to live together afterwards that causes all the problems.

You know you're getting old when your wife says, "Honey, lets run upstairs and make love."
And you answer, "I can't do ***both"***

Wife: It's our anniversary, darling. How do you suggest we celebrate?
Husband: ***With a minute of silence.***

We both said, "I do, " and we haven't agreed on a single thing since.

Wife: "How would you describe me?"
Husband: "ABCDEFGHGIJK."
Wife: "What does that mean?"
Husband: "Adorable(A), beautiful(B), cute(C), delightful(D), elegant(E), fashionable(F)gorgeous(G),and hot(H)."
Wife: "Aw thank you! But what about IJK?"
Husband: ***"I'm just kidding!"***

I asked my wife if she ever fantasizes about me, She said yes. ***She fantasizes about me taking out the trash, mowing the lawn and doing the dishes.***

If at first, you don't succeed, ***trying doing it the way your wife told you.***

Wedding rings - ***The world's smallest handcuffs.***

Doctor: "Do you do dangerous sports?"
Patient: ***"Well sometimes I talk back to my wife."***

Never laugh at your wife's choices. ***You are one of them.***

Wife: "Honey, what do you love most about me? My honed body or my charming face?"
Husband: ***"Your sense of humor."***

A bus full of homemakers going on a picnic crashed with no survivors. Each husband cried for a week, but one husband continued to cry for more than two weeks. When asked, he replied miserably, ***"My wife missed the bus."***

I married Miss Right I just didn't know her first name was ***Always.***

If a man opens the car door for his wife, you can be sure of one thing: ***either the car is new or the wife is new.***

Husband: "ILY"
Wife: "Can you please say the words? It makes it better.
Husband: ***I'm leaving you."***

Husband: I need space...
Wife: ***Join NASA***

A man put an ad in the classified that read, "Wife wanted." The next day, he received a hundred responses, all saying the same thing: ***"You can have mine."***

A friend of mine just got a divorce. He and his ex-wife split the house. ***He got the outside.***

Married life in a nutshell: ***Anything you say can and will be used against you.***

A married man's best asset is... ***His 'Lie-Ability'!***

Husband: "Honey your wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?"
Wife: ***"Because I married the wrong man."***

Marriages are made in heaven. But so are thunder and lightning.

Stuart: "I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married, did you?"
Leroy: ***"I'm not sure. What was her maiden name?"***

A doctor advised a woman she can no longer touch anything alcoholic, ***So she got a divorce.***

Wife got all dewy-eyed when she saw her husband looking at their marriage certificate for half an hour.
Then she found out he was looking for the expiration date.

One day, the husband came home and was greeted by his wife dressed in stunningly sexy lingerie.
"Tie me up, and you can do anything you want." she purred. ***So he tied her up and went golfing.***

Wife: "Our neighbor always kisses his wife when he leaves for work. Why don't you do that?"
Husband: ***"How can I? I don't even know her."***

Make love, not war, and if you want both, ***get married***

I know of no one who is happily married, ***except my husband.***

Marriage is when a man and a woman become as one. The trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

The only one of your children who does not grow up and move away is ***your husband.***

I was bending over to wipe up a spill on the kitchen floor when my wife walked into the room behind me.

"See anything you like?" I asked suggestively. "Yeah," she said. ***"You doing housework."***

I just bought my hubby a "get better soon" card. ***He is not sick. I just think he can be better.***

My wifes gives me sound advice: ***99% sound and 1% advice.***

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes. ***She embraced me.***

Terrorism strikes no fear in my heart. I have been married for years.

A man was sitting in a restaurant and crying.

Waiter: "What happened sir?"
Man: "My wife told me that she wouldn't talk to me for a month."
Waiter: "Sorry to hear that sir."
Man: ***"Yes!!!(Sobs) Today, that month is over"***

After ten years of marriage, my wife apologized for the first time in front of me today. ***She said she was sorry she married me.***

When I got home last night, my wife demanded to take her to someplace expensive. ***So I took her to a gas station.***

Definition of honeymoon: ***A man's last vacation before he starts working for a new boss.***

On my wedding day, my mom told my bride, "no refunds, no exchanges on sale items.

Why does a man twist his wedding ring on his fingers? ***He's trying to figure out the combination.***

Marriage is the process of finding out what kind of man your wife would have preferred

Marriage jokes are to be taken with a pinch of salt, and if the joke is on you, then keep your head up and see the fun side of it. Not every joke your spouse cracks on you is what they really feel, so do not feel offended by these harmless jokes. Laugh as heartily as you can and prepare a better joke on your spouse next time.

**Merry Christmas to all,
and to all a Good Night!!!**

John Gasparini / Blush

Chiropractic and You...By Dr. Tim Ouellette

6 Reasons for Chiropractic Care over the Holiday Season

Seeing a Chiropractor during the holiday season can help reduce stress, heal and prevent winter injuries, and boost your mood.

Often when we are busy is when we need support and self care the most. Give yourself a little more of you this year and check out our Top 6 Reasons for Chiropractic Care this Holiday Season:

Stress less. The holidays may bring out the best in us, but they can also bring out the stress in us. The season is often full of expectations and commitments, leaving us less time take care of ourselves. It's no surprise that holiday stress might package itself as neck pain, low back pain, shoulder tension, and jaw pain. When our bodies tense up as a result of stress, we can form bad biomechanical habits or leave ourselves vulnerable to throwing our backs out or other injuries. Chiropractic care is a great opportunity to put yourself first and address the effects of stress on your body.

Travel. Before you pack your bags for holiday travel, consider getting adjusted. Long car rides, uncomfortable flights, and unfamiliar guest beds are just a few of the culprits that leave us feeling less than our joyful selves. Make sure your body is ready for travel in the first place. After your trip, if you find that travel has taken a toll on you, Chiropractic

care can provide relief.

Winter Injuries. Braving the snow and ice can unfortunately lead to falls, winter sports injuries, car accidents, and pain caused by shoveling. If bad weather puts you out, make sure you seek help as soon as possible. Waiting may result in more damage and longer healing time.

Boost your immune system. Chiropractic care can help balance the nervous system and help you stay active during the colder months, which improves your immune system and helps fight off the cold & flu.

Your flex account. You may have funds that will expire at the end of December. This should never be your sole reason to see any type of doctor, but it's valuable to check in with your account status and schedule your appointments accordingly.

Winter Blues. Roughly 15% of Americans are challenged by the change of the seasons when it comes to depression and extreme fatigue.

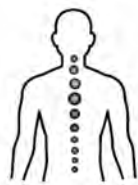
Posture is a key way we express ourselves. Good posture and spinal health can help you feel more energetic, happier, and confident.

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PlainvilleChiropractic@gmail.com, or stop by the office at 43 East Street, Plainville, CT 06062.

*Timothy Ouellette DC
Doctor of Chiropractic, Plainville
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From My Balcony

By: Jeannette Hinkson

I don't know about you, be you Democrat, Republican or Independent, if you vote or not, you might be as sick as I am about what is happening to everyone in our country.

When I go to the grocery store I watch people as they shop, especially in the meat department. I see people pick up a package of hamberg, look at the price and put it back in the case. I picked up a package of bagels and found the price had gone up a \$1.00 from last week. There is nothing that hasn't gone up in price and the seniors are feeling it more than anyone. Seniors can't go out and find a job, who will hire someone over 70 that can't stand, let alone walk?

The other day I went to my drug store to pick up a prescription only to learn the price, after my insurance paid their share, was \$88 for 30 pills, I told them to keep it. I went home and was telling the young man next door and he asked me if I checked Good RX. Now I've seen that on TV but figured it was another scam. He asked me what the drug was, I gave him the bottle and he checked the price on his cell phone with Good RX. Sure enough the supermarket price was \$50 cheaper with good RX. Couldn't be, I thought, so I took my empty bottle and went right to the store and sure enough the girl at the counter looked it up and it was only \$39. I told her to contact Walgreens and have all my prescriptions transferred to their pharmacy. Walgreen called me asked if I had authorized the transfer. When I told them yes and why I was switching they said they could lower the price to \$66. I think you might have already guessed what my reply was.

As I was relating my story to a friend she told me about a woman friend of hers who has a condition and the drug she takes cost her \$3500 a month. She asked the woman how does she do it and the sad answer was she has credit cards and charges her drugs to her credit card and only pays the minimum payment each month. Her reasoning is perhaps by the time all her cards are maxed out she will pass away and then the credit card companies can fight it out with probate.

Now, isn't that a great way for anyone to live out their last years? Now we hear there are those in Washington who want to give every illegal that came into this country and were separated \$440,000 each because they might be upset. Are the people in Washington completely crazy or are we the people that elected them nuts.

My idea is they send "every US citizen, that worked at least 30 years and are over 75 years old," one million dollars and they will receive no more social security and see how far a senior can go on that. It's about time someone came up with some good ideas and stop giving money to those who never worked.

INCREMENTAL ISLAM 20

As if we needed more evidence of the lowly status of women in Islam, a well-known hadith narrates that Muhammad said, "I have seen the fires of Hell and most of its residents are ungrateful women."

As young children, and sometimes even as babies, Muslim girls experience a particularly traumatizing rite of passage known as 'female genital mutilation.' FGM, found in ROTT e4.3, is a procedure designed to prohibit arousal and penetration, ensuring that the girl would remain chaste until her wedding day, for which she would be cut open. Some of the horrific results of FGM include: death, infection, pain on urination and menstruation, PTSD and much more. Welcome to the world of Muslim females!

Then, following the example of their prophet, Muhammad, (who married his favorite wife, Aisha, when she was six years old, and consummated the marriage when she was nine), girls can be married when they are still children themselves. Not only do they lose their childhood, but they can find themselves pregnant earlier than their bodies can handle it. To add to their burden, their husbands are allowed to beat them! (ROTT m10.12).

Also, Muslim girls are not allowed to marry non-Muslim men, who would likely treat them with far more tenderness and respect than would a Muslim male, given the laws encouraging disrespect to women. The logic behind this is that a woman is to obey her husband, yet a non-Muslim is considered an inferior ("kafir"). On the other hand, Muslim males are free to take non-Muslim wives since: a) the Muslim male is calling the shots; and b) the children of such a marriage must be raised Muslim, thereby expanding the number of Muslims in the world, in the Islamic quest for a global caliphate!

