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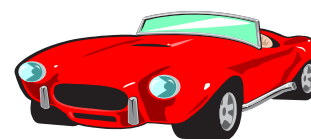


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69 Northwest Dr Unit 49: Salvatore A. Barbagallo of Plainville to Evangiline Kammerer, \$175,000 on 11/18/2021

3 Pequot Rd: Wayne H. Oden of Plainville to Richard B. and Justine O. Thibedeau, \$225,000 on 11/18/2021

50 Pierce St. Unit 3: Jill Tonn of Plainville to Katelyn Martin, \$163,100 on 11/18/2021

10 Pine St: BB&G Holdings LLC of Plainville to 10 Pine LLC, \$275,000 on 11/16/2021

190 Tomlinson Ave. Unit 2d: Mariusz Blonski of Plainville to Alysia Fiducia, \$185,125 on 11/16/2021

20 Wilson St: Paul Slocum and Arlene Barrett of Plainville to Jacob Conniff, \$249,000 on 11/17/2021

62 Franklin Ave: Christina Theodosopoulos of Plainville to Hilario Sanchez \$260,000 on 11/22/2021

27 Macarthur Rd: Diana J. Lincoln of Plainville to Taylor Crofton and Craig Berndt, \$210,000 on 11/24/2021

34 Northampton Ln: Unit 34: Mikayla C. Howick of Plainville to Jamarie Gomez, \$152,000 on 11/24/2021

35 Basswood St: James D. Donovan and JP Morgan Chase Bank NA of Plainville to US Bank NA Tr, \$261,290 on 12/1/2021

236 East St. Unit A2: Maria R. Violette of Plainville to Linda and Ashley Chadbourne, \$115,000 on 12/3/2021

57 Fairbanks St: Carlos and Lizett Rodriguez of Plainville to Michael and Lisa Pelton, \$250,000 on 12/2/2021

19 Pine St: Gloria M. Saucier and Penny A. Sauier of Plainville to Vet Real Estate LLC, \$385,000 on 12/2/2021

40 Cody Ave: Katherine Basinger of Plainville to Jullian A Estevez and Aminah Tsonga, \$240,000 on 12/14/2021

61 Cyrenius Ave: Mark S. Averso of Plainville to Ryan and Amanda Aldieri, \$213,000 on 12/6/2021

22 Hardwood Rd: Robert Wltik and Lydia Eitik of Plainville to Malgorzata Gawkowsks, \$170,000 on 12/10/2021

77 Hilltop Rd: Mark R. Stowell of Plainville to Jared G. and Rachel A. Scoville, \$240,000 on 12/15/2021

6 Hull Dr: Brian J. Neveu of Plainville to Ramlall Jagnarine, \$340,000 on 12/10/2021

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15 Johnson Ave: Jacqueline Grant of Plainville to Phi;ip and Katelyn Putney, \$540,000 on 12/15/2021

2 Mancini Way: Robert E. and Margaret A. Lee of Plainville to Michael and Amy Serrano, \$430,000 on 12/15/2021

21 North St: Cody Wanda Est and Pamela Cody of Plainville to Andrea Criscitello, \$178,000 on 12/6/2021

10 Peace Ct. Tighe William T Jr Est and Michael C. Tighe of Plainville to Kyle Douyard, \$185,000 on 12/13/2021

8 Riveredge St: Charlotte G. Koskoff of Plainville to Cheryle L. and Robert J. Possum, \$280,000 on 12/14/2021

66 Rockwell Ave: Arkadiusz and Katarzyna Gaska of Plainville to Kathleen Laroche, \$286,000 on 12/6/2021

28 Rosemont Dr: Lysa A. Lenart of Plainville to Maya Kazmierczak, \$220,000 on 12/8/2021

24 Sandstone Rd Unit 24: Carrier Holdings LLC of Plainville to Amie L. Chasse, \$439,487 on 12/8/2021

167 Stillwell Dr: Adam Polkowski of Plainville to Agnieszka Marynowska and Andrzel Bajguz, \$365,000 on 12/13/2021

23 Summer St: Jon J. Joyce of Plainville to Ryan P. Moan and Elyssa M. Ferens, \$195,000 on 12/6/2021

Unionville Ave: Brett E. and Brett Litke of Plainville to Mackenzie S. Litke, \$120,000 on 12/6/2021

34 Willis Ave: Adam Cheh of Plainville to Mark S. Devoe and Nancy E. Devoe, \$315,000 on 12/13/2021

1 Bushel Rd Unit1: Tien Vo and Chi Nguyen-Vo of Plainville to Stephanie W. Reis, \$380,000 on 12/21/2021

29 Hardwood Rd: Pamela Chamberlin of Plainville to Tyler Roy, \$120,000 on 12/22/2021

27 Hough St: James M. Landon of Plainville to Grzegorz K. Grochowski, \$311,100 on 12/22/2021

51 Julie Rd: David J. Lesslie of Plainville to Eric M. Soto, \$320,000 on 12/20/2021

16 Northampton Ln Unit A2: D E Koskoff Profit Sharin and David E. Koskoff of Plainville to JM LLC, \$78,800 on 12/21/2021

69 Northwest Dr Unit 18: Kristen Sastri of Plainville to Michele Thibodeau, \$197,500 on 12/23/2021

22 Whiting St: Central Whiting Rlty LLC of Plainville to Central PI Apartments LLC, \$2,025,000 on 12/23/2021

68 Whiting St: Edward A. Cohen of Plainville to Laurel Court LLC, \$735,000 on 12/17/2021

70 Whiting St: Edward A. Cohen of Plainville to Laurel Court LLC 735,000 on 12/17/2021

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

January 3rd & January 18th, 2022



Town Council Meeting January 3, 2022

Road Salt – Treated and Non-Treated

- The Roadways Department utilizes both treated and non-treated salt during winter operations. Treated salt is generally used during colder conditions below 17 degrees.
- The Roadways Department is recommending the purchase of treated road salt utilizing a CRCOG Bid. The low bidder for CRCOG was Morton Salt, Inc. in the amount of \$68.85 per ton. They are currently proposing to purchase 500 tons for an estimated cost of \$34,425
- The Roadways Department is also recommending the purchase of non-treated road salt utilizing a State of CT Contract. The low bid was also Morton Salt, Inc. in the amount of \$60.66 per ton. They are currently proposing to purchase 500 tons for the estimated cost of \$30,330.
- Monies to purchase these winter materials will come from the Town Aid Road Account. There are items under New Business regarding these recommendations.

ARPA Planning Committee Update

- The ARPA Committee consisting of three Town Council members and town staff have met several times to discuss the possible use of the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding received from the Federal Government. Plainville's ARPA authorization is \$5.2M. One-half of that amount has already been received with the second half due in June.
- The Committee reviewed the Treasury Advisory information provided to date regarding the possible use of the funds. The Committee is unanimous that, because the funds are "one-time" monies, they should be used for "one-time purchases". After some review, the ARPA Committee is suggesting that some large capital items should be purchased with these funds to alleviate the need to utilize local taxpayer dollars. These large purchases have been deferred because of the potential impact to the Town budget.
- Several projects discussed included the purchase of a Vac-Con Catch Basin Cleaner (450K), Sidewalk Repair & Replacement (\$600K), replace Aging Boilers at the High School (\$600K), replace Class A Apparatus Fire Truck (\$780,000), extend sewers into the Honor Heights area (\$360K), Replace Chiller at Toffolon Elementary (\$300K), and replace the Radio System (\$400K) and several other large ticket items..
- The Committee will plan for a Public Hearing on their

recommendations during the month of February.

Town Manager Search Firm Discussion

- Three firms have expressed interest in assisting the Town Council in their efforts to hire the next Town Manager. They are Randi Frank Consulting, Inc., GOV HR USA, and Raftelis. All three have experience in recruiting for Executive Leadership positions in Connecticut and the Northeast.
- It is anticipated by each of the firms that this process will take 3 +/- months to have a new Town Manager in place. There is an item under New Business regarding this item.

Capital Projects Additional Appropriation

- The FY22 Budget included the use of \$869,150 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to support the Capital Improvement Budget. Chapter 3, Section 11 of the Town Charter limits any individual appropriation of unassigned fund balance to no more than 1% of the Town Budget. Any appropriation above 1% of the Town Budget amount would require referendum approval.
- To make appropriations from the unassigned fund balance a public hearing must first be held. Town staff is recommending that the Town Council hold a Public Hearing on January 18, 2022, at 7:00 pm to hear public comment on the appropriation of \$600K from the unassigned fund balance to support the FY22 Capital Improvement Budget. The remaining amount of \$269,150 needed will be made at a future time before the end of the fiscal year.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

Christmas Tree Disposal

- Plainville residents who have trees may bring them to the transfer station at no charge on Granger Lane anytime beginning Monday, January 3, until Friday, January 14. Trees ONLY should be placed in the designated collection area. If you use a bag to transport your tree, you must remove the tree from the bag and dispose of the bag in your regular household trash container.
- If you are unable to transport your tree, the Roadways Department will once again be collecting them. Residents are asked to leave their Christmas trees at the curb by Sunday, January 9th. The Roadways Department will collect them during the week of January 9th. Please be sure they are free of ice and snow, are not

in the road and do not block any sidewalks or walkways.

- Questions can be referred to Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 x7176.

Police Chief Update

- Chief Eric Peterson is here this evening to give an update on the Police Department operation.

COVID-19 Update

- Plainville positivity rate is at an all-time high of 77.8 per 100,000 population. 115 cases last week
- A Pfizer booster clinic for 60 and over is scheduled for January 12th from 1:30–4:30 at the senior center. Eligible individuals can call the center directly to schedule an appointment.
- New school guidance has been put forth starting this week. Isolation and quarantine times have been shortened and contact tracing and the screen and stay program have been eliminated. Because community transmission rates are so high, it's ineffective. More time can be spend identifying and handling sick children and staff.

Town Council Meeting January 18, 2022

Willow Brook Estates Sewer Agreement

- The Willow Brook Estates Sub-division is located at 265 Unionville Avenue on the border between Plainville and Farmington. It will be an active adult community consisting of 61 homes with 34 of them being in Plainville. Of these 34 homes, 9 of them will be connected to the Plainville sewer system located on Unionville Ave.
- Because of the topography of the parcel, the remaining 25 homes in Plainville are proposed to be connected to the Farmington sewer system. Town staff has met with Farmington town staff to negotiate an agreement to allow for these Plainville homes to utilize the their sewer system.
- Under the proposed agreement, Plainville will pay to connection charges and sewer permit fees totaling Farmington \$29,517.90. This amount is based upon the expectation that the average daily sewer flow shall not exceed 2,900 gallons.
- The Town of Farmington will bill Plainville a sewer user charge using the same method as what is charged to similar Farmington homes. That fee currently stands at \$321 per year. The sewer lines in the Willow Brook Estates will be privately owned and the responsibility of the homeowner's association.
- Plainville will collect a \$3,000 connection charge for each of

the 25 units and will also bill for a sewer user charge at the current minimum charge of \$415.92. The sewer user charge will change from year-to-year based upon any changes to the minimum charge as approved by the Town Council.

- Construction of these homes are expected to begin this summer. A copy of the proposed agreement has been reviewed by the Town Attorney and is similar to previous sewer agreements between Farmington and Plainville.
- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute the Sewer Agreement between the Town of Plainville and the Town of Farmington regarding 265 Unionville Avenue, Willow Brook Estates Development. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

Draft Personnel Policy Discussion

- The Town of Plainville adopted a Personnel Policy Manual for Town employees in the early 1970's. The purpose the manual is to provide employees and applicants with important information concerning employment with the Town of Plainville, to provide a uniform policy for handling all non-union personnel matters, and to handle and clarify situations applicable to all employees including union personnel (unless stated otherwise in a collective bargaining agreement)
- The Human Resource Director Stacy Buden has proposed updating the Personnel Policy to reflect changes that have occurred in both federal and state law. It has also been updated to reflect some of the changes that have also occurred to benefits that are currently provided to Town employees. The Draft has been reviewed by Atty. Kenneth Weinstock as well.
- This is the first comprehensive update to the Personnel Policy Manual in many years. A copy of the Draft was distributed to the Town Council members for your review. Town staff will be soliciting Town Council feedback on the proposed Draft over the next month with the goal of having it adopted at a future meeting. If desired, a work session to review the Draft and respond to questions can be scheduled as well.
- No action on the Draft Personnel Policy Manual is being requested this evening.

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ARPA Planning Committee Update

- The Department of Treasury released the Final Rule for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of the American Rescue Plan Act. The Final Rule provides clarity and broadens in select categories, eligible uses. The Final Rule takes effect April 1, 2022, however, does afford recipients to take advantage of any new provision prior to the effective date.
- A key change is the potential calculation for REVENUE LOSS. Municipalities have two options for how to determine their amount of revenue loss. Recipients must choose one of the two options and cannot switch between these approaches after an election is made.
- Recipients may elect a "standard allowance" of \$10 million to spend on government services through the period of performance. Under this option, which is newly offered in the final rule, Treasury presumes that up to \$10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency and recipients are permitted to use that amount (not to exceed the award amount) to fund "government services"
- All recipients may elect to use this standard allowance as opposed to calculating lost revenue using a formula. Electing the standard allowance does not increase or decrease a recipient's total allocation.
- Under this option, Plainville could choose to have a "standard deduction" of our entire allocation of \$5.2M because it is under \$10M. This would allow the Town more

flexibility in the use of the funds.

- The ARPA Committee is expected to finalize their recommendation in the next several weeks. A Public Hearing on their recommendation is being planned for the February 22, 2022, Town Council meeting.

Town Council/Board of Education Joint FY23 Budget Mtg. – 1/19/22

- The Town Council and the Board of Education will be conducting a Joint Virtual Meeting to hear a presentation from the Superintendent of Schools and the Town Manager for the Fiscal Year 23 Budget Outlook.
- The virtual meeting will be held tomorrow evening, January 19th beginning at 6:00 pm. Residents can view this meeting on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/8kLTGktexqg>
- The Joint Meeting Agenda along with a link to the meeting can also be found on the Town website at www.plainvillect.com

COVID-19 Update

- As of last Thursday, all but one Town in Connecticut were listed in the "red category" as exceeding 15 persons per 100K population testing positive for COVID-19 over the last two weeks. It is currently anticipated that infections will begin to decline in CT over the next two weeks.
- The Town currently has an ample supply of N95 Masks available to Plainville residents. Residents can contact the Town Manager's Office at 860-793-0221 ext. 8701 to arrange to pick-up a supply of these masks.

Financial Dashboard

- A copy of the Dashboard for the first six months of the Fiscal Year was included in the meeting information package and has also been posted on the Town website.

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The Economic Development Commissioner
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Property Transfers

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10 Cianci Ave Unit 15: Dawn Osika of Plainville to Jake S. Lorenzo, \$148,000 on 12/27/2021

Diamond Ave: Maria Padilla of Plainville to Huong Phan \$340,000 on 12/27/2021

492 East St Unit 12: Scott P. Steele of Plainville to Whiting Street Assoc LLC, \$65,000 on 12/27/2021

21 Welch St: Smedick Anna M. Est and Nancy A. Hatch of Plainville to Instant Prop Soln LLC \$120,000 on 12/28/2021

246 Woodford Ave Unit 2: Wilnelia Alicea of Plainville to Wei B. Chen, \$125,000 on 12/28/2021.

17 Atwood St: Lockhart Realty Mgmt of Plainville to Robert and Susan Gilbert, \$220,000 on 1/3/2022

270 East St: Laurie Fillion of Plainville to Spartak Masho and Elona Mashe, \$170,000 on 1/3/2022

466 East St Unit 16: Malgorzata Buden of Plainville to Haley Pekoske, \$157,000 on 1/6/2022

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

127 Laurel Ct: 127 Laurel Court LLC of Plainville to Anthony P. Anton, \$200,000 on 1/3/2022

26 Ledge Rd: Peter and Edith C. Procko of Plainville to Mary V. Fusco, \$133,913 on 1/3/2022

4 Lena Ave: Jack Tine of Plainville to Jose M. Ramirez, \$290,000 on 1/3/2022

25 S. Washington St: Donna L. Twiggs of Plainville to Lauren K. Zup, \$231,000 on 1/3/2022

71 White Oak Ave Unit B6: Zachary J. Arasimowicz of Plainville to Michelle Zadrozny, \$162,000 on 1/6/2022

354 Woodford Ave Unit 30: DellaVecchia Louis T. Est and TL. DellaVecchia of Plainville to Gateway Palms LLC, \$95,000 on 1/5/2022

16 Adams Way: Pritam Hira and Harinder Kaur of Plainville to Crystal M. Davis and Alexander D. Branch, \$430,000 on 1/13/2022

8 Cordan Ave: Paul Docchio of Plainville to Mark and Elena M. Barkasy, \$345,000 on 1/11/2022

178 S. Washington St: Joseph R. Binette FT and Stephen O. Allaire of Plainville to Mario A. Ruggerio, \$241,000 on 1/10/2022

25 Welch St. Pandolfo Sebastian J. Est and Paula A. Piotrowski of Plainville to Lacey Lyons, \$180,000 on 1/10/2022

87 Whiting St: Whiting&Broad St Assoc of Plainville to 87 Whiting LLC, \$200,000 on 1/10/2022

91 Whiting St: Whiting&BroadSt Assoc of Plainville to MMTD Associates LLC, \$53,500 on 1/10/2022

Plainville Fire Company Officers

Plainville Fire Department 2022 Fire Service Awards

The Plainville Fire Company would like to announce and congratulate the new list of 2022 Officers. They are as follows:

- Douglas Doughty - 45 years
- Adrien Paradis III - 30 years
- Timothy Lennon - 30 years
- Antonio Labella - 25 years
- John Myska- 20 years
- Stephen Chapman - 20 years
- Thomas Moschini, Jr. - 15 years
- Paul Brousseau - 15 years
- Phillipe Brochu - 15 years
- Douglas Marcarelli - 10 years
- Brian Roper - 10 years
- Christopher Centurelli - 5 years

- William Gammon - Captain
- John Myska - 1st Lieutenant
- Thomas Moschini Jr - Lieutenant
- Douglas Marcarelli - Lieutenant
- Christopher Centurelli -Lieutenant
- Phil Brousseau - Secretary
- Ray Moreau - Treasurer
- Dennis Wynne - Asst. Treasurer

Good Luck & Stay Safe!

UNABLE TO ATTEND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS?

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From the desk of:

Cal Hauburger Economic Development & Special Projects Coordinator

180 South Washington Street: Newport Realty Group – key players in the eventual redevelopment of the White Oak property, and curators of the previously approved age restricted development, “Willowbrook Estates”, on Unionville Avenue, went before the Planning & Zoning Commission proposing a new age restricted development on South Washington Street. Due to a slight change in project plans, a public hearing has been continued until the January 25th meeting prior to any decision being made by the Commission, however, this shows a continued willingness and desire from private developers to focus their money and efforts into Plainville and see the town as a worthwhile investment.

0 South Washington Street: An application has also been heard by the Planning & Zoning Commission for the subdivision of the land currently known as “0 South Washington Street”. The large parcel, behind what was previously Zarrella Farms, is proposed to be divided into three sub lots, with construction of a 14,000 square foot industrial condominium building and, with an extension of the road, serve as the continuation of Robert Jackson Way. This site is instantly advantageous as it becomes a developable piece of open land, something rare within Town, and will be located within the State’s Contiguous Municipality Enterprise Zone allowing for application to State tax incentives of 5-years and 80% total abatement. Given the high tenancy in the Robert Jackson Way area, this program has recently stalled. With new land, and soon a new building to be available, it serves as intriguing offering to new manufacturing firms looking to relocate.

White Oak Update: Progress continues with the White Oak project. Under guidance of the CT Brownfield Land Bank, the Town has solicited proposals from licensed engineering firms to oversee remediation efforts on the property and within existing buildings. Responses are due later this month and will be reviewed by both Town and Brownfield Staff prior to moving forward with interviews and contracting efforts. Town Staff continues to work on finalizing our application for DECD’s CT Community Challenge Grant which has been earmarked as a potential source of funding to offset some of the construction costs associated with installation of the development’s entrance/exit boulevard, utility installation, site work, pedestrian walkways, stoplight, and covered CT Fastrack bus stop vestibule. Based on available information and the grant’s purpose, we believe the White Oak project will be an attractive submission for their review and have a good opportunity to secure funding. The grant is due at the end of the week – January 14 – with a funding decision expected in spring.

Prospective Applications: I have been in contact with numerous businesses interested in filing applications for either the tax abatement or loan programs. Due to confidentiality, I will refrain for now from sharing who those companies are, but I do expect that we will be meeting more frequently this year – an encouraging sign for growth and development as we continue to work through, and recover from, the pandemic.

