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Town Council Meetings & Board of Education Meetings
Can be seen on Nutmeg TV Channel #96 & Channel #93
Friday & Sunday Evenings

Plainville Property Transfers
339 Cooke St: 339 Cooke Street LLC of Plainville to 47 Crestwood Rd LLC, \$122,503 on 4/14/2021
35 Corporate Ave: Connecticut Tool & Mfg Co of Plainville to Store Master Funding 21, \$3,700,000 on 4/15/2021
15 Cronk Rd: 15 Cronk Rd Inc of Plainville to 47 Crestwood Rd LLC, \$201,000 on 4/13/2021
21 E. Broad St: Santo G. Lorenzo and Gladys G. Rivera of Plainville to Ingrid Ramos, \$204,000 on 4/12/2021
75 Glenwood Dr: Deanna D. Coughlin of Plainville to Nicholas Clerget, \$250,000 on 4/12/2021
45 Hillside Ave: Santacroce Neil Est and Halley C. Allaire of Plainville to Herman Morales, \$195,000 on 4/12/2021
41 Kent St: Chapman Marcia Est and David Chapman of Plainville to Grzegorz Gut, \$270,000 on 4/14/2021
44 Lincoln St: Kyle A. and Kira T. Burt of Plainville to Michael and Audrey Creely \$200,000 on 4/15/2021
New Britain Ave: US Bank NA Tr of Plainville to Steven T. and Cynthia M. Miles, \$219,900 on 4/15/2021
69 Northwest Dr. Unit 41: Jeffrey and Candace Kochosky of Plainville to Jennifer K. York, \$189,250 on 4/12/2021
15 Park St: Jennifer R. Bonnett of Plainville to Daniel Ryan, \$260,000 on 4/14/2021
29 Reliance Rd: Paul and Magdalena Zablocki of Plainville to 21 Reliance Assoc LLC \$265,000 on 4/15/2021
31 Summer St: Sydney M. Neubieser of Plainville to Emily Konecny, \$200,000 on 4/14/2021
190 Tomlinson Ave Unit 2b: Nicholas A. Clerget of Plainville to Loraine Forcier, \$175,000 on 4/12/2021
85 Williams St: Michael and Tanya L. Hazlett of Plainville to David A. and Allissa Robinson, \$245,000 on 4/16/2021
14 Ashford Rd: Alan J. Dorbuck of Plainville to Jamaal Orane-Minott, \$169,000 on 4/22/2021
33 Bank St: Nancy R. Mccarthy and Patrick Butler of Plainville to David Quick, \$165,000 on 4/22/2021
17 Farmington Ave Unit 7: Conrad A. and Judith Busser of Plainville to IIGWT LLC, \$55,000 on 4/19/2021
223 Farmington Ave: Shawn T. and Kristi L. Ramsey of Plainville to Aronnes Dieudonne \$315,000 on 4/21/2021
4 Jude Rd: Russell R. and Sharon Passig of Plainville to Norma Radziewicz, \$275,000 on 4/19/2021
66 Ledge Rd: John and Irene Bielawski of Plainville to Edward G. Bruce and Darlene R. Savard, \$160,000 on 4/19/2021
50 Pierce St Unit 19: Dawn Phoung-Hemard of Plainville to Gateway Palms LLC, \$92,000 on 4/19/2021
44 Washburn Dr: Anthony and Barbara Dlugoszewski of Plainville to Shawn T. and Kristi L. Ramsey, \$211,500 on 4/19/2021
14 Condale Ln: Oak Land Developers LLC of Plainville to Daniel Neville and Ngiyen Tran, \$343,900 on 4/27/2021
466 East St Unit 1a: JSM Financial LLC of Plainville to JJH Properties LLC, \$46,000 on 4/27/2021
42 Forshaw Ave Unit 42: Theresa H. Donovan of Plainville to 42 Forshaw LLC, \$237,500 on 4/30/2021
6 Johnson Ave: Jonathan R. Doncet of Plainville to Marah E. and Timothy M. Liden, \$274,118 on 4/29/2021
35 Johnson Ave: Deschaine Roland Est and Jamin Deschaine of Plainville to Richardo Rivera, \$243,000 on 4/28/2021
53 Lewis Ave: David A. Chevrette of Plainville to PSM&F LLC, \$180,000 on 4/30/2021
14 Loomis Ave: Joyce K. and Donald R. Brown of Plainville to Eneida Torres, \$232,500 on 4/26/2021
44 Macarthur Rd: Reno and Rino Levesque of Plainville to Christopher S. and Julia E. Levesque, \$185,000 on 4/30/2021
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Robert E. Lee, Town Manager's Report to Town Council

May 3rd & May Meetings

Town Council Meeting May 3, 2021

CT Main Street Center – Patrick McMahon

- The FY22 Budget includes monies to join the CT Main Street Center. During the budget discussion, Town Council members had several questions regarding the benefits of joining the CT Main Street Center.
- Patrick McMahon, the Chief Executive Officer of the Center is here this evening to give a brief power point presentation of the organization and to answer any questions from the Town Council members.

Norton Park Pool Discussion for Summer 2021

- Recreation Director Courtney Hewitt is here this evening to discuss the plans for Norton Park Pool which is scheduled to open on June 12th. Courtney has suggested two options for residents to utilize the pool based upon the current COVID-19 restrictions that state that the employees should "limit the total number of patrons in the pool area and pool to the number of people/households that can safely fit on the [pool deck area while maintaining the six feet distance guidelines including 3 feet wide walking paths".
- With the size of the pool decks at Norton Park, this would limit the number of pool visitors to a maximum of 50 at any one time.
- She is suggesting two ideas on how to limit the capacity to best serve the Plainville residents. 1). Limit pool season passes to 400 on a first-come, first serve basis and 2). Sell tickets daily for \$2 each on a first-come, first-serve basis until the capacity is reached.
- Courtney is seeking Town Council feedback on each of these suggestions.

Police Body Camera Discussion

- Last summer the Police Reform Bill was signed into law in Connecticut. That law requires that all police departments in the state to have body and in-dash cameras by July 1, 2022. The Plainville Police Department has had in-dash cameras for several years.
- Before Chief Catania passed away, he was in the process of putting together a recommendation for the purchase of body cameras for the Department. Lt. Peterson and Lt. Mullins have continued this effort and are prepared to move forward with the purchase and implementation of body cameras for the police officers.
- They are suggesting two options: 1). Outright purchase of the system from Watchguard or 2). Enter a Managed Care Plan. The Managed Care Plan would save approximately \$26K over a five-year period.
- Lt. Peterson & Lt. Mullins will

give a brief presentation of the Watchguard system and the policy regarding the use of body cameras issued by the Police Officer Standards & Training Council and to answer any questions from Town Council members. They are seeking Town Council input on which option to pursue. No action is being requested this evening.

Valley Water/Aquarion Water Company Acquisition

- Valley Water recently notified the Town that their parent company, New England Service Company, has entered an "Agreement and Plan of Merger" with the Aquarion Water Company of Bridgeport. Subsequently, on April 21, 2021, Valley Water sent a letter to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) requesting that their current application for a rate increase be "temporarily suspended" until such time as the merger is approved by the required regulatory agencies in CT, MASS., and NH.
- Valley Water is estimating that the approvals can take from three to six months. Valley Water is also proposing that they "initiate discussions among the parties and report back to PURA...if a settlement is achievable" with regards to their proposed increase.
- I recently met with the President of Aquarion and Valley Water representatives in which they expressed their interest in negotiating a rate increase rather than having PURA make the decision. I told them that I would be willing to participate in such discussions.

Standard & Poor's Rating

- On April 22nd, S&P re-affirmed Plainville's Bond Rating of AA+. This is one notch lower than a AAA rating which is the highest rating a Town can attain. They also stated that the financial outlook for Plainville is "stable".
- In their report, S&P noted that it "reflects a strong growing residential and commercial base" and that "lending further stability to the rating and the outlook are" Plainville's "very strong liquidity and stable revenue mix, with the predominant revenue stream of property taxes, with collections remaining strong".
- They also noted that Plainville has "strong management, with good financial policies and practices", "strong budgetary performance", "very strong budgetary flexibility, with an available fund balance in FY 2020 of 18% of operating expenditures".
- They also noted that the Town has "very strong debt and contingent liability profile with debt service carrying charges at 7.6% of expenditures...with 66.7% of debt scheduled to be retired in 10 years". They also recognized that the Town Council recently adopted a fund balance policy.

- In conclusion, S&P stated that Plainville has a "strong economy", "strong management", "strong budgetary performance", "very strong budgetary flexibility", "very strong liquidity", and "very strong debt and contingent liability profile".
- As the Town Manager I am proud that Standard & Poor has recognized the efforts of the Town Council and Town staff to achieve a financial record that earned a Bond Rating of AA+.

All Day Budget Vote Results – FY 2022

- On April 27th both the General Government and Board of Education Budgets were overwhelmingly approved by those who voted. The General Government Budget was approved by 81% of those who voted (377, yes – 90, no). The Board of Education Budget was approved by 77% of those who voted (359, yes – 106, no)
- The next step in the process is for the Town Council to set the mill rate. The Appropriation and Finance Committees of the State legislature recently issued their recommended State Budget for the next two fiscal years. Their recommendations restored the phase-in of the ECS formula. That phase-in would result in an additional \$198,930 above what was originally anticipated.
- This increase in ECS monies would reduce the mill rate increase to 0.09 mills or 0.25% increase in taxes based upon earlier revenue discussions. This is \$129,801 from a no tax increase. It is recommended that the Town Council consider setting the mill rate at the May 17th meeting.

FAA Grant Agreement

- Several months ago, the F.A.A. notified the Town that the Town would receive \$13K from the Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program for Robertson Airport. To receive the grant, the Town Council must provide authority to execute the grant to the individual signing the grant.
- There is an item under New Business that would authorize the Town Manager to be the authorized representative for the Town.

Open Burning Ordinance Discussion

- The Open Burning Ordinance was adopted on November 6, 2006. The purpose of the Ordinance is to require that a permit be issued by the Fire Marshal or the Open Burning Official before any person initiates open burning in any public or private area outside of a building.
- Fire Marshal Ron Dievert is requesting that the Town Council consider amending Section 219-9 E (3) to comply with updated D.E.E.P. danger levels.
- Specifically, the current language allows for the revocation of an open burning permit in the case of "extreme or high forest fire danger". D.E.E.P. has added a third level,

namely, "very high" fire danger.

- The Fire Marshal is requesting that Section 219-9 E (3) include "very high" as one of the levels now recognized by the State for measuring fire danger. The proposed language would read: "An extreme, very high, or high forest fire danger exists".
- If the Town Council is agreeable to this suggestion – the next step would be to schedule of Public Hearing to solicit comments from residents before considering action.

Auditor Appointment

- Each year the Town Council is required to appoint the firm to conduct the annual Town audit. For many years, the Town Council has appointed Blum Shapiro of West Hartford to perform this work. Last December Blum Shapiro announced that they were joining the national professional services firm of Clifton, Larson & Allen, LLP.
- The Blum Shapiro "team" will continue to serve clients locally from their location in West Hartford. Town staff is recommending that the Town Council appoint CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to perform the FY21 Town Audit. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

COVID-19 Update

- Health Director Shane Lockwood is here this evening to give an update the latest status of the COVID-19 restrictions and to discuss what may be expected going forward in the coming months.

Town Council Meeting May 17, 2021

GE Request for Monitoring Wells in Town ROW

- General Electric is requesting approval for the installation of groundwater monitoring wells in Town rights of way to support ongoing remedial activities associated with the former GE facilities located at 10 New Britain Ave. and 41 Woodford Ave.
- G.E. is remediating groundwater on these properties under the oversight of the CT DEEP. Arcadis U.S., Inc. has been performing that work on behalf of G.E. As part of their ongoing remediation activities, due to the detection of chlorinated solvents at concentrations slightly greater than CT DEEP standards, it is necessary that environmental testing occur at locations beyond the former GE property boundaries to meet CT DEEP requirements.
- G.E. is requesting access to install and sample groundwater monitoring wells at two locations within Town rights of way along roadways.

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- The wells would be 120 feet deep, with a borehole that is approximately 12 inches in diameter and enclosed with flushmount well covers set inside an approximately 2-foot by 2-foot concrete pad and secured with a lock and expandable plug.
- Quarterly groundwater samples would be taken, and they anticipate doing this for approximately two years. The location of the two wells would be on Norton Place and Jefferson Street. G.E. is also planning to install a third monitoring well on east side of Farmington Ave. (State Road) just north of the Route 72 overpass.
- There is an item under New Business that would authorize the Town Manager to execute the Right of Entry Agreement with G.E. to install the two monitoring wells in the Town R.O.W.

Refunding of Clean Water Fund Loans

- The Town recently sold General Obligation Bonds to pay off four Clean Water Fund Loans to the State of CT totaling \$10,050,000. These loans were borrowed in 2006, 2009, 2010 and 2012 and were used to make improvements to the wastewater treatment plant located at the end of Cronk Road.
- The interest rate on those loans were at 2%. As a result of the bond sale, the Town will be able to lower the interest rate on the remaining years of the bond from 2% to 0.68%.
- The overall Gross (Budgetary) Savings through FY21 to FY30 is \$521,757. These Savings will be in the sewer fund. The sewer fund will save \$206,552 in the current fiscal year (FY21) as the Town will not have to make future Clean Water Fund payments. The Town will save an average of \$35K over the remaining nine years of the loan.
- These savings will assist in helping to minimize future sewer user charge increases.

FY2022 Mill Rate Discussion

- Since the budget has been approved at the All-Day vote, several Town Council members have expressed a desire to consider a “no tax increase” when the mill rate is set. This would entail adjusting revenues by \$317,639 to attain a zero mill increase. Since the April 5th Town Council meeting, the State Legislative Committees have brought forth their recommended budget which is expected to be acted upon by the end of the Legislative Session on June 5th.
- Based upon news reports and several CCM meetings (which included key legislative participants), there is strong support to restore the phase-in

of the ECS formula. This would result in \$192,639 in additional revenue to support the FY22 budget leaving \$125,000 to attain a “no tax increase”.