Next month: More on the treatment of women. Jane Bate

THE PEAK FITNESS CENTER IS OPEN NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED!

Stop by the Senior Center for a tour of our Fitness Center and to pick up a membership packet. The PEAK Fitness Center offers a variety of cardiovascular and weight training equipment. Individuals must obtain a medical approval from their physician and attend a training session with our Fitness Trainer. Call the Senior Center for more information. The PEAK Center is open, and appointments are no longer needed! Work out when you want. New PEAK Center hours *are: Monday—Friday, 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.*

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Young at Heart.....Plainville Senior Center News.....

Stephanie Soucy, Senior Center Social Worker, is available to assist with concerns about food stamps, caregiving, financial assistance, Medicare, assistance at home and more. No question is too small. Call (860)747- 5728.

What About Your Feet??

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1:00 P.M.

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CALL OR REGISTER ONLINE BEGINNING
DEC. 2nd**

Learn some great tips on providing care and feeding of our second pair of hands that we rely so heavily on. Join Miles Everett, RN, for a discussion about shoes, socks, basic foot care, and exercise to travel lightly and well.

DECORATE THE CHRISTMAS TREE WITH SING-ALONG CAROLS WITH OUR OWN CHORAL GROUP

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, AT 1 P.M.

Get into the Christmas spirit by decorating our Christmas tree in the living room while singing holiday songs with our very own choral group! We had so much fun two years ago—everyone enjoyed hot chocolate, cookies and being with friends. Please call to sign up. Need a ride to the

MEGA SIGN-UP DAY is set for **THURSDAY, DEC. 2, from 9:15 A.M. to 4:45 P.M.** Members may sign up for new classes, trips and programs. If an event is free, call the Senior Center to register or register online. If payment is due, you must come in to register. We accept cash and checks made out to Plainville Senior Center only.

To register on line: www.scheduleplus.com/plainville Senior Center Phone Number 860-747-5728

CRIME TRENDS: HOLIDAY EDITION TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 10:00 A.M. FREE! CALL TO REGISTER OR REGISTER ONLINE.

Sergeant Marques, of the Plainville Police Department, returns this month to provide tips for keeping you and your possessions protected during the holidays. He will discuss ideas for staying safe while holiday shopping and securing packages that are delivered to your home. The presentation will also include an overview of crime trends in Plainville.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE SENIOR CENTER! SATURDAY, DEC. 25 AT 11:30 A.M.

This special meal is for Senior Center members and any Plainville resident who is 60 years of age or older and will be alone this Christmas. Join us here for a delicious, homemade, traditional Christmas dinner. Volunteers will provide transportation for those who need a ride. Please register in advance by Tuesday, Dec. 21. Let us know when you register if you will need a ride. If you are homebound and would like dinner delivered to your home, call us to let us know. There is no charge, but decorations would be appreciated.

Cookies, Cocoa & Choraliers

MONDAY, DEC. 20, 4:30 P.M. FREE! PLEASE CALL THE SENIOR CENTER BY DEC. 16 TO REGISTER.

Join us as we celebrate the holidays with the Hall High School (West Harford) Choraliers! This talented select group of young high school juniors and seniors, will perform a holiday concert just for our members! Enjoy cookies, cocoa and other treats as we ring in the holiday season with a festive concert.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY WED., DEC. 29, 1:00 P.M. FREE! SIGN-UP BEGINS DEC. 2

Say goodbye to 2021 and hello to 2022 as we celebrate with friends, music, snack food, and fun! Vocalist Jose Paulo will get everyone singing and dancing with upbeat songs to get the party started! Hailing originally from Rio De Janeiro, Jose sings all styles of music in English, Portuguese, Spanish, Italian and French ... from American pop, classic and jazz, to Latin, samba, bossa nova to classical and opera. We are thrilled to welcome him back to the Plainville Senior Center!

10 Hard-to-Believe Insurance Facts Some of these rather astounding things to know can save you money.

The world of insurance is far more interesting than you probably think it is. For example, in Japan, golfers have bought golf insurance because if they ever hit a hole in one, they'd have to spend a lot of money buying drinks and gifts for lots of people. Meanwhile, some people's body parts have been insured, with Kiss bass player Gene Simmons once having his tongue insured for a million dollars.

Here's a look at 10 surprising and interesting facts about insurance, some of which you may want to act on, as they could save you money.

No. 1: Home insurance policies usually cover damage from volcanoes and even meteors. Like though, earthquake damage is usually not covered. Talk with your agent, to find out exactly what is and isn't covered,

No. 2: Reducing unnecessary emergency room visits can bring healthcare costs down a lot Many visits to emergencies are not truly emergencies: People going there may instead be treated by their primary physicians or perhaps an urgent-care facility. Emergency rooms are costly: "It is estimated that more than \$18 billion could be saved annually if those patients whose medical problems are considered 'avoidable' or 'non-urgent' were to take advantage of primary or preventive healthcare and not rely on ERs for their medical needs," according to the folks at Debt.org. It was able to reduce emergency room use by several percentage points, equaling about \$4.5 million in cost avoidance. Another important result is that emergency rooms end up less crowded, and those who truly need to be there may be seen more quickly.

No. 3: Your credit score can significantly influence your insurance costs You probably know about credit scores that influence the mortgage interest rates you're offered, but you may not realize that there are "credit-based insurance scores" that influence the insurance premiums you're quoted -- and sometimes significantly. "Drivers with poor credit may pay twice as much for car insurance as those with exceptional credit. Nationally, improving your credit score from the Poor to the Exceptional range would save you 53% (more than \$1,400) per year." Fortunately, you can take some steps to increase your credit score.

No. 4: Home insurance policies often prohibit certain dog breeds Many home insurance policies often prohibit you from having certain kinds of dogs as pets -- because they can potentially cause problems. Some 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs annually, and about 20% of dog bites require medical attention. Dog breeds commonly excluded from standard policies include Akitas, mastiffs, pit bulls, Alaskan malamutes, and Rottweilers. If need be, you can pay extra to add coverage for your dog, or by shopping around, you might find a policy that covers it.

No. 5: Car insurance for male teenagers can be surprisingly costly College costs aren't all you'll face as your teenagers start driving: You'll also need to have them covered by car insurance, and that can be quite expensive." Sixteen-year-olds have twice as many accidents as 18- and 19-year olds, and adding a 16-year-old to your policy can cost you as much as \$3,000 or \$4,000 or more, respectively, for a girl or boy. (If you need such insurance, shop around, as rates can vary very widely.)

No. 6: Some employers offer healthcare for parents of workers Many Americans get employer-sponsored healthcare -- for themselves, or themselves and their spouses, or themselves, their spouses and their children. That's a given. In China, though, offering to cover the parents of workers. It's limited to workers who have been with the company for at least two years, and it provides critical-illness coverage for some 30 illnesses to parents who are younger than 75 and who live in China. It's not unthinkable that new kinds of insurance will be available to Americans, too. We didn't always have pet insurance, for example.

No. 7: Many Americans think the Affordable Care Act and Obamacare are different The launch of the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, was met with vociferous opposition from many Americans, along with strong support from many others, and many Republicans have been trying to eradicate or weaken it for years, with some success. A 2017 poll by Morning Consult found that fully "35% of respondents said either they thought Obamacare and the Affordable Care Act were different policies (17%) or didn't know if they were the same or different (18%)."

No. 8: Obamacare is doing more than making healthcare more accessible Another thing that many don't quite appreciate about the Affordable Care Act is that it's triggering big changes in the American healthcare system. With millions more people covered, many of whom are in poor health and needing a lot of care, the industry has been undergoing a shift from a fee-for-service model to a value-based model. The value-based model focuses on outcomes more than services, and can keep people healthier and save money in the process. Doctors and hospitals, for example, can earn more if their patients get healthier, stay healthier, don't get readmitted to hospitals soon after being discharged, and so on. This approach can keep populations healthier while keeping costs down, permitting insurers to charge lower premiums, too.

No. 9: Insurance is thousands of years old It may be hard to imagine insurance salespeople and insurance forms and all that existing hundreds of years ago, but that doesn't mean insurance didn't exist. Indeed, the first appearance of insurance in history reportedly happened in China, around 3000 B.C. insurers, ready to be paid out in claims.

No. 10: America's insurance history predates the American revolution You may not have heard of the Philadelphia Contributionship, but it's America's oldest, continuously active insurance company, founded in 1752 by Benjamin Franklin and others. These are just some of the surprisingly interesting things there are to learn about the world of insurance. The more you know, the more you may be able to save -- and at the very least, you may become the most interesting person at the parties you attend, *this Holiday Season!!*

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~ Pauline D. (Magnant) Blanchette ~



passed away peacefully on September 25, 2021 at Lake Way Nursing Home in Benton, KY. Her children were with her the day of her passing. Pauline was the widow of Joseph R. Blanchette who passed away in 2010. She's predeceased

by her sister Elaine Cormier, her twin brother Paul, brothers Edward and Romeo. She also leaves behind her brother-in-law Gerald E. Blanchette, 14 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

She graduated from Holy Family High School in New Bedford, MA in 1949.

She was the daughter of the late Romeo Magnant and Laura (Cote) Magnant. Joseph and Pauline were married April 20, 1953 in New Bedford, MA and soon after moved to Bristol, CT where they raised their family. She leaves behind her son Paul and his fiancé Sara Crosbie, James and his wife Barbara, David and his wife Cindy Baker, John and his wife Tonya, daughters Donna Reopell and her partner John Parker and Jo-Ann Silverio and her husband Joseph.

While their children were in high school, they held an open house every Sunday for their children and friends. Pauline was an accomplished ballroom dancer and loved to cook, bake and sew. She was a daily communicant at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bristol.

Soon after her husband passed, Pauline moved to Murray, KY with her youngest son John. She lived in Kentucky for ten years until her passing.

A funeral mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St, Plainville, CT followed by a private burial. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Alzheimer's Association, 255 N. Michigan Ave., FL. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or online at act.alz.org. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville extends their gratitude to the Blanchette family for their trust. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com.