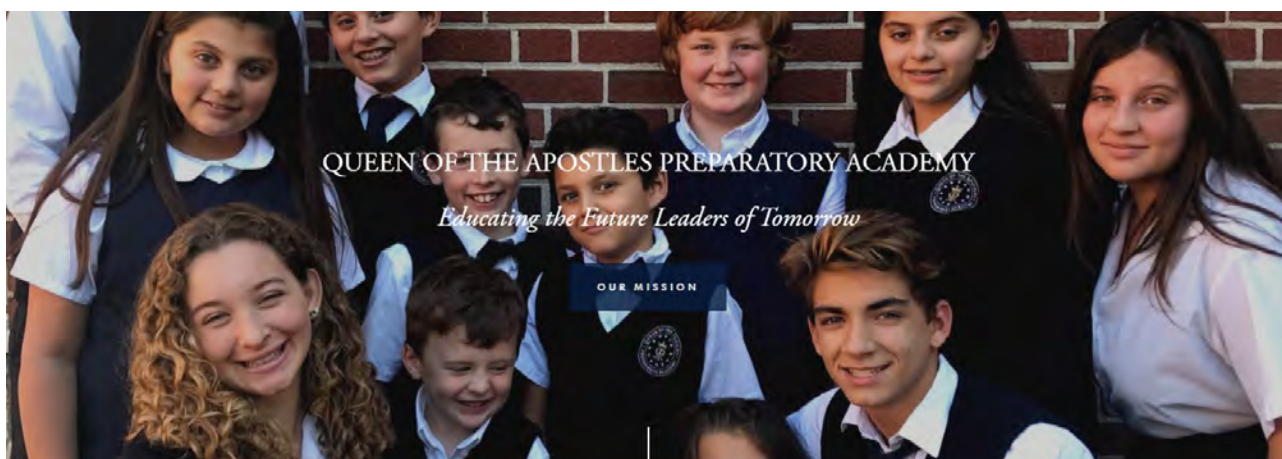
Please stay safe. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

Thank you, Cal Hauburger

Town of Plainville

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Queen of the Apostles Preparatory Academy (QOTA) has moved to Plainville, CT for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Queen of the Apostles is a Catholic Preparatory Academy for students in grades Kindergarten to Twelfth Grade. The Academy utilizes a Classical Curriculum, a curriculum that has been successfully utilized by the Church throughout the ages.

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The Academy also runs various extracurricular activities, such as Basketball, Pickleball, Rosary Club, Debate, StoryTelling, and Film Production.

Queen of the Apostles’ High Schoolers are also linked with a program that affords them the opportunity to graduate High School with an Associates degree or up to 60-75 college credits towards a BA.

Queen of the Apostles also has an exceptional teaching

staff; all of the teachers are extremely dedicated to both the academic and spiritual formation of the students. In fact, all of the teachers have extensive teaching experience / advanced degrees, and most have extensive experience in catechesis as well.

Queen of the Apostles is very proud of the academic accomplishments of its students. This year’s graduating class has received numerous scholarships to various Colleges and Universities, as well as nominations to West Point Academy and perfect scores on the Standardized College Admissions exams.

Queen of the Apostles has open enrollment throughout the year, so if you would like to learn more about the Academy or to set up a tour, please email admin@qota-prep.org

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TOWN MANAGER ROBERT E. LEE

Lee, who had originally announced he would retire January 5th to move to Florida, will now be staying on a few months longer. Per the request of the Town Council. The Council decided they would hire a search firm. It will be better to hire a search firm and “beat the bushes” instead of waiting for someone to “come out of the bushes.”

“We expect the process to take three plus months,” Lee said. The council asked me if I would be willing to continue as town manager during that time. After speaking with my wife, I agreed to do that.” He will be commuting up to Plainville twice a month and also working remotely during this transition period.

“With the Covid today, a lot of meetings are not in person anyhow,” he said. “Today you can work remotely to a great degree.” During his extended time as town manager, he will be working to help put a budget together for this fiscal year. He will work to move forward on the repurposing of the White Oak property, the closure of the town landfill and finalizing of Phase One of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail project. Lee added he will help to assist the new police chief, Christopher Vanghele, in acclimating to the town. He will also assist with the selection his successor.”(Excerpts with Permission from the New Britain Herald, January 6, 2022 issue by Brian M. Johnson)

Town Councilor Jesse Gnazzo Resigned Rosemary Morante Fills the Vacancy

Rosemary has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Town Council.

The Democratic Town Committee met to nominate his replacement.

In Plainville the policy when a council member resigns is for a member of that same party to nominate the next-highest vote getter. Thus, Rosemary was nominated to fill the vacancy.

Morante said, “I’m looking forward to continuing to serve. Jesse Gnazzo is a tremendous loss to the town, but I am happy to fill the vacancy and continue to work on behalf of the town.”

Rosemary previously served on the Town Council from November 2015 to November 2021.

“The selection of the next town manager will have a very critical decision,” she said “Robert’s shoes were very hard to fill. He was so confident and skilled at the job. It will be a challenge, we have a lot of work ahead of us.”

Rosemary said that, as a lifelong resident, she considers it an honor to again have the opportunity to make a difference in the community.

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PLAINVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY AWARDED \$18,763 UNDER ARPA GRANT TO CT PUBLIC LIBRARIES PROGRAM

Plainville Public Library Receives a Furniture Makeover Made Possible by a Grant from Connecticut State Library as part of American Rescue Plan Act Funding by the Institute of Museum and Library Services

Last spring, the Connecticut State Library (CSL) was awarded \$2,775,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), \$2 million of which was earmarked for direct grants open to all 165 eligible CT principal public libraries. Plainville Public Library was awarded a grant in the amount of \$18,763 to support safely reopening the building. The funds partially paid for all-new library lounge seating throughout the building that is easy to clean and sanitize daily. The furniture finally arrived at the library a few weeks ago after lengthy shipping delays.

"We have such a spacious and graceful, historic library building, with big windows and an atmosphere that naturally welcomes people to sit and enjoy a great read," stated Trish Tomlinson, Plainville Public Library Director. "We knew our old lounge seating had definitely seen better days; plus, the old furniture was upholstered in fabric, which made it difficult to consistently keep clean."

"These grant funds made it possible to purchase high-quality, antimicrobial leather seating that refreshes the décor and will last for many years to come," she added. "The best part: the seating is incredibly comfortable!"

About the Connecticut State Library Division of Library Development

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YMCA/PHS Project Graduation

"PHS Project Graduation 2022, in partnership with the Wheeler YMCA, is scheduled to meet the first Wednesday of each month at PHS. Volunteers are needed to help plan an all-night drug and alcohol-free party for the Class of 2022. All levels of commitment are appreciated. The following upcoming event is planned: Wed., Monthly meeting at PHS, 7pm in Learning Commons. Future dates: Feb 2, March 2, April 6, May 4.

Feb 4th UConn Mens/Womens Basketball games at Storrs, concession stand volunteers, times vary. Additional Dates: Feb. 11,16,19,27. For more info contact Stevie at 860-463-3600.

Sat., Feb 26: Donation Clothing Drive at YMCA, 10am-noon. Accepting used clothing, bedding, linens & shoes. Future donation dates: March 26, April 30.

For more information about Project Graduation, contact Stevie @ 860-463-3600."

Thank you kindly, Christine Millette 2022 Project Graduation Parent Committee Member 860-869-3209

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

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

(John Raves) I shopped at DBK Jewelers for Christmas and the service was great. I know nothing about watches and really received an education. DBK is the place to shop for your next purchase of any jewelry.

(Ann Raves) Pagliacci's is the best Italian Restaurant in town. Homemade pasta, pizza and soups. We order to take out on most Saturday nights, and always have fast service. Try it, you will like it!!

(Andy Faves) Adam at Farmington Auto Park offers the largest selection of cars in town. It was a pleasure doing business with him, he did all the paper work, financing and etc. Buying a car was made easy with him.

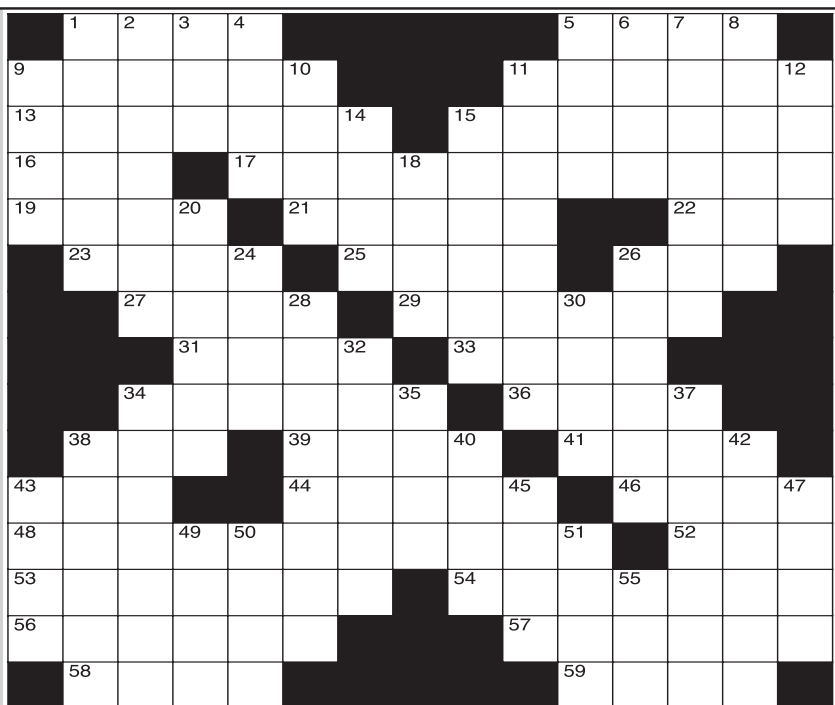
Deadline for your faves and raves is the 15th of the month for the next issue.

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

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. BREATHE NOISILY
- 5. ___ NUI, EASTER ISLAND
- 9. REDDISH BROWNS
- 11. SIMPLE SHOES
- 13. PRODUCE ALCOHOL ILLEGALLY
- 15. HOME TO FAMED GOLF TOURNAMENT
- 16. TAX COLLECTOR
- 17. FAMOUS PEOPLE
- 19. URBAN AREA
- 21. UNITS OF SYLLABLE WEIGHT
- 22. PITUITARY HORMONE (ABBR.)
- 23. DISMOUNTED
- 25. ACTOR DAMON
- 26. VIETNAMESE OFFENSIVE
- 27. RETAIL TERM
- 29. NETTED
- 31. PARTNER TO CARROTS
- 33. WITNESSES
- 34. CAULKED
- 36. SATISFY
- 38. R&B PERFORMER ___ LO
- 39. MONETARY UNITS OF MACAO
- 41. GIVE ADVICE, EXPLAIN

- 43. POSSESSES
- 44. TURN BACK
- 46. GENTLEMEN
- 48. ONE WHO FERTILIZES
- 52. ITALIAN MONK TITLE (PREFIX)
- 53. PARTIES
- 54. TYPE OF HORSE
- 56. CUTS IN HALF
- 57. RAISES
- 58. EXPRESSES CONTEMPT OR DISGUST
- 59. ANCIENT ITALIAN-GREEK COLONY

CLUES DOWN

- 1. ILLINOIS CITY
- 2. ONE OF THE ORIGINAL DISCIPLINES CHOSEN BY CHRIST
- 3. YOUNG FORM OF A LOUSE
- 4. TYPE OF POWDER
- 5. FINGER MILLET
- 6. SHARE A COMMON BOUNDARY
- 7. ASSUMED AS A FACT
- 8. PROVIDE CLEAR EVIDENCE OF
- 9. INVESTS IN LITTLE ENTERPRISES
- 10. A WAY TO BE
- 11. MONIES GIVEN IN SUPPORT
- 12. FASHION ACCESSORY
- 14. STEAL
- 15. BECOMES LESS INTENSE
- 18. GEOLOGICAL TIMES
- 20. HOORAY!
- 24. MONETARY UNIT
- 26. MALE REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS
- 28. EARNINGS
- 30. CLOSE BY
- 32. SMALL INTEGERS
- 34. FIXED IN PLACE
- 35. USED TO TREAT PARKINSON'S DISEASE
- 37. LARGE, IMPOSING BUILDING
- 38. A ROOFLIKE SHELTER
- 40. STIFF, HAIRLIKE STRUCTURE
- 42. PRINT ERRORS
- 43. TO SHOW DISAPPROVAL
- 45. BODY OF TRADITIONS
- 47. WITHOUT
- 49. ___ CLAPTON, MUSICIAN
- 50. DANGEROUS ILLEGAL DRUG
- 51. INFREQUENT
- 55. SOUND UNIT

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When you go into a business, a government agency or even a restaurant it's like they are doing you a favor just to answer a question or take your order.

Children have no respect for those in authority, parents or grandparents, what is the world coming to?

A few weeks ago my husband and I went out for breakfast to a local pancake restaurant. Upon entering the hostess was very nice and showed us to a table and asked if perhaps she might start us off with some coffee, which we said would be great. She returned with the coffee and the silverware wrapped in a napkin and said our waitress would be right over. We unwrapped our silverware and found there was

no spoon but that wasn't a problem as we had no cream or sugar anyway but figured our waitress would be along in a minute.

Well didn't we get the waitress from hell or perhaps I can compare her to the actress who played in the movie "Throw Mama from the train." Her first question was, "Are you ready to order?" Not having a menu we figured we would wing it and ordered eggs, bacon and toast and asked perhaps if we could have some cream and sugar along with some spoons. She turned and walked to the back of the restaurant and returned with the cream and sugar and when I asked about the spoons she mumbled, "Fred said, use your knife, it works the same." Ok, I don't know who Fred is but we figured spoons weren't in our future. When our eggs came not only were the eggs cold but the plates were like ice. I called her over and said perhaps she might tell her chef never put eggs on a cold plate and her answer was, "They do things different here." So much for breakfast at "WE JUMP PANCAKE HOUSE" P.S. What happened to waitresses that wore uniforms not their dirty jeans or lint covered pants?.

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

FEDERAL COURT OR STATE COURT

Most people assume that when they have a legal dispute they can go down to their local courthouse and file a lawsuit. Most of the time they would be correct. However, this is not the case always when one may feel that they have had their constitutional rights violated. This article lays out how a matter may end up in federal court or state court.

In order to be in federal court for a civil matter you typically need to have a federal question or diversity jurisdiction. Federal question jurisdiction requires that an action is brought based on an allegation that there has been a violation of the U.S. Constitution, federal law or treaty.

There is no amount in controversy requirement for a federal question lawsuit. Diversity jurisdiction is when there are parties from different states. There is a \$75,000 amount in controversy requirement for the matter to be in federal court. There are a few other ways to end up in federal court, but they would start in state court and have to be removed to federal court by motion.

In order to be in state court for a civil matter it doesn't take much. That's the beauty of being in America. We are a litigious country and like I say to most people I meet "Anyone can sue anyone". That doesn't mean they are going to win though of course.

*So there you have it.
Light reading for the New Year.
I wish all my readers a very
Happy and safe New Year!*

Attorney Thomas A. Wurz

is an associate of his father Attorney Theodore J. Wurz, LLC in the law office of Attorney Richard Witt at 132 East Street. Attorney Wurz is a graduate of Avon Old Farms School in 2001, Providence College in May 2005 on the Dean's list and Juris Doctor Program at Western New England College School of Law in May 2009. He was admitted to the Connecticut Bar and U.S. Federal Court in 2010. His activities and interests are Secretary of Sports Entertainment Law Club at WNEC and is a Special Olympics Volunteer.

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Q-2) If I didn't sign up for Medicare when I was first eligible, is there a penalty?

A-2) *If you didn't get Part B when you're first eligible, your monthly premium may go up 10% for each 12-month period you could've had Part B, but didn't sign up. In most cases, you'll have to pay this penalty each time you pay your premiums, for as long as you have Part B.*

Q-3) If I have a Part D penalty, how long will I have to pay this penalty?

A-3) *Each month that you qualify for Part D and do not join, the penalty is 1% of the "national base beneficiary premium" this penalty will last the length of your enrollment. In other words, for the rest of your life.*

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Council picks long-serving Newtown officer as police chief

PLAINVILLE

By BRIAN M. JOHNSON
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The Town Council has voted unanimously to appoint Christopher Vanghele, a long-serving police officer from Newtown, as the town's new police chief.

Vanghele will begin his new duties as town police chief on Jan. 31. Previously, he served as a police officer in Newtown for 28 1/2 years. His previous role was as captain and second-in-command of the Newtown Police Department.

"I have come to know that Chris is very personable, enjoys speaking with citizens, and has a wry sense of humor," Town Manager Robert E. Lee said. "I believe he will serve the residents of Plainville in fine fashion."

Lee said although Matt Catania left big shoes to fill, he believes Vanghele will be a good fit for the town.

"He's a people person and seems to be from a similar mold as Matt Catania as far as how he approaches his management," Lee said. "He seems to be very supportive of the officers that work for him."

Town Council Chair Kathy Pugliese said she is "delighted" by Vanghele's appointment.

"After an extensive search, interviewing several highly qualified candidates, Chris Vanghele was unanimously appointed by the Council," she said. "He has performed at the highest level for Newtown and

I have every confidence he will bring outstanding leadership to Plainville's police department. His experience, professional skills and outstanding communication abilities will serve him well as our next chief."

Vanghele served as the second-in-command for five years at the Newtown Police Department. As captain he runs the day-to-day operations, manages the individual bureau departments, manages the budget, leads the department toward its mission, institutes and manages policies and procedures, and is the liaison for other town and outside agencies.

Vanghele also previously served as a lieutenant for six years, a sergeant for 11 years, a school resource officer for two years, a statewide Narcotics Task Force Officer for two years and a patrol officer for four years.

Vanghele also served as the Newtown Police Department's grant writer and created the Department's "Citizen Police Academy," serving as its coordinator for seven years. He is a POST Certified Law Enforcement Instructor in Domestic Violence and has served in that capacity for the past 16 years.

Vanghele is also the past president, secretary and treasurer of the Fairfield County Police Training Officer's Association.

Lee said Vanghele has received "awards and decorations" from the Newtown Police Department, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Fraternal Order of Police

- Lodge 704, AFSME Council 15, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Department of Children & Families and the State of CT General Assembly.

Vanghele has utilized his training and presentation skills to speak about his experiences as a first responder to the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting to various law enforcement and other groups across the country in 17

states.

Vanghele's educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature from UConn and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the American Military Academy.

Vanghele also completed training at the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute of Police, the F.B.I. Law Enforcement Executive

Development Leadership Institute, Sacred Heart University Police Leadership Institute and the F.B.I. New England Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar.

Vanghele has lived Woodbury with his wife Kimberly for the last 19 years. They have been married for 22 years and have two children, Christopher, who attends Central Connecticut State University, and Lauren, who attends UConn.

TRANSITION & TAKEOVER DAY

By: Jeannette Hinkson



Lt. Eric Peterson is seen here as he clears his desk in preparation for the transition and takeover by the newly named Chief of Police for the town of Plainville.

After over twenty four years as a member of the Plainville Police Department Lt. Peterson stepped in over a year ago to fill the vacancy left when the position was left vacant by the untimely death of Chief Matthew Catania.

Lt. Peterson, as interim Chief excelled in that position and carried out the duties of that office in a manner that would make any town and its people proud we had such a person looking out for us.

After speaking to many of the men on the Plainville Police department each and every one of them found Lt. Peterson

carried out the duties of the office of chief with what was described as not just being fair to his fellow officers but to the people of Plainville.

On a personal level I found Eric Peterson went out of his way to help myself and others long after his days work was done and even contacted me late in the evening, when he should be home with his family, to give me a report on a problem I was having.

I consider Eric Peterson one of the best Plainville has to offer and count him as a friend. What makes a good cop, simple, caring about the men and women you work with and the people you serve.

Best of luck in the future and you have the love and respect of the people of your town!

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Taste Buzz

Easy Baked Pork Chops

The Easy Baked Pork Chops themselves are juicy on the inside and crispy on the outside, with just the right balance of savory and herbaceous flavors. *The taste of luxury never felt so simple!*

Ingredients

- 6 pork chops
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon seasoning salt, or to taste
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups Italian-style seasoned bread crumbs
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 (10.75-ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/3 cup white wine

Directions

Step 1
Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

Step 2
Season the pork chops with garlic powder and seasoning salt.

Step 3
Place the beaten eggs, flour, and bread crumbs in separate shallow bowls or plates.

Step 4

Dredge each pork chop in the flour, eggs, and breadcrumbs, in that order, being liberal with the breadcrumbs.

Step 5

In a medium skillet over medium-high heat on the stovetop, heat the olive oil.

Step 6

Fry the breaded pork chops until the breading becomes well browned, about 5 minutes per side.

Step 7

Transfer the pork chops to a 9x13-inch baking dish. Cover the dish with foil.

Step 8

Bake the pork chops for 1 hour.

Step 9

While the pork roasts, combine the cream of mushroom soup, milk, and white wine in a medium bowl.

Step 10

After the pork has finished its hour-long roast, peel back the foil and pour the sauce mixture over the chops.