- Town staff (Rob Buden, Matt Daskal, and I) discussed several alternatives for consideration regarding the setting of the mill rate. They are:
 1. Set the mill rate at 34.71. This would result in a mill rate increase of 0.09 mills or 0.25% increase in taxes.
 2. Set the mill rate at 34.62 (current mill rate) by increasing the Unassigned Fund Balance Contribution from \$400K to \$525K. (+\$125K)
 3. Set the mill rate at 34.62 (current mill rate) by increasing the following revenue line items: Building Permit Fees +\$50K; Police Fees +\$20K; Recording Fees +5K; Unassigned Fund Balance +50K.
- Please note that revaluation is currently underway for the October 1, 2021 Grand List. It is anticipated that the Grand List will increase - meaning that the mill rate will decrease- based upon all other factors staying the same (i.e., revenues and expenditures). However, the impact on the different types of taxable categories could shift depending upon the changes to industrial & commercial property, residential property, motor vehicles and personal property. In other words, all taxable property during a revaluation year will have a different tax change (increase or decrease) based upon their relative change in value.

Concessions Bid

- Each year the Town solicits bids for ice cream and concession services in the Town's parks. This bid provides for a minimum \$550.00 payment by the vendor for the right to sell in the Town's Parks. The bid also includes provisions that allow the Town to limit vending during special events (example a youth organization fundraiser).
- Due to the pandemic the Town did not seek vendors during the summer of 2020. This year's solicitation resulted in one bid- from the 2019 vendor Two Brothers Ice Cream.
- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council award Plainville Bid# 2021-20 Town Park Ice Cream and Concession Rights to Two Brothers Ice Cream of Waterbury, Connecticut in the amount of \$601.00. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

COVID-19 Update

- Connecticut's seven-day COVID positivity rate had dropped below 2% for the first time in six months. The state also became the first in the nation to fully vaccinate 50% of its adult population. Governor Lamont's emergency orders regarding the

COVID-19 pandemic are scheduled to expire on May 20th.

- Last week the State Senate and State House granted final legislative approval for another extension of the Governor's emergency COVID-19 powers until July 20th. It is unclear at this time whether the indoor mask mandate will remain in place.
- Additionally, late last week FDA approved COVID-19 vaccinations for children between 12 and 15 years of age. The CDC has stated that fully vaccinated people can largely ditch wearing masks indoors, however, the Governor's emergency orders require them to be worn indoors at least until May 20th. The CDC guidance still requires wearing masks in crowded indoor settings.
- The Municipal Center will allow people to enter without a mask if they are fully vaccinated according to the CDC Guidelines beginning this Wednesday. Notices will be displayed on the entryways to the building. People will be asked to comply via the “honor system”.

Mountainview Pump Station Improvements

- The FY22 Capital Improvement Budget includes \$82,010 to replace the two pumps at the Mountainview Pump Station plus a spare pump.
- Superintendent Joseph Alosso is recommending that they purchase the pumps directly from Fleet Associates in the amount of \$63,407 and have them installed by Blake Equipment for \$11,950. The WPC has Fleet Pumps at the other pump stations in Plainville.
- The total cost for the replacement and installation is \$75,357. There is an item under New Business that would waive the bid process and authorize the purchase of the pumps for the Mountainview Pump Station in the amount of \$63,407 from Fleet Associates of White Plains.

Financial Dashboard

- The Financial Dashboard for the period through April 30, 2021 has been included in the meeting package and has been posted on the Town website.

HAPPENINGS

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From the Desk of:

Cal Hauburger Economic Development & Special Project Coordinator

Business Openings: Several businesses have opened or are in the process of renovation and should be opening shortly.

Pretty Sharp Salon, 107 New Britain Avenue. Next to the existing Praline's, a group of women have started their own salon after the closure of their previous place of work in Newington. After renovating the interior space, the group opened their Plainville location in the middle of April bringing with them a strong clientele base they are looking to continue to grow.

Artemis Boci Spa and Salon is moving into town from West Hartford. Trained in Europe as a nail tech and esthetician, Artemis worked in Greece before moving to the United States where she's continued to operate her own spas offering all services from manicures, pedicures, waxing, & lashes.

Big Steve announced that he will be reopening on June 1. Following news that his location on Whiting Street would be closing, I was able to work with him and put him in contact with the owner of his new space on Woodford Ave. He is planning to do some remodeling and updating in the coming weeks prior to his grand reopening. It is great that we were able to work with him and keep his business in Town.

Ribbon Cuttings: The Chamber of Commerce has been taken over by Quinn Christopher and Tabitha Manafort. They have done a fantastic job reorganizing and rejuvenating the Chamber and have plans to increase the Chamber's presence and impact

in Town moving forward. On May 5th they hosted a ribbon cutting for **Good Vibes** – a new florist and artisan gift shop which opened on Whiting Street in January. The event was well attended and well ran.

Two additional ribbon cuttings have been scheduled. **Norcom Mortgage**, 59A Whiting Street was held on Thursday, May 27 and **Hop Haus**, 24 Whiting Street on Wednesday, June 2 at 5pm. All are invited to attend.

Miscellaneous:

The public hearing with CTDOT regarding the first phase of the Farmington Canal bike trail has been rescheduled to June 22 at 7pm. This meeting will be held via Zoom. As the date approaches, a link will be made available to the public who would like to participate.

Plainville is officially an enrolled member of CT Main Street Center. We were able to pro-rate our membership for the remainder of this fiscal year. With the impending White Oak project, Plainville will benefit greatly from our membership as we continue working towards revitalizing our downtown.

The Town intends to hear back from the CT DECD in early June regarding our Brownfield remediation grant application to clean up the White Oak site and move forward with redevelopment.

That is all for this month. Take care and be safe. We're getting closer and closer to getting back to "normal".

Best, Cal Hauburger

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Plainville Fire Company Drive-thru Pasta Dinner

The Plainville Fire Company is hosting a pasta dinner drive-thru at
Plainville Fire Headquarters
Saturday June 12th beginning at 4pm,
until all dinners are gone.

We will be distributing the dinners on a 1st come - 1st served basis. Cost will be \$9.00 per dinner which will include salad, pasta, bread and desert. Please visit our website www.plainvillefireco.com for more details or if you have any questions please call at 860.919.2849.

Phil Brousseau



Thank You All who Joined in the Nations Prayer! And What a Beautiful Day it Was!

Thank You Fr. Caleb Evans for opening and leading us into prayer. For all who came in person and prayed over the Nation and the town of Plainville, one by one, and for Elaine Evans for closing us in prayer. What joy and hope to lift all to Jesus.

Many thanks for this community who lead and came together as one: Holy Trinity Anglican Church, National Day of Prayer Taskforce, Plainville for use of the Gazebo and green and Church Army USA all for the Glory of God.

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Wheeler to Host ~ Virtual Job Fair June 2, 2021, from 3 – 7 pm

Wheeler is hosting a virtual job fair on June 2, 2021, from 3 – 7 pm. The organization is hiring masters-level clinicians (LCSW, LMFT, LPC, LMSW, LMFTA, LPCA), as well as bachelor-level case managers for its in-home programs. Bilingual Spanish-speaking candidates are encouraged to apply. A bilingual stipend is available. Students with an expected graduation date of May 2021 or August 2021 are encouraged to attend.

E-mail to: jobs@wheelerclinic.org

PLAINVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL

The following names have been added to the Plainville Veterans Memorial Wall:

Sgt. John A. Susco, Sr. - United States Marines
S2c John A. Susco, Sr. - United States Navy

The Memorial Wall is located on the main floor of the Plainville Municipal Center adjacent to the Town Clerk's Office. Visitors may view the Wall during normal business hours. If you are interested in adding a Veteran's name to the Wall, applications are located in the Municipal Center, Senior Center and VFW Post 574.

Restaurant Revitalization Fund Applications Are Open

News from Representative Jahana Hayes

Dear 5th District Readers,

The \$28.6 billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund, established by the American Rescue Plan, is now accepting applications. Relief through the Restaurant Revitalization Fund is available to restaurants, wineries and distilleries, bakeries, breweries, bars, and caterers.

This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business. Recipients are not required to repay the funding if funds are used for eligible expenses by March 11, 2023.

The Connecticut Small Business Development Center (CTSBDC) hosting a webinar to provide insight into the application process and key information on eligible use for program funds.

For more information about the Restaurant Revitalization Fund and the Small Business Association, please visit sba.gov/restaurants.

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Plainville Performs Assessments of Sidewalks in the Town.

The Town of Plainville recently completed a sidewalk condition assessment on 64 miles of walkways in Town. Late last year the Town Council authorized a contract with StreetScan to utilize ScanCarts to conduct the sidewalk assessments. These carts were outfitted with 2D and 3D cameras.

Once this information was collected, StreetScan developed a "Sidewalk Condition Index (SCI)" which ranked the overall health of the sidewalk segments on a scale of 0 (worst) to 100 (best). The SCI considers tripping hazards, surface distortions, uplift, and cracks. There are seven levels in the sidewalk condition index ranging from Excellent to Failed. The good news is that the average SCI of all the sidewalks in Plainville is 81. That score means that most of the 64 miles of sidewalk are considered "good". The bad news is that 2.61 miles of sidewalk are rated in "serious" or "very poor" condition.

The program also provides cost estimates to fix the sidewalks. This is very helpful when putting together the annual Capital Improvement Plan or when applying for available grants.

At a recent Town Council meeting, Town staff gave a demonstration of the new program. Chairwoman Katherine Pugliese remarked that "this is a very useful tool that will make it easier to prioritize which sidewalks need to be addressed first. It also gives the Town Council the ability to view the condition of sidewalks remotely with our computers."

Now that this project has been completed, the Town Council expressed their support for a systematic replacement of those sidewalks with low SCI scores. "This may take several years, but it's a start and a commitment that it is time to devote some resources to these valuable assets that allow for our residents to safely walk throughout Plainville", remarked Chair Pugliese.

This summer the Town will be replacing sidewalks on Laurel Court and a portion of Tomlinson Ave. near the High School. Next year the focus will begin in the Northwest section of town where there are many streets that have a low sidewalk condition index number.

For more information on the StreetScan Program, including a map of the existing sidewalks with their sidewalk condition index, please go to the Town website at www.plainvillect.com Questions regarding sidewalks can be directed to the Town Manager's Office at 860-793-0221 Ext. 8701.

Plainville Community Pharmacy

The COVID-19 vaccines have arrived at the pharmacy. They will be administering vaccines Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up via healthmartcovidvaccine.com (select Plainville Community Pharmacy) Also, Plainville Community Pharmacy is accepting walk-ins and will help you register. The pharmacy is located at 170 East Street.

HAPPENING~Town Council Meeting May 17, 2021

Dog Licensing

The Town Clerk's Office will mail dog license renewals the last week of May. Dog licensing begins on June 1, 2021. Residents can renew their pet's license online via the Town's website, by mail, or in person. If anyone has any questions, they can contact the Town Clerk at 860-793-0221 x 7151

Get Healthy Scavenger Hunt

Sponsored by Plainville Youth Services, Open to all Plainville students. May 6-June 3.

After a long winter indoors, it is time to get out, get moving and enjoy beautiful Norton Park! Every week there will be four fun facts about health and wellness spread around Norton Park. All you have to do is find the fact (it will be secured to a wall, pole, fence etc.), take a photo of yourself next to it, and post it to the Plainville Youth Services Facebook page, or email it to brownr@plainvilleschools.org. Each person/photo will be entered to win a \$50 gift card to Old Navy or Kohl's. There will be two winners each week! Get your friends, family and get moving!

Plainville Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting - Norcom Mortgage

The Plainville Chamber of Commerce is having a ribbon cutting for Norcom Mortgage, May 27, 21 at 5:00PM. All are invited to attend.

Tax Update

The second installment of the sewer bills are due May 1, with last day to pay without interest is June 1. Bills are not sent for this installment. An email reminder blast is available to those that have signed up. Looking to sign up? Information is available on the Town website: www.plainvillect.com. Real Estate Demand letters have been sent to delinquent tax payers.

Senior Center

The United Way of West Central CT will be honoring the Plainville Senior Center at the 19th Annual Community Builders Reception. The Senior Center is being honored as a "Change Maker" in our community particularly for their steadfast devotion to helping our seniors through the pandemic.

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

The Memory Exchange [Thursdays, 10 A.M. In Person, Will Run Through July 1]

Join the memoir writing and discussion group, where pen meets paper. Reminisce and record your most cherished memories within a structured, supportive environment. Materials provided. Midge Bresnahan will instruct this course. Class limited to 10 students. To register, call the Plainville Adult Education Department at 860-793-3209. FREE. Generously funded by the Elizabeth H. Norton Trust.

Acrylic Painting Class [Mondays, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. In Person, To June 14th] COST: \$8.00

Grandparent Raising Grandchildren

If you are raising a grandchild or other young relative, you are not alone. Join us for our Grandparents/Relatives Raising Grandchildren Information and Support Meeting. Older Americans Act. **Veterans' Social Hour** These monthly information and support meetings are conducted by Sherry Vogt, Veteran's Liaison for Hartford HealthCare at Home. FOR ALL VETERANS OVER 60 AND THEIR SPOUSES. Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728

More Senior News...Page 36

To Your Health

It's time for FUN!

By: Linda Coveney

Not that zoom meetings, balancing working from home with 4 other people in the same space, slow internet, and forgetting your mask just as you get to the door of the supermarket isn't fun. There are ups and downs to everything. June provides us the gifts of longer days, warmer temperatures, gardening, fresh vegetables and open trails. There are literally no-excuses to get out of your chair and enjoy the outdoors, breathe in clean air and sunshine and feel invigorated, even for only 30 minutes.

However, if you are feeling achy, sluggish, heavy and have lots of digestive issues, you may not be feeling up to the rewards of fun. Perhaps these ailments can be resolved when you make a modification to what you eat. As you know, I believe that nature provides what we need for health and vitality. In fact, I just finished a 4 week long "The Art of Eating" program. This is similar to what you might know as a detox or elimination diet. The name was changed by the founder of The Institute of Sustainable Nutrition, tiosn.com, because this process of added focus on what to eat and how to eat - mindfully and appreciatively, helps to create the habits that will last longer than the program. The Art of Eating is a call to add in foods that are known to provide the nutrients we need and remove foods that create inflammation and don't add value to our health. The heavy hitters in this regard are sugar, including artificial sugars, sodas, corn and soy unhealthy fats, and processed foods. Gluten, eggs, and dairy, while not bad are the typical foods that cause food sensitivities in many. By eliminating these and then adding them back in one at a time can help to identify if these culprits need to say out of your diet a little longer. The key is to listen to



what your body is telling you. Anyway, I realized that I was eating way too many baked goods, bread and sweets over the winter and needed the structure of a group to help me reduce cravings and get back on track. So, my journey starting with adding in simple soups, such as leek and lentil to transition from heavier meals. Delicious salads included chicken and or salmon. Frequently beets were incorporated to salads and smoothies as they support the liver to remove toxins. Brown rice replaced white potatoes. Avocados are a healthy fat option that can be added to salads or alone as a dip with carrots. Sauerkraut or other fermented foods provide the probiotics to help keep our microbiomes in balance which supports our immune system and aids in digestion. Oatmeal replaced a slice of coffee cake and I added chia seeds, almond milk, cinnamon and fruit to include more food groups and to feel full longer. Sometimes breakfast was the leftovers from last night's dinner. I returned to my normal routine of one small dark chocolate square instead of a handful of cookies to hold off the sugar blues. After dinner, herbal teas helped to relax me.