~ Roland Daigle ~



80, of Plainville passed away on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Bristol Hospital. He is now reunited with his loving wife of 51 years, Cecile (Ouellette) Daigle.

Roland was born on October 14, 1941 in Fort Kent, Maine son to the late Aurelle and Anna (Pelletier) Daigle. He

was a resident of Plainville for over twenty-five years where he and his wife raised their family. Formerly, Roland worked as a painter for Stanley Works and retired from Morin, a sheet metal company. He was a simple man who liked to keep to himself and was always busy tinkering with his truck, tractor, or lawn mower. He took great pride in his toys.

Roland is survived by his son, David Daigle and his wife Donna, of Collinsville; his daughter, Donna Bly and her husband Gene, of South Carolina; his grandchildren, Sahara Leveille, Shawn Leveille, Amanda Daigle, Kyle Daigle, and Lacey Daigle; his siblings, Joan Ouellette and her husband, Rosaire, Lillian Jandreau and her husband, Harold, Wilmer Daigle and his wife, Joyce, and Marie Paradis. He also leaves behind a number of extended family members. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Lucien Paradis.

Funeral Services in honor of Roland's life were from Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville A Mass of Christian Burial was at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad Street, Plainville. Burial will be held in Saint Joseph Cemetery

~ Bruce Reed Bull ~



devoted Husband, Father, Son and Grandfather, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, November 1, 2021, leaving his family and friends heartbroken.

Born on February 1, 1958, he was the only son of Lucy (Rossi) Bull and the late

Harry Bull. Raised and educated in Plainville, Bruce attended Tunxis Community College during which time he began his 30 year career at Acme Monaco, and shared his patience and kindness with others for the past ten years as a benefits coordinator for The Farmington Company. Bruce was a dedicated member and volunteer for the Plainville Fire Company for 25 years; having served in most, if not all capacities on their committees and fundraisers. He found the greatest joy in sharing his knowledge and expertise on fire safety when getting visits at the department from elementary school students, most especially his grandchildren who were his pride and joy. He spent the past 15 years alongside his wife and best friend, Lorrie Ferland, who shared in his love of New England road trips and beach visits, having a special place in their hearts for Hammonasset where they met and were married five years ago. He leaves a legacy of unconditional love for his family and friends and will be missed beyond measure.

In addition to his wife Lorrie, he leaves his children, Heather (Mario) Pierce, Megan (Adam) Sledge, Jennifer Bull (Jack Naramore) and Jared Ferland (Rachel Hawkins); his adored grandchildren, Brayden, Connor, Emma and Jackson; and many aunts, uncles, extended family and his brother firefighters.

In lieu of flowers, Bruce's dedicated service to his hometown may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Fire Company Memorial Scholarship Fund, 77 West Main St, Plainville, CT 06062.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St Plainville. Words of Remembrance were shared. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

~ Regina (Paradise) Hanlon Cephas ~



had three daughters, who had four children, who had four children. This is her greatest legacy and her life revolved around family.

Regina was born on December 23, 1937 and died on October 23, 2021.

Regina's immediate family includes her brother Frank Paradise (Loren Rodriguez), three daughters, Wendy Jersey (Frank), Penny Turton (Skip) and Cindy Hanlon; their children, Robert Turton (Simmons), Kelly Turton, Vicky Kramer (Stefan) and Emily Plaskett (Shuni); and their children, Maizey and Colton Kramer and Clara and Gabriel Plaskett.

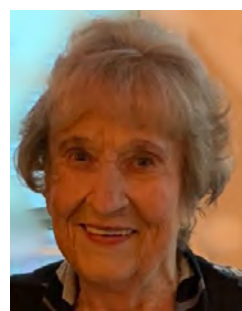
Regina was also blessed with extended family, Matt and Carin Hanlon, Jen and Andrew Murphy, and Christine Applewhite; their children Madison and Caitlin Hanlon and Slade Applewhite. And lifelong friends Carol and Tom Loiselle and ex-husband Neil Hanlon.

Regina was predeceased by her husband, Richard Cephas, and parents Frank and Eleanor. We all adored Regina, with her down-to-earth attitude and wisdom, we will miss her every single day (especially when we need deviled eggs).

Regina may be remembered with contributions to T.E.A.L, whose mission is to decrease ovarian cancer mortality rates and educate women on the signs and symptoms <https://tealwalk.org/general-donation>

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Regina's life was held at St. Patrick Church, 110 Main St, Farmington. Committal will follow at Riverside Cemetery Farmington. Family and friends may gather on Friday from 5-7 p.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St. Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Anna (Santner) Hager~



92, of Plainville, formerly of Terryville, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at Apple Rehab Farmington Valley. She now joins her husband, Alois, who predeceased her 21 years ago.

Born in Untertannowitz, in the German speaking area of Sudetenland in former

Czechoslovakia, she was one of four children to the late Franz and Josefa (Schultz) Santner. After World War II, her family moved to Austria where she met her husband, Alois. They married in 1948 and immigrated to the United States in 1956, where they raised their two daughters. Anna stayed true to her German heritage through her dedicated affiliation with the Hartford Saengerbund, where she was an honorary member and previously served on the Board of Directors. She was a constant presence at their many events and leaves many lifelong friends. Known for her cooking expertise, she provided many events with German specialties baked with love and enjoyed by many. A proud and devoted Omi, she was happiest when surrounded by her family, especially Wednesday Palatschinken (German crepes) nights with the great-grandchildren.

She leaves her daughters, Brigitte and husband William Stiles; Lydia and husband Robert Witik; grandchildren, Jason Pearl and wife Sandra, Jared Pearl and wife Peggy, Jordan Pearl, Peter Senick and wife Jennifer, Ryan Senick and fiancée Towana, Brittany Brandt and husband Thomas and 13 great-grandchildren; nieces, Linda Saumer and Vera Schumann; all who will miss her dearly. She was predeceased by her brother and two sisters.

In lieu of flowers, Anna may be remembered with contributions to the Hartford Saengerbund, 719 North Mountain Rd., Newington, CT 06111. Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. Burial was held privately at the family's convenience. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com.



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OBITUARIES

~ Joseph Roger Pelletier ~



88, of Plainville passed away peacefully on Monday, November 8, 2021. He was the husband of Dorothy May Pelletier, with whom he shared 63 years of marriage. Roger was born in St Agatha, Maine on September 27, 1933 to Marie Dube and Sam

Pelletier, and was the last surviving of 11 siblings. Dot and Roger settled in Plainville shortly after their marriage, where they raised their four children and became proud grandparents, and great-grandparents. Dot passed away on March 29, 2020.

Roger enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing, hunting and gardening. He was a talented carpenter and artist, always ready and willing to help anyone. Roger was a US Army veteran, retired from Fafnir Bearings in 1992 after 40 years and was a UConn Women's Basketball fan.

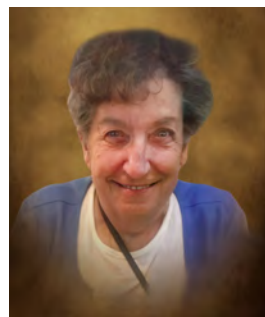
Roger was predeceased by his son Norman and son-in-law Leo Gagnon. He leaves behind his children Diane Gagnon, Denise Avery, Mark and his wife Leigh (Stagis); his grandchildren Kimberly and her husband Brian Pollock, Norman Pelletier, Kevin Avery, Kayla and her husband Dominic Kringlen, Melissa Avery, Brian Pelletier and his fiancée Veronica Monteyro; and his great-grandchildren Logan Kringlen and Zachary Pollock.

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

A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the lives of Dot and Roger was held on Monday, November 22, 2021 at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St, Plainville. Committal followed at St. Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. Family and friends gathered at the church prior to the Mass. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Pelletier family for their trust.

For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Jacqueline Rose Roy ~



81, passed away on October 26, 2021, after a long illness. "Jackie" was born on August 5, 1940 in Fort Kent, Maine to the late Willie Roy and Rose Roy.

Jackie married her loving husband Russell Roy of Van Buren, Maine and moved to Connecticut-living in New Britain before residing in their forever home in Plainville where she raised her family-son Robert Roy and daughter Debbie Roy-Stonehill. She lived her life for her grandchildren-Robert and Christopher Roy of Bristol and Alex and Katy Jeney of Plainville. Her last blessing was granted with the birth of her Great Grandson Declan Roy-

She is survived by her sister Gladys Dufour of Bristol and several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her sister Doris and her husband Edgar Pinette, her sister Rena and her husband Norman Madore, brother Joel Roy, and brother Richard Roy and his wife Paulette and her brother Clarence Roy.

Jackie's joy was being the best grandmother "Mere" that she could be. She asked for one thing-Time together! She did not ask for gifts at Christmas-she asked only that her family be together. She loved each grandchild and her children unconditionally and wished only that each find joy and happiness.

Read the poem by Linda Ellis "The Dash" and find comfort knowing she spent her life being a part of your dash.

We will always recall the family vacations and numerous weekends at the campground-where she made sure we all had endless golf cart rides, burgers and nights by the fire. She also enjoyed countless trips to the casino and Bingo nights- She loved her dabber buddies-

A Graveside service for Jackie was held at St. Thomas Cemetery in Southington. The Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville has been entrusted with the arrangements. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit www.baileyfuneralhome.com.

~ Laurea Geraldine (Ruel) Esau ~



67, wife of Charles Esau of Plainville passed away November 16, 2021 after a short illness. She was born June 7, 1954 in Burlington, VT and was a daughter of the late Lionel and Cecile (Couture) Ruel. She recently retired following 20 years at Beth El Temple of West Hartford. A

graduate of Terryville High School, she served in the U.S. Army after attending Tunxis Community College. Besides her husband Charles, Laurea is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Staff Sergeant Brandon and Stephanie Esau of Ft. Walton Beach, FL, a brother and sister-in-law, Reginald and Marilyn Ruel of Bristol, a sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Peter Holden of Bristol, a brother-in-law and sister-in-law James and Sharon Esau of NJ, and a host of nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by three sisters, Yvonne Ruel, Denese D. Ruel and Denise M. Ruel and a brother, Albert Ruel. Calling hours were held followed by a service at DuPont Funeral Home, 25 Bellevue Ave., Bristol. In keeping with Laurea's mission to help others, we ask you make a contribution to a charity of your choice in lieu of flowers. Family and friends are invited to leave a condolence message by visiting www.dupontfuneralhome.com.