Step 11

Replace the foil and continue roasting the pork for 30 minutes.

Step 12

Serve hot.

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Plainville girl first born at Hartford Hospital in 2022. The Plainville couple welcomed their baby, Alice at 2:34am on New Years Day. Alice is the daughter of Andressa and Leanro Ekuni. She weighed six pounds and four ounces. "Our whole family had bets if she was going to be born in 2021 or 2022. Well, to the ones that said 2022 you guys are the winners" Andressa and Leandro said.

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Schools in Review

TOFFOLON STUDENTS JOIN IN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



The Connecticut Association Of Schools recently held its annual Student Leadership Conference for fifth and sixth graders throughout Connecticut. Several Louis Toffolon Elementary School fifth graders were selected to participate in this virtual event. Featured are unique interactive lessons in communication, problem solving and decision making as well as productive thinking. The goals of the conference are to demonstrate and role model a multi-talent approach to helping students develop their leadership skills and qualities. Toffolon has participated in the conference for the past 14 years.

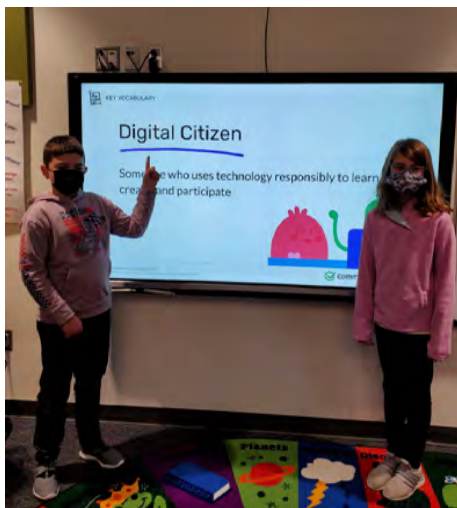
PHS ALUMNI DONATE TO PROGRAM



Future Plainville High School Learning Adventure Days received a boost, thanks to a generous donation from the PHS Classes of 1980 & 1981. The donation was collected at a recent reunion of the classes. The donation was presented to the Plainville High School Administration by PHS Class of 1981 Alumnus Christina Tufts and PHS Class of 1980 Alumnus Don Dellaquila.



WHEELER STUDENTS EXPLORE DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP



Students in the Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School Library, under the direction of faculty member Cyndi Giantonio, are exploring the importance of Digital Citizenship, staying safe online, & ways to establish a positive online community.

PHOTO 1: Everly Senick, Kylie Bermudez, Gianni D'Avanzo

PHOTO 2: Andrew Labowski, Reed Parks



GRANT SUPPORTS "ADOPT A PET"

The Elizabeth H Norton Trust Fund generously donated to Plainville Community Schools' "Adopt A Pet" Reading Partners program as they continue with the pen

pal-style this year. The Adopt A Pet program pairs an adult with a third-grade student to share the love of reading. Each student receives a new book each month to keep along with a note about the book from their reading partner. The students also receive a stuffed animal to adopt and take care of by reading to it each day. This grant provides the support to continue this connection and joy of reading during this challenging school year.

In Photo: Louis Toffolon Elementary School third grader and Reading Partners Program participant Connor Griswold

MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAMS PLACE IN COMPETITION



The Middle School of Plainville Robotics Teams, led by Advisor Camille Westfall, kicked off their season with a live remote match on January 8th. Thanks to support from the district's Technology Department, the MSP teams were able to see, hear, and talk with teams from New York, Canada, and across Connecticut while never leaving the Middle School. Two teams advanced to the finals round and ultimately placed 5th & 6th. The other two teams placed 14th & 16th out of 24 total teams.

GUEST READER VISITS WHEELER SCHOOL



Diana Lamenzo, Instructional Coach with CREC, recently served as a guest reader, sharing the story Pink is for Boys in Erica Kriscenski's Kindergarten class at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School. The students learned about and discussed gender stereotypes.

ADULT EDUCATION SUPPORTS PRUDENCE CRANDALL CENTER



Plainville Adult Education's Advisory Council provided a giving opportunity for students and staff. Staff member Nancy Cooperman kindly wrapped the abundant box, which will be sent to the Prudence Crandall Center.

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag....



WHEELER STUDENTS ENJOY "THE POLAR EXPRESS"

"PJ DAY FOR THE KIDS" SUPPORTS CHILDREN FIGHTING CANCER



Students in Emma Bartley's first grade class at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School recently enjoyed a read aloud, The Polar Express, featuring guest reader, Principal Andrew Batchelder. Principal Batchelder upheld his annual tradition of dressing up as one of the characters in the book and visiting each class at Wheeler to read to the students.

On December 10th, all Plainville schools participated in the statewide "PJ Day for the Kids" to support children fighting cancer at the Connecticut Children's Hospital in Hartford. Plainville schools and donations from the community totaled more than \$9,325. Each school's fundraising efforts were outstanding, helping to contribute to the significant donation. For the past several years, Plainville has been one of top supporters across the state, and this year's efforts put Plainville in the top 5 communities overall! On "PJ Day for the Kids", Louis Toffolon Elementary School received a visit from Kiss 95.7 DJ Adam Rivers. Each year on PJ Day, Rivers visits various schools around the state and brings Dunkin Donuts treats. This year, district staff coordinated a visit for him to surprise Toffolon first grader Adrianna Gerlat who is currently waging a brave fight against Leukemia. Rivers was able to visit the school, but unfortunately Adrianna had been admitted to the hospital for a period of time, a common protocol. Luckily, she was discharged a few days later, is doing well and as usual handling it all like a true fighter. When this happens, she is where she needs to be, getting the most quality care at Connecticut Children's. This is just one of the reasons "Why We PJ!" in Plainville Community Schools.

LINDEN STREET SCHOOL SPONSORS TOY DRIVE



Linden Street School's 5th grade Community Outreach Group sponsored a toy drive from November 29 - Dec 10, 2021. The students collected over 3 boxes full of toys to benefit the United Way of West Central Connecticut. With over 3,000 requests for toys this year, the United Way was grateful for the generosity of Linden's students and families, and students are learning to be part of unique opportunities that give back to their community.

JANUARY "PORTRAIT PIONEER" RECOGNIZED

DECEMBER "PORTRAIT PIONEER" ANNOUNCED

The January Plainville Community Schools' "Portrait Pioneer" award winner, Linden Street School Nurse Alisa Brochu, was recognized at the January 10th Plainville Board of Education meeting. Alisa was nominated by colleague Cindy Muller. 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.

The December Plainville Community Schools' "Portrait Pioneer" award winner, Plainville High School Culinary teacher Jonathan Dunlap, was recognized at the December 13th Plainville Board of Education meeting. Jonathan was nominated by Plainville High School student Andrew West. 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.

TOYS COLLECTED FOR CHARITY



In photo: Cindy Muller, Phil Brochu, Plainville Community Schools January Portrait Pioneer - Linden Street School Nurse Alisa Brochu, Plainville Board of Education Chair, Lori Consalvo, and Superintendent of Schools Steven LePage.

In photo: Plainville Community Schools December Portrait Pioneer - Plainville High School Culinary Arts teacher Jonathan Dunlap with family members Carrie, Nathan, Charlie and Theo Dunlap, Andrew West, Superintendent of Schools Steven LePage and Plainville Board of Education Chair, Lori Consalvo.



NOTICE...

MORE SCHOOL NEWS

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MSP ART CLUB DONATES ORNAMENTS TO SENIOR CENTER



The Art Club members at the Middle School of Plainville recently created a gift basket full of hand painted wooden snowman ornaments that were delivered to the Plainville Senior Center, as gifts for seniors in our community. Art teachers Laura Meehan and Lori Vigue run the MSP Art Club. Throughout the year, the Art Club's main focus is creating community service based art projects that benefit the Plainville Community Schools and the local community.

In photos Top Row L-R

Zoey Putnam, Jillian Chasse, Madison Bohn, Jasmine Labarda, Rehan Malik

Bottom Row L-R

Kaleigh Matos, Gianna Sylvester, Nolan Meehan, Ryann Dufresne, Arden Campbell

MSP HOSTS FAMILY "PAINT NIGHT"



Students, families and staff at the Middle School of Plainville came together on December 1st for a night of fun and creativity at MSP's "Paint Night". Art Teacher, Laura Meehan created step-by-step painting demonstrations for the group of painters to follow along. The participants created beautiful winter landscapes. This event was a fundraiser for the school's Parent Teacher Club.

PHS CHOIR PERFORMED AT HILL-STEAD MUSEUM



On December 4th, a select group of juniors and seniors from the Plainville High School choirs gathered at the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington, Connecticut to sing carols. "We were excited to be invited to sing at the Hill-Stead Museum's Holiday Boutique. This was our first public performance since the COVID situation started nearly two years ago," said Todd Helming, Director of the PHS choirs. Students performed a number of tunes including Jingle Bells, Deck the Halls, and Sleigh Ride. "This is the closest we've felt to normal in choir in a long time," shared senior Claudia Mizerek. "It is so exciting to be able to sing these songs live!" shared fellow senior Dakota Dinielli.

"We are restarting the tradition of having the PHS choirs perform and sing at community events now that we know how to sing safely during COVID. Caroling offers a great chance for students to connect with different community groups and events. Next year we hope to expand our calendar to include more local venues and add more winter tunes arranged by PHS alumni," said Helming.

Community Foundation Seeking Scholarship Applicants

Main Street Community Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2022-2023 academic year. A full list of scholarships available, their eligibility criteria and links to the online applications are available on the Foundation website:

www.mainstreetfoundation.org.

The deadline for all scholarship applications is March 11, 2022.

These scholarships are available to graduating seniors, current college students and adults returning to school who are or will be attending two or four year colleges as well as technical schools and career certification programs. There are also a few scholarships available for students attending elementary and secondary private schools in Bristol.

Each scholarship has unique eligibility criteria established by the donor. Donors are individuals, families, businesses or other organizations that seek to assist students in pursuing their education and career goals and dreams; they have a belief that helping students ease the financial obligations of education is an investment in the future.

KIDS IN THE MIDDLE PROGRAM STUDENTS VISIT INDIAN ROCK NATURE CENTER



Students in the Kids in the Middle Program at the Middle School of Plainville participated in two service projects in November—raking leaves, weeding flower beds and grooming horses at the US Horse Welfare and Rescue in Avon and the Indian Rock Nature Center in Bristol. The Kids in the Middle Program is sponsored by Plainville's Youth Services Department.

Check out the Scholarship FAQs page on the Foundation's website or contact Samantha Rajotte, Scholarship & Program Officer, at samantha@mainstreetfoundation.org or 860.583.6363 to request more information.

The Main Street Community Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for both present and future generations in the communities served by encouraging and promoting gift planning, prudent stewardship of assets, effective grantmaking and community leadership. A nonprofit public charity, created by private citizens, the foundation works with donors in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott who wish to build permanent charitable endowments to support their communities. Since its founding in 1995, the foundation has provided over \$22.3 million in grants and scholarships.

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To Your Health

Have a Heart!

In February, we honor our precious heart in the following ways.

- Wear Red Day - highlighting heart health for women.
- Valentine's Day - focused on heartfelt love and affection.
- Healthy Heart Month - motivating Americans to adopt healthy lifestyles to prevent heart disease.

Our heart tirelessly pumps blood through our body to provide oxygen and nutrients throughout our body.

The heart is a strong, steady dependable worker, beating about 35 million times in a year

A healthy lifestyle can help to prevent cardiovascular disease by keeping that heart ticking the way it was meant to. It is a muscle and you know what can happen if you let your muscles deteriorate.

Clearly, we need to give this most important muscle in our body the love, attention and care it deserves.

Here are some ways you can protect your heart in February

Enjoy more plant based foods in their natural form.

- Are you like 87% of Americans that don't eat enough vegetables? Eating just 3-5 servings of vegetables and 2-4 servings of fruit/day can lower your risk of heart disease. It's always preferable to eat seasonal, local food. Since this is more challenging in the winter season, you can substitute the frozen varieties. I like to freeze the summer harvest of strawberries and blueberries while they were plentiful, delicious and cost effective.
- Add in more winter veggies, such as Kale and Collard Greens, or Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Broccoli, Carrots or Turnips to your diet. Look for opportunities to increase the amount of greens that you eat each day. I plan to add Kale and Strawberries to my smoothie tomorrow morning.
- Enjoy light, warming and nutritious meals. Root vegetables and legumes can easily be made into delicious soups. Just start with a base of olive or coconut oil, garlic, onions and go from there. Add water or stock, some spices (turmeric and ginger are especially warming) and vegetables. If you like a creamier soup, put all the

cooked ingredients in a blender (a little at a time) and then add some pumpkin seeds to top it off.

Get Moving

- In the winter, we are prone to gain weight because it is cold, we are more sedentary and we crave high carb, comfort foods. This year, due to COVID, we spent more time in doors, in sedentary Zoom meetings and have experienced higher levels of fear and anxiety due to the unknowns and being cut off from the many things we enjoy. Take a small step each day to move and connect more with others. It will help your heart and your love of life.

Reduce Stress

- Herbal teas can help. My favorites are lemon-ginger, chamomile and linden. They can warm your hands, your tummy and help you feel calm. It can also reduce cravings for those sweet treats. Deep breathing, laughing, and meditation/yoga can help as well.

Volunteering is another idea.

We just got through the most sugar laden time of the year – the holidays.

Now faced with Valentine's Day, it's time to reduce the amount of the white stuff that raises blood sugar levels and contribute to inflammation, a leading cause of heart disease.

Not easy, but worth it.

Have a heart when communicating with yourself and others.

Be Kind, Spread Happiness.

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Linda Coveney

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registration is required for all classes.

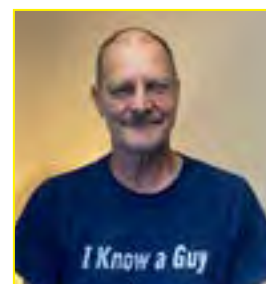
The Program Guide will be mailed to all Plainville residents, mid-February. For further information, please call Plainville Adult and Continuing Education: (860)793-3209 or visit: www.plainvilleschools.org/departments/adult_ed

Enrichment Class List:

- *Advanced Foundations of Excel
- *Basic Estate Planning
- *Beginning Spanish-Conversational
- *Boot Camp for New Dads
- *Computer Skills for Beginners
- *CT Security Officer License Training with Certification
- *English and Grammar Usage for High School Graduates
- *How Money Works
- *Marketing
- *Math for High School Graduates
- *Personal Finance
- *Snorkeling for Fun
- *Tai Chi for Health
- *The Heartsaver Program with Certification (CPR)
- *Zumba with Stacie

IF I KNOW A GUY

By: Myke Roy



So, 2021 is in the rear view mirror. I don't know about you, but I am happy to put last year behind me. Although 2021 was a stellar year for my company, it was not what I would call a great year for our country. We started the year with the breach of the White House.

Shortly after, Joe Biden was sworn in as the 46th President of the United States. (Before I go any further I would like to ask a favor of you.) Whether you agree or disagree with the outcome of this or future elections, please don't disrespect the office of the Presidency. Remember, all of the other countries in the world are watching. I have been through many Presidencies, and I have disagreed with more than one of the policies, but I have never had a bumper sticker or flag saying negative things about our Commander in Chief. Rather than put them down, why don't we pray that God watches over them? The best thing we can do is to work extremely hard in the upcoming election cycles to remove the people from office who we don't agree with and replace them with people we do agree with.

Wow! Where did that come from?

This is supposed to be a column to help you save money on home maintenance. So why don't I get off my soapbox and do my job?

Here are seven things you can do to make your life easier and save a few bucks.

1. Clean your garbage disposal. Run crushed ice through the disposal to sharpen the blades. Then, run baking soda and a couple of lemons through it to freshen everything up.
2. Test your sump pump by adding water to the pit and confirm the pump ejects as it is designed to.
3. If you have an automatic ice maker and it is making hollow ice

that is probably a sign of build-up underneath the fridge. This happened to one of my clients and she ended up paying an appliance repair man \$200 to come out and vacuum under her fridge.

4. Check for ice dams and icicles on your roof. Try to remove at least the lower four feet from the roof edge immediately after every storm with a roof rake. (By the way, this is a sign of poor insulation and inadequate ventilation in your attic.)

5. Maybe it's time to go through your food pantry and make sure nothing in there is getting ready to expire. If it is, you may want to make a menu so that you can use it up before it's too late. After all, it was only a great deal when it was a sale if you don't end up throwing it away.

6. Make sure you don't have a faucet that drips or a toilet that continues to run, or just runs periodically. Even a small drip can cost you over \$100 in a twelve month period.

7. Start planning a garden. Even if you don't have much land you can plant certain vegetables in five gallon pails. Not only will it save you a few dollars, it can be therapeutic. Sometimes it is a good thing when you can escape the day to day grind and do something different.

Thank you so much for allowing me to come into your home and for taking the time read this column.

And, as always, when you are asked where you are getting this outstanding information, just tell them:

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And never ever forget,
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Plainville Adult and Continuing Education: *It's never too late to return to school!*

Plainville Adult and Continuing Education offers evening programming, free of cost, this spring in the following areas: Adult Basic Education (Math and Reading/Writing), Adult High School Credit Diploma Program, Citizenship Preparation, English as a Second Language, and GED Preparation. Most programs are offered mornings too, with cost-free child care provided by professionals from the Plainville Family Resource Network, at Linden Street School.

Plainville Adult and Continuing Education's Spring enrichment course offerings (see class list) are held evenings and moderately priced. Pre-

True Detectives: How Physical Therapists Use Clues and Leads to Crack the Case of Your Pain

you will sit down with a trained clinician who will listen to you to find out, in your own words, where the affected area is, how severe the pain is and what you think the cause may be.

Based on what you tell us about your pain, your PT will form a hypothesis on what they suspect is causing your pain and test it by completing a thorough evaluation. We will take measurements for range of motion, strength, flexibility, etc. and may complete a functional movement evaluation, which will assess how the injury/pain is affecting your movement.

PINPOINTING THE CULPRIT AND SETTING A PLAN OF ACTION

After completing all the tests, your physical therapist will narrow down on a diagnosis, taking into account your description and the physical evaluation. Once they've found the probable culprit, they'll educate you about the results and work with you to set goals and create plan of action to decrease pain, improve mobility and address other functional limitations. Each case is different, so our PTs create an individual plan for every person that they evaluate.

CRACKING THE CASE WITH ATTENTION TO DETAIL

Physical therapists are as thorough as possible when

evaluating patient, spending a full hour with each person in order to get as many details as possible. This comprehensive approach and goal-oriented treatment is what makes PT so effective. Just like with a great detective, cases can only be solved if every potential lead is considered, and each situation is treated as unique and worthy of attention. It may seem daunting at first, but physical therapists are masterminds at getting people back to doing what they love using their extensive knowledge and experience.

Wouldn't it be great to prevent an injury before it even happens? What most people don't know is that physical therapists don't only treat pain, they can also help prevent it...almost like preventing a crime before it occurs! If you're dealing with any nagging pain, immobility, recurring injury, or aches that just won't seem to go away, it can never hurt to reach out to us at Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers of Plainville to see how they can get you feeling better. Centrally located in Plainville on East Main Street we are close by and here for you when you need us. *Give us a call at 860-517-8885 or contact us through our website www.PTSMC.com/Plainville and we'll get you on the path to feeling your best!*

If you've never experienced physical therapy before, you might not know how physical therapists figure out what's causing your pain so they can create the best plan to address it.

Physical therapists are detectives of the body. They're specialists in understanding our musculoskeletal system (i.e.: our muscles, joints, and bones), and can pinpoint what may be causing you pain, discomfort and/or injury. Physical therapists focus on identifying and treating the causes of pain instead of masking them with pain medication.

USING CLUES TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY

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Ask the Brayne...

- Q. What makes the Moon shine?
A. The moon shines because the light from the sun hits its surface and is reflected to us. We only see one side of the moon from the earth.
- Q. Is it true Robert Lee will stay as Town Manager until the council hires his replacement.
A. Yes, it is true! He will be working remotely from his home in Florida and will commute twice a month to his office in Plainville. This should take about two or three months to hire a Town Manager. With Town Manager Lee's assistance the Town Council surely appreciates it.
- Q. The new group P.A.W.S. is having a Fund Raiser to help animals. Do you know what and when it will take place?
A. Now and see Page 39 for details.
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.
Thank you for this issue questions. Please keep them coming!
"Happy Valentine's Day"..... Bill Brayne

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JANUARY PROGRAM

WOMENS CLUB OF PLAINVILLE

Bitter cold presided over a meeting January 15 of several past members, past presidents and friends of the Woman's Club of Plainville. Attendance was somewhat diminished because some who planned to attend were under Covid quarantine. With roots down to the Alpha Girls in 1913, when 6 wives of local industrial magnates gathered in the mansions on Farmington Ave., and decided to improve literacy in Plainville. They created a library room in the Town Hall for starters and eventually planned and built the Library building, presenting it to the town in 1931, debt free. The club reached a peak membership near 100 and a nationwide outreach through affiliation with the General Federation of Woman's Clubs in 1948; ending with a membership of 6, awash in a changing culture and a new generation of women. The final report and statement of accounts was presented for the record.