At the end of this program, I felt lighter - 5 lbs. in fact. I also found my cravings declined and can be satisfied by reaching for an apple, pear or banana with some nut butter. Best of all, my sleep and energy levels improved. I'm back working out at the YMCA.

My goal in sharing this is to remind you to pay attention to what you are eating and how it makes you feel, i.e., sluggish and bloated and never quite full or satisfied. Would you be willing to incorporate more healthy options in order for improved vitality and more fun into your life? It takes some planning and willpower at first, but over time, it becomes your own new art of eating. If you are interested in tackling this, send me an email and I'll forward my "Listen to your Gut" handout to help you get started.

I want to always caution those with health concerns to check in with their physician prior to making any significant dietary changes, especially if you are on medications that could be impacted. *Stay Healthy, Enjoy June!*

Linda Coveney

She can be reached at:

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

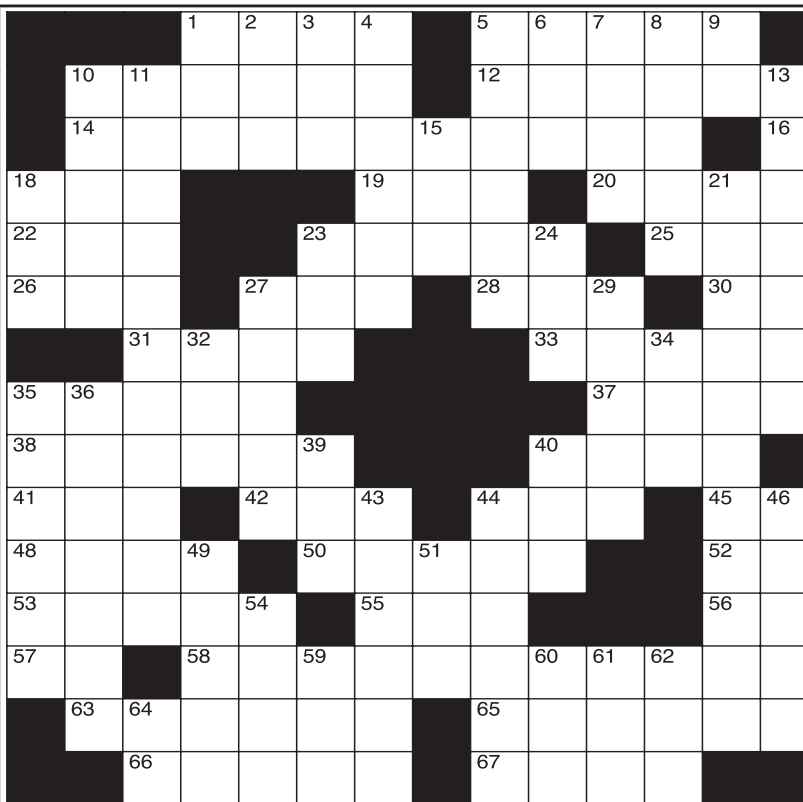
(Gary raves) My wife and I were looking to change our bathroom to an enclosed shower with a seat for our safety. Shopping around getting quotes for the project and a little shocked at the cost. Then stopped in to see Pat at Plainville Plaumbing Supply on East Street. With his advice we were able to get our new bathroom and also saved money. Thanks, Pat

(Joan raves) I just want to thank the Hometown Connection for bringing my attention to our Downtown Shops and all the variety of restaurants.

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

Please be aware that COVID Vaccine sites are continuously being added and appointment availability changes rapidly. For any questions or help with scheduling a COVID vaccine, please call 877-918-2224.
The Tomasso Group Welcomes Hartford HealthCare to One Liberty Square

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. LARGE, FLIGHTLESS BIRDS
- 5. LIFTS AND MOVES HEAVY OBJECTS
- 10. HYUNDAI SEDAN
- 12. WEAR AWAY BY EROSION
- 14. ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY
- 16. TOP PROSECUTOR
- 18. ___-DE-SAC: SHORT DEAD-END STREET
- 19. DIGITAL AUDIOTAPE
- 20. LINGUISTICS PIONEER
- 22. SINGER DIFRANCO
- 23. ARMS OF THE SEA
- 25. NEAR-REACH WEAPON (ABBR.)
- 26. BALLPLAYER'S ACCESSORY
- 27. YOU GET ONE AT THE BEACH
- 28. U.S. FOUNDING FATHER
- 30. W. AUSTRALIA INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
- 31. AMOUNTS OF TIME
- 33. PUT ON THE SHELF
- 35. RUSSIAN DYNASTY MEMBER
- 37. CITY ALONG THE ELBE RIVER
- 38. A PENINSULA BETWEEN THE RED SEA AND THE PERSIAN GULF
- 40. ACTOR DAMON
- 41. ___ KING COLE, MUSICIAN
- 42. COMPANY THAT RINGS RECEIPTS
- 44. SCATTER

CLUES DOWN

- 45. BASICS
- 48. PART OF A DOOR
- 50. INDICATES SILENCE
- 52. MOVED QUICKLY ON FOOT
- 53. MONETARY UNITS
- 55. A PLACE TO CRASH
- 56. MANY SUBCONSCIOUSSES
- 57. GROUP OF COUNTRIES
- 58. ABOUT LINE OF LATITUDE
- 63. FEMALE FOLLOWER OF BACCHUS
- 65. A DENTIST CAN TREAT IT
- 66. DULL BROWN FABRICS
- 67. INT'L NONPROFIT
- 1. MIDWAY BETWEEN NORTHEAST AND EAST
- 2. PARTNER TO CHEESE
- 3. ONE FROM UTAH
- 4. A WAY TO MOVE
- 5. PLAYING CARDS
- 6. BASEBALL STAT
- 7. LONG RIVER IN WESTERN ASIA
- 8. GRANDMOTHERS
- 9. ENTERTAINMENT LEGEND SULLIVAN
- 10. STEAM BATH ROOM
- 11. ONE WHO KILLS
- 13. FOOD
- 15. SWISS RIVER
- 17. FLEET
- 18. TAXI
- 21. WORKING CLASS
- 23. MORE (SPANISH)
- 24. HIGH SCHOOLERS' TES
- 27. LARGE HEAVILY BUILT C ANTELOPE
- 29. MURDERED IN HIS BAT
- 32. TEASE GOOD-NATURED
- 34. MORSEL
- 35. CAUSE PERSISTENT RES MENT
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- 39. PERFORM IN A PLAY
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- 43. A GREAT PLACE TO KAY
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- 46. IN AN UNFAVORABLE V
- 47. COMPLEX OF NERVE TI. (ABBR.)
- 49. MACHINE FOR MAKIN
- 51. FELINE
- 54. YUGO'S HATCHBACK
- 59. CHECK
- 60. PRESS AGAINST LIGHTL
- 61. WIND-POLLINATED PLA
- 62. ___COMPOOP
- 64. COMMERCIAL

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“Ask Sheila”

-1) I have a Delayed Enrollment for Part B, because I worked until age 68. Do I have to do anything besides have my Employer complete the Employee Verification Form ?

A-1) *If you have not yet applied for Part A, you will need to apply for BOTH Part A & B AND complete the Employer Verification Form. If you already have Part A, then you will need to Apply for Part B along with sending in the Employee Verification Form. They PREFER that you send both Forms together. CMS-40B "Application for Part B Enrollment" and the CMS-L564 "Request for Employment Information"*

Q-2) I am going to sign up for Medicare soon and I do not take any Prescription Drugs. Do have to sign up for a Plan with Drug coverage? I read that it is 'optional'.

A-2) *If you do not have 'Credible' Prescription Drug coverage when you are enrolled in Medicare, and then in the future decide to get a Drug Plan, you will likely be subject to a Penalty for the number of months that you were not enrolled in a Drug Plan. This Penalty is added to your Drug Plan Premium for the remaining time you are enrolled in Medicare.*

Q-3) What is the BEST Advantage Plan I can enroll in in Connecticut?

A-3) *There are no "bad" Advantage Plans, The "Best" Plan is the one that all of your Doctors , Dentist, and Vision Provider participate in. This may be different from one person to another. The Network and Plan that you and your Medical Professionals participate in is the 'best' for you.*

If you have any specific questions, or would like to talk in more detail on the above topics, or would just like to "Talk Medicare", Give me a Call at 860-965-0091

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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Friends and Neighbors,

Last week, the House voted on a 'Resolution Approving An Amendment To The State Constitution To Allow For Early Voting.'

I wanted to share with you some of my feelings on this bill after discussions with town clerks, hearing from many of you, and to also provide you with an explanation as to why I chose at the present time to vote against this proposal.

Voting is a right and privilege. As such, one must make some effort in order to exercise that sacred right. Prior to the legislature voting on the 2021 early voting bill, Connecticut's previous laws allowed for 31 days to register for an absentee ballot along with 14 hours to vote on election day. Due to the COVID pandemic, voting options were extended to include no-excuse absentee voting for everyone. The legislature also a bill has under consideration to continue no-excuse absentee voting into the future.

The resolution approving 'An Amendment To The State Constitution to Allow for Early Voting' brought before the legislature last week was sure to pass. Given the makeup of the legislature, where the majority party has 96 members, only 76 'yes' votes were needed to place this proposal on the November 2022 ballot.

During the debate, much of the discussion on this bill centered around convenience and not the responsibility and efforts we all must make in order to evaluate our choices and vote for the candidate or issue of our choosing.

I had several concerns with this bill, many of which deal with ballot security, costs, administrative staffing, the number of days that will/should be allowed for voting, etc.

For early voting the state association of the clerks prefer in person voting at a designated site, with ID required. The ballot would then be filled out by each voter and then placed into the machine. After discussions with several town clerks, if the prior suggestions could not be accommodated, they could be comfortable with the no-excuse absentee voting bill with appropriate safeguards and clean maintenance of voter rolls. This should make the process convenient for everyone while being relatively reasonable to administer.

Given these uncertainties, concerns from town clerks, and constituents who contacted me (2:1 opposition), I voted no. If residents of CT pass this change in the 2022 election (this will be on the ballot as a question to amend the CT constitution for all to vote on) it will be returned to the legislature in the 2023 legislative session to design the specific framework. If at that time we can ensure security, and it's a process the Town Clerks can fairly administer, I will fully support this change in the future.

Now the fate of this option lies in the hands of residents to decide if they want this major constitutional change in 2022.

Contact me: Rep. William A. Petit Jr.
860-240-8700 / 800-842-1423

Rep. Petit Co-Sponsors Bill to Remove Race Designation from Marriage Licenses and Land Records

HARTFORD – State Representative William A. Petit Jr. (R-22) voted Tuesday in favor a bill proposal that according to the representative, would seek to correct several historical wrongs that have been embedded in the state's constitution for generations.

The proposal, HB-6665, An Act Concerning the Removal of Restrictive Covenants Based on Race and Elimination of the Race Designation on Marriage Licenses, would prohibit restrictive covenants – defined as "an instrument affecting the title to real property that purports to restrict ownership or occupancy of such real property on the basis of race."

"This bill will strike racist language from our covenants and marriage certificates and correct a long overdue wrong," Rep. Petit said.

According to the bill, by December 1, 2021, the Office of Policy and Management must develop a standardized form to report unlawful restrictive covenants, town clerks must make such forms available on a municipality's websites where land records are kept, along with posting a notice informing the public of the provisions of this section in the town clerk's office where land records are kept.

Current state law requires applicants provide their race or face having their application denied. Despite the Department of Public Health collecting this information, it does not serve any intended purpose. HB-6665 would therefore eliminate applicants from being required to provide race as a requirement for approval. Connecticut is only one of eight states that requires couples to identify their race before obtaining a marriage license.

The bill received unanimous support from the House and will now move onto the Senate for further action.

Jason A. Pheasant | Press Secretary, House Republican Office
Connecticut General Assembly/jason.pheasant@cga.ct.gov
Office: 860.240.8890 ext.1347



HB 6423 eliminates parental rights to make health choices for their children by requiring vaccinations in order to enroll in school in Connecticut.

Senator Martin shared the following statement after the vote:

"Personal choice and a parent's right to choose for their family are of paramount importance and even through the hours of debate today, there was never an adequate rationale presented as to why this policy change is needed and much less as to why it is needed now.

"While the government does have the right to step in when it comes to matters of protecting public safety, the data that I have seen does not indicate that we are actually in an emergency situation at present. A child's education is not worth jeopardizing nor is infringing on parent's rights if there is not a considerable improvement generated by this policy change.

"It is my hope that in the future that this legislative body will properly consider if the benefits of the measures they propose are actually worth the peripheral ramifications they may cause."

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From My Balcony

By: Jeannette Hinkson

As we seem to be getting close to the end of some of the most trying times of our lives. Stress in our lives might be brought on by the loss of a business, our livelihoods due to government shutdowns during the pandemic, or even the loss of someone dear to us because of illness, accident or just old age.

This is a time we should all come together for the good of our country, family, friends and our little community. Supporting local businesses or giving a helping hand to a neighbor can be a comfort to you and those around you.

Time to get rid of those masks, the thing I miss most is the inability to see a friendly smile on the face of a friend, or even a stranger you might meet at the grocery store. As we turn on the news we see such hate spread around the world and I feel this has divided friends and families and seems to make it alright to attack those we loved and thought, loved us.

The other night on TV an actor was being interviewed regarding the death of a very rich man who was a great success in life. The actor remarked what a great person his friend was and his generosity, during his life time, could not be put into a few words. He went on to say even though his friend had worked very hard to amass such a fortune, he jokingly said, he has never seen a Brinks truck following a hearse.

I would like to add my thoughts to that statement. You might not see a Brinks truck behind a hearse but I've seen a moving van behind the car carrying the grieving family. Time to mend the country and our world or is it too late?