~ Aliceann Bailey ~



76, passed away on Friday, November 19, 2021, at Monsignor Bojnowski Manor. She was the loving wife of the late James Bailey, Sr. with whom she shared many loving years of marriage before his passing in 2016.

Aliceann was born on September 24, 1945 in New Britain, CT to the late Albert and Alice (Moley) Covaleski. Aliceann graduated from New Britain High School

Aliceann is survived by her two sons, James Bailey Jr and his wife Christine, and Sean Bailey; her granddaughter Victoria Bailey and step-granddaughter Annalisa Sega; and her brother Edmund (Spot) Covaleski. She was predeceased by her two sisters, Eleanor Covaleski and Elizabeth (Covaleski) Mascoli.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Aliceann was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville. Burial will be held at a later date at the State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown.

Memorial donations can be made in Aliceann's name to Monsignor Bojnowski Manor. The Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville has been entrusted with the arrangements. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Helen T. (Tuleja) Cornish ~



98, of New Britain, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 22, 2021 at the Jerome Home. She is now reunited with her beloved husband of 69 years, David O. Cornish, who predeceased her in 2014.

Born in Poland on December 7, 1922, Helen was the only child of the late Frank and Cecelia Tuleja. A resident of New Britain since immigrating to the United States at the age of 7, she attended local schools and was a talented seamstress from young age, an art that she shared with her family and friends throughout her lifetime with intricately sewn and crocheted items, most especially her remarkable Christmas ornaments. A devoted wife and mother, she shared in her husband's patriotic pride throughout his military career, raised two successful children and was proud to witness two more generations grow and prosper. In her later years, she found pleasure in collecting Hummel figurines, and making trips to the barn where she had a special connection with the horses. Remembered for her strength, love and dedication to her family, she leaves many cherished memories and will be missed dearly.

Helen is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Victoria Cornish of Plainville and David and Alice Cornish of Southington; her grandchildren, Robert, Jamie, Jason, and Julie; and great-grandchildren, Danielle, Charlie, Donovan, Myles, Nya, Dylan and Everett.

In lieu of flowers, Helen may be remembered with contributions to an organization benefitting veterans.

A Mass of Christian Burial and a celebration of Helen's life was held at Sacred Heart Church, 158 Broad St, New Britain. Committal followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Family and friends gathered one hour prior to the mass at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Helen T. (Tuleja) Cornish, please visit our floral store.

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she never thought once about any greed.**

**a loving wife and dedicated mother,
she was beauty, her smile, it glowed like no other.**

**Her endless love and tireless devotion,
would surely outsize the greatest of ocean.**

**The sun grows weak in the blue wintry sky,
and time has come to say goodbye.**

**You've been so wonderful to me,
I just wanted to thank you for being our Mother.**

**Now go in peace that you so well deserve,
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Pooch

by Wendell Copeland



Jake's Sport Talk



Plainville Volleyball

10/21/21 vs Middletown dig pink game different jersey numbers for Plainville this game for the Dig Pink game.

- #19 Faith Emery had 4 points
- #6 Wikoria Galazyn had 25 points
- #13 Samantha Thompson had 6 points
- #17 Kimmy Xiques had 7 points
- # 11 Olivia Bialko had 0 points
- # 10 Lillian Wazorko had 9 points
- Set one Plainville won 25 to 10
- Set two Plainville won 25-15
- Set 3 Plainville won 25-11

Final score: Plainville sweeps Middletown 3-0

Plainville Volleyball

10/27/21 vs Buckley Senior Night for Plainville.

- #7 Faith Emery had 9 points
- #11 Olivia Bialko had 12 points
- #9 Wikoria Galazyn had 25 points
- #8 Alexis Graffiti had 2 points
- #16 Samantha Thompson had 13points
- #17 Kimmy Xiques had 9 points
- #10 Lillian Wazorko had 20 points
- Set 1 Plainville Won 25-8
- Set 2 Plainville won 25-18
- Set 3 Plainville lost 27-26
- Set 4 Plainville won 25-17

Final Score Plainville 3 Buckley 1
Congratulations on Plainville volleyball for their wind and finishing their season at 15 wins and 6 losses.

Thursday 10/28/21

Plainville vs East Hartford game notes

Plainville Scored 0 goals in the first half East Hartford scored 0 in the first half.

To open the 2 half #15 Nayelle B Heredia goal to make the score 1-0 Plainville with 17:10 left in the game. #15 Nayelle B Heredia goal to make the score Plainville 2 East Hartford 0 with 15:30 left in the game. #15 Nayelle B Heredia goal for the hat trick Plainville leads 3-0 with 12:43 left in the game.

East Hartford goal to make the 3-1 Plainville and that was the final score Plainville 3 East Hartford 1 to make their record 6-4-4.

Plainville girls Soccer Senior Night vs Hartford Public

11/3/21 Plainville won 10-2 I didn't attend game so don't have any game notes. **Congratulations to the Plainville Girls Soccer team on their wins and finishing their season at 7 wins 4 Losses and 4 ties.**

Plainville Boys Soccer 11/2/21 Senior Night vs Berlin Game Notes:

Plainville Goal by #18 Gavin Bravado to make the score Plainville 1 Berlin 0 Berlin Goal all tied up 1-1 with 35:46 left in the game. Final Score tie for both teams. Plainville 1 Berlin 1

Plainville finished their regular season with a 8 wins 6 losses 2 Ties

Plainville football Homecoming game and Carnival 10/22/21 vs

NW Catholic game notes:

#5 MJ Bakaysa pass to #88 Cameron Lamothe for a 5 yard Touchdown pass. Plainville leads 7-0 with 8:06 left in the first Quarter. All tied up 7-7 at halftime. After halftime #80 Justin Emery scores a 90 yard opening kickoff touchdown to make the score 14-7 Plainville with 11:40 left in the third Quarter. Another big play for #80 Justin Emery a 70 INT pick 6 to make the score 21 to 7 Plainville with 6:33 left in the 3rd. End of third. 21 to 7 Plainville # 5 MJ Bakays 1 yard Touchdown run to make the score Plainville 28 NW Catholic 7 with 8:20 left in the game. #4 Kye McGraw a 12 Yard Touchdown catch from #5 MJ Bakaysa to make the score 34-7 Plainville with 4:00 minutes left in the game. **Final Score** Plainville 34 NW Catholic 7 **Congratulations to Plainville football on their win to become 5-1 on the Season.** Then

Plainville lost to RHAM RHAM 25 Plainville 21 on Saturday October 30th to make Plainville record 5-2.

Plainville football 11/5/21 game notes vs E.O. Smith

#5 MJ Bakaysa pass to #80 Justin Emery 5 Yard Touchdown 7-0 Plainville with 1:00 min left in the 1st quarter. #5 MJ Bakaysa passing touchdown for 46 yards Plainville Leads 14-0 with 5:11 left in the first half. #5 MJ Bakaysa 5 yard touchdown pass to #80 Justin Emery Plainville leads 21-0 with 9:22 left in the 3rd quarter. #5 MJ Bakaysa pass to #88 Cameron Lamothe Plainville leads 27-0 with 6:30 left in the third quarter. #5 MJ Bakaysa touchdown pass to #1 Jacob Benvenuto Plainville leads 34-0 with 8:15 left in the 4th quarter. Plainville ran out the clock and PLainville football won. **Final score:** Plainville 34 E.O. Smith 0.

Congratulations to Plainville football on their big win. Plainville is now 6-2!

Plainville football 11/12 vs Bristol Central Senior Night

Plainville lost. Final score Bristol Central 46 Plainville 0 Plainville did not score so I have no scoring notes. Plainville is now 6 wins and 3 losses.

Happy Holiday's To All!!

"We will be back inFebruary"



Hi! Welcome to my monthly article This month we are discussing Plainville winter sports athletic events to wrap up the winter PHS athletic events. Hope you all enjoy my article. Go Blue Devils!!!

Jake Brown, your Plainville Hometown Connection volunteer sports editor.

Plainville Volleyball

10/6/21

Plainville VS NW Catholic

- #7 Faith Emery had 8 points
- #11 Alivia Bialko has 5 points
- #9 Wiktorja Galazyn had 28 points
- #16 Samantha Thompson has 4 points
- #17 KIMMY Xiques had 9 points
- #10 Lillian Wazorko had 21 points
- #1 Ali Wiz had 1 point.
- Set one Plainville won 25-16
- Set Two Plainville Lost 25-20
- Set 3 Plainville won 25-16
- Set 4 Plainville won 25-17

Final score Plainville 3 NW Catholic 1

Plainville Volleyball 10/15/21

Plainville vs Platt High School

- #11 Alivia Bialko had 4 points
 - #7 Faith Emery had 0 points
 - #1 Ali Wisz had 1 Point
 - #10 Lillian Wazorko had 12 Points
 - #17 KIMMY Xiques had 2 points
 - #16 Samantha Thompson had 5 Points
 - # 8 Alexis Graffiti had 1 point
 - Set 1 Plainville Lost 25-17
 - Set two Plainville lost 25-14
 - Set Three Plainville lost 25-17
- Final score:** Platt sweeps Plainville 3-0



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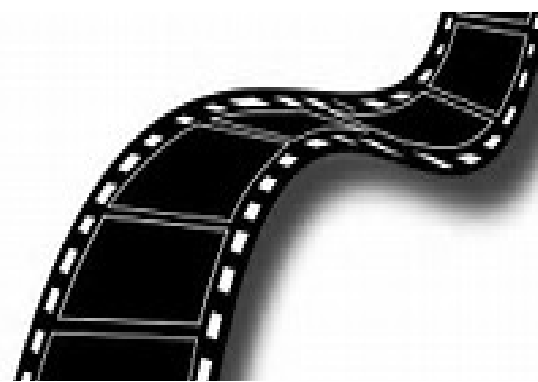
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The Circumspect Critic