A lovely tribute bouquet, so well-deserved, was presented to Gertrude LaCombe, citing her faithful leadership of the Historical Society through these perilous and sad last few years.

Now is a great time to become a member of the Plainville Historical Society as it enters reorganization. You are so welcome. Contact us at our e-mail address and you will hear from-- guess who? – Gert LaCombe.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Historical Society welcomes a new year and sends all good wishes. The office continues to be staffed on Monday and Wednesday mornings after 10 and before noon (excepting holidays). The best way to reach us is by e-mail, faithfully monitored by Gert LaCombe. For general information check our website and facebook posting, both managed by Rosemary Morante, Publicity Chair.

February is National Black History month and Gail Williams is preparing a program honoring Plainville's black history. The public is cordially invited to attend. We will continue to plan for careful Covid restrictions and this requires that you wear a mask and that you secure your safe seat by e-mail. Small group seating can be arranged upon your request. Distanced capacity will be strictly limited.

A brand new year is always ripe with projections, but this is also a time for remembering.

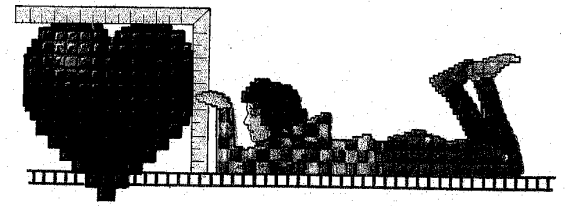
DULY NOTED

Congratulations to Ed Pratt on his recent 100th birthday. The Historical Society recognizes gratefully the many years of service and support given by him and his wife, Jean.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM PLAINVILLE'S BLACK HERITAGE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19 AT 2 P.M. THE PLAINVILLE HISTORIC CENTER

29 PIERCE STREET
PLAINVILLE, CT 06062

Presented by Gail Williams - Historian



I'm squareing up this heart of mine
For her who'll be my VALENTINE.

VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 14

HOLIDAY OF LOVE

During the WWII years, Wright's roadhouse on Farmington Ave., where the Day Break Senior Care Center stands now, was a mecca of fine dining, dancing and professional entertainment. On Valentine's Day, it would be extra special and booked to capacity. Live big band music in the elegant Lady Margaret Room would be romantic, the food and service superb and, no doubt, a vocalist from New York would complete a perfect evening with your sweetheart.

Remembering... Kay's Gag Shop

PRESIDENT'S DAY

FEBRUARY 21

HOLIDAY OF HONOR

Ever since George Washington, as a child, chopped down a cherry tree with his little hatchet and then admitted it because he was unable to "tell a lie," cherry pie has been the traditional dessert of choice on his birthday, February 22. The updated celebration, now a three-day holiday on the third Monday, honors all presidents who have served. It's an awesome job.

Close to our heart is President Calvin Coolidge, whose son John married Florence Trumbull, daughter of then Governor John Trumbull, right here in the Congregational Church on September 23, 1929. A reception was held at the Trumbull mansion on Farmington Avenue. Pictures and an account of this day is easily found when you Google it. The Plainville Historical Society has the wedding dress.

Washington's Birthday was celebrated here on February 22, 1922 [according to the archived news of the Herald] with a Grammar School debate between Grade 8A and Grade 8B. The subject: "Resolved that George Washington was a greater man in history than Abraham Lincoln." The result is not recorded. The school was later named the Broad St. School when the Linden St. School was built. It was renamed the Ann V. Tarrant School in honor of a beloved, long term Principal. The building now is called the Tarrant House, apartments for senior citizens.

Remembering... "During the Presidential campaign season of 1940, candidate for President Wendell Willkie came to Plainville. His motorcade came down West Main St. from the Congregational Church area toward the center of town. I went to the corner of Pierce St. and West Main to stand in front of the original Plainville Trust Co. where I saw him pass through." ...Sal SantaCroce

Paradise Lost

By Sally Miller

Merriam-Websters' definition of Paradise is a very beautiful pleasant place that seems to be perfect

I mourned my childhood after I became an adult. I hadn't even realized that I was in a Paradise during my childhood and therefore didn't appreciate

it until it was lost. Paradise included the excitement and delight of my first bike, first best friend, first new food tasted, Mom's special hugs and kisses, the excitement of holidays and much more. When I became an adult, I had to cook for myself, wash my own clothes. I had to get a job and had to pay for transportation and there were consequences to my playtime. I was no longer carefree. I could no longer open the fridge and get my goodies because if non one put them in the fridge I had to buy them and store them myself. If I wanted to go somewhere, I had to pay for transportation of some kind: bus, buy a car, pay for a cab, etc. **Paradise Lost!**

Finally I became accustomed to adulthood and found a new Paradise. I finally didn't have to ask for permission to do anything. I could go anywhere without having to ask permission. I could eat anything I wanted, whenever I wanted. I could choose my own friends and I was able to travel anywhere I wished. "Paradise Found", I thought to myself. I traveled to many countries, had loads of friends, great car and all the freedom in the world...then I got married and that period was over.

Paradise Lost!

New Paradise Found.

My husband, new home, new friends and adorable baby in my life. Paradise Found. During the years, that Paradise also became lost.

The Real Paradise Found

This pandemic has probably put this into a true reality for all of us. It has made us sit up and take notice and realize the Paradise we had a few weeks, months ago and appreciate it more. Now there is no more hugging of friends and family or, getting together and enjoying each other. I have personally lost family and friends during this period. I have waited for phone calls from nursing homes, hospitals and family members regarding health of family and friends. I have attended more funerals and memorial services than at any time in my life. But I finally found the true Paradise. It lives within me and you. It is who we are and what we are about. The things that sustain me and make my Paradise today are the things that I thought I had lost as I moved from childhood to adulthood and on. While sitting here in quarantine, I know that my Paradise is being able to think back to my first bike, Mom's kiss on my cheek, my first friend, my childhood, adulthood, children's births, grandchildren's college graduation and groups of friends who stay in touch by phone and small gatherings. I have found out that I carry Paradise in my heart and in my soul everyday but now appreciate what it is and cherish it much more. Paradise is your own personal happiness and personal pleasant place that seems to be perfect at the time.

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Plainville Senior Center ~ East Street

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OBITUARIES

~ Charles R. Kraut ~



85, of Newington, formerly of Plainville, was reunited with the love of his life, Diane (Dagata) Kraut, on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

Charlie was born in Bridgeport on July 25, 1936 to the late Charles W. and Kathryn Kraut. He graduated

from New Britain High School and went on to serve in the U.S. Navy. After his honorable discharge, Charlie worked at the Fafnir Bearing company for many years. When Fafnir closed, Charlie worked for The Home Depot on the Berlin Turnpike until he retired. Charlie was an avid woodworker and loved to create keepsakes for family members that were one of a kind. Charlie was a lifelong fan of the New York Giants football and never missed a UConn basketball game.

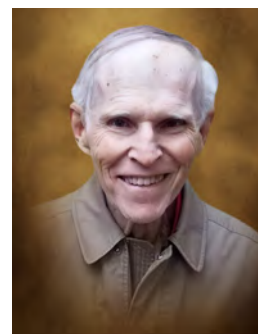
Charlie was preceded in death by his wife for over 60 years, Diane, this past June; his brother, James Kraut, and his brother-in-law James Doyle.

Charlie is survived by his sons Charles Kraut Jr. of Berlin, Michael and his wife Carlyle Kraut of Pahrump, NV, Kevin and his wife Jeanne of Farmington, and his daughter Kathryn Kraut of Newington. He is also survived by his grandchildren of whom he was most proud: Jayme Kraut, Michael Kraut Jr., Katelyn Kraut, Sean Kraut, Kyle Kraut, and Olivia and Robert Ciaffaglione, along with his great grandson Cooper Kraut, his sister Nan Doyle of New Britain, and his sister-in-law Judy Kraut of Calabash, NC.

In lieu of flowers, Charlie may be remembered with contributions to Hartford Association for Retarded Citizens, 900 Asylum Ave, MS 1002, Hartford, CT 06105 or at <http://www.harc-ct.org>

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Charlie's life was held at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 183 Church St, Newington. Committal services and military honors followed at St. Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Kraut family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit Charlie's tribute page at www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

~ John I. Vaillancourt ~



83, passed away peacefully on January 6, 2022, at The Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain, in the loving arms of his daughter Cheryl, son in law Chris, and niece Linnea. He was the loving Husband of the late Linda (Draper) Vaillancourt for 55 years.

John was born on November 27, 1938 in Brewer, ME to the late John Vaillancourt and Marjory (Perkins) Vaillancourt.

John was a fierce entrepreneur, and despite not finishing college, went on to become part owner of an insurance company, golf course, and bowling alley. He had a passion for playing golf, bowling, skiing, and spending time with his family, cats, and friends. Anyone who met him could see his zest for life and he will be dearly missed by many.

John is survived by his daughter Cheryl Jackson and her husband Christopher of Avon and his grandson, Griffin. In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by his sons Darryl and Todd Vaillancourt.

The family received visitors at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville. Funeral services and burial at St. Joseph Cemetery in Plainville will be private.

Memorial donations can be made in John's name to The Connecticut Humane Society.

The Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville has been entrusted with arrangements.

~ Lois (Hiltbold) Lindskog ~



92, of Plainville, passed away peacefully at Bristol Hospital on Wednesday, January 20, 2022. She was the wife of the late Ernest Lindskog.

Born in New Britain on August 27, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Nora Hiltbold.

Lois was a lifelong Plainville resident where she and Ernest settled to raise their family. Some of her hobbies include painting and reading, and she spent many years volunteering for the Red Cross. A proud grandmother, she enjoyed watching her family grow for three generations.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Kenneth and Karen Lindskog of Plainville; her two grandsons, Gregg Lindskog, his wife Nivedita and their children, Asha, Mira and Nathan; Aaron Lindskog, his wife Aimee and their daughters, Keira and Quinn, and her brother David Hiltbold of Florida. She was predeceased by her sister, Evelyn Kuziak, and leaves a nephew and nieces.

In lieu of flowers, Lois may be remembered with contributions to the charity of the donors choice.

Lois' family will celebrate her life privately. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Lindskog family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Ronald Thomas Mangene ~



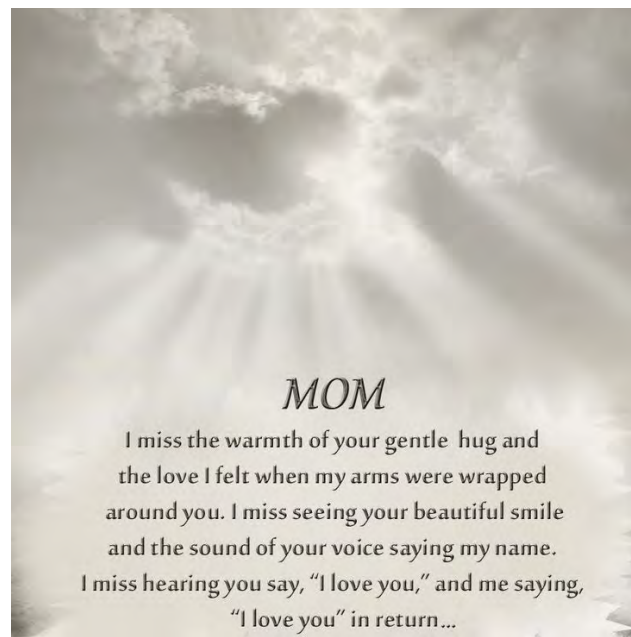
57, of Plainville passed away unexpectedly on December 9, 2021 in the comfort of his home.

Ronald was born on May 9, 1964 in Hartford, CT one of seven children to the late Jerrico and Mary (Marchant) Mangene. He was a quiet man, who led a simple life,

keeping to himself mostly. Ronald was a die-hard Yankees fan and an avid sports card collector. He enjoyed the outdoors and found peace in maintaining the landscaping and gardening at his home. His love for his family was profound and his siblings will forever miss his presence as they cherish the memories they have shared over the years.

Ronald is survived by his six siblings, Paul Mangene, of Plainville, Edward Mangene, of West Hartford, Lynn Mangene, of Farmington, Susan Mangene, of Plainville, Joanne Mangene and her spouse David Cordero, of Bristol, and James Mangene, of Enfield. In addition he leaves behind several nieces and nephews.

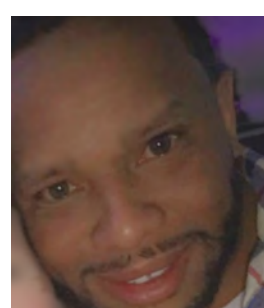
Services in celebration of Ronald's life will be held at a later date to be announced. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville extends their gratitude to the Mangene family for their trust. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com.



MOM

I miss the warmth of your gentle hug and the love I felt when my arms were wrapped around you. I miss seeing your beautiful smile and the sound of your voice saying my name. I miss hearing you say, "I love you," and me saying, "I love you" in return...

~ Chance Chapman Mack ~



36, passed away Saturday January 1, 2022. Chance was the only son of late, Janice Denise Mack and the grandson of the late Mary Emma Barnett. Chance had a big heart and was deliberate about bringing joy and laughter into the room. He had an enormous

capacity to love and to make everyone around him feel loved. Chance was known for his playful spirit, his sinister laugh, and his infectious smile. Chance Chapman grew up in Plainville and graduated from Plainville High School.

Chance had many talents. He was an incredible artist and critical thinker. At a very young age he was intrigued by traffic, he would watch and study the traffic, and would often be at risk of getting himself in the middle of traffic. He later graduated to map making, he knew how to get everywhere and would draw maps for hours. Chance was also a talented musician, playing an array of West African Drums, and later transitioning to the traditional drum set.

Chance was quietly unique and extremely funny. The things that interested him he did over and over and over. Chance made it his business to make people laugh. He played basketball, loved football and all things eaten required ketchup. Chance was extremely intelligent and loved what he loved. He was an avid 49er's fan and loved all things 49ers. He was an original PEPster, today known as the Queen Ann Nzinga Center, where he actively participated in the program from kindergarten through high school. He attended Redeemer's A.M.E. Zion Church and sang in the children's choir, was a Bud and a Youth, played drums for the Children's, Jubilee, Senior and Mass Choirs. He was always helpful and loved helping the younger kids in church.

The rhythm and light shined by Chance Chapman will be missed by all that knew and experienced him. Chance is survived by his three sisters, Patrice Patterson, Antoinette, and Antoniah Cummings, second Mother Dayna R. Snell, his Godmother Arlene Collins Guerrier, his best friend Kenny Broderick and a host of close family and friends. He was predeceased by his adoring mother, Janice Denise Mack, and his loving grandmother, Mary Emma Barnett.

In lieu of flowers, Chance may be remembered with contributions to the Queen Ann Nzinga Center, <https://www.qanc.org/donate>

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Chance's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, followed by committal services at West Cemetery in Plainville where he will be laid to rest with his mother.

BURIAL RIGHTS FOR ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

If you have a grave plot in the cemetery, please contact the Cemetery Office at 860.747.6825 to name the person who will have burial rights of your plot after you pass. At St. Joseph Cemetery we allow three cremains to be buried on top of a full body in one 4' x 8' grave. We need on file who will have the rights to make those decisions.

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.

VALENTINE CUPCAKE DECORATING CLASS

THURSDAY, FEB. 3, 10:00 A.M. COST: \$5.00

SIGN-UP BEGAN.

INSTRUCTOR: MINI CAKES DECORATING SCHOOL

Each student will learn to decorate 1 dozen cupcakes (6 chocolate and 6 vanilla) with vanilla buttercream icing.

You will learn how to use a piping bag, mix colors and basic decorating techniques. Everyone will be given a cupcake container to go home with. Learn something new while enjoying delicious cupcakes for yourself or COVID-19 BOOSTER CLINIC FOR PLAINVILLE to share!

VINTAGE VALENTINES

MONDAY, FEB. 14, 10:00 A.M.

COST: FREE! CALL TO REGISTER OR SIGN UP ONLINE

You're invited to an in-person gathering to see and hear about a collection of vintage Valentines which are owned by one of our members, Joyce Goldberg. The oldest one was her mother's first Valentine from 1916. You are certain to recognize many Valentine's from your own childhood. Please join us on Monday, Feb. 14, at 10:00 a.m. To register, call the Senior Center or go online.

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.

MASK REQUIREMENTS

Due to Plainville continuing to be in the Red High Transmission Zone for two consecutive weeks, masks are required for all persons in Town buildings. and applies to all regardless of vaccination status.

Any individual with COVID-like symptoms or recent exposure to someone testing positive should not enter Town buildings.

Plainville continues to see consecutive weeks with an Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases in the Red High-Transmission Zone. Please check the Town's website www.plainvillect.com or postings at the Senior Center entryway for updates. We continue to welcome you to the Senior Center.

IT'S A SNAP TO INCREASE YOUR FOOD BUDGET & EARN A CHANCE TO WIN A FOOD BASKET RAFFLE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 10:00 A.M. COST: FREE!

TO REGISTER, CALL THE SENIOR CENTER OR SIGN UP ONLINE

Join Katie Pachkovsky, Community Outreach Coordinator, for a SNAP 101 Information Session. All who attend will be entered to win a healthy food basket! Katie will explain:

- * What the SNAP program is.
- How to apply for SNAP with the EHC! (End Hunger Connecticut) Call Center.
- What you can and cannot purchase with SNAP benefits.
- Q&A with a focus on frequently asked questions and mythbusting.

AMERICAN QUEEN PADDLEBOAT MARCH 6-14, 2022.

Cruise from New Orleans to Memphis and let the American Queen introduce you to the American South. From \$3,198 includes air & travel. Flyers available at the Senior Center. One night in New Orleans with sightseeing tour, Nottoway Plantation, St. Francisville, LA, Natchez, MS, Vicksburg, MS, Greenville, TN, Memphis. Transportation to Bradley Airport. Unlimited beverage package. Entertainment, daily lectures by the Riverlorian, award-winning cuisine, gracious service, Friendship Tours escort throughout the trip. Call Friendship Tours at (860)243-1630.

INCOME TAX PREPARATION — SIGN-UP STARTED FOR FEBRUARY APPOINTMENTS

The Plainville Senior Center is pleased to announce that it will once again host AARP Tax-Aide, a free program that provides income tax preparation assistance by certified volunteer tax counselors for low to moderate income taxpayers of all ages with special attention for persons aged 60 and older. The dates for 2022 (tax returns for calendar year 2021) are every Tuesday beginning Tuesday, February 1, and ending Tuesday, April 12. Tax preparation is by appointment only. The Senior Center began taking appointments. To schedule your Tax Preparation appointment, please call the Senior Center.

GET HELP PAYING YOUR WATER BILLS

The Connecticut Low Income Water Assistance Program is now open. Get help paying your water bills. Households with one person who have a maximum annual income of \$39,027 and a two-person household maximum income of \$51,035 can qualify for this one-time water assistance benefit. There is no asset limit. Help is available for both drinking water and wastewater bills. To apply online, go to: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DSS/Highlights/Water-Assistance/CTEnergy-and-Water-Assistance-Application-rev-Nov-2021.pdf> or contact the Human Resources Agency of New Britain (HRA) at (860)356-2000. If you have any further questions or need help applying, contact Stephanie at (860)747-5728.

Senior Center is looking for on-call drivers for our Dial-a-Ride Program.

Drivers must have a CDL or F-endorsement in order to drive our wheelchair lift-equipped bus. Training and hourly wage provided. Hourly range between \$15.50—\$16.61. Hours are on-call to assist when regularly scheduled drivers are out or when the schedule is busy and more drivers are required to assist with rides. F-endorsement is now easier to obtain and can be done without going to DMV and can be completed in two weeks. Contact Shawn or Ronda at the Senior Center for more information or visit www.plainvillect.com for an application.

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Free Vaccination Clinic ~ SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12th 2022 1PM - 6PM

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 Please bring a health insurance card and photo ID if you have them, but it is not necessary to have health insurance or ID to receive the vaccine. No one will be turned away for lack of insurance or ID.
 For questions of more information, please contact the Church Office at 860-747-1901 or via email at churchoffice@uccplainville.org.