To: Plainville Downtown Businesses,

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

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Relationships can be great for people in any number of ways. One way or another we all have relationships. However, that does not mean they're all going to be good and that is when the need for a protective order may arise. Thankfully, the law affords both criminal and civil actions to be taken for the victims. So, in the event the police are not willing to do anything, potential victims may still secure their safety through a civil order.

Connecticut judges have the authority to issue protective orders in domestic violence cases directly from the bench when the case is brought before them. These protective orders may be a full no contact, limited contact or an order not to threaten, harass and/or otherwise assault the victim. When speaking directly about domestic relationships these protective orders may issue against each party. The degree of the contact permitted is up to the judge when presented with all of the evidence from the various parties and state departments. If a partial protective order is issued Connecticut law may not require in-person contact to constitute a violation of the order. Electronic mediums, like Facebook or email, may be used as a violation as well as telephones and other like instruments. The penalty for such a violation may be up to 5 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. Therefore,

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A criminal protective order ultimately needs to be before a criminal court, which forces potential victims to wait for a crime to be committed. So what can you do if the police have nothing immediate to act on and you only have your suspicions and concerns? Victims can bring an ex parte request for a civil protective order. "Ex parte" means that neither party has to be present in order for the judge to grant a protective order to the applicant. If granted, the order provides the victim with a means for having the accused held criminally liable for placing them in physical fear as long as the accused violates the contact requirements implemented in the ex parte order. Ultimately, nothing can assure everyone's complete safety, yet civil protective orders provide people with an avenue for enhancing their safety without being forced to leave it to the police.

So whether you are in the happiest domestic relationship in the world or not, be sure to be prepared because people change and things may go south in a hurry. Knowing how the law can work to protect you may make all the difference.

As always, if any of these situations become a reality in your life, consult with a licensed attorney so that you may better protect yourself.

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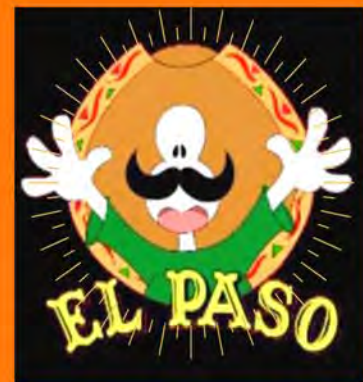
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What is Cosmetic Dentistry?

Cosmetic dentistry refers to any dental work that improves the appearance of a person's teeth, gums or bite.

What are some common cosmetic procedures?

Common procedures include bleaching, bonding, contouring and reshaping, crowns and veneers.

Bleaching

It is a chemical procedure used to whiten teeth, which often become discolored over time. Some people have their teeth, bleached to remove stains, while others simply want a brighter smile. Your dentist may perform bleaching in the office or provide you with an at-home bleaching kit to be used under his or her supervision.

Contouring and Reshaping

Often combined with bonding, contouring and reshaping procedures

are used to correct crooked, chipped, irregularly shaped, or overlapping teeth. Contouring and reshaping procedures may be completed in a single visit and are ideal for patients with normal, healthy teeth who want subtle changes to their smiles.

Crowns

Also known as caps, crowns are placed over a tooth to create a normal appearance. Crowns are generally used in cases in which other cosmetic procedures would not be effective.

Veneers

Veneers are thin pieces of porcelain or plastic placed over the front of teeth to change their color or shape.

Which procedure is right for me?

Your dentist can answer your questions and make recommendations on how best to improve your smile. For more information about cosmetic dentistry procedures, speak to your general dentist.

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Chiropractic and You...By Dr. Tim Ouellette

5 Benefits to Walking For Chiropractic Patients

When you walk, more than 200 individual muscles spring into action which includes all of the muscles in your spine and pelvic area. There's no denying that walking is good for you and very beneficial to overall health. It is also very effective for spinal health. In most cases, walking is an excellent complement to chiropractic care. Here are 5 good reasons for chiropractic patients to get moving.

Prevents and Relieves Back Pain

The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) recommends walking to help relieve back pain. It is a low impact exercise and very gentle on the back, burning around 265 calories in 30 minutes.

You should avoid walking on uneven terrain or concrete to keep it low impact and avoid injury. Exercise also releases pain relieving endorphins in addition to aiding in other conditions that can relieve pain which includes improving flexibility and mobility, helps rehydrate spinal discs, increases circulation, and aids in weight loss and weight management.

Increases Circulation

Walking increases circulation throughout your body, including your spine. This ensures that you have a continual flow of blood to the muscles and nutrients to the spine. Soft tissues are nourished and enriched while harmful toxins are drained away.

Walking is integral for spinal health. It increases circulation which, in turn, lowers blood pressure. This helps bring the body into balance and increases your stamina. As blood is moved through your body it nourishes all of your muscles, making you stronger and making it easier for you to exercise. Basically, the more you walk, the more you are able to walk.

Improves Flexibility and Mobility

As walking increases circulation, flexibility and mobility are enhanced. When combined with a regimen of light stretching, walking can increase flexibility and a better range of motion. This has the added benefits of reducing the risk of injury and improving posture.

The ACA recommends a series of stretches combined with cardio, including walking, to help with back pain management and good spinal health. It is a very good accompaniment to chiropractic care and is an effective supporting activity which will help your treatment work even better.

Helps Rehydrate Spinal Disks

During the day movement causes compression of your spinal discs, squeezing out the water that fills the discs so they provide a cushion or your vertebrae. The increased circulation that comes from walking also helps to move vital water to the area.

The discs absorb this water, rehydrating them so they can continue to do their job as shock absorbers for the spinal column. This is also a great case for staying well hydrated by drinking lots of water not only while you walk, but also throughout the day.

Aids with Weight Loss and Weight Management

Extra body weight can cause significant stress on the spine. Abdominal fat can create excess weight in the front, causing a swayback effect in the spine. This puts pressure on the lower back, resulting in pain in that area.

The spine is part of the body's core and the muscles that surround the spine aid in balance and movement. When excess weight is present those muscles become strained as they must work harder to maintain balance. Walking helps with weight management and weight loss eliminating or reducing the effects of excessive weight.

Walking benefits your whole body. It reduces your risk of heart disease, improves blood sugar and blood pressure, reduces your risk of osteoporosis, helps you maintain body weight, improves your mental health, and can even reduce your risk of certain cancers. With your spine at the core of your body, good spinal health plays a part in every one of these conditions. By combining walking with chiropractic care, you are giving your body its best chance at good health and optimal function.

*Timothy Ouellette DC
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The Petit Family Foundation Proudly Awards Grants For 2021 Spring Grant Cycle

The Petit Family Foundation grant committee recently selected recipients for their 2021 spring grant cycle. The Petit Family Foundation honors the memories of Jennifer-Hawke Petit, Hayley Elizabeth Petit and Michaela Rose Petit by continuing the kindness, idealism and activism that defined their lives. The foundation's funds are given to foster the education of young people, especially women in the sciences; to improve the lives of those affected by chronic illness; and to support the efforts to help and protect those affected by violence.

An array of 26 organizations whose missions are aligned with the Petit Family Foundation's missions were chosen to receive funding.

Some of the organizations that were selected are:

The Greater New Britain Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Inc. located in New Britain. They will use their grant to support their Pathways to Education Program which serves low to moderate income households and provides academic assistance and school materials to help kids to be prepared to learn and excel.

The Plainville Community Schools, specifically Plainville High School, will use the funds to build a sustainable, educational greenhouse on school grounds to create an outdoor alternative shared space. It will function

as both a greenhouse and a learning environment.

New Horizons, Inc. located in Unionville provides housing and support services for people with physical disabilities. Their grant will support the installation of smart home technology in their residents' apartments. This technology will greatly improve their quality of life and their ability to live independently.

The Domestic Violence Crisis Center located in Stamford provides services, support and education for the prevention and elimination of domestic violence. The grant from the Petit Family Foundation will fund materials and supplies for their youth counseling program for the children of domestic violence victims. Supplies will include art supplies, educational materials and emotional wellness toys and games.

The Healing Meals Community Project located in Bloomfield. They provide freshly prepared organic meals and Nourishing Broth to members of the community who are recovering from health crises. Since beginning in 2016, they have served more than 70,000 meals to 1,000+ families in need of healing support. Their grant will support the launch of their youth gardening program: "Growing in Service". It will be an expansion of their Youth Development Program which is centered on volunteer service in their kitchen.

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IT WAS JUST A WEDDING IN JUNE

By: Janice Eisenhauer

When I was 9 years old my Sunday school teacher got married. I remember Althea Hanson. I thought she was beautiful. She married a man whose first name was Royal. I thought that was a hoot. I remember sitting in the front row of the church with all of the other little girls in the class, beaming and sporting the tiny corsage the bride provided for each of us. It was my first wedding experience. I recall contributing my share of the money for a group gift to the couple, after another mother spoke to mine. I clearly recall the reception in the church hall and the tray of favors to take home. Tiny pieces of fruit cake neatly wrapped in

waxed paper and folded into a lovely round doily and trimmed with a satin bow. Prepared by the bride, I was told. The church lady also told me that if I put it under my pillow, I would dream of the man I would marry. I think I ate it, probably secretly in a quiet corner, reviewing the magical day. I love fruitcake and always have, since then. I also always loved this type of wedding venue, simple, elegant and reverent and made a practice of providing take home favors to extend any celebration. My parents weren't there that day. They didn't attend church and had little interest in my experiences there. I went, all on my own, taking my little sister Marsha with me on a school bus provided by the Grace Baptist Church in Bristol.

I loved it and that time set a tone for my entire life, and my sister's, too.

Happy Running!

By: Channing Harwood, DPT



Whether you are a new runner doing a "Couch to 5K" (welcome) or an experienced road warrior training for your 15 marathon (slow down, you're making us look bad!), it is important to stay attuned to your body to prevent injury and maintain your level of activity throughout the summer and beyond. Physical therapy can be instrumental in helping you avoid injuries, or supporting your return from injury to a full level of activity. They say the best offense is a good defense, running, the general philosophy can be applied to your training. Physical therapists at PTSMC help you prevent injury by guiding you in:

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Unfortunately, injuries do happen. Common problems for runners can include Plantar Fasciitis, Tendinitis and IT Band Syndrome, along with general muscle strains, knee pain, foot pain--the list goes on. If you sustain an injury, or if you're returning from a recent injury, PTSMC Plainville is here to help. Getting back into the swing of things can often feel like a frustrating combination of good days and bad days, but your physical therapist can help make sure you progress towards a full return to activity by offering:

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A Fond Memory for Father's Day

By Sally Miller



I watched as he sat on the picnic bench under the ocean blue sky and watched marshmallow clouds drift by.. He savored the toast that tasted like home baked bread and drank warm delicious slightly sweet coffee as the aroma tickled his nose. He smiled. The sun was shining on this wonderful man who was the color of a Hershey kiss and smelled like old spice, Bengay and apple pie and pipe tobacco. His name was John Wert Johnson, the first black steam shovel operator for New Haven Trap Rock Company in Plainville. But to me he was my granddad..

As Granddad walked into the yard, the pansies slowly raised their sleepy faces as he passed. He stopped to admire the morning glories that showed their brilliant color as they woke. Slowly he stepped onto the well-manicured emerald grass and felt it tingle the tips of his toes through his sandaled feet. Robins and sparrows drank from the birdbath that he had so carefully placed in the center of the rock garden last year.

He carefully shifted the burlap bag that he carried as he continued to walk. He stopped and opened the bag and ever so gently removed a tiny oak tree. He smiled at it as warmly as if he were smiling at a newborn son. The tiny young branches thrust upward just as a young child would reach for a parent. He knew this oak would produce acorns for families of squirrels, supply a home for birds to burrow their nests in and it would show its beautiful multi colored leaves in the fall. He gently placed it in the earth. The old walnut tree which had a tire hung by a rope on its gnarled branches hovered over the tiny tree as did the dogwood with its fragrant lacy

white flowers. Their branches moved in the breeze as if to say Welcome little one! The man smiled. The oak grew and produced acorns for families of squirrels, supplied a home for birds making nests for their children and for squirrels to make nests in its burrows for their children. John, Granddad, would look at it lovingly as he cultivated a garden of food for his family. The tree became as a big brother to the children. Supporting their weight as they climbed onto its huge branch arms, appear to bother it. Granddad took care to make sure that he took preventative we would swing from the branches and the tree lovingly supports all of our activities. During the winter when there was little sunshine and no need for the tree to provide shade, it shook off all of its leaves. The leaves would surround it on the ground and provide fertilizer for the earth. Measures to keep the tree alive just as he took us to the doctor's office to do the same.

It has been over 70 years since the tree was planted. It is old and gnarled as if it has arthritis like my granddad has. The branches are no longer strong. They die and fall to the ground. Granddad has since died and the tree also is no longer with us. The wonderful memory of my beautiful Grandfather who was also a father to me, remains with me daily as does the memory of the beautiful tree.

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Elections Have Consequences: The Biden Administration After 100 Days

By: Francis Rexford Cooley

The first 100 days of a Presidential Administration has become a means to analyze the success or failure of a new President in implementing their policy. The incoming Roosevelt Administration set the standard with their flurry of policies to deal with the Great Depression upon settling into the White House 1933. For practical purposes a new administration has until Congress' recess at the Memorial Day holiday weekend to use its political capital from the previous election to move their agenda through Congress and to establish how it will react to the inevitable crises and foreign policy issues hopefully providing a calm and steady hand on the tiller of the ship of state. The Biden Administration has passed the 100 day mark providing political opponents, supporters, and foreign powers a view of how this administration will function over the next three plus years.

On day one in office President Biden revoked the permit for the XL Pipeline. The pipeline would have brought additional oil from the Canada for refining in the United States. Estimates have varied on how many potential American jobs were lost by this action from about 8,000 to 28,000. For TC Energy (formerly TransCanada) 1,000 jobs were cut immediately. Canadian

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was "disappointed" in President Biden's decision and had received no communication regarding it prior to the Biden Administration announcing the policy change which had a major economic impact on America's neighbor to its north. The cancelling of the XL Pipeline combined with the Biden Administration's halting of future oil and gas leases on Federal land (essentially the majority of land West of the Mississippi) both point to lower future American energy production and have fueled the rise in oil future prices based on projected diminished American oil and gas production. Though how much these decisions have increased the price at the pump is open to debate among economists, the rise in oil futures and the price of crude oil has been swift and rapid during the Biden Administration.