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Cary Joji Fukunaga

Writers

Neal Purvis(screenplay by) Robert Wade(screenplay by) Cary Joji Fukunaga(screenplay by)

Stars

Daniel Craig Ana de Armas Rami Malek



Bond has left active service and is enjoying a tranquil life in Jamaica. His peace is short-lived when his old friend Felix Leiter from the CIA turns up asking for help. The mission to rescue a kidnapped scientist turns out to be far more treacherous than expected, leading

Bond onto the trail of a mysterious villain armed with dangerous new technology.—Universal Pictures

It's not hyperbole to say that “No Time To Die” is unlike any James Bond film that preceded it. Oh, it has all the requisite action, beautifully staged car chases, terrific shoot outs, thunderous explosions, death defying stunts, exotic locations, maniacal villains seeking world domination, alluring women who can deliver a knockout punch, great gadgets and tongue in cheek humor. However, this time around, the story is jam packed with more personal focus and emotional depth. I was in eighth grade when I ventured into the Palace Theater to see a pot boiler film starring Kirk Douglas called “A Town Without Pity”. The co-feature was a film I had never heard of but little did I know it would leave a lifelong

impression on me. The film was “Dr. No” and it turned me into a James Bond addict, reading all of Ian Fleming’s novels, impatiently waiting for each new screen adaptation, buying all the soundtrack albums and even making an amateur film that was a take off on Bond. All the Bond films haven’t been winners for sure but they all had some entertainment value. Sean Connery became the quintessential Bond but when he left, the franchise continued without him. Four other actors took on the mantle of Bond with different levels of success. However, a true successor to Connery didn’t emerge until Daniel Craig blazed the screen in Casino Royale. One could immediately recognize the fact that he came the closest to interpreting Fleming’s Bond since Connery.

To my original point, there hasn’t been a Bond film quite like this one. It has a clearly delineated plot revolving around a chemical weapon that utilizes human DNA to seek out and kill its victims. Of course, It has fallen into the wrong hands. Bond is now retired from MI-6 and living a peaceful life with his wife, Madeleine (Léa Seydoux). An attempt on Bond’s life throws suspicion on Madeleine. A high octane chase that rivals anything we’ve experienced in the Bond franchise ends with him putting Madeleine on a train believing she has betrayed him. Five years later, living a quiet life of solitude, he is approached by his old friend from the CIA, Felix Leiter (Jeffrey Wright). Leiter asks for help in locating a kidnapped scientist. A run in with some SPECTRE thugs convinces Bond to help his old friend out.

Unlike the Bond films that came before Daniel Craig which were basically standalone stories, all his entries in the franchise have contained ongoing plot threads. This being his last outing as Bond, these plot threads are all addressed and brought to resolution. The most rewarding of these is the romance between Bond and Madeleine who had walked off into the sunset at the conclusion of “SPECTRE”. Craig and Seydoux have electrified chemistry together and never let us forget that this is a couple consumed with love for one another.

Familiar faces abound as regular cast members Ralph Fiennes as M, Ben Whishaw as Q and Naomie Harris as Moneypenny all make welcome returns. Even Christoph Waltz returns as master criminal Blofeld. New faces impress as well. Lashana Lynch as Nomi, the newly designated 007 is a good fit. The film’s undisputed scene stealer is Ana de Armas (Knives Out) as Paloma, a newly trained CIA agent who stands



toe to toe with Craig in taking on a barrage of thugs in one of the film’s best action scenes.

Oscar-winning cinematographer Linus Sandgren (La La Land) works with director Cary Joji Fukunaga to not only capture the beauty of the exotic locations but also to provide clarity and realism to the mind boggling action sequences.

Hans Zimmer’s pulsating score nicely intertwines the original Monty Norman James Bond theme and the Billie Eilish title song.

Of course the crowning achievement here is the thoroughly engaging performance by Daniel Craig as Bond, James Bond. He has the swagger down as well as the sophistication and the cold stare. He effectively gives Bond a vulnerability the character lacked in past interpretations. His expressive eyes tell of the depth of feelings we don’t usually associate with Bond. Craig can wear the vulnerability without sacrificing the hard ass persona we associate with the character.

For lifelong Bond fans such as myself the film’s conclusion will catch you off guard. My reaction aside, it can’t be denied that this is a fitting tribute to the character and an inspired culmination of Craig’s tenure as Bond.

Ratings:

Acting: 100%

Directing: 100%

Script: 93%

Cinematography: 100%

Action Set Pieces: 100%

Entertainment Value: 100%

My Rating: 98%



PLAINVILLE’S VETERANS COMMISSION MEMBERS PERFORM VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE

Dave Dudek (left in photo) organized the annual remembrance for Veterans Day at Veteran’s Memorial Park on November 11th. Also shown are participants from various Veterans groups in town.

Veterans Day is a time for all to pay our respects to those who have served. For one day, we stand united in respect for you, our veterans.

This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country’s service and was originally called Armistice Day. It fell on Nov. 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to “Veterans Day” in order to account for all veterans in all wars.

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Again we extend our heartfelt thanks for your trust in our leadership and ability to help Plainville prosper.

Plainville Republicans

Plainville Board of Education Meeting

On November 8, 2021, at the Plainville Board of Education Meeting, an individual was elected Chair of the Board. This individual was not supported by the Plainville Republican Board members for this role. Moreover, she independently enlisted the help of the Democratic Board Members to get elected. While Democrat interference played a role, it was the rogue actions of this one individual that is most concerning. The Plainville Republicans will not be deterred by this individual's actions and our path is the same. We pledge to follow through on our oath and are dedicated to our platform objectives. The Plainville Republicans know that the voters spoke loudly on November 2nd. We heard you and will stay the course.

Gayle Dennehy

Republican Town Committee Chairperson

Kamala's Crisis

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Dear Editor

I hope this is alright with you, I would like to share this with you and your readers.

To Mr. Robert E. Lee and Your Readers,

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As a man of great faith you are truly blessed and will always be in my prayers. You truly are a great man.

Warmly, sincerely, and gratefully, too! This message is coming today. And along with a thank-you it's bringing a wish that life's happiest things come your way.

Raymond Cormier

Plainville looking to Galazyn to keep confidence up, team going in Class M tournament

Blue Devils to face Woodland Wednesday night in Class M's second round

By RYAN AMES
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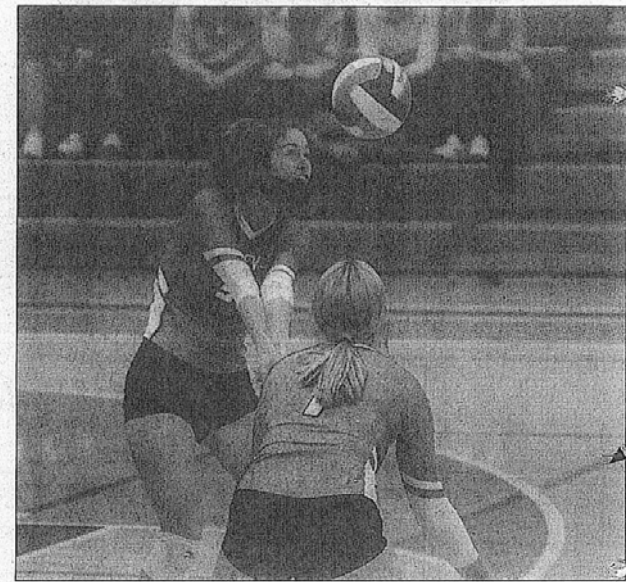
PLAINVILLE – It's been a season of firsts for Plainville girls volleyball this year.

The Blue Devils qualified for their first state tournament appearance since 2016, second-year coach Alle Caponigro accumulated her first winning season at the helm with a 15-5 regular-season record and on Monday, Plainville picked up its first playoff victory in five years after sweeping Abbott Tech.

The Blue Devils' sudden success has forced them to learn on the fly and while there have been bumps along the way, the positives continue to outweigh the negatives as Plainville makes a push in the Class M state tournament.

"As many seniors as we have out there, they've never experienced this type of energy, they've never experienced this type of tournament-style play," Caponigro said. "It's quicker, it's faster, the coaches are more involved, everybody in the gym is more excited and enthusiastic about everything you're doing. We told them before this tournament started that this is either going to push you or it's going to dwindle you down a little bit and I think they're using it in the right way."

During the CCC tournament last week, the Blue Devils suffered a humbling defeat to the eventual tournament champions Bristol Eastern in the first round. Confidence was down after the 3-0 loss but Monday's win over the Wolverines reaffirmed Plainville's belief in itself.



Plainville's Wiktoria Galazyn (9) sets up for a volley off an Abbott Tech return Monday night. Dan Heary

"It's tough to go into a conference tournament against the one team that's beaten you year after year after year," Caponigro said. "That's a tough mental thing to overcome. As disappointed as we were, we knew that Bristol Eastern was going to go far in that tournament. It would've stunk if the team we played against lost in the next round. That would've stunk, but they went and won the whole thing. Kudos to them, they're a fantastic program, but I think my girls came in here this past week practicing, scrimmaging and knowing that they had what it took and they deserved to be in this tournament. I think that confidence and building it up in them and continually telling them, 'you deserve to be here,' is doing wonders for their mental health as well as their confidence."

The Blue Devils turned to its best player in Wiktoria Galazyn against Abbott Tech and the senior came through with a solid effort all around the court. Plainville has other pieces to complement Galazyn's booming

swings from the outside hitter position, but Galazyn elevates the entire team with her talent and she'll likely be counted on to do more of the same as the Blue Devils progress in the tournament.

"The group of girls that's out there has such a strong bond," Caponigro said. "They've been doing sports together, the five of the seniors out there, since they were two and three and four. You don't see that a lot. You don't see a group of girls that have never left each other's side."

"As great of a player as [Galazyn] is, the rest of her team supports her and they all trust each other enough to be able to say, 'hey, it's your turn to hit, hey, now maybe it's mine,'" Caponigro said. "Them being able to determine that on the court and know when to turn that on and turn that off I think is what is going to push us in this postseason."

Ninth-ranked Plainville will take on No. 8 Woodland on Wednesday in the second round at 6 p.m.