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Worship Services -
Rev. Dr. Shelley D. Best
 Sunday School.....9:00-9:40 a.m.
 Praise & Worship.....9:45-10:00
 Church Service....10:00 a.m.
Bible Study
 Wednesday..11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Board Meetings
 Senior Ushers (1st Sat before 1st Sun) 11a.m.
 Gladys Floyds Missionary Society (2nd Sun)
 Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)
 Lay Council (1st & 3rd Sat) 9:30 a.m.
 Christian Education (3rd Tues) 7:00 p.m.
 Men's Meeting (2nd/4th Sat) 9:30 a.m.
 PEP (Every Sat) 1:00-4:00 p.m.
 Trustee/Steward (9:30 a.m. & 2nd Mon. of May)
Choir Practice
 Senior (Sat before 1st Sun) 5:00 pm
 Jubilee (Sat before 2nd/4th Sun) 5:00 pm
 Mass/Youth choirs (Mon after 1st/2nd Sun) 7:00 pm

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Teen Night 5:30 - 8pm, Feb. 5,
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Social Justice Committee Meeting
Feb, 7th @ 7pm
19 S. Canal St., Plainville

 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 Feb. 13, 8:30 - 10:30am,

 Blood Drive Feb. 25th, 9a - 2p,
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FEBRUARY SCHEDULE SUNDAY SERVICES

WORSHIP TIME 10:00AM

REGULAR EVENTS

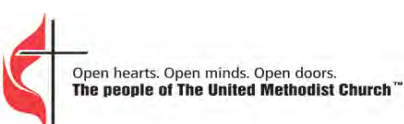
Tuesday Ladies Tues., 9:30 AM
 AA.....Sun,, 7 PM
 Single Purpose Women's Group,.....
 Sat. 9:30 AM
 Boys Scouts.....Thur. 7 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday, February 6, 10 AM

WE ARE OPEN for in-person worship. Everyone is required to wear a mask. We will continue to offer the worship experience virtually on Facebook via this link:
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 Rev. Dr. Jim Caron, Pastor

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- To Grow in GRACE
- To Understand the BIBLE/
Apply it to our lives
- To reach others for JESUS
- To be committed to the GOSPEL:

Jesus died, was buried and rose again on the 3rd day. (He LIVES)

Sunday Service: 10 am

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Bible Study: Tuesday

@ 7 pm by Zoom/in person

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Jesus

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OBITUARIES

~ Betty Marion White Ludden ~

Betty White was an American actress and comedian. A pioneer of early television, with a career spanning over seven decades, White was noted for her vast work in the entertainment industry and being one of the first women to work both in front of and behind the camera.

Spouse: Allen Ludden (m. 1963–1981), Lane Allen (m. 1947–1949),

Dick Barker (m. 1945–1945) Trending

Born: January 17, 1922, Oak Park, IL

Died: December 31, 2021, Brentwood, Los Angeles, CA

Parents: Tess Curtis White, Horace Logan White

She poked fun at herself, expressed joy in her friendships, sampled youth culture, and was game for anything so long as it sparked delight. Betty White became an exemplar, an aspiration, for people who not only want to live long, but want to live better. To live with love, forgiveness, kindness and hope.

~ Kenneth Wholey ~

Kenneth Wholey of Plainville passed away January 3rd, 2022, after a period of declining health. Kenneth was born in Newport, RI on April 8, 1935.

He attended St. Mary's School and DiLaSalle High School graduating in 1956. He then served four years in the Air Force.

He went on to become a Machinist at Corbin Russwin where he worked from 1968 to 2005.

Kenneth's greatest passion was photography. He helped many with portfolio pictures.

He was predeceased by his Parents, Tim and Margaret as well as his two older brothers Grant and Glen.

Due to covid Ken relied on the kind hearts of Ingraham manor for his comfort. He will be missed by long time good friend Gladys Roy.

There is no service scheduled at this time.

~ Joseph R. Binette ~



"Roger", 94, of Plainville, CT, passed away Friday, December 24, 2021 at Ledgecrest Healthcare Center in Berlin. Roger was born in New Britain on November 25, 1927, to the late Henri Binette and Delphine (Leroux) Binette. He was the beloved husband of the late Aimee

Binette.

Roger served his country honorably and proudly in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Upon his honorable discharge from military service, Roger began working as a foreman for Fafnir Bearing Company in New Britain. He worked there for 40 years, until his retirement in 1983. Roger enjoyed gardening, playing cards, and was a talented wood worker. He will be remembered for his happy disposition; he was always smiling, for being kind and considerate, and for always putting others first. He will be missed beyond words.

Roger is survived by his son Marc Binette (Maria) of East Hartford, two daughters, Aline Giroux (Maurice) of Littleton, CO, and Joyce Wheaton (David) of Plainville; five grandchildren; Jennifer O'Brien, Jacob Wheaton, Dylan Wheaton, Alec Binette, and Colin Binette, and two great grandchildren; McKenna O'Brien and Delaney O'Brien. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife Aimee, his sister Aline Binette, and a granddaughter Melissa Giroux.

A Mass of Christian Burial with graveside committal service will be held at a later date-likely this coming spring/summer. The Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville has been entrusted with Joseph's arrangements.

~ Jennie (Palumbo) Asensio ~



93, of Plainville, beloved wife of the late Alfonso Asensio, passed away peacefully on Monday January 3, 2022.

The daughter of the late Mary (Palumbo) and John Palumbo, Jennie spent her early years in New Britain before settling with her husband in Plainville where

she worked full time while raising her family.

Jennie's greatest joy was being a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and she relished in hearing everything going on in the lives of her family. Jennie also loved to entertain her many family members and friends. Her home was always full of the smells from her love of cooking and the sounds of her laughter and was the gathering place where many memorable times with family and friends were shared; from holiday parties to setback games, the great times were plentiful and will be forever cherished. Her laughter will forever be remembered in the many lives she touched.

She leaves her two sons, Richard and his partner, Chau Nguyen of CA and Robert and Susan of MA; her grandchildren, Lauren (Chris) Demake, Jill (Thomas) Olsen, and Robert Asensio; her great-grandchildren, Dominic, William, Renee, and Anna. She is also survived by many relatives that held a special place in her heart, including her niece Joni Hamel and her cousin Josephine Bianca. In addition to her husband of 68 years, she was predeceased by her beloved sisters, Rose Greco Forgione and Caroline Mascarucci, as well as her dear friends Bonnie Higgins and Roberta Bosco.

The family would like to acknowledge the wonderful loving care she received from Candida Gomes, and the teams at Anthology of Farmington, and Trinity Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, Jennie may be remembered with contributions to the Trinity Healthcare Hospice at www.trinityhealthathome.org

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St, Plainville. Committal followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Asensio family for their trust.com

~ Maryange (Veilleux) Boilard ~



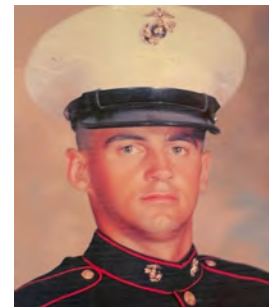
89, of Plainville, passed away Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at the Hospital of Central CT in Southington surrounded by her devoted family. She is now reunited with her loving husband Marcel R.J. Boilard. Together they shared 62 wonderful years of marriage. Maryange was born in Williamstown, Vermont one

of twelve children to the late Charles and Florence (Rancourt) Veilleux. She was a resident of Plainville for many years and a faithful communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church, where she formerly served on the Ladies Guild. In addition, Maryange was a member of the Saint Anthony's Society. Maryange was a talented acrylic painter and enjoyed playing Bingo and cards. A woman full of faith, love and devotion, Maryange will be missed by her loved ones as they forever cherish the memories they have shared over the years.

Maryange is survived by her children, Suzanne Skrzypek and her husband Paul of South Carolina, Robert Boilard and his wife Lisa of Plainville, JoAnn Robideau and her husband Brian of Bristol, Roxanne Moore and her husband David of Plainville and Lisa Soucie and her late husband Wayne of Bristol; her grandchildren, Heather, Michael, Justin, Crystal, Andrew, Shawn, Jacob, Sarah, Jessie, and Brianna; her great-grandchildren, Bella, Skylar, Ethan, Christian, Jaden, Nolan, Joziah, Brooke, Tianna, Nora, and Logan; her brother, Wilfred Veilleux; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Alice Moore and her 10 siblings.

Funeral services in celebration of Maryange's life were held from the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville to Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad Street, Plainville for a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East St., Plainville, CT 06062

~ Bernard J. Berube Sr.



73, of Plainville passed away surrounded by his loving family on January 2, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. He was the loving husband to Linda B. (Ouellette) Berube for 51 years.

Bernard was born in St. John, Maine on May 10, 1948 son to the late Elise

Berube. Growing up he made many lasting memories alongside his uncle, Joseph Albert Berube, who was more like a brother to him. Following high school graduation, Bernard enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and was honorably discharged having served during Vietnam. A Purple Heart recipient, Bernard was proud of his service to our country and humbly represented his American pride with his fellow Marines. He retired as a Postal Supervisor from the USPS and continued to work his fun job as a limo driver for Premier, where he found much enjoyment in driving. In his spare time, he collected items and began a hobby of selling these treasures on eBay. He liked to watch professional wrestling and cherished the photograph he had with a professional well-known wrestler, Robert Gibson, who was also a friend to Bernard. Bernard was a friend to many and those who knew him couldn't help but love him. He was a selfless, dedicated husband, father, and grandfather and will be missed sorely.

In addition to the love of his life and soulmate, Linda, Bernard is survived by his son, Bernard J. Berube Jr. and his wife, Maria, his daughter, Lisa Alicea and her husband, Daniel Sr., his grandchildren, Nathan Berube, Isabelle Berube, and Daniel Alicea Jr., and his siblings, Donna, Dwayne, Doreen, Darlene, Deborah, Dale, and Dana. He was predeceased by his sister, Deanna.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. Military honors were accorded. Donations in memory of Bernard can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com.

~ Mary (Cope) Cutler ~



Mary was 93, formerly of Plainville and Bristol, passed peacefully Friday evening, November 26, 2021 at UConn Medical Center. She was the wife of Myron Cutler.

Mary was born in Bristol on October 23, 1928 the daughter of the late John and Aloise (Fries) Cope. Mary had been a customer

service representative for area insurance agencies.

Mary liked to play golf, traveling, playing the piano and operating her HAM radio license KA1JCG.

Besides her husband, Mary leaves her children, John Cutler and Deborah Cutler, a sister Susanna Melanson and three grandchildren, Sarah and Lucas J. Cutler and Mary McMahan.

Mary will be cremated and a portion of her cremated remains will be sent to the surface of the moon and a portion to deep space beyond the earth/moon system. To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, please visit Mary's tribute page at www.OBrien-FuneralHome.com.

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OBITUARIES

~ Dennis J. Brown ~



77, of Plainville, passed away following a brief illness on Sunday, January 16, 2022, at John Dempsey Hospital, with his daughters by his side.

Born in Bangor, ME on March 1, 1944, Dennis was one of four children and sibling to many foster children to the late Walter and Goldie (Flannery) Brown. Raised and educated in Maine, he enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly after high school, and settled in Plainville upon being honorably discharged, where he raised his two daughters and became a proud Grampie. A man of hard work ethics, Dennis was a longtime member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 478, working at various companies, including Tilcon/Roncari and Bechtel Engineering. Upon retiring, Dennis made a hobby of playing bad golf in warm places, looking forward to the 19th hole at each course. A member of the VFW Post 574, the American Legion and the St. Joseph Polish Society, Dennis will be remembered for his pride in his country, his love for his family, the Red Sox and Patriots, his humor and never mincing his words. He will be missed, leaving many cherished memories that will forever bring smiles to the faces of those he loved.

He leaves his daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Todd Ginter of CO and Michelle and Troy Kline of CT; his grandchildren, Jaxon Kline, and Evelyn, Grayson and Benjamin Ginter; his sisters, Dollie Barkely and Beulah "Boots" Jordan; his brother, Louis Harris and many nieces, nephews and extended family. He was predeceased by his brother, Walter Brown, Jr.

In honor of his fellow veterans, Dennis may be remembered with contributions to the D.A.V of CT, 80 Hall Ave, Suite 801, Meriden, CT 06450.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Dennis' life at Plainville Funeral Home.

~ George J. Brayne, Jr. ~

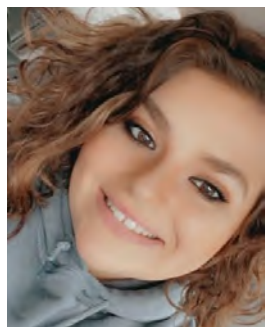


71, of Newington, passed away peacefully on January 6, 2022. George was born in New Britain on June 9, 1950. He was the son of the late George Brayne, Sr., and Josephine S. (Marino) Brayne of New Britain. He is one of nine children, six sisters and three brothers including George. He is survived by three

sisters, Elaine Kondracki, Marjorie DePietro and Gladys Shepard and two brothers, Thomas Brayne and William Brayne. Three sisters predeceased him, Patricia, Gail, and Jean. George went to area schools in New Britain. He worked at Stanley Works and was never married. He has several nephews and nieces. He was active at Divine Parish in New Britain, both St. Peter's Church and St. Joseph's Church, doing Holy Hours the second Sunday of each month for 30 years. He was the custodian and President of the Hartford Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima for 35 years and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Funeral services were held (Jan. 13, 2022) with a Mass of Christian Burial at Divine Providence Parish (St. Peter Church) 98 Franklin Sq. New Britain. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery New Britain. Visitation was at the Farrell Funeral Home 110 Franklin Sq. New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army) USA, Inc. PO Box 976 Washington, NJ 07882-0976. To send a condolence, please visit www.FarrellFuneralHome.com. remembered with contributions to an organization benefitting veterans.



~ Jessica Lynn Carlson ~



The liveliest of spirits, Jessica Lynn Carlson, 22, of Bristol, left her family and friends heartbroken with her unexpected passing on Monday, January 17, 2022.

The younger of two daughters of Glenn Carlson, Jr and Terri (Schneir) Carlson of Bristol, Jessica was born on August 10, 1999, and was sassy, stubborn and self-sufficient from day one. "Buddy" to her sister, Courtney, "Hockey Puck" to her Dad, with whom she shared a love for hockey and football, and "Llama Bean" to her fiancé and best friend, Jace, Jessie was a beautiful inside and out, with and without her elaborate make-up applications that she mastered from a young age. She was a proud, strong, Starbucks-loving leader, never a follower, who was the first to volunteer, give the shirt off her back, or insert humor into any situation. An animal lover, with a special affinity for giraffes, she was kind-hearted and caring and an adoring "mom" to her cat, Ellie. Full of life and unique in every way, Jessie will be missed beyond words, with her unforgettable spirit forever living on in the hearts of those she loved. We love you to the moon, the stars, and the sky!

In addition to her parents, Glenn and Terri, she leaves her sister, Courtney Neuman, her husband Michael and their dog Isabel that Jessica adored; her grandmother, MaryAnn Carlson, her aunts and uncles, Mitchell Schneir, his wife Lauren Day and their daughter Isabella, Elizabeth and Patrick Sullivan and their sons Patrick and William, Christine and Wayne Pegolo and their son Kyle, Robert and Jill Carlson and their children, Alyssa Carlson, Christopher Carlson, John Berarducci and the late Andrew Carlson, Joel Schneir, and Barbara Cupcho and her sons David and Justin. She was predeceased by her grandfather, Glenn Carlson, Sr., with whom she shared a special bond, and her maternal grandparents, David and Harriet Schneir.

While flowers are welcome, Jessica's family is accepting contributions to absorb some of the expenses of this unimaginable loss. Please visit Go Fund Me for Jessica Carlson

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of remembrance, love and laughter were shared. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit Jessica's tribute page at www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Leslie Ann Griffin ~



78, of Plainville, passed away surrounded by her family on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, following a brief illness. She was the wife of John J. Griffin, with whom she shared the past 30 years.

Leslie was born in New Britain on July 23, 1943, the only child of the late Herbert and

Alice (Hutchinson) Sproete. A longtime resident of Plainville where she raised her four children, Leslie retired from the Connecticut Institute for the Blind sharing her love for arts and crafts to those with special needs. She enjoyed cooking and baking, relaxing with a good book and could be found many days out in her garden. Above all, Leslie centered her life around her family and relished in her role of grandmother and great-grandmother, sharing a special bond with each of them. She will be remembered in the hearts of those she loved each and every day, and leaves a legacy of love, laughter and many memories.

In addition to her husband John, she leaves her daughters, Pamela O'Neil and Erin O'Neil Finn; her daughter-in-law, Zofia O'Neil; her granddaughter, Alexa and her husband Layth, her grandsons Camron, Corey and David, and her great-grandchildren who brought her much joy, Layla and Layth Joseph. She is now reunited with her two predeceased sons, David and Matthew O'Neil.

In lieu of flowers, Leslie may be remembered with contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 20 Batterson Park Rd, #302, Farmington, CT 06032 or www.jdrf.org

Honoring Leslie's wishes, her family will celebrate her life with private funeral services. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to Leslie's family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ John Hamm ~



64, lifelong resident of Plainville, died unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

Born on October 24, 1957, he was one of three children to Sylvia (Tkacz) Hamm and the late Frank Hamm. Raised and educated in Plainville, he was a 1976 graduate of Plainville

High School with a passion for machines of all kinds from a young age. An independent contractor who had his own company, Main Line Construction until 2010, John was also a talented and reliable subcontractor for many cable companies. Most recently he worked for Capital Cable, and had endless stories of his days as a lineman. From large trucks and other vehicles, to small solar lights and batteries, John mastered the art of tinkering, and found satisfaction in disassembling and rebuilding just about anything in sight. Plainville's own "Dr. Doolittle", animals were known to flock to his yard at the sound of his whistle, where they could find snacks and companionship. John was true New Englander, who embraced nature's beauty, fall fairs, scenic drives and had a special place in his heart for Martha's Vineyard. Gone but not forgotten, he will be remembered for his love for wildlife, the outdoors, cats, and his sense of humor that everyone could appreciate.

In addition to his mother, Sylvia, he leaves his fiancée and best friend, Anita Butler, and her daughter Leanne; his brother Alan Hamm and his wife, Kathleen; his nephew Frank and niece Cindy; and many cousins. He was predeceased by his sister Cathy. In lieu of flowers, John may be remembered with contributions to an organization that will benefit animals.

Family and friends gathered (jeans and flannels are encouraged!) at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville.



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Jake's Sport Talk



Welcome to my monthly article!

This month we are talking about PHS Winter Sports. Hope you all enjoy it.

Jake, your Plainville Hometown Connection Volunteer Sports Editor.

Plainville Varsity Boys Basketball

Tuesday 12/16 Plainville Varsity Boys Basketball vs Bristol Eastern Stats.

Plainville won 49-30.

#32 Cameron Lamanthe had 15 Points

#3 Brady Wieczorek had 9 Points

#11 Brennan Staublely had 10 points

#25 Joe Vasquez had 10 points

#14 Dylan Brewer had 13 points

#2 George James had 2 Points

Monday 12/27 Plainville Varsity Boys Basketball vs Terryville game Stats.

Plainville lost 63-40

#32 Cameron Lamothe had 6 points

#14 Dylan Brewer had 13 Points

#11 Brennan Staublely had 6 Points

#5 Artem Marfia had 15 Points

Friday 1/14 Plainville Varsity Boys Basketball vs Lewis Mills Game Stats. Plainville lost 50-44 Plainville's record is 2-7

#5 Artem Marfia had 10 Points

#14 Dylan brewer had 2 Points

#25 Joe Vasquez had 19 Points

#32 Cameron Lamothe had 2 Points

#11 Brennan Staublely had 2 Points

3 Brady Wieczorek had 6 Points

#2 George James had 2 Points

Interview responses from Coach Wenzel from our interview on Wednesday January 12th

How do you feel about the Varsity Boys basketball season so far?

Coach Wenzel said It had been a tough start to the season. Plainville has played some tough teams. Plainville has played Bristol Central who is the number one team in the state. Plainville also played Simbury who has 0 losses.

What have you done to prepare in the off season for the season?

Coach Wenzel said That the team was involved in a summer league and in the fall started weight training.

Predictions for the rest of the season?

Coach Wenzel said he is taking it one game at a time.

How do you think the coaching staff helps your team win games during the season?

Coach Wenzel said that he has a great coaching staff. Jeff Hoyt is an ex player of mine that also coached with me for 8 years. Eric Fisher is a Plainville grad that played basketball at Plainville. They both help me with scouting, game planning and running practices!

Do you have any takeaways from the season so far? What do you feel the team can do better at, to get more wins?

Coach Wenzel said we need to limit our turnovers. We also have to do a better job of taking care of the basketball.

How are you feeling about the Blue Devils home game vs Lewis Mills Played on Friday?

As the Stats are listed ?

Coach Wenzel said we had a great practice yesterday. Lewis Mills is a very good team. I'm sure it will be a good game.

Plainville is currently 2 wins and 7 losses. What is your take on that with a lot of season left though?

Coach Wenzel said Plainville has played well the last two games. Hoping to continue working hard in practice, have positive attitudes and good things will happen.

I would like to thank Coach Wenzel for doing an interview with me.

Plainville Varsity Girls Basketball

Tuesday 12/21 Plainville Varsity Girls Basketball vs Granby Memorial game Stats

Plainville lost 53-33

#32 Hailey Anderson had 6 points

#2 Cookie Montanez had 6 Points

#3 Elyse Brown had 5 Points

#1 Lillian Wazorko had 7 Points

21 Sami Thompson had 7 Points

#42 Tamia Chapman had 2 Points

Monday 12/27 Plainville Varsity Girls basketball vs Platt

Plainville Lost 26-22

Plainville Girls Basketball record

is 1 win and 8 losses.