The increase in oil prices has been mirrored by an increase in inflation. The Biden Administration's push for more spending, the \$4 trillion "Infrastructure" Bill, continued quantitative easing, and other expensive social programs has indicated to the markets the deficits and debt will rule this Administration even more than prior ones. The dangers of wanton spending and debasement of the currency, which is essentially what quantitative easing is, have always ended poorly for any government that does such things for too long. Promoting an "Infrastructure" Bill in which only around 20 cents on each dollar spent is actually appropriated for actual infrastructure projects (building and fixing roads, rails, airports, etc.) is a quick path to insolvency and weakens the buying power of the dollar. A number of economists are warning of a return to 1970's style inflation.

Inflation has been referred to a one of the cruelest "taxes" and the Biden Administration has proposed a slew of higher taxes to take more money out of the economy while inflation erodes the dollar's purchasing power. A definite two punch combo to working and middle-class Americans.

While higher gas prices are hitting the wallet, cyber attacks are shutting down critical infrastructure. The Colonial gas pipeline was hit with a cyber-attack closing it down. Gas shortages rocked the inland South especially in Georgia and North Carolina. A number of foreign policy analysts have noted the world seems to be engaged in a cyber-world war. Australia has been repeatedly attacked as has the United States. In the first major salvo during the Biden Administration a near \$5 million ransom was paid. It has long been the American position that the United States does not pay or even negotiate with terrorists. The moral hazard of paying off the terrorist only fuels more like attacks. The payment to Darkside, the group that instigated the hack, is problematic even if, as Barron's reports, the denial of service attack on Darkside and disappearance of their funds was a U.S. cyber-ops action, since the payment was widely reported and will likely encourage more rouge activity.

The Biden Administration's proclivity to payoff American enemies in lieu of standing resolutely in defense of American interests is reaping a bitter harvest in the Middle East already. Monetary enticements, along with the withdrawal of support for the Yemeni government in its fight against the Iranian supported Houthi movement, to bring Iran back into the flawed nuclear deal agreed to by the Obama

Administration has essentially set the Middle East on fire. Iran is actively sending arms to the rebels in Yemen, a poor but strategically important country as it controls access from the Gulf of Aden to the Red Sea and eventually the Suez Canal. An Iranian proxy state there could easily shut the flow of commerce from Asia to Europe and beyond. Iran has supported Hamas and is actively doing so while Hamas has once again attacked Israel with indiscriminate missile attacks. The relative peace and quiet of the Middle East brought on by the Abraham Accords of the last Administration has been laid in tatters after only a few months of appeasement of Iran by the Biden Administration.

The first months of a Presidential Administration sets the tone for that administration for its first term. The Biden Administration has through its own policies set troubling precedents in economic policy and foreign policy. Even more problematic than bad policy is no policy as is the current case on the border. Even loyal yellow dog Democrats in the states along the Mexican border are calling out the Biden Administration for having no workable policies and the administration's refusal to even acknowledge the problem. The first 100 days of the Biden Administration have come and gone. Since most successes of any Presidential Administration occur in that early span of time one can only ponder what the next three plus years will bring.

The American public will have to live with the consequences because elections have consequences and don't have do-overs.

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Car Technology of the Future

We look at some of the technology that will shape the cars of the near future as well as the roads on which they drive...

Future Technology Author Avatar by: Claire Evans

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It's predicted that cars will change more in the next five to 10 years than they have over the past 50. The driving forces behind the changes are improving road safety, lowering emissions and taking some of the stress out of driving.

Some advances will be tied in with the increased uptake of electric cars, but the biggest influences will be automated driving technologies and connectedness. These are set to transform the whole driving experience.

Safety testing body Euro NCAP is pushing ahead with its Vision Zero ambition to stop people from dying on the road. In doing so, it has set out a timeline for 2020-2025 of when it will start testing a range of new technologies.

In 2020, the body started testing automatic emergency steering, driver monitoring systems and automatic emergency braking systems that work at junctions and when you're reversing out of a parking space. You can find many of these technologies on the most modern cars right now, because they're necessary to gain Euro NCAP's full five-star safety rating, an accolade that every mainstream car maker strives for.

Future technology

In the near future, though, cars won't only be able to protect people from harm; they'll also be capable of giving you lots of useful, real-time information. For example, you'll be able to ask the car to find you a restaurant, reserve you a parking spot nearby and then give you directions to get there. And if your car is driving autonomously, it could even project a three-dimensional digital avatar to keep you company.

More than half of the cars in the world are already connected to the internet, and future vehicles will also communicate with each other, road infrastructure, intelligent junctions and smart street lamps in a network known

as the Internet of Things. Your car will be able to use all the information that these upload to give you advance warning of any potential hazards or hold-ups along your chosen route. In short, driving will become smarter and safer than ever before, with less time spent in traffic jams.

Safety-enhancing systems

1. Virtual door mirrors

Instead of mirrors, there's a camera on each side of the car that sends live footage to screens in the corners of the dashboard or in the doors. These cameras generate less wind noise and aerodynamic drag (important for the range of electric cars), minimise blindspots and provide a clearer view in poor weather conditions.

The cameras automatically alter their view to cope with motorway driving, cornering and parking, and if the screens are touch-sensitive, the driver can use his or her fingers to zoom in to see specific areas in more detail.

Future technology

When can I have them? Lexus became the first to use this technology in late 2018 on the ES executive saloon. However, it offers this only in Japan, so our first taste came with the Audi E-tron electric SUV, which began offering virtual door mirrors earlier this year as a £1250 option. They're standard on the Honda E small car, too.

2. Digital rear-view mirror

At the flick of a switch, the rear-view mirror can be turned into a high-definition screen showing an extra-wide (50deg) view of the road behind. This eliminates the usual blindspots and the problem of the driver being unable to see properly past tall passengers or bulky luggage in the back.

Furthermore, a digital rear-view mirror provides better visibility in low light than a conventional mirror and is angled so that reflections don't adversely affect your view.

When can I have it? Although digital rear-view mirrors started appearing on concept cars many years ago, they didn't hit the market until 2016, on the Cadillac CT6 luxury saloon. Mainstream availability came only recently, through Jaguar Land Rover's second-generation Range Rover Evoque, facelifted Jaguar XE and the 2021 version of the Range Rover Velar.

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Backyard Lighting

*By: Laura Davis, Owner
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Coffee on the back patio. Barbeques on the deck. After dinner drinks on the porch. Warmer weather has us all wanting to spend more time outside. This is certainly a great motivation to get your backyard in tip-top shape. We are here to help give you some ideas for transforming your backyard into your oasis.

String Lights

The easiest way to light up your yard is to install some pretty string lights. Whether you hang them overhead or string them along a railing, you'll definitely feel the ambiance of these. Some well-placed lights on a privacy fence can also turn it from boring to awe inspiring. Have a natural backyard? Consider using your trees as a higher point to string the lights from. It will mimic landscape lighting and give you a high end look for less. No need to go overboard with string lighting. Just a simple strand draped over your space will look effortless and inviting.

Have Christmas Lights hanging around in the basement?

Use the white colored ones by draping them over your bushes. Also, try twisting these same lights up a tree to create a fairytale backyard setting. No need to buy new when you can

repurpose the lights you have! Any way you use them, plug in string lights will give off that soft glow and enhance the warmth of Summertime. Use multiple strings and connect together for larger projects. Each product has a maximum number of lights that can be connected so note that number before connecting. Also, be sure to choose an outdoor rated light to hold up to the damp elements of Summer.

Lanterns

A lantern is another easy way to light up your dining space and give your table that elegance it deserves. Modern lanterns aren't powered by candles anymore and are much safer to use. Choose a battery powered version for quick and easy setup. Larger lanterns can be used on the floor to create a layered look. Decorate around your lantern with knick knacks that will glow in the soft light.

Timers

Want to have your lights automatically turn on every night? Plug your lights into a timer that pops into your outlet. Want to be more high tech? Plug your lights into a smart outlet and turn them on and off from your app or Amazon Alexa or Google Assistant.

Make your backyard that placed where you feel at peace and that friends and family want to come and stay a while.

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Petit Road Race.....

The run/walk, one of the Petit Family Foundation fundraisers, will be held on July 11th at 9 am at 47 Robert Holcomb Way. There will be a Kid's Fun Run starting at 8:30 a.m.

To register visit: petitfamilyfoundation.org/events/road-race.

State Rep. William Petit Jr. said, "At the moment there is no limit on the number of runners, but we have to send them out in waves of 50, We also can't have the vendor booths or the awards ceremony after the race that we had before the pandemic. But, since we're still a month out from the race, things may change between now and then."

Either way, the road race will be closer to what people are used to after last year's virtual race.

Bill said any updates on the race format between now and race day will be posted on petitfamilyfoundations.org/events/road-race.

The road race was founded in 2008 by Robert and Gary Heslin in response to Bill Petit's request to do good things for others and to carry on the legacy of his wife and daughters. Robert and Gary were classmates of Bill in Plainville High School class of 1974. Together the three of them ran cross country track and field. Thus, they decided the race would be the best option they could offer.

The Foundation honors the memories of Jennifer Hawke-Petit, Hayley Elizabeth Petit and Michaela Rose Petit by continuing the kindness, idealism and activism that defined their lives. The road race helped the Petit Family Foundation to award more than \$4 million in grants to foster the education of young people (especially in the sciences) help support those with chronic illnesses, and help to protect those affected by violence. This year, the Petit Family Foundation awarded more than \$204,000 in grants.

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OBITUARIES

~ Brian Joseph Cybulski ~



On May 18, 2021, at approximately 3 PM, Brian Joseph Cybulski was tragically taken from his family and friends in a fatal motorcycle accident.

Brian was born on December 17, 1980 at Bristol Hospital to his

mother and father Roxanne and Brian Cybulski of Terryville, CT. Brian's family would later welcome a second boy, Brian's brother Justin Cybulski, with whom he shared a wonderful relationship. As a child, Brian enjoyed family camping trips with his parents, brother, and family friends and loved to spend time with his grandparents, Joseph and Helen Cybulski; Robert and Jean Culver; and his beloved uncle and godfather Joey Cybulski.

Brian graduated from Oliver Wolcott Technical High School in 1998 and later went on the work at Yankee Harley Davidson where he would meet and fall in love with his future wife Barbara J. Anderson. Brian eventually left Yankee Harley Davidson to pursue his dream of becoming a police officer. He first joined the Plainville Police Department as a dispatcher and soon after became a well-liked, respected, and admired member of the Plainville police force. Brian was the type of police officer who was always on the lookout for a way to help. The Plainville community will miss him dearly.

Brian and Barbi married on March 16, 2013, on the islands of Turks and Caicos surrounded by their family and closest friends after almost ten years together. Their wedding and week-long celebration were an absolute joy to everyone who knew them. Brian and Barbi were meant to be. On February 12, 2018, Brian and Barbi welcomed their daughter Paisley Mae Cybulski to the world. They were so in love. Brian adored his "Pumpkin" with every part of his being.

Brian and Barbi loved to travel together to faraway beaches or to the Anderson family cottage in Rhode Island where they spent countless weekends boating, clamming, sitting fireside, and taking a break from the stresses of life. Brian looked forward to their annual Myrtle Beach vacation with the Senick family and crew.

Brian was the type of man who didn't just have friends. Brian's friends became his family, people he would show up for any day and any time. Brian loved his friends well and is leaving behind a group of broken-hearted brothers who he trusted beyond measure and knew would watch over his wife and daughter in life or death including his brother-in-laws Eric Anderson, Tim Bojanowski; his best childhood friends Peter Senick, Rob Alvey; and his brothers in blue Roman Blajerski, Greg Arvai, and many more.

Brian adored and shared a special bond with his three nephews Lucas, Landon, and Logan Cybulski. They will be deeply missing their uncle. His goddaughter Karissa Alvey also had a special place in his heart.

Brian enjoyed a close and loving relationship with Barbi's family and was recently heartbroken by the death of his father-in-law whom he adored. Also near and dear to Brian was the Daigle family, who have been vitally important to him throughout his whole life.

If you were lucky enough to know Brian, then you know that he was all heart and soul.

He loved, protected, and cherished those that were important to him and had the heart to help others beyond most people's capacity. He was incredibly loved in his life and will continue to be loved and cherished in his death by many, many people whose lives he touched. True to Brian's desire to help others in life, he also chose to be an organ donor and will continue to help people even after life.

Brian also leaves his mother-in-law Helen Anderson, sister-in-law Stephanie Anderson Bojanowski, and sister-in-law Melissa Cybulski. He is predeceased by his grandfathers Joseph A. Cybulski and Robert Culver; his godmother and Aunt Laurel Kozikowski; and his father-in-law Stephen Anderson.

Services were held at the Lyceum located at 181 Main Street, Terryville, CT. A celebration of Brian's life followed at the Thomaston Fish and Game Club located at 730 Old Northfield Road, Thomaston, CT.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the GoFundMe that has been set up to support Barbi and Paisley through this difficult time: <https://gofund.me/3287668b>.

~ Geza J. (Jerry) Czako, Jr. ~



67, of Plainville, left us too soon on Saturday, May 8, 2021. He was the devoted husband of Florence (Ciccio) Czako, with whom he celebrated 47 years of marriage in April.

Born in New Britain on February 1, 1954, he was one of five children to the

late Geza and Jean (Harriander) Czako, Sr. Jerry was a lifelong resident of Plainville, where he and his childhood sweetheart Florence, stayed to raise their two children around whom he centered his life, (taking every chance he could to brag about them!) and proudly embraced the role of "Papa" to his two adored grandsons. An auto body specialist, Jerry had a lifelong passion for cars, sharing his enthusiasm with his son by his side as they built, repaired, and attended car shows throughout the country. He retired 13 years ago after providing his expertise to various auto shops and dealers for more than 40 years. Remembered for his selflessness and positive outlook, Jerry radiated kindness and optimism to all who were blessed to have known him. He left this world a better place and will be missed beyond words, leaving many memories of love and laughter.

In addition to his wife, Florence, he leaves his children, Geza (Jerry) Czako, III and his wife, Sharon and Heather Smedick, her husband Nick and Jerry's pride and joy, their sons, Nicholas (Nino) and Joseph (Joey) Smedick; and his mother-in-law and partner in crime with whom he shared a special bond, Lena Ciccio. He was predeceased by his brother, David, and is survived by his sister, Kathy Raymond, his brothers, Steven and John and many nieces and nephews. He will also be missed by his four-legged buddies, his grand-dogs Teddy and Mako.

In lieu of flowers, Jerry may be remembered with contributions to the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org

Honoring the wishes of the family, Jerry's life will be celebrated with private funeral services. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Czako family for their trust.