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The Semi-Annual Conversation Regarding Clocks and Time

By: Francis Rexford Cooley

The first Sunday in November the vast majority of Americans reset their clocks by turning them back an hour as the country moved from Daylight Savings Time back to Standard Time. By the following Monday various disc jockeys, tv personalities, journalists, bloggers, and vloggers were all engaged in the semi-annual complaints about the “horrors” of changing the clocks. Some whine this is all for “the farmers”, as if farmers who work with the rising sun of dawn through the waning light of dusk and have done so since the beginnings of civilization are concerned with clocks, because they are not. Others complain about the loss of an hour of daylight by moving to Standard time when in reality whether a clock is set, or even works, has no effect on the amount of daylight in a day. The use of standardized time is a recent innovation in human history and its application seems to have been lost on most of the pundits engaging in this conversation about changing the clocks so a brief recap of why standardized time was created and the purpose of the adoption of Daylight Savings Time may be in order.

Agrarian societies used the sun to tell time. Noon was the point when the sun reached the mid-point in the days sky. Work began with the crack of dawn and continued through until dusk. Time was local and measured by the sun upon a dial. It was not until the advent of industrialization and mechanized transportation of the railroad did the

concept of Standard Time become a need. As railways stitched together Britain as well as the United States and Canada the need of standardizing time between towns become necessary. One needed to know when the 4:50 to Paddington would pass through their town so as to be on time to catch the train. Early trains could go through six, seven, or more different local time zones in which their clocks were often ahead or behind the recognized local time. The railroad companies, themselves, established a standardized time accepted for rail travel, first in Britain in 1840 and then in the United States and Canada in 1883. The British Parliament adopted Greenwich Mean Time by statute for the whole of the country not just the railroads in 1880. The United States passed the Standardized Time Zone Act in 1918 as part of the war effort for the First World War.

It would be the First World War that brought the idea of Daylight Savings Time (DST) into use. Congress as part of the war effort implemented the first use of DST in order to save on the use of fuel to produce electricity. By shifting the clocks an hour ahead urban industrial workers would have more of their active day in daylight thus reducing the need for electric lighting and saving fuel for the tanks, trucks, planes, and ships fighting the war in Europe. DST proved very unpopular with many, including the farmers, and was repealed in 1919 shortly after the end of the war. DST would not be brought back into use until the Second World War, once again to save fuel

and energy for the war effort rather than on electric lighting. The Chicago Cubs went so far as to donate the lights they had just purchased for Wrigley Field for the war effort and to save electricity. The Cubs continued to play exclusively day baseball at home until 1988.

The extended use of DST through the war years made it more acceptable to Americans in the northern tier of states as they became more used to extending daylight hours in the summer trading a rising sun of 4AM for a setting sun of around 9PM. The southern tier of states found little use in DST since they saw a much smaller swing in the amount of daylight during the year. It would be in the 1960s when Congress would force the States into adopting a standardized DST across the country for the “convenience of commerce.” Arizona was allowed to opt out as its use of Standard Time year round merely meant the state shifted from the Mountain Time Zone in the winter to the Pacific Time Zone in the summer with no real inconvenience to commerce along with Hawaii well separated from the lower forty-eight by half the Pacific.

It would be the Oil Embargo of 1973 which pushed DST year-round in the hopes of saving energy. Implemented in January 1974 year-round DST proved to be a failure as the benefit of a later sunset was more than offset by a late rising sun of near 9AM in the more northern sections of the country. Kids going to school in pitch black morning made for awful optics and in reality little energy if any

energy was saved as the shift in the clock increased energy consumption in the morning more than offsetting any savings in the late afternoon. Congress restored Standard Time that October. Since then, Congress has tinkered with the clocks pushing the start of Standard Time to Early November instead of the last weekend of October and the start of DST into March instead of Early April. The promised energy savings are rather minor in both cases.

The purpose of DST is to save energy, which it does in the northern states of the country during the six months of light (Spring Equinox to Autumn Equinox), its use year-round has been an abject political failure as there is no benefit to commerce. The system currently in place of Standard Time in the Winter and Daylight Savings Time in the Summer maximizes the economic benefits of saving energy in the northern half of the country while maintaining the “convenience of commerce” by keeping uniform and structured time zones throughout the United States for the shipment of product and people by various modes of transportation as Standard Time was created to do. Should the United States choose to stop resetting the clocks in the Fall and Spring then the default time will be Standard Time rather than DST as both experiments with year-round DST in 1918 and 1974 were abject economic and political failures.

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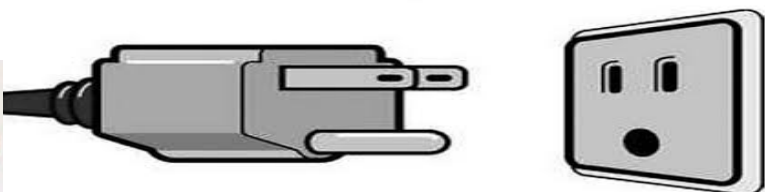
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Gert LaCombe served as hostess of the day.



Historical Society

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Bountiful Basket Competition Winners

The Plainville Community Fund Annual Bountiful Basket competition was held in October at Gnazzo's Food Center.

Beraducci Realty took top honors for the most ticket sales with their amazing "Beverage Basket". Participation by the community continues to make this event highly successful and all proceeds go directly to the Plainville Community Fund. The Plainville Community Fund's mission is to enhance to the quality of life for Plainville residents.

The Plainville Community fund would like to thank the following organizations:

Beraducci Realty, Plainville Rotary Club, St. Anthony Society of OLM, Faith Bible Church, Wags and Wiggles Mobile Spa, Plainville Senior Center, Plainville Lions Club, Plainville Democratic Town Committee, Gina Rosado and family, Main Street Foundation, Petit Properties and Gnazzo's Food Center.

We wish to thank each person who purchased tickets for the basket raffle. We look forward to next year's competition!

Advent Garden Circle

Join us in the Gym: (Enter through the front doors
of the Parish Center, 19 South Canal St.)

***Saturday December 11th**

**Between the hours of 2:00-4:00pm or
6:00-7:00pm**

***Sunday December 12th**

Between the hours 9:30-10:30am or 12:30-2:00pm

After the Advent Garden Circle come and mingle with others in
Room 102 for Coffee/And

It's a beautiful time and season to Celebrate and come
together and share our blessings.

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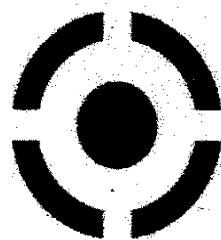
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Happenings of Interest.....

Breakfast With Santa @ O.L.M.

The Knights of Columbus will be preparing and serving the "Breakfast with Santa."

It will be held Sunday, December 5th from 8:30 am to 10:30 am at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center on South Canal Street.

The cost is:

General Price	\$5.00
Senior Citizens	\$4.00
Children & Youth 10 to 17 years	\$4.00
Children Under 10 years of Age	FREE

Remember to bring your camera to get pictures with Santa!!

Groundbreaking November 18th Jerome Home/Arbor Rose

The state-of-the-art facility will include a 19,000 square foot expansion at Jerome Home/ Arbor Rose assisted living community.

Expansion includes:

- *20 new units/apartments for memory care.
- *Wellness Center providing an enhanced level of care for those requiring short term rehab and outpatient services, and a community offering a fitness program (GoodLife Fitness).
- *Will offer residents with Alzheimer's or related dementia a safe, secure home-like environment.
- *Assistance with activities of daily living.
- *Nursing and recreational staff that will provide individualized care.

Jerome Home, affiliated with Hartford HealthCare Senior Services, is located at 975 Corbin Ave. in New Britain. Jerome Home offers skilled nursing, inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation, residential care, memory care and assisted living. Arbor Rose, located on the Jerome Home campus, offers independent and assisted living with memory care. For more information about Arbor Rose and Jerome Home, visit www.jeromehome.org.

Main Street Community Foundation Announces \$45,000 in Grants from Women & Girls Fund

Main Street Community Foundation has recently announced the awarding of \$45,000 in grants to local organizations through the Women & Girls Fund. For the past 20 years, the Fund has helped to support programs improving the conditions and opportunities for women and girls in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

In the spirit of partnership, the following grants were awarded to organizations that have a longstanding relationship with the Fund and are providing critical programs to women and girls:

- Plainville Community Food Pantry - \$1,000
- Prudence Crandall Center - \$5,000
- The Children's Law Center, Inc. - \$5,000

All grants are for unrestricted support of women and girls programming.

"Based on the ongoing needs of the community, we knew the best way to support the nonprofits that are providing vital programs was through unrestricted support," stated Jessica Pieri, Chair of the Women & Girls Fund's Distribution Committee.

Grants were made possible with the proceeds from the annual Wonder of Women (WOW) event, the Barbara Hackman Franklin Fund for Women and the John & Gloria DiFrancesco Fund for Women and Girls.

For more information on the Women & Girls Fund, please contact the Main Street Community Foundation at 860.583.6363 or visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org

P.A.W.S.

The non-profit is called Plainville Partners of the Animals Welfare Society --or simply, P.A.W.S.

A local group That formed with the help of Plainville Police Department employees. The organization's mission in a social media post: Plainville P.A.W.S. purpose is to provide a safe and healthy environment for animals in need. Advocate, promote and offer resources for the care of animals through community outreach programs. Along with protecting and preserving wildlife."To update and maintain a temporary, positive and safe environment for animals in need of care at the Plainville Pound.

To prevent cruelties of any form to any and all animals and to aid in the prosecution of such cruelties.

To place animals in need into safe and permanent adoptive homes. To place animals in temporary care in necessary emergency situations. Building and maintaining a network of resources to help with adoption procedures.

For P.A.W.S. updates, and to learn how to support the group, fellow Plainville Partners of the Animals Welfare Society on Facebook.

Eversource: Higher Bills

Customers are urged to prepare now for higher than normal winter bills by taking advantage of programs like Connecticut's UnitedCT and Eversource's energy efficiency solutions and payment plan options.