#2 Cookie Montanez had 2 Points

#3 Elyse Brown had 7 Points

#1 Lillian Wazorko had 10 Points

21 Sami Thompson had 3 Point



Biden Presidency End of Year One

By: Francis Rexford Cooley

President Joe Biden is not having a good week, nor a good month, nor a good year at the quarter point of his administration. Whether it was the President's legislative programs, the economy, transportation issues, the border, Covid, foreign policy or almost any other topic the news was bad for the administration and seems only destined to get worse. The Administration's responses to these turns of events has been tone deaf at best. This gives little hope the Administration will be able to find its footing on these issues.

The December jobs report released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed a growth of just 199,000 non-farm jobs. Dow Jones had estimated the economy should have seen 422,000 new non-farm jobs for the same period (according to CNBC). This combined with inflation numbers, the Consumer Price Index rose 7% through December, that were at their highest since 1982. Add in supply chain issues that have left store shelves empty of many items and some are comparing the situation to "a Soviet store during 1981" (reported by the Daily Mail) while #BareShelvesBiden is trending on Twitter. The Administration's response has to been to blame industry while taking little to no substantive action on supply chain issues as cargo ships still await unloading off of the

Southern California coast, and in a new wrinkle, freight trains are being robbed as if it were a wild Western movie. The situation is so bad in the Los Angeles area Southern Pacific is threatening to pull out of the market so even if the cargo ships get to port there will be little hope of getting that product by rail onto store shelves near anyone.

Though gasoline prices have stabilized briefly after the release of the United States Strategic Oil Reserve, a reserve established to protect the country should a disruption in the flow of oil to the U.S. occur again as it did in 1973 and 1979, analysts expect the price to rise again with the average price in the U.S. breaking \$4 a gallon this summer (as reported by the NY Post). Such an increase will further fuel inflation and hit the transportation sector especially hard. The policy decisions to move away from energy independence by killing the XL pipeline, revoking oil and gas leases already approved on Federal land are having a major impact on the country in a negative fashion.

While the Administration scrambles to deflect blame on a variety of issues, Vice President Harris claimed no one could see the Omicron variant and its impact, the bad news continues to pile up. The Administration was caught flat footed on testing for Covid and its impact on the economy. Vanity Fair reported the Biden Administration turned down a proposal for free rapid at-home Covid tests in October of 2021 leaving it scrambling as the surge caused by the omicron variant left Americans scrambling for tests to be able to go to work and play further damaging the

economy and leaving many untested to unknowingly spreading Covid while at the same time demanding the unvaccinated, including those front line workers who have already had Covid and thus have natural immunity, be fired from their jobs leaving shortages in workers in critical industries like health care. Though the President ran on doing a better job than President Trump regarding Covid under his administration twice as many people have died of Covid according to Johns Hopkins data (reported by the Wall Street Journal) as of November than died during President Trump's tenure, the number is even greater two months later.

Though often ignored by the MSM the foreign policy situation is even more dire. Putin's Russia has its military poised on the borders of Ukraine to invade at any moment with Western Europe seemingly paralyzed in fear of loss natural gas from the Nord Stream pipeline opposed by President Trump in conjunction with the U.S.'s Eastern European Allies and acquiesced to by President Biden. China is rattling its saber towards Taiwan and is threatening annexation of the independent island all the while flooding American streets with fentanyl (see DEA Intelligence Report Jan. 2020). North Korea is firing missiles again, Iran is threatening terrorist attacks again, and the U.S. southern border is increasingly porous as a flood of illegal immigrants from around the world pour into the country. Questions abound about how the terrorist killed over the MLK Jr. holiday weekend in Texas entered the country

even after the FBI finally admitted that the seizing of a synagogue on the Sabbath to release a known anti-Semitic and anti-American terrorist by an Islamic terrorist might have an anti-Semitic component after initially denying the obvious.

Even the normally stalwart media outlets for the Administration have begun to critically analyze policy failures and missteps including The Atlantic, USA Today, and even CNN. Leading Democrat U.S. Senators criticized the President's vitriolic speech against the Senate majority opposing his un-Constitutional attempt to federalize elections (see Article I, Section 4, Clause 1) and destroy the Filibuster leaving the President's domestic agenda essentially dead in the U.S. Senate. The Supreme Court struck down the Administration's employer Vax Mandate, one Justice including a footnote in his opinion referring to Biden's own Chief of Staff's Twitter account that mentioned the un-Constitutional "work around" the mandate engaged in. Given the tone-deaf missteps combined with bad policy the next three years may be worse.

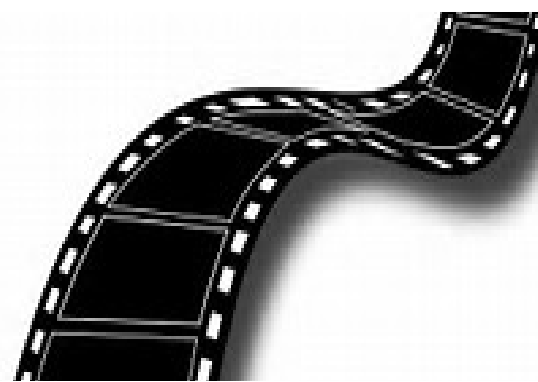
Unfortunately, it does not seem that the Biden Administration will be able to pivot on policy as the Clinton Administration did after its rocky first two years in the White House or is even cognizant it needs to pivot at all.



The Circumspect Critic

by:
Robert James O'Dell

“DUNE”



IN THEATERS and on HBO MAX

Dune

Original title: Dune: Part One

2021

PG-13

2h 35min

Director

Denis Villeneuve

Writers

Jon Spaihts(screenplay by) Denis

Villeneuve(screenplay by) Eric

Roth(screenplay by)

Stars

Timothée Chalamet Rebecca Ferguson

Zendaya



A mythic and emotionally charged hero's journey, “Dune” tells the story of Paul Atreides, a brilliant and gifted young man born into a great destiny beyond his understanding, who must travel to the most dangerous planet in the universe to ensure the future of his family and his people. As malevolent forces explode into conflict over the planet's exclusive supply of the most precious resource in existence—a commodity capable of unlocking humanity's greatest potential—only

those who can conquer their fear will survive.— Warner Bros.

Honestly, I wasn't wild with enthusiasm concerning another screen adaptation of Frank Herbert's seminal novel, “Dune”. The book is a difficult read though it pays off substantially if you make it to the end. Then in 1984, one of my favorite directors, David Lynch, applied his visionary approach to a screen adaptation that turned out to be a convoluted, confusing catastrophe of a film. With the announcement that another dynamic director whom I am a fan of would be the visionary force behind the new version I found myself feeling cautiously optimistic. Denis Villeneuve has proven his worth with films like “Prisoners”, “Blade Runner 2049” and the absolutely brilliant, “The Arrival” so, for me, he was already a director whose career I was keeping a close eye on. His plans for his adaptation definitely sounded ambitious. And his determination has paid off. “Dune” is a splendid hybrid of art house cinema and a big budget commercial franchise film. The script by Villeneuve and his collaborators Jon Spaihts and Eric Roth tells the tales in a straight forward linear style that is uncomplicated and easy to follow. Remaining fairly faithful to the source material, the filmmakers steer clear of the clutter that sunk Lynch's version.

It's the year 10191 and Duke Leto Atreides (Oscar Isaac) is assigned by the emperor to take command of the desert planet Arrakis, where House Harkonnen (led by Stellan Skarsgård's Baron Vladimir) has had control of for decades. House Harkonnen was mining the planet's spice, a hallucinogen that also powers space travel. The control over this valuable substance has left the Fremen, Arrakis' natives, outcasts in their own land. The film's focus is on Paul (Timothée Chalamet), the son of Leto who finds himself trying to process the demands that will be facing him as he comes of age. He is torn, not sure he wants to pick up the mantle of his father, the duke. His world outlook is kind of callow at first but grows in confidence and complexity as he experiences the weight of his father's stature and the geopolitical tyranny that threatens their existence. He is also torn by the teachings of his mother, Lady Jessica Atreides (Rebecca Ferguson giving the film its most vital performance) who has introduced him to the telepathic power known as “The Voice”. To make matters even

more difficult for Paul, he is having dreams and visions of the presence of an alluring Fremen named Chani (Zendaya) and of massive battles that appear to be premonitions.

So far, Villeneuve has made a successful cinematic adaptation of the Herbert novel. I say so far as this film is clearly subtitled “Part One” and covers a little over half the book. Luckily, “Part Two” has already been greenlit. The project is a mammoth undertaking. What it has produced thus far is a stunningly ambitious, gorgeously conceived world building epic. Villeneuve utilizes a slow, steady pace to construct this world as he seamlessly weaves in the plot details and develops flesh and blood characters for us to empathize with. The beauty of the images he has captured on film are beyond breathtaking and truly transport us into this world of spice, sandworms and geopolitical warfare. Greig Fraser's cinematography brilliantly captures the beauty of uncompromising desert landscape and the majesty of endless space. Hans Zimmer's off kilter, bombastic score perfectly matches the visuals.

Timothée Chalamet is perfectly cast as Paul whose destiny is initially beyond his comprehension. Chalamet gives breath and depth as the character grows in stature and maturity while always remaining vulnerable. The supporting cast is impressive with notable turns by Oscar Isaac, Jason Momoa, Josh Brolin, Javier Bardem, Stellan Skarsgård, Sharon Duncan-Brewster, Charlotte Rampling and Zendaya. Fans of Zendaya might be a little put off by her lack of screen time but she makes the most of it. And as her character prophetically proclaims in the film's final moments, “This is just the beginning!”

Ratings

Acting: 96%

Directing: 100%

Script: 90%

Cinematography: 100%

SFX: 100%

Musical Score: 97%

Entertainment Value: 90%

My Rating: 96%

Louie Anderson, Comic actor, Dies, 68

Louie Anderson, whose four -decade career as a comedian and actor included his unlikely, Emmy-winning performance as mom to twin adult sons in TV series “Baskets”, died Friday. He was 68.

Anderson died at a hospital in Las Vegas of complications from cancer. “Baskets” was such a phenomenal second act for him.

George Wallace wrote: “You'll be missed, Louie. What an awesome friend. One in a million.”

In later years, his life as one of 11 children headed by a troubled father and devoted mother, a source of inspiration, both in his screen work and in his best-selling books.

His latest book, 2018's “Hey Mom,” was a tribute in letters to the lessons he learned from her and how-to-tips on facing life's challenges. He also gave the late Ora Zella Anderson a shout-out for the “Baskets” role.

Meat Loaf, Rock Star Dies at 74

Meat Loaf, the heavyweight rock superstar loved by millions for his “Bat Out of Hell” album and for such theatrical, dark-hearted anthems as “Paradise By the Dashboard Light,” “Two Out of Three Ain't Bad” and “I'd Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That),” has died. He was 74. He was born Marvin Lee Aday. No cause or other details were given, but Aday had numerous health scares over the years. Fans fell hard for the roaring vocals of the long-haired, 250-plus pound singer and for the comic non-romance of the title track. “You Took The Words Right Out of My Mouth,” “Two Out of Three Ain't Bad” and “Paradise By the Dashboard,” an operatic cautionary tale about going all the way. “Paradise” was a duet with Ellen Foley that featured play-by-play from N.Y. Yankees broadcaster Phil Rizzuto, who alleged that he was unaware of any alternate meanings by reaching 3rd base and heading for home. After a slow start and mixed reviews, “Bat Out of Hell” became one of the top-selling albums in history,

Plainville Girl Scouts



This is Troop 66006 of Plainville. The girls worked hard to create birthday boxes for the elementary schools and then organized an event where everyone in town could come meet the Easter Bunny on the firetruck in a COVID safe way in April 2021. The girls were officially presented with their Bronze Awards in June by the Plainville Town Council. Seven of the girls are currently working on their Silver Award. The girls are Emily, Courtney, Asia, Ryann, Sophia, Arden, Madison B. and Madison L. and the three not pictured are Claire, Elliana and Gianna.

Knights of Columbus Present Donation to PARC

Photo courtesy of PARC, Inc.



Christine Sullivan, president of the PARC, Inc. Board of Directors, left, receives a donation from the local Knights of Columbus Council 3544, Assembly 131 during the Jan. 12 board meeting. The Knights and PARC have had a partnership for years and even during the pandemic, the Knights have continued to make donations to the Plainville-based organization that serves individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Members of the Knights present were, beginning with second from left, Don Melanson, Grand Knight and Tootsie Roll chairman; Bill Brayne, Faithful Navigator; and Doug Wright, Past Grand Knight. For more information about PARC, Inc., visit www.parcdisabilitiesct.org or Facebook.

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Ronald Reagan



In case you missed these News items.....

COVID-19 Report Last Week of December

The state's recent COVID-19 report which includes two weeks of data. The town of Plainville had 191 positive cases, which keeps the community in the coronavirus red zone status. Red zone starts at 15 cases per 100,000 people per day. In the past report Plainville had 337 cases.

Choral Society

For over 50 years, the Plainville Choral Society has brought music to the community. For more information, visit pcsmusic.net or call Debi Wishart Parker at 860-573-8526.

Winter Parking Ban

No parking ban from Dec. 1st to April 1st for owner or operator of a motor vehicle to allow such vehicle to stand on any street in the Town of Plainville for more than one hour between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. on any given day.

Plainville Food Pantry

The Pantry welcomes food and monetary donations. If donating food please leave items in the bin outside, along with your name and an address, in order to receive a "Thank You" card. Items that clients cannot buy with food stamps, such as feminine products, soap, shampoo, conditioner and paper goods are also welcome. The pantry is located at 54 south Canal Street and can be reached at 860-747-1919. To make a monetary donation, send check to: Plainville Food Pantry, P.O. Box 233, 54 South Canal St. Plainville, CT 06062.

Plainville Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber 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 works for a better community for everyone.

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

United Methodist Church Blood Drive

The United Methodist Church, 56 Redstone Hill, will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive, Wednesday, February 16th from 1 to 6 p.m. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to redcrossblood.org to make an appointment.

Red Cross If unable to make the UMC Drive to donate call 1-800-733-2767 / 1-800-RED CROSS

Queen Ann Nzinga Center

The Queen Ann Nzinga Center, Inc., which provides arts enrichment activities for children age 5 to 17, is accepting new participants.

The center promotes positive youth development among children of all races and abilities throughout Connecticut, but primarily to children in greater Plainville, Berlin Bristol and New Britain area.

For more information, visit QANC.org

House of Heroes

House of Heroes was founded in January 2000, is a non-profit organization serving our nation's military and public safety veterans (and their spouses) who are disabled, living on a fixed income, or facing other 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@houseofherosct.org

Memorial Wall

The Veterans Memorial Wall is located on the main floor of the Municipal Center adjacent to the Town Clerk's Office.

If you are interested in adding a veteran's name to the wall, applications are located at:

**Municipal Center
Plainville Public Library
and VFW Post 574**

Students named to the Dean's List Western Connecticut State Univ. for the fall 2021 semester.

Plainville: Elizabeth Dinielli, Music Education; Michael Abucewicz, Music Education; Jacob Laham, Music Education; Ariana Locascio, Musical Theatre

Cartoon Christmas Display Raises \$1,200 For the Pantry

April and Mark Blethen have been decorating their home at 174 N. Washington Street for the past 20 years. "For the past three years, we have created a walking tour in our backyard, which lets us keep a better eye on donations. It has worked out very well. It started off a little slow but picked up by the second weekend of December" April said "everyone needs help at some point of their life, she and her husband are glad to do their part" Susie Woerz, Director of the pantry said she is thankful for the sizeable donation.

Witch's Dungeon/Dracula's Valentine

The museum gets a facelift for the 2nd annual "Dracula's Valentine". The museum is located at 103 East Main Street it will be decked out with roses and hearts in honor of the romantic holiday.

Visitors will be able to schedule appointments to come see the Valentine vampires and other creatures between 6 to 9 pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from February 4th to February 27th.

Cortland T Hull, owner of the museum, said that his inspiration for the event was that the 1931 adaptation of Dracula was released on Valentines Day. "Plus, all the classic monsters have a romantic side, most of them had a sweetheart, despite their appearance.

To make a reservation, call 860-583-8306.

For more information, visit preservehollywood.org

FOR GOODNESS SAKE IS CLOSING OPERATIONS

For Goodness Sake, a furniture bank providing gently used donated furniture to families and individuals recovering from homelessness and other severe challenges, will be closing operations, effective immediately. In the 8 years it has been in operation, the organization has helped over 1,700 clients in the greater Hartford area, including families coming out of homelessness, domestic violence survivors, people who lost everything in a fire, refugees, and more. Hundreds of volunteers devoted thousands of hours to helping these families and individuals make a new house into a home with furniture generously donated by the community.

Kendra Morales, founder and President, commented, "If we could run on the passion and determination of our volunteers and supporters alone, we would be able to go on forever, but COVID-19 is forcing us to end our operations. These last 2 years have drained our finances and our manpower. We haven't been able to hold our annual fundraising event, Plate at the Table, since 2019, which covered a majority of our operating costs, and it's only thanks to support from individual donors and a few rescue grants that we've been able to stay afloat and pay our rent this long. On top of our money struggles, the pandemic has taken a huge toll on our volunteers, who of course needed to prioritize their health and their families. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered over the last 2 years - we know it's been hard! And thank you especially to the volunteers that did much more than their share during this time. They are the ones that kept For Goodness Sake going. It was a heartbreaking decision to close right now when the need of our community is greater than ever before."

Effective immediately, For Goodness Sake is no longer accepting furniture donations, and the organization will distribute the rest of its inventory to as many clients on the waiting list as possible before the official closure at the end of February.

To All Hometown Readers:

The Plainville Hometown Connection paper is run by "All volunteers", many of them have full time employment and do this as a hobby. We don't have reporters, all the articles are submitted by people that like or want to share news of interest. You are welcome to submit stories of interest by submitting it before the 15th of the month for the following month's issue. Email to: plainvillehometown@gmail.com

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- Yes
- No
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2. Is there a local issue that concerns you?

3. How do you feel about state government operating virtually?

- *All meetings/hearings should be held in-person like before the pandemic
- *I'm fine with the hybrid in-person/virtual approach

4. The governor has held broad emergency powers since the start of the pandemic. Is this an issue that concerns you?

- *Yes, he should have relinquished control by now
- *No, he needs the authority
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Offer a brief comment...

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Canada's Truck Drivers Protest Mandates

Can COVID-19 vaccines help prevent COVID?

More than two hours before the protest was officially to start on Saturday, the streets of Ottawa's city centre were packed with trucks as the blaring, non-stop honking of dozens of air horns filled the air, an AFP news agency journalist reported.

"I want it all to stop, these measures are unjustified," said one protester, 31-year-old businessman Philippe Castonguay, outside the parliament building.

A truck that is part of a trucker convoy to protest the coronavirus disease A truck that is part of a convoy to protest against COVID vaccine mandates for cross-border truck drivers is seen on Parliament Hill in Ottawa [Caryma Sa?d/Reuters]

Few wore masks, but many were in balaclavas as the temperature with wind-chill was minus 21 degrees Celsius (minus 6 Fahrenheit). By the end of the day, some 2,700 trucks are expected, a federal government source said.

The violent rhetoric used by some of the promoters on social media in the run-up to the protest has worried police, who were out in force.

"We are prepared as best as we possibly can for those who chose to come here to do harm or cause others to do harm," Ottawa police chief Peter Sloly said on Friday, adding the demonstration would be "massive in scale".

Trudeau and his family have left the home where they live in downtown Ottawa due to security concerns, the CBC news outlet reported.

On Friday, Trudeau told the Canadian Press he was worried about possible violence connected with the demonstration. Earlier this week he said the convoy represented a "small fringe minority" who do not represent the views of Canadians.

About 90 percent of Canada's cross-border truckers and 77 percent of the population have had two COVID vaccination shots.

'Right to be heard'

Trudeau announced a vaccine mandate for federal workers in October on the eve of the election, and then last month both Canada and the US imposed one for cross-border truckers.

Conservative leader Erin O'Toole opposes vaccine mandates and expressed support for the protest after holding talks with some of the truckers on Friday.

"I support their right to be heard, and I call on Justin Trudeau to meet with these hard-working Canadians to hear their concerns," O'Toole said after the meeting.

Counter protestors stand across from Parliament Hill as truckers take part in a convoy to protest coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccine mandates Counter-protesters stand across from Parliament Hill [Patrick Doyle/Reuters]

Conservative member of parliament Michael Cooper was handing out coffee to the protesters on Saturday.

The protest movement received an endorsement on Thursday from Tesla and SpaceX founder Elon Musk, who tweeted, "Canadian truckers rule."