~ Noel James Hogan ~



75, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at Hartford Hospital.

Noel was born on September 17, 1945, in Montserrat of the British West Indies in the Carribean, son to the late

Alfred and Margaret Hogan. He grew up on the island, later relocating to the United States where he resided in Plainville for many years. He loved to travel and see the world, which is what brought him from the islands to the United States. Noel was an active man, always keeping busy between working various jobs and exercising in his free time. Noel maintained a healthy lifestyle and was well into fitness. He loved the outdoors and wandering on walks. He worked at the Hartford Courant for several years as a press operator. He had a passion for learning; he loved watching television to try and learn as much as he possibly could about the arts, nature, and what was going on in the world. No matter how old he got he wanted to try to learn and really valued education and learning. Noel was a witty, stubborn, and a bit argumentative man with a heart of gold. He loved meeting new people and would talk to anyone who would lend an ear to listen. If you were ever in the presence of Noel, there was no way you did not engage in conversation, as he loved telling stories.

Noel is survived by his children, Matthew Hogan, Nicole Hogan and her partner, Jesse Guterman, and Caitlyn Hogan; his siblings, Annetta Fenton, Winifred Harper, Reginald "Doctor" Hogan, all of the United Kingdom, and Mabel Fagan and Lennox Len Hogan, in Montserrat; the mother of his children, Brenda Everett; his niece, Daphne Bass; and his grandnieces, Danielle Bass and Kara Bass. In addition, he leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. He was predeceased by his wife, Ollie Hogan; and his siblings, Johnny Allen, Peter Allen, Alfred Hogan Jr., James Jim Hogan, and Rhoda Williams.

Services in celebration of Noel's life were held privately. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville extends their gratitude to the Hogan family for their trust.



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OBITUARIES

~ Catherine Kehrein ~



87, of Plainville, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, May 13, 2021 after a short illness. She was the loving wife of the late Raymond Kehrein. Catherine was born February 19, 1934 in New Britain, CT, daughter to the late Joseph and Helen

(Kaminski) Zaleski. She was a graduate of New Britain High School and was a resident of Plainville for nearly sixty years. She enjoyed taking care of her home and visiting with family and friends.

Catherine leaves behind her son Kenneth Kehrein and his wife Linda of Waterbury and her daughter Carol Kehrein and her husband Edward Rodriques of Stanfield, North Carolina, a brother Raymond Zaleski of Newport, Tennessee as well as several nieces and nephews.

A Graveside service was held for Catherine, at West Cemetery, 180 N Washington St., Plainville. Services have been entrusted to the Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville. In lieu of flowers, please donate in her name to the charity of your choice. The Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville has been entrusted with the arrangements. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Margaret Mary "Peggy" (Connolly) Miller ~



54, of Plainville, formerly of Bristol, died unexpectedly at her home on Friday, May 7, 2021. She was the former wife and soul mate of Peter A. Miller, Sr. with whom she is now reunited.

Born in Waterbury on January 24, 1967, Peggy was one of four children to

the late Paul Finn-Barre Connolly and Shirley Ann (Milius) Connolly. Raised and educated in Bristol, she was a graduate of Bristol Central High School; going on to work in the administrative field for various companies, most recently Ray's Auto Body in Waterbury. A devoted mother, her son Peter was her pride and joy of whom she centered her world. She had a special affection for animals, especially cats, and will forever be remembered as the beautiful and bright spirit that she was, enlightening everyone with her presence.

She leaves her son, Peter A. Miller, Jr. of Bristol and his grandparents Clifford and Theresa Miller; her brother and sister-in-law, Cornelius and Wendi Connolly of Bristol; her sister Maureen Connolly and her husband Richard Rubino; her nieces Kathrine Connolly and Rhanda Gaudio and nephew, Christopher Connolly. She was predeceased by her sister Kathleen "Kacey" Connolly.

Peggy's love for animals may be remembered with contributions to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111 or any charity that would benefit animals.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Peggy's life at St. Joseph Cemetery, 522 Terryville Ave. Bristol. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to Peggy's family for their trust.

~ Stella Levesque ~



100, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2021 at Touchpoints at Farmington.

Stella was born in Fort Kent, ME on April 8, 1921 to the late Henry and Hattie (King) Gagne. Stella married Aurele Gagnon with whom she

had two daughters and later Rosaire Levesque.

Stella was an avid embroiderer and reader who loved to spend summers at her family camp Eagle Lake in Maine. She was a gardener with a great love for flowers who found her greatest joy in her five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Her last few years were spend at Touchpoints at Farmington where she enjoyed coloring and received wonderful care from the staff which was made so evident in the special 100th birthday they organized for her.

She is survived by her daughters Laurine (and Mac) Ouellette and Kathleen (and David) Onofrio and brothers Camille (and Pauline) and Leon Gagne. In addition to her husbands, she was predeceased by her brother: Sylvio Gagne and her sisters: Leone Pelletier, Emelda Martin, Irene Belanger, Leola Levesque, Celina Winski, Lena Tardiff and Verna Caron.

A memorial service was held at the Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville, CT. Burial followed at St. Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. It is suggested that contributions in her memory be directed to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit: www.BaileyCares.com.

~ Ellen (Frederickson) Vicinus ~



72, of Plainville, formerly of Terryville, passed from this life on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at Yale New Haven Hospital. She was the wife of Paul Vicinus, with whom she shared 15 years of marriage.

Born on November 26, 1948, Ellen was raised in Manchester where she attended local schools. She later resided in Terryville where she raised her family. Retired from Pension Consultants, Ellen made many friends, clients and co-workers over more than 30 years as a financial consultant. She and Paul were golf enthusiasts and members of Hawks Landing Country Club, sharing many happy times on the links together and in her ladies league. Ellen had a keen eye for home décor, enjoyed a competitive game of setback and fulfilled her love for nature by going camping and spending hours enjoying the serenity of the beaches of New England. She was selfless with her love and devotion to her children and grandchildren, leaving them priceless and cherished memories that will forever bring a smile to their faces.

In addition to her husband, Paul, she leaves her children, Steven Stackpole and his wife Sarah Wadsworth-Stackpole; and Shelley Woronick and her husband Phillip Woronick, Jr; her stepchildren, Mary-Ellen Vicinus, Paul Vicinus, Jr and his wife Joan, William Vicinus and his husband Mark Buse and Karen Belyea and her husband, Dan; her grandchildren, Sam, Sean, Abbey, Allison, Kelsey, Phillip, III., Mitchell,

~ Theresa R. (Violette) Masse ~



93, of Plainville, wife of the late Nelson Masse, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Saturday, April 24, 2021.

Born in Van Buren, Maine on September 23, 1927, she was one of seventeen children to the late Severin and Caroline (Cyr) Violette.

She and Nelson moved from Maine to Hartford where they raised their eight children, and Theresa resided in Plainville for the past 30 years. A pillar of strength, Theresa had a nurturing, non-judgmental spirit. She was an ever-present and devoted mother and grandmother who centered her life around her family, offering priceless advice and care packages with each visit. A retiree of Aetna, she could be found many days tending to her vast vegetable garden and canning the crops that she proudly grew alongside her children and grandchildren. She was also a talented seamstress, who enjoyed playing cards and doing crossword puzzles; and like her parents and grandparents, was musically inclined, providing hours of entertainment with her juice harp and harmonica. A devout catholic, she was a longtime member and volunteer at Our Lady of Mercy. Remembered for her faith, fortitude, quick wit, and admirable values, she will be missed beyond words, leaving many memories for her family to hold dear.

She leaves her adored children, Ivan Masse, Velma Masse (Al Murelli), Linda Masse, Rose Castro (Ted Dworak), Carol Masse, Joyce Degros, and Gregory Masse (Kathy); her grandchildren, Donna, Dawn, Jennifer, Jay, Tara, Teena, and James; great-grandchildren Morgan, Taylor, Amanda, Ashley, Victor, Giovanni, Jade, Evan, Natalia, and Trystan; her last surviving sister, Stella Duplessis; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Kathleen (Masse) Pelegrino, and her siblings, Corinne Martin, Gladys Dionne, Jeanne Levesque, Isabelle Beaupre, Gertrude Cote, Yvonne Masse, Annie Fongemie, Jeannette, George, Emil, Marc, Joseph, Abel, Richard and Percy Violette.

In lieu of flowers, Theresa's dedication to her church may be remembered with contributions to Our Lady of Mercy, 19 S. Canal St, Plainville, CT 06062.

Honoring her wishes, her Mass of Christian Burial and committal services will be celebrated privately. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Masse family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

Vicinus continued...

Austin, Carrie, Kayla, Cody, Brandon, Brittany, Brandon and Jacob; and her three great-grandchildren, Bentley, Gracelyn and Kensington. She also leaves her sisters, Karen Juros and Joan Smith; and many nieces and nephews.

A heart transplant recipient, Ellen may be remembered with contributions to www.donatelife.net, where you can also register to become an organ donor in her honor.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Ellen's life Words of Remembrance led by Life Celebrant Jesse Gnazzo were shared.

OBITUARIES

~ Norma Schmidt Francini ~



It is with profound sadness and broken hearts that we announce the passing of Norma Schmidt Francini, of Unionville, formerly of Plainville, on April 6, 2021 with her three devoted children by her side. Norma was born in her family's tiny

home on Bank Street in Plainville on May 31, 1937 while the Memorial Day parade marched by. The home stayed with the family until 1992 and remained a special place to her, as she was able to remain next door when she moved into her new home after marrying her high school sweetheart, Bill Francini, on April 12, 1958. True high school sweethearts they met when she was 14 and he was 16 years old. Norma & Bill moved their family to Unionville in 1972 to a home they designed together and it remained their shared pride for all of their days.

She was predeceased by her parents, Luise "Oma" (Heyne), Gottfried "Opa" Schmidt and her husband of 61 years, William Louis Francini. Also siblings, Alice Lepore, Jane Marsh, their spouses, Bill Schmidt, brother-in-law, Tom Johnson, niece, Karen Conrod, great nephew, Patrick Lepore and life long friend, Dee Lugli.

Norma leaves behind her 3 children, Lisa Francini, William G. Francini, both of Farmington and Leslie Francini Cifaldi, of Avon, four adoring granddaughters, Mikala Francini, Rachel Francini, Hannah Cifaldi, Katelyn Cifaldi, son-in-law, Nick Cifaldi, daughter-in-law, Mary Silansky Francini, and granddogs, Sofia and Ted. She also leaves behind her beloved younger brother, John Schmidt, sister-in-law, Judy and niece, Becky Schmidt Kruezer, of Plymouth, sister, Louise Johnson, of Avon, brother, George Schmidt and wife, Natalie, of Southington, along with several nieces and nephews. Her dear lifelong friends, Jane Rogers Statchen, of Plainville and Nancy Roberts McCarthy, of Bristol, will especially miss her.

Norma was locally well known for her artwork. She created thousands of miniature houses lovingly made of wood or driftwood as well as custom renditions of individual homes and hundreds of Santa Claus ornaments and decorations. Norma would walk the beaches of CT, RI, and Cape Cod picking up driftwood and pointing out how she could see the Santa face in each piece of wood. Everything she collected became a treasure and she could see the value in everything from an empty spool of thread to a broken earring. Her art room remains full of ideas, inspirations, and memories. Norma was a collector and her home is a reflection of her life and travels. Her love of travel brought her to many places. She was able to travel to Europe multiple times, also enjoyed cruising and the occasional bus trip. A frequent travel companion to many she visited 49 states with her daughter Lisa who planned out memorable, inspiring trips to many national parks and special places of interest within the US, Canada, the Caribbean and Mexico. She especially loved her trips to New Mexico, Alaska, Cape Cod, Old Lyme and Germany.

Norma was a volunteer and member of the Board of the Unionville Museum for 25+ years. Her love of gardening led her to the passion of keeping up the flowers and plants on the grounds of the museum. She also lent her treasures to the museum for various displays and put in many hours creating themes with friends, Patty LeBouthillier and the late Diana Meyer, as co-members of the Board.

Numerous families were lucky to have Norma affectionately known as "Oma" in their lives as a substitute grandmother, babysitter, and friend. She put young mothers at ease helping them with their young children so they could go out, vacation, or she would just be there to lend a helping hand.

She had a love for the UConn Women's Basketball team and Geno Auriemma. She was a fan from the start and was proud to have met many of the players over the years at the MS walk in West Hartford. She was also a proud fan of her grandchildren. "Oma" attended every game, concert, graduation, play, and activity that she could. She was a natural

athlete and often spoke about her own life in sports. She would have preferred playing basketball to cheerleading but back then there weren't many choices for girls. She also had a love for the Boston Red Sox and attended many games at Fenway Park and other stadiums across the country. Always active, Norma was an original member of the hiking group, Wednesday Walkers with Priscilla Peale in Farmington and hiked regularly.

She was a devoted fan of Jeopardy, loved lobster dinners, Halloween, jigsaw puzzles, and old movies. Her handmade Halloween costumes were legendary. A natural born storyteller, she was never at a loss for words. Always the life of the party, she entertained her family with countless accounts of her well-lived and interesting life. Norma was a lifelong learner. She was often found reading a newspaper cover to cover or scouring an encyclopedia. She was grounded in empathy, an inclusive moral compass, and the ability to think for herself.

Her knowledge and wisdom about everything from cooking to sewing to home maintenance was never ending. She could figure out a solution to anything.

All who knew Norma will miss a selfless, devoted, strong, kind, creative, and loving woman with an infectious laugh and sharp wit. She never mastered technology or cared much for social media, which gave her the time to create her legacy of artwork. If you have in your possession any of her houses or Santa's, pick them up, look at the brush strokes, see the love that went into those creations. She would lose herself for hours turning pieces of wood into treasures, special gifts, memories, and collections. And if you have been lucky enough to know Norma, then consider yourself blessed. She will be so dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Norma's name can be made to: Unionville Museum, 15 School Street, Unionville, CT 06085 or Foodshare Inc., PO Box 1320, Hartford, CT 06143-1320 or plant a dogwood tree in her honor.

Friends and relatives gathered at the Tunxis Country Club, Tunxis Pavilion, Farmington, CT.

The Tea Party Patriots

by: Gene

WAKE UP AMERICA !!

Before 1882, the word Jumbo referred to a clumsy person.

But that year, P.T. Barnum bought a huge elephant named Jumbo to star in his circus. That's just what happened in our last election. With the election of Joe B. The original definition of Jumbo expanded into tons of Government Liberalism, Socialism & Marxism.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

You never dreamed that you would have to face the prospect of not living in the United States of America, at least not the one you have known all your life. You have never wished to live anywhere else. This is your home and you would have been privileged to be born here.