Customers can learn more about payment programs and enroll online at Eversource.com/BillHelp. Information on energy efficiency programs is available at Eversource.com

House of Heroes

Founded in January 2000, House of Heroes is a non-profit organization serving our nation's military and public safety veterans (and their spouses) who are disabled, living on fixed income, or facing physical/ financial challenges. Volunteers perform minor repairs and make improvements to the homes of veterans and their spouses at no cost to the veteran through the generosity of individuals, civic organizations, and corporations. For more information, visit hohct.org or email info@houseofheroesct.org.

New Covered CT Program

The annual open enrollment period for Connecticut residents to shop, compare and enroll in health insurance coverage for 2022 plan year began November 1st and ends January 15th 2022. For coverage starting January 1st, 2022 Connecticut residents must enroll and complete their application by December 15th. For coverage starting February 1st, 2022. Residents that are eligible for the new Covered Connecticut Program must enroll before the end of the open enrollment period. For more information, visit AccessHealthCT.com or call 1-855-805-4325.

Mask Mandate

Regardless of one's vaccination status, masks are required in all municipal buildings in Plainville

Athletic Sneaker Drive

The Plainville United Methodist Church, 56 Red Stone Hill, has planned the drive. Anyone can help the church collect sneakers and also keep these shoes out of landfills, which have harmful effects on our environment. Starting now until the end of the year, collect from your friends and family sneakers in any condition and bring your donation to the church. Place them in the rainbow cart located outside the church's front entrance.

If you have any questions, call the church office at 860-747-2328. Thanking you in advance for your assistance.



Breakfast with Santa

The Wheeler Regional Family YMCA will host

Breakfast with Santa

**Sunday, December 12th
from 9 am to 11 am**

at 149 Farmington Ave.

The cost is \$8.00

Free for YMCA members

Christmas Sale

St. Lucian's Residence

532 Burritt Street

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Saturday, December 4th

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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Christmas Decor will be on
display for sale**

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with any questions

Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce is a catalyst-a common vehicle through which business and professional people work together for the common good of the community. A better community means better business conditions, and the Chamber of Commerce works for a better community for everyone.

The Plainville Chamber of Commerce is located at 1 Central Square, and can be reached at 860-747-6867 or info@plainvillechamber.com

Tis the Season to Live United

United Way West Central Connecticut are collecting new toys for girls and boys ages 3 through 14.

You can drop off your donations on December 6th & 7th from 10 AM to 4 PM at the United Way Office located at 440 N Main Street, Bristol.

For more information, please email Nancy Micloskey at nmicloskey@uwwestcentralct.org or call 860-582-9559 ext. 402

Thank you again for opening your heart and Living United.

Memory Screenings

Memory loss is not unusual as people age. And forgetting someone's name or an appointment does not mean an individual has Alzheimer's disease.

Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging is offering free virtual memory screenings that can be scheduled at a person's convenience.

Confidential memory screenings average 20 minutes and consist of five questions to assess memory.

For more information or to schedule a virtual memory screening, call Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging 1-877-424-4641.

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WAKE UP AMERICA

VOTER FRAUD AND SUPPLY TRAIN CRISIS

By: Gene

VOTER FRAUD

Americas election laws, and consequently Americas elections, as in the last election, have gone along way downhill, especially in the last fifty or so years. It's time to turn it around and restore traditional American election integrity.

Many of the allegations will never be proved or disproved by Judicial proceedings. Election laws in most if not all of the fifty states were modified in response to the Coronavirus (Covid-19), following along with other things for the suspension of the restrictions on mail in and absentee ballots procedure. (which made a difference in some battleground states results.) Much of this evidence was dismissed by the progressives and their media allies. A few of these methods were ballots cast by deceased voters. Election officials counted ineligible ballots with no signatures and some no post mark. (Absentee ballots). Challengers have observed many times at least 50 ballots being fed multiple times into a ballot scammer counting machine and there were many others details method to contribute to fraudulently voting.

No matter what one thinks about the 2020 Presidential election, the widespread voting of deceased people and minors voting/make plain that new voter procedures are needed.

Some of them could be the following:

1. Reinstate voting and voter counting as public acts.
2. Mandate election process be recorded with video and Audio
3. Publicly and immediately post precinct vote results.
4. Mandate the cleaning up of all voter lists.
5. Eliminate same day voter registration,
6. Put in place laws to protect evidence.
7. Eliminate same day voter registration
8. Repeal law allowing for no excuse absentee ballots
9. Ballot should have verifying features
10. Don't allow employees or political hacks to run the poll.
11. Require absolute chain of custody for ballots
12. Punish fraud
13. End early voting.

We should be voting for the rule of law and the protection of it, for the second amendment, and freedom of religion and able to speak your opinion and not be censored. We should be voting for freedom and the American dream, for good and against evil.

The future of our Republic depends on our accurate, honest, and open elections.

SUPPLY TRAIN

Peter Buttigieg Who is he? Small town mayor, unelected bureaucrat to be in charge of an important Cabinet position (Transportation Czar) by the Biden/Brandon Administration.

He has taken months off from train supply crisis with his partner to nurture his new adopted twins. If you haven't felt the effects of this crisis you will be shortly, the worst is yet to come. Massive shortage and extra large price increases, from electronic chips to vitamins and prescriptions and not just toilet paper. The list will go on and on.

A MEME that's becoming a movement
"Lets go Brandon"

Protect yourself at any cost Kyle

Quote: "America is at its crossroads, whoever controls the past history of the country, controls the future". George Orwell 1984

*"May all the coming holidays
be beneficial to all."*

Where are They Now?

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Letters to the Editor & Emails to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

Connecticut has experienced harsh winter weather, decades of infrastructure disinvestment, and transportation pipelines that no longer meet the needs of the population. Connecticut's aging infrastructure needs serious repairs and modernization. Across our state there are 248 bridges and over 2,100 miles of highway in poor condition. It is reported each driver pays \$711 per year in costs due to driving on roads in need of repair. Additionally, Connecticut residents who take public transportation spend an extra 130 percent of their time on commutes. From potholes to chronic traffic, Connecticut's infrastructure is currently rated one of the worst in the entire country.

For the people of Connecticut's Fifth District, the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is welcome news.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes \$3.5 billion to overhaul Connecticut's bridges and highways, which will improve commuting and travel experiences for residents. Eleven billion is included to invest in nationwide transportation safety programs to help reduce crashes and fatalities; as well as \$89 billion in guaranteed funding for public transit over the next five years nationwide. This bill also invests \$66 billion in rail funding to eliminate Amtrak maintenance backlog and \$30 billion to modernize the Northeast Corridor. This legislation will help lower costs for families who use rail, drive, or bike to work, and ride buses, in many ways.

Last week, I joined Governor Lamont for a press conference on what this investment will look like for trains in our state, such as the Waterbury Branch line. Riders on this line and others throughout our state deserve sustainable and reliable options.

It was an honor to join President Biden for the signing of this landmark legislation.

For decades, infrastructure in Connecticut has suffered from a systemic lack of investment. The passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act represents the largest long-term investment in our infrastructure and competitiveness in nearly a century. It will make life better for Connecticut residents and create millions of jobs.

*Rep. Johana Hayes
Congress 5th District*

Editor's Note: Below is another interesting message from our colleagues at Brownstone Research that we think you may find very insightful.

Palm Beach Daily Reader, Have you heard this story? According to the Dayton Daily News...

A remote Kentucky parking lot is now packed full of shiny new Fords. Not just a few...

As one local put it... "It's got to be thousands [of trucks]."

To confirm this report, we've obtained a satellite image of this "parking lot," taken from space.

Why are Thousands of Fords Parked Here?

What's truly bizarre about this is...

The trucks are clearly not damaged.

They're clean.

Their engines are fully intact...

So what are these top-of-the-line trucks doing sitting in rural Kentucky — during one of the hottest vehicle markets in decades?

There is one major "problem" with these trucks.

This "problem" is invisible to most people.

And it goes far beyond just trucks.

In fact, the same force keeping these trucks parked in Kentucky... could soon unravel the entire world of technology and finance as we know it.

Regards, Van Bryan

Editorial Director, Brownstone Research

P.S. We are likely now living through the worst supply crisis in human history. Unfinished vehicles are piling up... store shelves are yet again running empty... and everything from iPhones to medical equipment is becoming harder to find. Big Tech is now preparing.

Taste Buzz----

New Year Eve Dinner

Prime Rib Roast

Season rib roast as you do normally.

Preheat oven to 500 degrees.

Roast beef 5 minutes for each pound of beef,

(Example 5 pounds X 5 minutes=25 minutes)

Turn off the oven

DO NOT OPEN OVEN DOOR

Let beef set in oven for one (1) hour.

It will be cooked a beautiful, medium rare

It will be the best Prime Rib Roast you ever

served. It was the best I ever served.

Enjoy &

Happy New Year!!

Plainville Community Pharmacy --- COVID-19

The COVID-19 vaccines are available at the pharmacy.

They will be administering vaccines

Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sign up via healthmartcovidvaccine.com

(select Plainville Community Pharmacy)

The pharmacy is located at 170 East Street - Phone 860-222-9422

A Police Family Marks a Year Without Their "Blue Bloods" Bro

*Brian M. Johnson
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With the holidays nearing, Mark Catania and his family will be missing late former Police Chief Matt Catania dearly. While that loss remains a struggle, the family continues to honor and remember his legacy.

Mark Catania said that Nov. 20 is the anniversary of Matt Catania getting sick and going to the hospital from an illness that ultimately would claim his life on March 10 of this year.

"Now that we are coming into the holidays, it's extremely rough," he said. "Matt was the focal point of Christmas parties with his sense of humor, one-liners and impersonations. His loss is an ongoing struggle; not a day goes by that someone doesn't talk about Matt. It's still very raw. His death came so far out of left field for us. The shock will never wear off."

Mark Catania said that Matt Catania will never be forgotten by the family or by those in the ranks of law enforcement.

Mark Catania is one of eight siblings in the family that included the late police chief, with Matt Catania the

older brother to Mark by four years. Several members of the family are involved with police departments throughout the state and, according to Mark Catania, Matt Catania made them all very proud and "meant the world" to them.