The Canadian Trucking Alliance, a major industry group, has said it "strongly disapproved" of the gathering in Ottawa.

Why are anti-vaccine Canadian truckers converging on Ottawa?

Experts raise concerns about far-right, racist views arising from protest against vaccine mandate for truck drivers.

Published On 28 Jan 2022

Supporters cheer on the convoy on a highway overpass Anti-vaccine Canada truckers praised by Tesla's Musk Hundreds of truck drivers, converging on Ottawa from several directions, are due to arrive on Friday.

Published On 27 Jan 2022

Supporters of truckers gather in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to support truck drivers on their way to Ottawa to protest coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccine mandates for cross-border truck drivers

Can COVID-19 vaccines help prevent long COVID?

With treatment options for long COVID still limited, we look at whether being vaccinated offers protection against it.

Published On 27 Jan 2022

A person sitting on top of a bottle with red liquid with a wavy street in front of them leading to six mountain-sized COVID cells

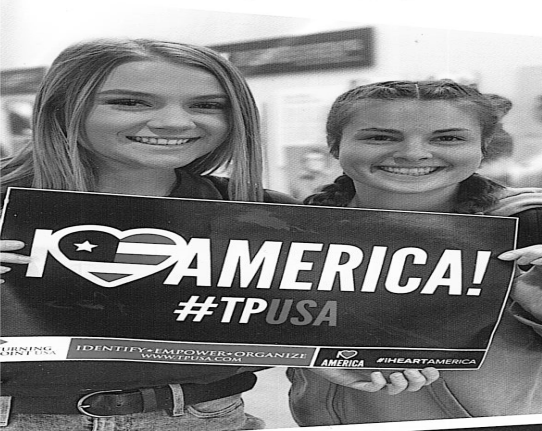
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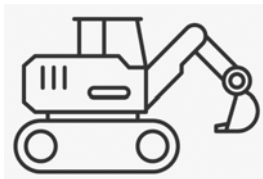
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Mary's service to others continues today through the Legion of Mary lay apostolate.

Story by **SHELLEY WOLF** | Photos by **AARON JOSEPH**

When Francine Walko joined Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Plainville, she was lukewarm about her Catholic faith. "I left early, didn't know anybody and didn't stick around," the retired schoolteacher admits.

But three years ago, a visit with her new pastor, Father Raymond Smialowski, changed all that. He suggested she attend a meeting of the parish's Legion of Mary.

"I thought, 'It's not for me.' I wasn't very religious," Walko recalls, though she was raised Catholic. "But from the moment I walked in, to the end of the meeting, it was just a wonderful feeling. There was no doubt in my mind it was for me. It's the best thing I've ever done. It's opened up new connections with people I would never have seen myself with."

In addition to making wonderful faith-filled friends, Walko has also been deeply touched by the assignments she took on, visiting the elderly in their homes, and the sick in assisted living facilities and in nursing homes. "It's so rewarding," she says. Now, she even uses her spare time to learn more about her Catholic faith.

Walko credits her new outlook on faith and service to others to the Legion of Mary, a lay apostolate that marked its 100th anniversary last year. The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland, on Sept. 7, 1921, by Servant of God Frank Duff (1889-1980), who is on the path to sainthood. Today, the organization's four million members serve in more than 170 countries around the world. Numerous groups are sprinkled in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, including a few of them highlighted in this story.

The mission of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God, achieved through personal holiness and personal service. Its members engage in prayer and active cooperation with the work of Mary and the Catholic Church. Rather than focus on material needs, its members concentrate on the spiritual and social well-being of individuals of all ages.

■ FILLING A GREAT SPIRITUAL NEED

Father Smialowski, who has had previous experience with the Legion of Mary at other parishes, arrived at Our Lady of Mercy in Plainville in 2018. Within a year, he got a Legion of Mary group up and running.

"I saw a great need to reach out to members of the parish," he says, especially to those who were homebound, in convalescent homes and even in the homes of young families.

"The Legion of Mary is an apostolic group that reaches out to people individually. The Legion of Mary is always personal contact," he notes. "Their purpose is to promote the glory of God and the spiritual growth of its members." Additionally, "they see the face of Christ in visiting others, as Christ told us in the last judgment."



▲ Father Raymond Smialowski and Francine Walko flank the banner for the Our Lady of Mercy praesidium, a parish-based unit of the international Legion of Mary lay apostolate. Father Smialowski brought the Legion of Mary to Plainville to reach out to young families and the elderly in his parish. He also hoped to deepen the faith of those parishioners who joined the Legion.

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Local Jewish Congregation Seeks Photos & Documents for 40th Celebration

Gishrel Shalom Jewish Congregation (GSJC) in Southington is beginning preparations for its 40th anniversary event to be held in 2024. The first step is compiling a thorough, written history by contacting everyone who contributed in any way.

GSJC began in 1983 as the Southington Jewish Community Group and was incorporated as Greater Southington Jewish Congregation in 1984. Over the years, it has changed its name and location, finding a permanent home at the First Congregational Church where its bane, which means "Bridges to Peace", can be found on the sign on Main Street.

Laura Minor, volunteer on the history committee said, "We are looking for people who have been members or visitors of GSJC in the past and who may have photos, newspaper articles or personal stories that should be included in our records. We want to document the full forty-year history by including all who have been part of our religious rituals and traditions, educational programs, social action efforts, interfaith activities and other initiatives in which we interacted with community members and institutions." The congregation has

overcome challenges and experienced growth during its four decades. Early services were lay-led and then performed by once-a-month rabbinical students. Now, they contact with a part-time ordained rabbi, Rabbi Alana Wasserman, who began her tenure with the congregation in 2018.

The small congregation initially met in members' homes, Briarwood College and other churches before establishing its non-traditional, long-term connection with the First Congregational Church in 1992. The congregation runs its own Shabbat school for youth from kindergarten through bar/bat mitzvah ceremonies.

One of the tiny group's most significant accomplishments is becoming the shorim (guardians) of a saved Holocaust Torah written in the 1600's.

During the COVID pandemic, the congregation moved quickly to Zoom model for Friday night, Saturday morning and High Holiday services as well as for traditional communal celebrations such as Chanukah and Passover. Volunteers dropped off packages with prayer books, grape juice, candles, etc. at members and guests' homes to allow all to observ

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rabbi Alana Wasserman "Zooms" on her tablet and also has been offering blended services when the building has permitted live attendance.

In preparation for the anniversary, all previous presidents and rabbis have been contacted, old newsletters are being collected with photos and articles uploaded to the congregation's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/gsjc777>) and website (www.gsjc.org). From all of these sources, four decades of accomplishments, worship and celebrations will have a permanent record for posterity.

Marc Romanow, the congregation's current president, urged all who have been part of the congregation in any way to assist. "We invite all who have been associated with GSJC's history to participate effort. They are offering a special "15 month membership" program at the usual cost. To learn more contact Laura Minor at 860-978-1210, Marc Romanow at 860-276-9113 or president@gsjc.org or membership@gsjc.org



▲ During a meeting of the Legion of Mary at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Plainville, members pray, share what happened while on assignment the previous week and accept new assignments.

The basic unit of the Legion of Mary (*Legio Mariae* in Latin) is the praesidium, which is typically based in a parish. At Our Lady of Mercy, members meet weekly, on Mondays at 10 a.m., for prayer and to receive weekly assignments. Members accomplish their tasks by going out in pairs and return to the next meeting for spiritual discussions.

“It’s not meant to be bigger than that,” the priest says of the organization’s membership. “It allows the meeting to be manageable and focused.” If the group does grow bigger, he adds, it’s best to divide into two groups.

In addition to praying together, visiting parishioners and providing religious instruction to children, some Legionaries at Our Lady of Mercy deliver a traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima to those families that sign up for it. They pray with the families, leave the statue behind for a week to promote family prayer, then return to pick it up.

■ VISITING THE LONELY AND THE SICK

As a member of the Legion of Mary, Walko goes out with another member, two-by-two like the Apostles, visiting elderly or sick parishioners twice a month in their homes and, when permitted, in assisted living facilities and in a local nursing home.

“To see the smiles on their faces – they’re such lonely people – I don’t know who it’s more rewarding for, them or me,” she says.

The one-hour visits are half social call and half spiritual support; discussion might center on current events or on how

▶ Francine Walko, far right, a member of the Legion of Mary at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Plainville, converses with homebound parishioner Evelyn Case. Janice Gavin, far left, and Kathy O’Hare, other Legion of Mary members, join the conversation.



the person is faring. “The conversation is led by them. You become a part of their life and they yours,” Walko says. “It’s almost like they’re a part of your family.” And with two Legion members present, she notes, the conversation just flows.

If the person is open to it, each visit concludes by praying a decade of the rosary or a recitation of the Lord’s Prayer. The Legionaries, as they are called, also leave behind a book, holy card or rosary to help the individual grow in their personal faith.

Walko admits she has lost a few parishioners to COVID-19 and to old age, which hasn’t been easy. But she has kept her spirits up by connecting with young people in the parish, writing out birthday cards to children and teens each week.

Her involvement in the Legion of Mary has also piqued her curiosity about her Catholic faith. She now reads the Bible, watches EWTN Global Catholic Television Network and prays the rosary daily. “I feel bad for people who don’t believe,” she now says.

“The Lord, he knew the gifts and talents I had and put me to work. Nothing is coincidence,” Walko concludes. “I feel like this is what God put me in this life for. This is one of the final chapters in my book, and he’s saved the best for last.”

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Plainville R.T.C. Chairperson, Gayle Dennehy Served as the Mistress of Ceremony

Plainville Republican Town Committee Christmas Party



The Plainville R.T.C. held the Christmas Party at Lola's on December 1st. Pictured are Left to right, George Logan, candidate for Congress 5th District, he was the Guest Speaker, George Fensick, Member of the P.R.T.C. and State Senator Henri Martin.

George Fensick was honored by Roxanne Martin and all the guests singing “Happy Birthday” to him. George was born on December 1st (HE WOULD NOT SAY WHAT YEAR)

Belated Birthday wishes and many more regardless of how old you are!!



A Classic American Christmas song, “Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer,” by Gene Autry.

Fun Facts:
 The song was written by famed songwriter Johnny Marks. Recorded on June 27, 1949, “Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer” was formally released in September of the same year. A few months later, during the holiday season of 1949, Gene Autry’s Christmas single hit number one in the country. The song is based on the 1939 story “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” by Robert Lewis May. Numerous music artists have covered the song over the years, including Bing Crosby, Spike Jones and His City Slickers, Red Foley and The Little Foleys, The Cadillacs, Burl Ives, and The Temptations. Bing Crosby’s cover of the song charted on Billboard that year, peaking at number 14 for pop singles. The cover produced by The Temptations in 1968 reached number 12 on Billboard’s Christmas chart that year, rising to the third spot three years later in 1971. Gene Autry has been inducted into both the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. Autry is featured on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, having been awarded stars in all categories, including music and live performance.

Breakfast with Santa

The Wheeler Regional Family YMCA hosted **Breakfast with Santa** Sunday, December 12th at 149 Farmington Ave. Free for YMCA members

“Auld Lang Syne,” which was created by Guy Lombardo, who formed the Royal Canadians with his brothers in 1924.

Fun Facts:
 “Auld Lang Syne” was played for the very first national New Year’s Eve radio broadcast, by Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians which is how this song became so popular. This song was performed from 1929 to 1959 at the Roosevelt Grill, inside of the Roosevelt Hotel, located in New York City, and then at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel until 1976. Guy Lombardo’s full name is Gaetano Alberto “Guy” Lombardo, and he was a talented Canadian-American bandleader, violinist, and hydroplane racer. Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians sold between 100 and 300 million records in their time. Guy Lombardo died in 1977 of a heart attack, but some sources say that his actual cause of death was due to a lung ailment, and his wife died in 1982.

Breakfast With Santa @ O.L.M.

The Knights of Columbus prepared and served the “Breakfast with Santa.” It was held Sunday, December 5th at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center on South Canal Street. **Children Under 10 years of Age FREE**

OBITUARIES

~ Stacey Mae Mills ~

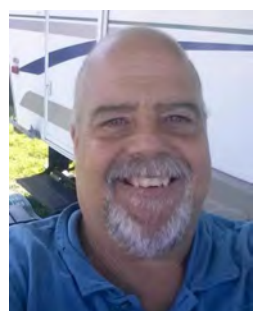


loving mother, daughter, and sister, 43, of Plainville, left her family and friends heartbroken with her unexpected passing on January 19, 2022 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain after a brief illness. Stacey was born on October 3, 1978 in Bristol,

CT daughter to Leon R. Mills and Lorraine M. (Haag) Colagiovanni. She grew up in Plainville, attended local schools and graduated from Plainville High School. She went on to receive her medical assistant certificate from Branford Hall Institute and was currently employed by Apria Healthcare working within their collections department. Stacey was full of life, the jokester in any crowd and was admired for her sarcastic personality that made others have no choice but to laugh or joke along. She enjoyed lounging at the beach to enjoy the sunsets or relaxing in the comfort of home with a nicely scented candle burning and her Herbal Life Tea in hand. Her craftivism and artistic side shined through her pottery and ginger bread houses that she meticulously created. An old soul at heart, she found an interest in antiques and going antique shopping, spending many hours on weekends sharing this passion with others and creating a collection of antique keys that she treasured. She also enjoyed playing BINGO. Above all, she was happiest surrounded by the love of her family and friends and her loyalty to those she loved was unmatched. She will be deeply missed and will never be forgotten as her family carries on her legacy of love and laughter.

Stacey leaves behind the center of her world, her son, Shawn Mills and her daughter, Adriana Mills. She also leaves behind her fiancé, Sean Willard; her father, Leon R. Mills, her mother, Lorraine M. Colagiovanni and her step-father, Bryan Was; her maternal grandfather, Alfred Haag; her maternal grandmother, Terry Hansen; her sisters, Carrie Was Aradhye and her husband, Yogiraj, Michelle Lee Was, and Krystal Polito and her husband, Jeremy; her nieces, Aria Aradhye and Hailey Polito; her nephews, David Was, Jordan Polito, Jayden Polito, and Wil Riccicelli; her best friend, Shannon Hinds; her Boston Terrier fur babies, who brought her much joy, Fiona, Claire and Mabel; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family members. She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Gerald and Mary Mills her nephew, Bryan Was and her step-father, Anthony C. Colagiovanni Sr.

~ John "Johnny" Paul Talley ~



On January 3rd, John passed away after a lengthy illness. He fought with great strength and determination for many years. He always kept a smile on his face and brought joy and humor to everyone around him. He enjoyed car shows and shared his passion for classic cars with his

family and friends.

In addition to his wife and best friend Cathy, he leaves his son, Matt, his siblings, Lee and her husband Don Derosier, Vera and her husband Pete Johnson, Teena and her husband William Shoemaker, Greg and his wife Nicole Talley, his twin brother, James "Jimmy" and his wife Meda Talley, several nieces, nephews, relatives and close friends.

Services in celebration of John's life will be held in the Spring, date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, John may be remembered with contributions to the American Kidney Fund.



~ Kevin Mitchell ~



56, of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Saturday, December 18, 2021. Born on June 22, 1965, he was one of two sons to Cynthia (Weksner) Mitchell and the late Gerald Mitchell. Raised and educated in Plainville, Kevin was a graduate of Plainville High

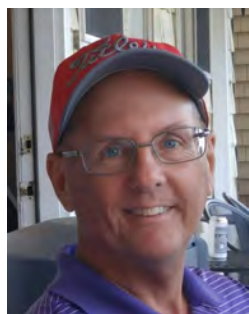
School. Mechanically inclined from a young age, he began his career in the automotive field at the former Anthony's Service Station. He went on to hone his talents and intuitiveness in the auto industry in both Connecticut and Florida. At the time of his death, he was employed with Tasca Ford in Berlin, where he leaves many co-workers whom he thought of as friends. After living in Florida for a period of more than two decades, he returned to Connecticut to take care of his mother Cynthia. Kevin's second love to cars was for sports, as a die-hard Red Sox fan and frequent visitor to Fenway Park. He also loved his Miami Dolphins and Los Angeles Lakers. He was not shy about an occasional wager on a football game or a horse race. He loved to attend stand-up comedy shows as well as live classic rock concerts. Known to always have a wry smile on his face, he found humor in almost any situation, and will be remembered for his kind and gentle personality.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his brother, Kenneth Mitchell of Plantsville; his niece and nephew, Lauren and Alex Mitchell and their mother, Cassandra of Plantsville; his uncle Kenneth Jones and his wife Elaine of New Britain; and his Uncle Robert Mitchell and his wife Lynn of The Villages, FL; along with several cousins and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, Kevin may be remembered with contributions to The Wounded Warrior Project to honor military veterans who put their lives in danger to defend our freedoms.

Kevin's family will celebrate his life with private funeral services.

~ Jeffrey K. Parker ~



68, of Bristol, passed away at his home, with his wife, best friend and golf partner, Deborah (Wishart) by his side, on Friday, January 14, 2022. Born in Southington on December 11, 1953, he was one of three sons to the late Ernest A. and Mary (Bell) Parker. A lifelong resident of Bristol, Jeff was a graduate

of St. Paul High School, and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from St. Bonaventure University. He enjoyed his position as a computer technician for the University of Hartford for nearly 30 years, leaving only due to his illness. A sports enthusiast, Jeff's second love to the game of golf was cheering on any and all Boston based teams, most especially the Patriots; and he had a special place in his heart for Cape Cod, making several trips annually. Jeff faced his many years of illness with an admirable strength, determination and optimism, leaving this world on his own terms and is now at peace, joining Arnold Palmer on the fairways in the sky. Remembered for his kind heart, sense of humor and love for music, Jeff will be missed dearly by the many lives he touched.

In addition to his wife Deborah, he leaves his step-son, Derek Wishart and his children, Ardyn and Kai; his brother, Terry Parker and his wife Marsha; his sister-in-law, Denice Parker; and many nieces, nephews and extended family. He was predeceased by his step-son, Justin Hinckley, his brother Gary Parker and his niece, Cristin Terrwilleger.

Jeff's family extends their appreciation to the staff at Fresenius Kidney Care in Bristol for their compassionate care and support.

In lieu of flowers, Jeff may be remembered with contributions to the National Kidney Foundation at <http://www.kidney.org> A celebration of Jeff's life was held at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St. Plainville.



~Ralph Roger Nuzzo ~



75, of Plainville passed away peacefully at home on January 2, 2022.

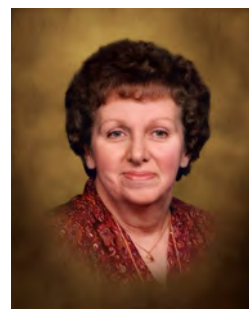
Roger was born in New Haven on August 31, 1946 son to the late Ralph and Anne (Mailhot) Nuzzo. He moved to Bristol, attended Bristol schools and graduated from E.C. Goodwin Tech. He

worked in security at Tunxis Community College and for various schools. Roger was a hard-working man and a jack-of-all trades. In his earlier years he enjoyed bowling, printing and photography. He was an avid fan of the Hartford Whalers, the New York Yankees, and UCONN women's basketball. Roger will be missed sorely by his family as they take comfort in knowing he is now at peace.

Roger is survived by his sons, Thomas Nuzzo and his wife, Sherri, of Waterbury and Kevin Nuzzo and his fiancée, Tammy Nolan, of Bristol, his daughter, Anjannette Orłowski and her husband, Adam, of Newington, his grandchildren, Miranda, Elliott, Bennett, Paige, and Christopher, his sister, Janice Brayne and her husband, Bill, of Plainville, and his nephews Kenneth Lank, Scott Brayne, and Todd Brayne and their families. Roger also leaves behind the mother of his children, Noella Nuzzo and his former spouse and best friend, Lisa Figueiredo. He was predeceased by his granddaughter, Quinne and the love of his life, Laurene Nuzzo.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Roger's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Burial will follow in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. Donations in memory of Roger can be made to the American Cancer Society.

~Claire B. (Zebrowski) Rohon~



of Plainville, died Thursday January 20, 2022. She was born, and raised, in

New Britain where she attended local schools and became a member of the National Honor Society. After she, and her late husband Henry Rohon, raised their five children Claire

returned to a career outside the home. She was employed at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, and Hartford State Technical College until she retired in 1988. In addition to a few overseas vacations, she and Henry enjoyed relaxing in Ogunquit, Maine and Cape Cod, Massachusetts savoring the local seafood. Claire was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Henry; sons David and Kevin Rohon; and daughter Andrea Principato (Rohon). Claire is survived by sons Neil Rohon of Rocky Hill, and Daniel Rohon of Plainville. As well as nieces Judi Bryant of Wethersfield, and Kathleen Clayton of Glastonbury; daughter-in-law Beverly Rohon of Florida, former daughter-in-law Anna Cormier of Southington; two grand-children, and wonderful neighbors Paul Giannini and Sandra Breault.

Family and friends visited Bailey Funeral Home, A funeral service was held with entombment to follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, New Britain. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, Inc or the charity of your choice.