But today you woke up and as you had your morning coffee, you realized that everything is about to change. No matter how you vote, no matter what you say, something evil has invaded our nation, and our lives are never going to be the same. You have been

confused by the hostility of family and friends. You look at people you have known all your life--so hate-filled that they agree with opinions they would never express as their own. We have become a nation that has lost its collective mind.

You can't justify this insanity:

- If a guy pretends to be a woman, you are required to pretend with him.
- Russians influencing our elections are bad, but illegals voting in our elections are good.
- It was cool for Joe Biden to "blackmail" the President of Ukraine, but it's an impeachable offense if Donald Trump inquires about it.
- Twenty is too young to drink a beer, but eighteen is old enough to vote.
- People who have never owned slaves should pay slavery reparations to people who have never been slaves.
- People who have never been to college should pay the debts of college students who took out huge loans for their degrees.
- Immigrants with tuberculosis and polio are welcome, but you'd better be able to prove your dog is vaccinated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wake Up America, the great

unsinkable ship Titanic America has hit an iceberg, is taking on water, and is sinking fast. Speak up!!

Ronald Reagan once said "*Freedom Is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in our bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.*"

BLM (Bureau of Land Management) is burning our countryside up. Organizations like BLM (Black Lives Matter) and AFTIFA are burning our cities down.

The radical left is bent on refining what we stand for instead of cherishing religion liberty and individual freedom. They have divided this country by skin color, ethnicity, gender, and class. They are out to destroy every norm.

There is a world of difference being **AWAKE** or being **WOKE**.

So don't be taken in by the mocking birds, parrots and puppets like the Social Media and the Government in Washington now!

June 14th is Flag Day so remember to fly them high.

To: All Civic & Religious Organization We would like to invite everyone: to share your activities with our readers. Please forward all news and pictures to: **Email- plainvillehometown@gmail.com or Mail to: Hometown, 27 Sherman St. Plainville 06062 Phone: 860-747-4119 Thanking you in advance!**

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The Church gave out high quality, reusable KN95/KF94 masks to those in our community. For more information, contact the Church Office at 860-747-1901 or via email at *churchoffice@uccplainville.org*.

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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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Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat 8:00 A.M.
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Sacrament of the Sick
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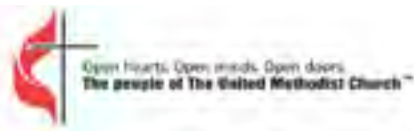
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SUNDAY SERVICES
WORSHIP TIME 10:00AM

REGULAR EVENTS
Tuesday Ladies ... Tuesday 9:30 AM
AA.....Sunday 7 PM
Single Purpose Women's Group.....
Saturday 9:30 AM
Boys Scouts.....Thursday 7 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS
SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION:

Sunday June 6th, 10:00 AM
WE ARE OPEN for in-person worship. We will also continue to offer the worship experience virtually on Facebook via this link:
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Morning Worship Service 11:00 am
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Kevin noted that we have three cemeteries in Plainville. To contact him:
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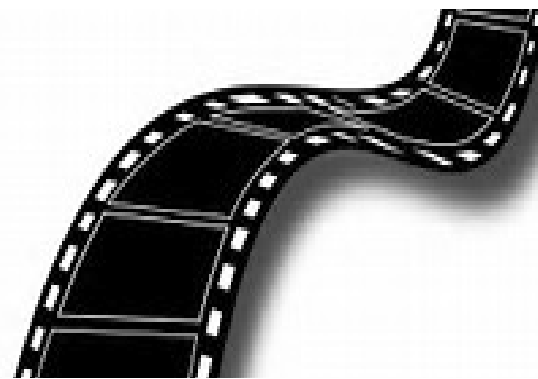
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The Circumspect Critic

by:
Robert James O'Dell

Those Who Wish Me Dead



Those Who Wish Me Dead (2021)

R | 1h 40min | Action, Drama, Thriller | 14 May 2021 (USA)

Director: Taylor Sheridan

Writers: Michael Koryta (screenplay by), Charles Leavitt (screenplay by) | 2 more credits »

Stars: Angelina Jolie, Nicholas Hoult, Finn Little



A teenage murder witness finds himself pursued by twin assassins in the Montana wilderness with a survival expert tasked with protecting him -- and a forest fire threatening to consume them all. [imdb](#)

Angelina Jolie bursts back into the action genre as Hannah, a smoke jumper relegated to tower duty after suffering an emotional breakdown caused by a misguided decision that cost three children their lives in a raging fire. The film may lack some clarity in its exposition of the events that lead up to the events that lead young Connor (Finn Little) to become the target of two well trained assassins but it provides enough visceral thrills to more than compensate for that oversight. It has something to do with his forensic accountant father, Owen Cassidy, (Jake Weber) having done the right thing which will have the effect of bringing down some heavyweights in politics and law enforcement. We are never afforded the opportunity of exactly what this tidbit of evidence is but judging by the reaction and the force behind taking him out it is substantial. Taylor Sheridan, usually a dependable scripter (Hell or High Water) falters with this one but proves the adept director of

an action thriller as he has shown in the past (Wind River).

And what an absolute pleasure it is to find Jolie in top form as the ass kicking but vulnerable action star she has mastered in the past. She effectively conveys the torment of the responsibility of making a judgement call regarding the direction the path of a blaze will go only to have it change directions trapping three children and engulfing them in the deadly flames. On the surface she remains the unpredictable firecracker on the team, displaying the type of behavior one would attribute to somewhat of a death wish.

The rudimentary plot, such as it is, has the accountant with son in tow fleeing to the survival training camp run by the area sheriff, Ethan (Jon Bernthal) and his pregnant wife, Allison (Medina Senghore) for refuge. As luck would have it, Ethan is Cassidy's brother-in-law as well as Hannah's ex-boyfriend. Their journey is interrupted by professional assassin brothers Patrick (Nicholas Hoult) and Jack (Aiden Gillan) Blackwell. They successfully take out the accountant but not before he manages to give his son the damning evidence and force him to abandon him and run for his life. The Blackwell's know they must eliminate the boy as well and start a forest fire to keep the local authorities busy. Though this stretches credulity, the visual effects created for the uncontrollable blaze are amazingly realistic and provide a thrilling background for the cat and mouse chase involving Connor, whom Hannah has discovered lost in the woods and taken under her protective wings, and the cold heartless killers..

The scenes between Hannah and Connor are among the films best as Hannah's need for redemption kicks in and Connor's need for an adult figure he can trust bolster the growing bond between the two. Finn Little gives a truly compelling performance that is a comfortable fit with Jolie's complexity. There is genuine warmth between the two that keeps us on the edge of our seats as they traverse the blanketing flames that surround them and the deadly duo that pursues them.

This lean, mean thriller has fine performances by the supporting cast. Hoult and Gillan have ice in their

veins as the hired assassins while Senghore is a scene stealer as the resourceful survivalist.

The film is flawed but it delivers in the action, thrill ride category. And it is a perfect fit as a star vehicle for the amazing Jolie.

Ratings: Acting: 95%
Directing: 90%
Script: 75%
Cinematography: 96%
SFX: 100%
Action Sequences: 97%

My Rating: 86%



MEET OUR FILM CRITIC ~ ROBERT JAMES O'DELL



Hi, neighbors. Well, technically, we aren't neighbors as I now live way up in the northwest corner of the state. I did, however, spend my formative years

and then some right next door to Plainville in the Hardware City, New Britain. I was a frequent visitor to Plainville attending events at the Plainville Stadium and of course, enjoying movies at the Plainville Drive In. Let me introduce myself. I'm your friendly neighborhood film critic, Robert James O'Dell, and I thought you might want to learn a bit more about me. If you don't, read no further but if you have a dollop of curiosity about the thought process of the fella who has been providing critical analysis of films in your local monthly newspaper, read on.

I owe my love of the movies to my mom. She loved films. Of course, in my youngest movie going days, we attended as a family, mom, dad, sister, brother and the baby of the family, yours truly. As I grew older, I would walk or take the bus from the Sunvale Manor projects in New Britain to Main St. every weekend (and sometimes during the week as well) where I had four movie palaces to choose from for

my cinematic fix. I would attend the matinees and stay for the evening shows as well. I'd take in a half dozen films a week and sometimes more and often multiple showings of each. I was insatiable. When I reached the legal age to drive, my consumption of films grew even stronger. At least once a week I would go to the cinema with my mom at the mall. We'd attend the 99cent 10am matinee at the mall, then have lunch at York Steak House and then while mom explored the mall, I would take in another film on my own. Then I would go with friends on other days and often went on my own.

I kept a journal in which I wrote reviews of the films I saw as well as ideas and concepts of films I imagined I would make someday. I read voraciously about the making of films, kept up on film productions through my subscription to Variety and studied film production through books and periodicals. I even ventured into making amateur films with my fellow filmaholic friend, Jim McGarty, whom which I also attended film study courses at Tunxis Community College. Though I only shared my musings on films with a small circle of friends, anybody who knew me, knew my passion for the art of cinema. While at Tunxis, I ran the Friday Night films series, often booking movies of artistic merit that the casual filmgoer had little interest in. Many heated discussions accompanied some of my choices which is why I formulated my mantra, "I

don't recommend films. I just tell you what I think of them."

Approximately 4 years ago, I decided to start a film review page on Facebook. Racking my brain, I came up with the cleverly titled "Film Reviews by Robert James O'Dell" and have been reviewing 3 to 6 films a week in that format ever since. I have amassed 2037 followers and have received requests from filmmakers from as far away as China, Australia and the Middle East to review their films.

One of the people who came upon my film review page was Kathy Pugliese, an old friend from my childhood, who just happens to be amongst the handful of people who are responsible for the newspaper you are now reading. She contacted me and asked if I would be interested in providing a film review column for the newspaper. The rest, as they say, is history. About a year ago, I started my website, "The Old Codger Critic" to expand my reach to cinemaniacs outside of the Facebook followers.

Plainville has become like a second home to me as I do the majority of film watching at the AMC Cineplex located there. So, I guess in a way we are actually neighbors.

Questions? Comments? Complaints? You can always contact me through the newspaper. In the meantime, see you at the movies.

Letters to the Editor

Patriot,

I kicked off my America First Tour to send a strong message to the weak Establishment in both parties: America First isn't going away. We're going on tour.

We had a HUGE turnout in The Villages, Florida, and we had the honor of having Marjorie Taylor Greene at the rally. She has been a dedicated fighter and is helping me elect America-First Republicans across the nation.

Big government, big media, big tech, they would all breathe a sigh of relief if Marjorie Taylor Greene and I were no longer in Congress fighting for you. They lie about us because we tell the truth about them.

If you missed it, I had some strong words for the Swamp and anyone who wants to dismiss us!

PUT AMERICA FIRST

As I travel the country fighting to spread this message, I need continued support from Patriots like you. I am under fire from both sides of the aisle as CNN smears my name and spreads propaganda.

I'm a marked man in Congress. I'm a canceled man in some corners of the Internet. I might be a wanted man by the deep state. But I will never stop fighting for YOU and our America First movement.

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Thanks for standing with me! I hope you'll join in and support our cross-country tour to elect Republicans that will stand up to the D.C. Swamp.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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My fellow American,

On March 11, 2021, I signed into law the American Rescue Plan, a law that will help vaccinate America and deliver immediate economic relief to hundreds of millions of Americans, including you.

A key part of the American Rescue Plan is direct payments of \$1,400 per person for most American households. With the \$600 direct payment from December, this brings the total relief payment up to \$2,000. This fulfills a promise I made to you, and will help get millions of Americans through this crisis.

I am pleased to inform you that because of the American Rescue Plan, a direct payment of \$1,400.00 was issued to you by direct deposit. If you haven't received your payment, please check the status of the payment by visiting the IRS website or calling the IRS phone number listed at the bottom of this letter.

There may be other parts of the American Rescue Plan that will help you as well. For example there is aid for small businesses, an expanded child tax credit for families, and resources to reopen our schools safely. The American Resue Plan also extends unemployment insurance and helps reduce your health care premiums if you have a plan through the Affordable Care Act.

To learn more about this law and how it will work for you, please visit wh.gov/arp.

When I took office, I promised the American people that help was on the way. The American Rescue plan makes good on that promise. This bill was passed to provide emergency relief to millions of Americans. I want to be sure you receive all the benefits that you are entitled to.

This has been a long, hard time for our nation. But I believe brighter days are ahead. We are on the path to vaccinating the nation. Our economy is on the mend. And our children will be back in school. I truly believe there is nothing we can't do as a nation, as long as we do it together.

President Joseph R. Biden Jr.

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LOWERING TAXES. These are just a few things I think are more important than figuring out if Mr. Potato Head is offensive or if the Cat in the Hat needs to go...The reason I'm reaching out to you today is because I know you want to save America. But I need your support, and I need it now.

Are you going to step up and save your values before America is taken over by the Socialist Agenda?

I'm not going to let America crumble if I have anything to do about it.

John Kennedy for U.S.

P.O. Box 80418 Baton Rouge, LA 70808

*Excerpts from letter of John Kennedy.

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Fellow Patriot,

Turn to God.

Not to government, not to media, but to God. I know this might sound surprising coming from me – I've never been very religious.

But Joe Biden couldn't even bring himself to utter the word 'God' in his National Day of Prayer address.

So with everything happening around us and in our government, it's time for our country to honor the religious roots of our freedoms.

The radical Left is doing everything in their power to rip Christianity from our culture, because that's where our freedoms, our rights, our liberties – the values that have defined our nation – came from.

When I wrote Dark Agenda: The War to Destroy Christian America, I took a deep dive into our founding by Protestant Christians – and the Left's repeated efforts to push religion to the margins of our culture.

And now, more than ever, I want my fellow Americans to know the truth about how we were able to create and maintain the Great American Experiment.

The answer lies in our country's Judeo-Christian heritage.

But no one is saying that to our children in schools, or in the mainstream media.

Because if the Left succeeds in stripping America of its religious culture, and destroying the freedoms it created, America will cease to exist.

America's religious foundation created the freedoms and prosperity we enjoy today.

It's all that stands between us and a socialist, Marxist future, where government replaces God and becomes the almighty authority.

You see, the only way to defeat the Left and their godless, borderless plot for our country is to EXPOSE THEM.

Believe me when I say I'd know better than most.

My name is David Horowitz, and for the first 40 years of my life I was a communist.