"I guess you could call us the blue bloods of Connecticut — we can't sing or dance so we had to do something," said Mark Catania. "Our father is a retired Rocky Hill police officer who was on the job for 25 years and we had several uncles and cousins who were involved since I was a kid. They inspired me to get into the job. I had worked in the corporate world for 16 to 17 years before starting my career in the Middletown police department. I worked there for a year-and-a-half before being hired full time in Glastonbury in Nov. 1996. I'm now the captain, second in command, and Nov. 18 will be my 25th anniversary there."

Mark said that he, Matt, and their younger brother Robert, who is a retired Police Lieutenant from Rocky Hill and is now a sergeant with Central Connecticut State University's police department, would often speak to one another, collaborate on ideas or "bounce polices off each other." In addition, their brother Glenn is a retired Hartford Police Officer and three of Matt Catania's four children have gone on to become police officers. Matt Catania Jr. is a police officer in Canton, his daughter Gabriella serves in Bloomfield's police department and his son Nicholas is a police sergeant at the University of Connecticut.

Mark Catania described Matt Catania as a "mentor" to him.

"He was the go-to guy," said Mark Catania. "He knew how to solve everybody's problems and answer everyone's questions," he said. "If I didn't know the answer, he'd get it for you. I feel that he modeled the way he acted as chief after the way he was as a family member. He never turned anyone away and always had open door. Even if I didn't agree with you, he respected your opinion. That was why he was so successful as a chief, a brother, a father and as a husband."

Mark Catania said that his brother's legacy will endure

long after his death. The Matt Catania Scholarship Fund was set-up this May to support Plainville High School students pursuing a career in criminal justice or law enforcement.

"The Capitol Region Council of Chiefs made a huge donation to the fund," said Mark Catania.

Mark Catania said that his family still has a connection to Plainville and "watches the goings-on from afar." Mark Catania was one of the candidates to succeed his brother as police chief. Ultimately though, Eric Peterson was appointed the interim chief for six months.

"I wanted to continue the family legacy, but it ultimately became a political struggle," said Mark Catania. "We want to ensure the policies and the type of policing that Matt put forward can be sustained and ongoing there. In 2010, when Matt was hired, he changed the culture of the Plainville Police Department. He delivered a level of service to the town that Plainville had never experienced before. He brought school resource officers into schools, revived the K-9 program, and followed up with complainants. He made the Plainville Police Department into a premiere police department."

"Matt (Catania) was the focal point of Christmas parties with his sense of humor, one-liners and impersonations. His loss is an ongoing struggle..."

Mark Catania

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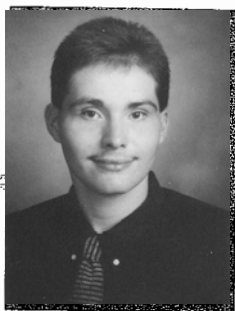
Byron Treado

They may never erect a statue in his honor in Plainville, and it's unlikely that they will name a street or a building after him in the near future, but in the eyes of a majority of towns people who knew him, he is deserving of all of the above and more, because in all of God's creation you will have to look far and wide for a man more selfless, caring and dedicated to doing lasting good in the community than Byron Treado. He balanced his life to meet the needs of career, family and community, leaving little time for himself and all the time giving, and giving more than he was ever receiving. He was the consummate volunteer over the years, and he volunteered to lead countless numbers of town organizations all the while positively touching the lives of thousands of Plainville's neediest citizens. He worked tirelessly and without pay sacrificing his time and energy to make peoples lives better, or mentoring some young athletes to find his or her way in life. He cared more about us than he did about himself, and proved this time and time again by always being where people needed him the most regardless of his own personal plans or needs. Born and raised in Plainville, Byron lived his life for us, and Plainville benefited greatly, but you just can't help but imagine, just how much the people of the world would have loved to have a Byron Treado in their lives.

Rest in peace now Byron knowing full well that the world is a better place because of you, and that we are all extremely thankful that the good Lord put you in our lives. And you can take comfort in the fact that your legacy is a lasting one that we will embrace and carry forward for years and generations to come.

Earle Jackson

Plainville Sports Hall of Fame... 2021 Inductees



Matt Straub

Matt Straub graduated from Plainville High School in 1996. Everyone who knows him would say he has so much passion for Plainville and truly bleeds blue. His work with the Plainville Athletic program began in 1991 as a seventh-grader. He worked closely with football statistician, Tom Arcari compiling defensive statistics for the Plainville Varsity team. Matt continued his involvement during the springtime and was the scorebook keeper for the Middle School Baseball team, then eventually becoming the high school varsity keeper throughout his four years at Plainville High School.



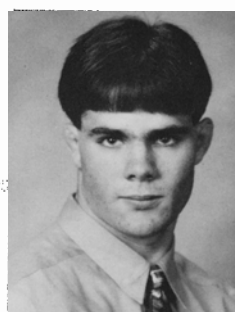
Todd Goodall

Todd Goodall was an outstanding two-sport athlete in soccer and golf while earning the distinction of being captain for both teams. He earned varsity letters in both sports, compiling a total of eight varsity letters. During the fall Todd was an outstanding soccer player. According to an interview in the New Britain Herald, HOF coach Greg Ziogas, stated before his sophomore season that "Goodall is a good one" and he wasn't wrong. He was the leading goal scorer his junior and senior years along with being the total points leader his senior season. During his senior year he led his team to the State Tournament with a record of 7-5-3.



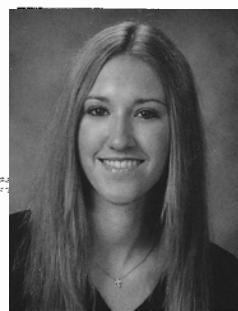
Naoemi Villafane Raimondi

A talented and published author, 'Visualize Positive Results' whose athletic background became the impetus behind a career path that allowed her to achieve excellence in many unique athletic disciplines graduated from Plainville High School in 1996. During her high school career, Naoemi earned eleven varsity letters, four each in both Soccer and Track and Field and three in Cheerleading. In Soccer she was selected All Northwest Conference and Most Improved during her senior season and in Cheerleading she was awarded the Team Spirit Award also during her senior year. However, it was in Track and Field that she drew the most accolades. Naoemi's specialty was the 100 Yard High Hurdles and during her Junior and Senior years she ran undefeated in dual meet competition. She also was part of a school record setting 4 x 100 relay team along with HOF member Jill Giannini that established the new benchmark. Additional honors followed including being named All Northwest Conference and All State 1994-96, participating in both the State Open and New England Championships and Co-Captain of the 1996 Class M State Champion Outdoor Track Team.



Shawn Curtis

Shawn Curtis graduated from Plainville High School in 1993 as a two-year captain of the wrestling team and arguably one of the most decorated and feared wrestlers in Plainville history. During one of the more successful decades in Plainville sports history Shawn recorded some of the finest accolades of any athlete. He was elected captain of the wrestling team in both his junior and senior year, which is a testimony to the amount of respect he garnered from his teammates and coaches during his wrestling career.



Jennifer Dabrowski Hover

Jennifer Dabrowski graduated from Plainville High School in 2004. She scored 1,060 points despite playing with a torn ACL her entire senior year. A four-year varsity starter, she guided the team to a Class M State Championship as a freshman. A phenomenal athlete, the teams won 60 games during her career. Her dribbling skills dazzled the crowd as they chanted "She's a freshman," with vigor. Her perfect 6 for 6 shooting from the foul line during the waning minutes of the championship game sealed the victory. The consummate point guard, she could dribble, drive and shoot. As a result, she was a 4-time All-Northwest Conference selection. A true scholar athlete, she garnered All-Academic honors as well.

1958-59 Men's Basketball Team



First Row, Left to Right: Bob Tortolani, Roger Roy, John Gacek, Brian Brooks, Jim Tufts and Steve Vargo
Middle Row, Left to Right: Ted Davis, Jack Faniola, Bob Dalke, Carl Hoffman and Frank Zadnik
Back Row: Jerry Brunetto, Gary Johnson, Dick Hardy, Pete Smith Missing From Photo: Bill Hoyt

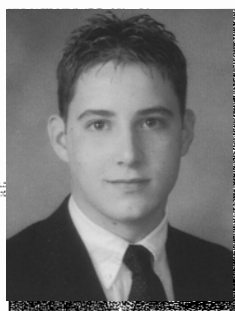
The 1958-59 Plainville High School Basketball team battled its way to the Class "B" State Championship title. Along the journey with two starters missing due to illness their only blemish was a loss to Southington. Making excuses was never the mantra of this era of Plainville basketball and the talented Blue Devils used this loss as motivation to help them capture the CVC Championship, a State Championship and a remarkable 24-1 overall record. This impressive won \lost record was especially noteworthy since they beat state power East Haven twice during the regular season, snapping their 64 home game win streak! In the 1950's East Haven dominated the State Tournament with multiple state championships on their resume.

2000-01 Women's Basketball Team



First Row, Left to Right: Dianna Huebner, Megan Ferguson, Shana Lucente
Middle Row, Left to Right: Allison Caswell, Rachel Caron, Corinne Byrne, Megan Susco, and Kat Spirito
Back Row: Asst. Coach Steve Compson, Jennifer Dabrowski, Shelley Everson, Jessica Casinghino, Regina Crane, Head Coach Lisa Mandeville, Asst. Coach Lou Mandeville, Jr.

The 2001 Class M State Champions were the first female team to win a state title for Plainville High School. After compiling a 15-5 regular season record, they were seeded eighth in the Class M tournament; the team beat the #1, 2, 4, 9 and 25th seeds to finish the season with a record of 21-6. Of the six games they lost, two were to another state championship team and three were to a state semi-finalist team.



Thomas Ferguson

TJ Ferguson was a dedicated and tireless swimmer and diver whose incredible work habits were the impetus for his unique ability to accomplish the rare double feat of being named Class S All State twice with two third place finishes in the one hundred yard breaststroke in 2000 and 2001, a second place finish in the 200 yard freestyle relay in 2001, a fourth place finish his junior year and a State Championship finish during his senior year in one meter springboard diving as well. During his incredible career at P.H.S. he established school records in both events.



Phil Rothkugel

Phil Rothkugel was a great teammate who was a four-year starter and letter winner on the Plainville High School Baseball team during 1998-2002. He was a two-time All State (2001 and 2002) nominee and named to the All Northwest Conference team all four years of his career.

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