OBITUARIES

~ Willard A. Screen, Sr. ~



71, of Bristol, passed away with his family by his side on Friday, December 10, 2021. He was the husband of Elaine (Richards) Screen, with whom he shared 45 years of marriage.

Born in New Britain on January 26, 1950, he was one of five children to the late Frederick and Elizabeth (Vail) Screen. A 1970 graduate of Plainville High School, Bill, as he was known to many, went on to graduate from Goodwin Tech in 1972, and began his career in the printing profession shortly after. The closing of Lithomart in Farmington where he was working, prompted his interest in woodworking and cabinetry, both as a hobby and a career, working for various cabinet makers in Plainville and surrounding towns until his retirement. A self-taught jack of all trades, his home improvement adventures leave many stories for his family and friends to reflect upon with a smile.

In addition to his wife, Elaine, he leaves his son, Willard Screen, Jr. of Bristol; his siblings, Cindy Goodfield and her husband Paul Goodfield, Sr.; Harold Screen, and Lois Lovejoy; his grandson, Tyler Smith; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Luci, his brother Philip, and his sister Joan.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut, 200 Executive Blvd, #4B, Southington, CT 06489.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Frederick "Rick" W. Sunderland Jr. ~



76, longtime resident of Plainville, passed away on Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

Rick was born on November 15, 1945 in New Britain, CT son to the late Frederick W. Sunderland Sr. and Gwendoline (Main) Sunderland. He grew up in

Southington, attended local schools and graduated from Southington High School. Rick relocated to Plainville in 1978 and established his forever home to raise his family in, creating many memories over the years. He took great pride in maintaining his home, especially the landscaping, as he spent many hours tirelessly keeping everything in order, most prominently his impeccable green grass. He enjoyed the races and watching NASCAR in the comfort of home. Rick was a mechanic by trade and worked for the Town of Plainville for 20 years retiring from the Parks and Recreation Department. He was a man who enjoyed the good times with a great sense of humor. He loved to laugh and make others laugh, always offering a sarcastic comment or joke to get a rise out of others.

Rick is survived by his son, Timmy Sunderland and his wife, Ann-Marie and their daughter, Kersten Sunderland, all of Portland. He also leaves behind his sister, Patricia "Pat" Johnson, of Darlington, PA. He was predeceased by his sister, Janet Miller.

Family and friends gathered at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville. A service in celebration of Rick's life was held at the funeral home. Burial will be held privately in Oak Hill Cemetery, Southington.



~ Charles Sperazza Jr. ~



88, longtime resident of Plainville, passed away on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Midstate Medical Center in Meriden. He was the loving husband to Loretta Sperazza. Together they shared 65 years of marriage.

Charles was born on January 4, 1934 in Pittston, Pennsylvania son to the late Charles and Cecilia Sperazza Sr. Charles proudly served our country in the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged. He was musically inclined and played many instruments throughout his life, including the keyboard, harmonica, and in his younger years played the guitar in a band. He was a self-employed plumber serving the local communities for over 25 years while making many lasting relationships with his clients. He was very humble but it was prominently known that he was proud of his business that he ran and operated for many successful years, Ready Plumbing Service.

In addition to his wife, Loretta, Charles is survived by his children, Charles Sperazza III, Julie LeBron and her husband, Tony, and Karen Fallas and her husband, Mario, his 5 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Family and friends gathered at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St. A service in celebration of Charles' life was held. Burial with full military honors followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Charles can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

~ Gwendolyn Celeste (Laird) Wilson ~



87, of Bristol passed away on December 30, 2021 in the comfort of home surrounded by her loving family after a lengthy illness. She is now at peace and reunited with her late husband, Samuel C. Wilson Sr.

Gwendolyn was born on September 23, 1934 in St. Johnsbury, Vermont daughter of the late Jewett Jacob and Cora Carolyn (Clark) Laird. Earlier in life, Gwendolyn worked at Rogers Orchards, but her true calling was being a mother and grandmother. She loved spending time being surrounded by her family, listening to everyone talk and laugh. Family dinners and Holidays brought her much joy as it brought everyone together to share in good laughs and conversation. Gwendolyn was a sweet, gentle natured woman and all that knew her loved her. She will be missed tremendously as she holds a special place in her loved one's hearts.

Gwendolyn is survived by her daughter, Theresa Price, of Plainville, her son, Samuel C. Wilson Jr. and his wife, Nancy, of Colchester, her daughter Judy Wilson, of Bristol, her daughter Samantha Hill, of Bristol, her daughter, Laurie Wilson, of Bristol, her son, Jewett Wilson and his wife, Karen, of Southington, her son, William Wilson and his wife, Lisa, of Burlington and her daughter, Kathy Hebert and her husband, Mort, of Plainville. She also leaves behind many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

A graveside service in celebration of Gwendolyn's life was held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 1 PM at Saint Joseph Cemetery, 522 Terryville Ave., Bristol. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville extends their gratitude to the Wilson family for their trust.

~ Lawrence Manley Stack ~



of Grayson, Georgia, passed away on Thursday, January 6, 2022, in his home surrounded by some of the many people who loved him. He was the much-loved son of the late Doris Manley Stack and John Matthew Stack of Utica, New York and Newington,

Connecticut. Lawrence, Larry, was the beloved husband of the late Rosemary Maiscalco Stack for 42 years, many of those years residing in Plainville, CT.

He was born in Utica, N.Y. on June 18, 1941. He liked to say that he had the same birthday as Paul McCartney, only McCartney was a year younger. Larry was a favorite son of Utica, he loved all things linked to the city, from black and white cookies, tomato pie, F.X. Matt's Brewery to the Uptown and UFA.

Larry's fondest memories were linked to the 1950's, an era punctuated by cars, Elvis and the greats of the N.Y. Yankees. His love of these aspects of his youth was life-long. It ultimately was culminated by owning and showing his 1987 red Corvette, visiting Graceland and attending N.Y. Yankees Spring Training with his sisters.

Larry attended school in Utica but graduated in 1960 from Newington High School. In high school he started to work part-time for the produce department of Stop and Shop in New Britain, CT and would continue with Stop and Shop as a produce manager for various stores throughout central Connecticut for the next 43 years, retiring in 2003. He was a member of the United Food & Commercial Workers Union Local 919.

Larry was a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve during the Vietnam Era, serving in the Signal Corps. He obtained the rank of Sergeant.

Larry was a kind, loving, humorous, father, grandfather, husband, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. He leaves to celebrate his life his daughters, Tammy Lee, husband Ted and their children Gabrielle and Zoe. Heather Iacobucci, husband Jeff and their children Jeffrey, Abigail and Grace. His sisters Martha Beaudoin, husband Robert, Jacqueline Stack, husband, Mark Riggio. His brother-in-law, Anthony Maiscalco and wife Susan. A very special cousin Patricia McDermott as well as friends loved as family, Albert and Linda Valeri. He was predeceased by his sister Anne Kunda and her husband Henry. Larry's motto in life was "go with the flow." There is a lesson there.

In lieu of flowers donations would be welcomed at the Plainville Community Food Pantry Inc. 54 S. Canal Street. Plainville, CT 06062

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Larry's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal services followed at St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Family and friends gathered prior to the Mass at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit Larry's tribute page at www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

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~ Robertine M. (Charette) Tomcak ~



72, of Plainville, passed away after a brief illness on December 8, 2021 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. She was the loving wife of Frank Tomcak. Robertine was born on November 16, 1949 in Fort Kent, ME daughter to the late Alex and Delina (LaFrance) Charette. She worked at Newcomb Spring as a shipping and receiving manager for several years until her retirement, although her work never truly ended. Full of life with a go-getter personality, Robertine continued to work throughout her retirement in various capacities, including her favorite job of working alongside her son, Adrien, on his race car and at the race track tirelessly week after week for several hours, not afraid to get her hands dirty or get under the car to assist. She also enjoyed being a jewelry assistant to her daughter and best friend, Paula, where she found entertainment in interacting with others and modeling pieces. She had a heart of gold and her passion for helping others was incomparable as she helped anyone who she saw was in need, no matter what it was she had to offer. Gathering with family and friends was something she always looked forward to and she was an extraordinary host. Family was the center of Robertine's world and she was blessed to be able to spend Monday night family dinners relishing in food, love, and laughter. She had a bold, witty sense of humor, always pulling pranks on loved ones with an infectious laugh that could lead one into tears. Robertine loved crafting, decorating, building things and homemaking, but also had a thrilling side to her that brought her to find happiness in motorcycle riding and travelling.

Robertine is survived by her husband, Frank Tomcak; her children, Adrien J. Paradis III and his wife, Sue, Tracie Gallahan and her husband, John, Lisa Carrier and her husband, Roger, Allen Paradis, Paula Winters, Wayne Paradis and his wife, Beth, Frank Tomcak Jr. and his wife, Barbara, Rose Fox and her husband, Mike; her grandchildren, AJ Paradis, Chelsey Campbell, and Leigha Moore; her great-grandson, Carter Moore; 13 step grandchildren and 3 step great-grandchildren; her sister, Geraldine Wilcox and her husband, Vinal; her brothers, Leo Charette and his wife, Irene, and Dana Charette and his wife, Linda; her sister-in-law, Faye Charette; and her special friends, Denise Hoyt, Mel Brokaw, and Brenda and Lionel Bernard. She also leaves behind her dog, Bella, who was her loving companion and many extended family members. She was predeceased by her siblings, Melford Charette, Mildred Walker, Winneford Robinson, Clifford Charette, Alex Charette Jr., and Altine Charette.

A service in celebration of Robertine's life will be held at a later date to be announced. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville extends their gratitude to Robertine's family for their trust. In lieu of flowers, donations to carry on Robertine's legacy of giving may be made to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, 54 S. Canal St., Plainville, CT 06062. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com.

~ Andrew Paul Michaud ~



65, of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Monday, January 24, 2022. He was the devoted husband and best friend of Patricia (Baker), with whom he shared 37 years of marriage.

A lifelong resident of Plainville, Andy was one of two sons to the late Paul and Frances (Kramer) Michaud, and a graduate of Plainville High School. He and Pat settled in his hometown where they raised their daughter, Emily, and where Andy was a friendly and familiar face around town as a mail carrier for the USPS, from where he retired in 2016. He had a longtime passion for photography, leaving many friends and family with priceless portraits, and was a lover of all animals, never leaving the house without treats for all of the four-legged friends on his mail route. He enjoyed various types of music, especially Todd Rundgren, Jimi Hendrix and Frank Zappa, traveled near and far to attend concerts of his favorite artists, happily winning a signed guitar at a recent concert, and took great pride in his ever-growing record collection. He enjoyed playing golf with his buddies and his brother, a trait he inherited from his Dad, and was a fan of the Boston Red Sox, the Boston Bruins and the NY Giants. A kind and gentle soul, he will be missed dearly.

In addition to his wife, Pat, he leaves his daughter Emily, who he was so proud of and loved more than life itself; his beloved brother Patrick Michaud, his wife Rose, and their daughters, Jennifer and Sarah (A.J.); his sister-in-law, Carol Quinn and her sons, Chip (Laurie) and Patrick; his brother-in-law, Ken Baker, his wife Marcia, their daughter Meg and her children Ethan and Sophie; and his beloved pets, his dog Sam and cats Kali and Juni. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his in-laws, Russ and Ruth Baker and many aunts and uncles, including his Uncle Sam, with whom he shared a mutual love for sports.

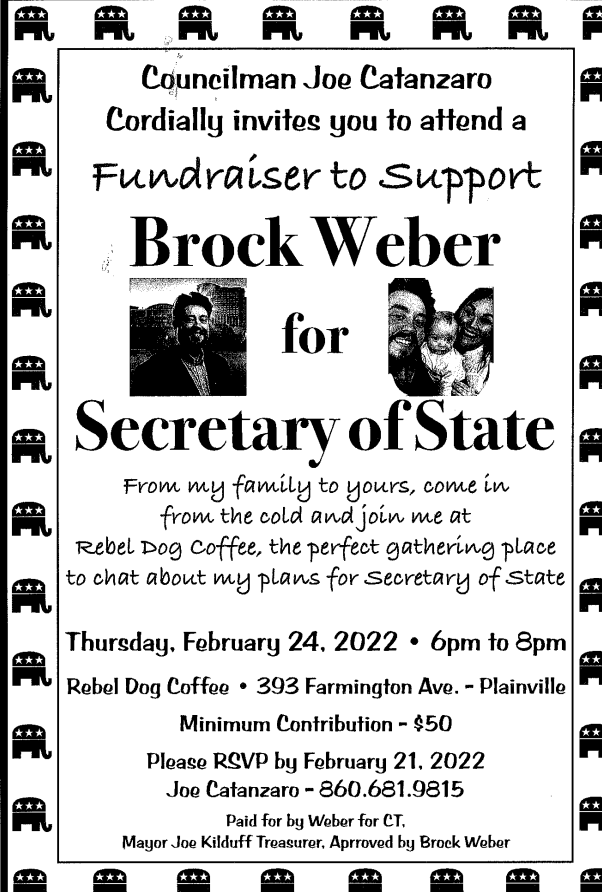
Andy's love for animals may be remembered with contributions to Plainville P.A.W.S. (Partners of the Animals Welfare Society) c/o the Plainville Animal Control, 19 Neal CT., Plainville, CT 06062.



A celebration of Andy's life was held at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Family and friends gathered one hour prior. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit Andy's tribute page at: www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

Wonder of Women

The 21st annual Wonder of Women (WOW) event will be held on May 3, 2022, at the Aqua Turf Club in Planstville. The guest speaker this year will be Ayodele Casel.

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Connecticut's Fifth District

Broadband internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate equally in school learning, stay connected, and receive health care. The pandemic has made it clear that reliable internet is integral to daily life, particularly in rural areas like the Northwest Corner of Connecticut's Fifth District.

A 2018 study of the Northwest Corner of Connecticut found that only 79% of households had access to wired broadband service; 20% only had access to a wired connection that does not meet the current Federal Communications Commission (FCC) definition for broadband – and is not upgradeable. Further, over 18,000 homes have no access to any form of wireless internet.

On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act into law. This legislation will provide Connecticut with a minimum of \$100 million to improve coverage across the state, ensuring at least 27,000 Connecticut residents will have broadband access. Additionally, 18.7% of people in Connecticut will be eligible for the Affordability Connectivity Benefit, which will help low-income families afford internet access. The bipartisan bill also helps bridge the digital divide and homework gap by lowering prices for internet services.

This legislation promises to improve the lives of residents of Connecticut's Fifth District

Connecticut Republicans Upset With Governor Lamont's Directive to Nursing Homes to Receive Covid-19 Patient

Connecticut Republican Party Chairman Ben Proto shared the following statement in reaction to Governor Lamont's directive to Connecticut nursing homes to receive Covid-19 patients. "This feels like a very dark version of Groundhog Day. How could this be the best possible course of action when we are managing the Omicron variant and know that it is the most contagious strain we have seen yet? There is absolutely no way you can convince me that we should send the most infectious people into the same facilities who house our aging mothers, fathers and friends. "On one hand you have hospitals suspending visitation to their facilities - where those who deem themselves 'healthy' enough can choose to visit their loved ones - as a precaution for patients and staff, but on the other you have Governor Lamont sending known infected patients to coexist with those most at-risk. I just don't get it. Nursing homes and long term care facilities alike were decimated with the initial onset of the pandemic. **THIS IS LIKE POURING GASOLINE ON A FIRE. IN THE END, EVERYONE WILL BE BURNT.**"

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The scholarship started two decades ago with donations from the Ringrose family and was expanded with a donation in memory of Paul Bogdanski.

The scholarship is now supported primarily by the Matteo family.

Council 3544 initiated The Normand L. Ortnier Memorial Knights of Columbus Scholarship, a \$500 prize awarded annually to a local middle school student who will attend St. Paul High School.

The 2021 winners are Elizabeth Simms and Alexis Hester.

The Rev. Gerald T. Corrigan Council 3544 of the Plainville Knights of Columbus started the Scholarship many years ago to forward their Catholic education.

Free Vaccination Clinic ~ SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12th 1PM - 6PM

A vaccination clinic will be held at The Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC, 130 West Main Street, Plainville, providing FREE COVID-19 vaccinations for everyone ages 12+ as well as children ages 5-11. Walk-ins welcome, no appointment required. All boosters available.

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INCREMENTAL ISLAM 22

Given Congress's current attempts to criminalize Islamophobia, we will take a brief detour to discuss Islamophobia, we will take a brief detour to discuss Islamophobia, we will take a brief detour to discuss Islamophobia Act, passed by the House along party lines. The corresponding Senate bill, S. 3384, has not yet been voted upon.

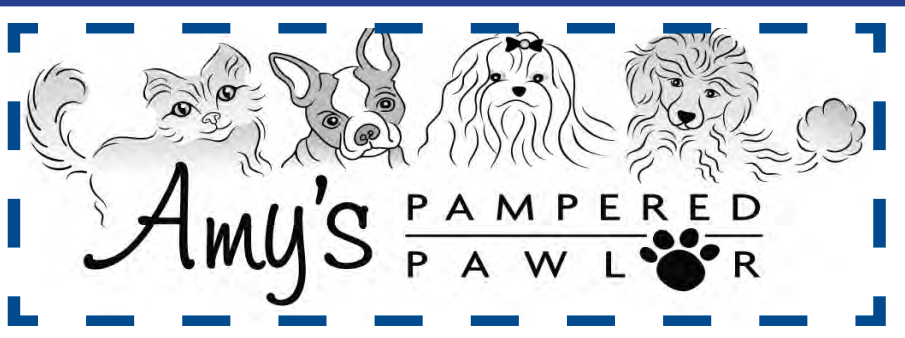
There are serious problems with this bill, not the least of which is the fact that the term "Islamophobia" was invented by the Muslim Brotherhood to create/enhance Muslims' status as "victims." Add to that that a phobia is an irrational fear of something, and considering the beheadings, amputations, etc. called for by Islamic law, any rational person should be fearful of Islam.

Another quarrel with this bill is that it seeks protection only for Islam, allowing the possibility of slandering all other world religions without redress. Of course, this is just as "the religion of peace" says it should be; "Islam is the final [only accepted] religion that Allah will never abrogate until the last day." (ROTT w4.5). We have merely to look at the Muslim attacks against Christians in Nigeria, for example, to understand how 'assbackwards' this new bill is!

And, importantly, according to the 2019 FBI statistics on religious hate crimes, 60.3% were anti-Jewish, while only 13.3% were anti-Muslim! What?!!! Additionally, why is the U.S. State Department policing the entire world to ensure that we all obey the tenets of Islam, which are antithetical to our own Constitutional values of freedom of religion, speech and more?

Lastly, this bill is not an isolated attempt by the U.S. to give sway to Islamic law. Previous efforts include 2011's UNHCR Res. 16/18 (modelled on Pakistani blasphemy laws and championed by Hillary Clinton) and 2015's H. Res. 569: "Condemning Violence, Bigotry, and Hateful Rhetoric Towards Muslims in the United States." Our Senate must vote overwhelmingly for freedom!

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Our blessings and grateful thanks to all for this outpouring of love and support. "Watch for a Princess progress report here next month."

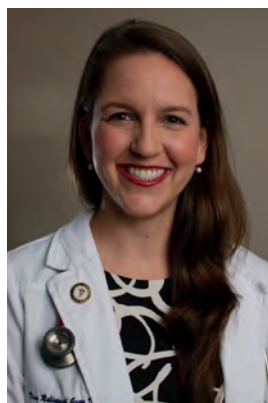
We are happy to report that the bottle and can return drive for the benefit of Plainville PAWS ended January 31st and was very successful. Thank you for supporting this fund raising effort. This fund benefits the animals in a variety of ways, including emergency vet care and is a life saver more times than you know.

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Dr. Marc Leuengerger and Dr. Mary Russell were pleased to announce that Dr. Timothy Ouellette DC, who is a talented and skilled chiropractor, has transitioned into the practice to

continue providing specific chiropractic care to the greater Plainville area.

From Newington originally, Dr. Ouellette went to Chiropractic school at the Life University in Marietta, Ga. He returned to Connecticut and began practice in Hebron, CT specializing in Specific Structural Analysis.

Dr. Ouellette is proficient in a number of chiropractic techniques.

This gives him the ability to tailor the type of care to each individual patient. Whether you have scoliosis, arthritis, or have had previous spinal surgery, Dr. Ouellette is able to formulate a care plan specific to your health needs, wants, and goals.

Plainville Chiropractic is also pleased to announce some new and exciting technology at the office. A new digital

X-ray system has been installed to provide more specific, and precise chiropractic care.

This gives him an opportunity to use accurate and scientific metrics to not only measure progress, but results.

Plainville Chiropractic invites you and your family to come in and see the exciting new changes in the office.

Dr. Ouellette is excited to meet and build a relationships with the wonderful community of Plainville.

The office is located at 43 East Street Plainville, CT 06062

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