I was side by side with Huey Newton and the leaders of the Black Panthers. I edited Ramparts – the largest magazine of the radical Left. I marched, I wrote manifestos, and I attacked America whenever and however I could.

Dear Editor,

Teaching is my life. It is one of the great benefits of serving as president of Hillsdale College that I am able to get to know my students in and outside the classroom.

In fact, one of my favorite things to do is have lunch with students in the Hillsdale dining hall and engage them in lively discussions. They never disappoint. I love their thoughtful and provocative questions, their ideas about the books they are reading and about the issues of the day, and the courteous yet assertive way they debate ideas with me and with each other.

I cherish the time I spend with Hillsdale students, and I take my responsibility to teach and encourage them to be good people and good citizens seriously.

It used to be that pursuing truth and defending liberty were understood as the goals of education by almost all American colleges and universities when they were founded. Sadly, they are no longer seen as goals of education on most campuses today.

Then my eyes opened to the incredible destruction and evil my "comrades" made possible. So I left.

I cast my 1984 ballot for Ronald Reagan and never looked back. I created the David Horowitz Freedom Center to fight the Left, and dedicated my life to exposing them.

I did it because I knew first-hand the threat our country was facing, I knew what was at stake, and I knew that if I didn't tell the American people what I knew, we would lose our country forever.

Because they rely on deception. When they're allowed to go about their business in secret and behind closed doors, you and I are in the most danger – and so is our country.

That's why I hope you'll join me in this battle for America's future right away.

As a communist, I saw the Left for who they really were and what they were really after.

I know that if they can erase Christianity from our culture the way they've always wanted to, they will conquer our nation once and for all – and we'll never get it back.

Sincerely, David Horowitz

P.S.—The radical Left knows Christianity shaped America and the values that made us who we are – so they want to wipe it out wherever they can find it. We can't let that happen. Please donate \$45 or more to the Freedom Center right away, and expose the Left for the God-hating, Bible-burning extremists they are.

P.P.S.— As a thank you for your gift of \$45 or more, I'll send you a complimentary copy of Dark Agenda: The War to Destroy Christian America.

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In fact, most liberal colleges and universities today deny that such a thing as "truth" exists and instead encourage young people to find what is true for themselves, carrying their politically correct "safe spaces" wherever they go.

At Hillsdale College, we strive to be different. We work hard to provide young Americans with the kind of education that builds character and prepares them to become good and useful citizens. I believe that such education is necessary to preserve free government for ourselves and the next generation.

And we must defend this kind of education at all costs—fiercely maintaining our independence by refusing EVERY PENNY of taxpayer funding—even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans.

Warm regards, Larry P. Arnn

President, Hillsdale College

33 East College Street, Suite 500, Hillsdale, MI 49242.

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Property Transfers

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452 East St: Diversified Re Hldg LLC of Plainville to T Real Estate LLC, \$507,500 on 5/7/2021

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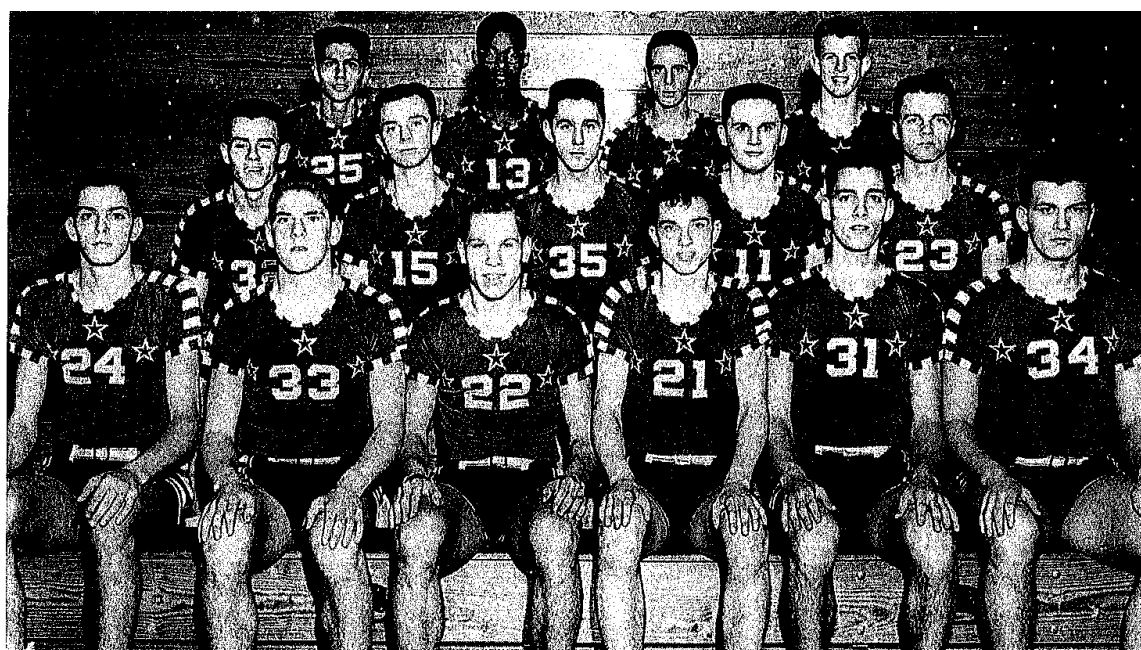
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Perhaps the photos of the Basketball teams will help you with your nominations.

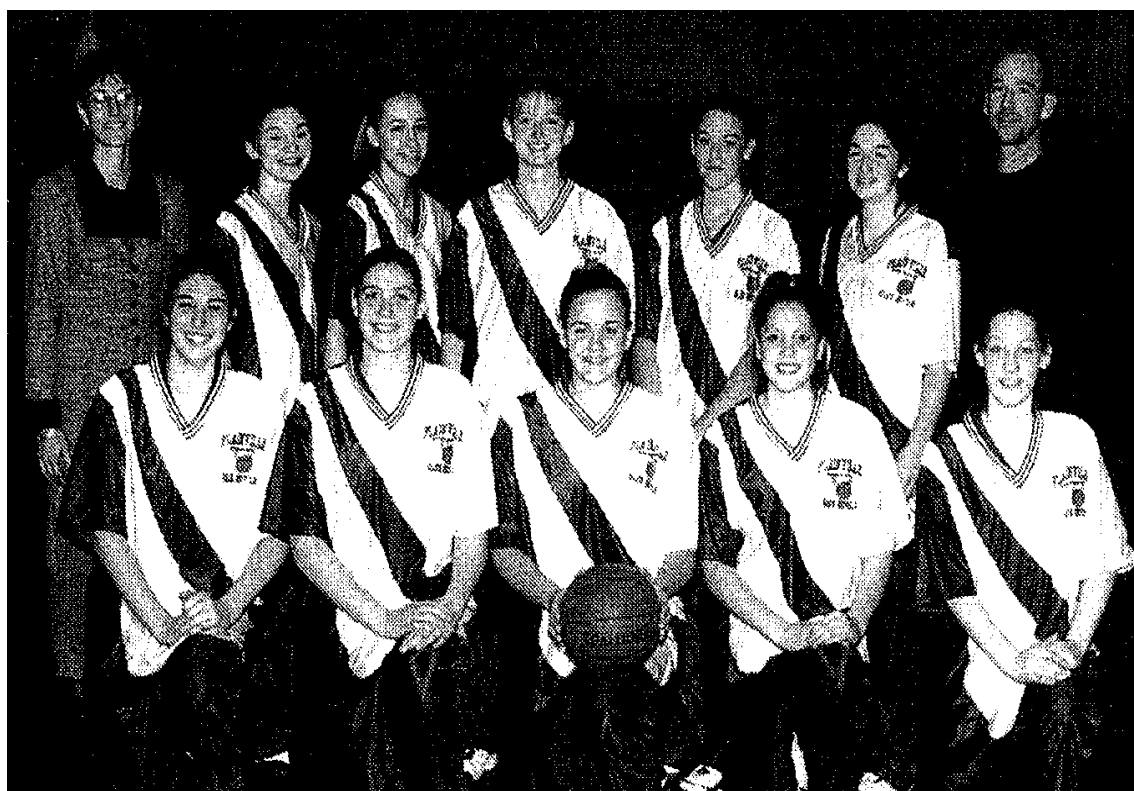
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A. *The canals were there before the city was built. The city was built on a group of mud banks over 100 small islands at the head of the Adriatic Sea. In 1866, Venice voted to be part of the kingdom of Italy.*

Q. I was eating fried scallops the other night at a restaurant. As I look at the square pieces, I wonder what kind of seafood came in squares, or was it from a large fish?

A. *What you eat as scallops are only the large muscles of certain mollusks. These muscles are used to open and close the shells, and they are the only part you eat.*

To submit questions call 860-747-4119, E-mail plainvillehometown@gmail.com or write to: *Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman Street, Plainville, CT 06062* Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of the month's next issue Next issue of the Hometown Connection will be the JULY/AUGUST

*Thank you for this issue questions. Please keep them coming!
Happy Father's Day to all the Dads!! Bill Brayne*

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Good 'Ol' Dad !

Since this is the June Edition I thought we give Good 'Ol' Dad a few cudors for Fathers Day. Even though Mom had her important part of raising a family, sometimes I thought dad had the tough love job of being a parent. Most of the time he had the discipline part of the job.

Remember the time you decided to spray paint your bedroom wall yellow with your penis. Mom would say, "wait till your father gets home." In those days there was no time out or seeing a child psychologist. It was going to be a B and B day. Belt meets Butt, Dad would say this is going to hurt me more than you. For the most part Dad was your idol, mentor, hero. You were always proud of Dad.

Remember when your friend and you were on the playground and argued how my dad could beat up your dad. Dad was the one who taught you how to ride your bike. Taught you how to throw a baseball. Volunteered to coach your Little League Team. Took you to your first professional baseball game. Dad showed you how to mow the grass. Dad taught you how to drive a car. If you were the daughter, you were daddy's little girl. You could do no wrong in Dad's eyes. You were the princess to the dismay of your brothers.

So on Fathers Day get him something special. Forget those shirts or crappy ties. Here are some exotic ideas for Good 'Ol' Dad.

Pay one of his monthly bills. Perhaps his cable, phone, or electric bill. A gift card to the grocery

store, the man has to eat. How about a beer holster to put his bottle or can in so he doesn't have to carry it. How about giving him part of your stimulus check to go to the casino. Since taxes are upcoming, how about paying his car tax. How about that new putter. If Dad is a widower perhaps a belly dancer, and give Dad 20 single dollar bills. Throw in a case of viagra should Dad get lucky.

How about a tombstone for that cemetery plot. That should make for a stimulating conversation at the dinner table. Remember we all come to the end some day.

I now leave you with a final thought. Remember when you blindly follow the masses, be very careful. Sometimes the 'M' is silent. Blush

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Now: Drain eggplant thoroughly - 5 minutes-Add eggplant to onion mixture & cook 5 minutes-until dry-Add: 1 Tablespoon of basil & oregano, 1 teaspoon parsley & 1/2 teaspoon of salt & pepper- Stir in ingredients & turn off pan to set.
MAKE TART MIXTURE:
In a large bowl Beat (4) eggs. To this Add: 3 cups milk & 1 and 1/2 cups Bisquick mix - Beat 2 minutes with electric mixer - Stir in: Eggplant Mixture & 1 cup Kraft Parmesan cheese - Pour into 13X9 baking dish and Bake 10 minutes
While baking, slice plum tomatoes thin & After 10 minutes, place tomato slices on top, in grid fashion. Finish baking another 20 minutes.

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Flea Prevention

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Ticks

Ticks are parasites that feed on the blood of unlucky host animals, such as cats and dogs. Like mites and spiders, ticks are arachnids. Although their presence may not even be noticed by the host, ticks can transmit many diseases through their bite.

Tick Transmission

Most species of ticks require blood meals from a host to survive. Ticks bury their head into a host's skin when they bite and then gorge themselves on blood.

Ticks tend to be most active in late spring and summer and live in tall brush or grass, where they can attach to dogs and outdoor cats. Ticks can be transferred from pets coming into the household from outdoors. Ticks prefer to attach close to the head, neck, ears and feet, but can be found anywhere on your pet's body. Ticks are particularly prominent in warm climates and certain wooded areas of the Northeast.

How Do I know if My Pet Has Ticks?

Most ticks are visible to the naked eye. Ticks are often the size of a pinhead before they bite, and not noticed until they swell with blood. While these parasites rarely cause obvious discomfort, it is a good idea to check your pet regularly if you live in an area where ticks are prevalent, especially if he spends a lot of time outside. Run your hands carefully over your pet every time he comes inside, and especially check inside and around the ears, head and feet.

Complications Associated with Ticks

Blood loss, Anemia, Tick paralysis, Skin irritation or infection, Lyme Disease
Lyme disease is a bacterial infection than can affect humans, dogs, cats and other mammals. Its primary carrier is the deer tick, which can attach to a dog or human and transmit the bacteria that cause the disease. Clinical signs of Lyme disease include depression, swelling of the lymph nodes, loss of appetite, fever, swollen, painful joints and kidney failure. Lyme disease is most effectively treated with antibiotics.

With prompt, proper treatment, your pet's condition should start to improve within 48 hours.

Tick Prevention

Many of the same products on the market that treat fleas also kill ticks and prevent against future infestation. Speak to your vet about the best product for your pet.

Ensure a tick-free lawn by mowing it regularly, removing tall weeds and making it inhospitable to rodents by keeping garbage covered and inaccessible.



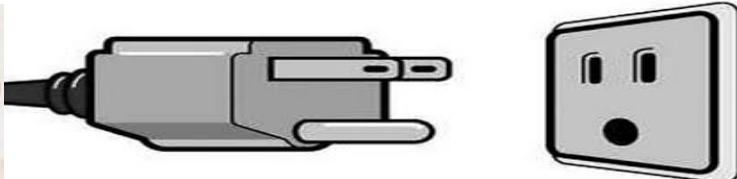
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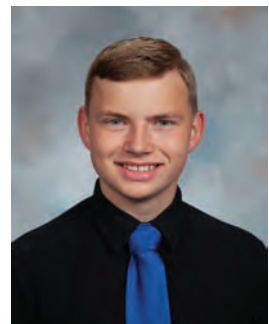
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Kyle Badorek



Jeremy Buckley



Kayla Wisz



Joseph Michalic

Toffolon Students DARE Essay Contest Winners



Louis Toffolon Elementary School fifth graders recently completed 12 weeks of DARE lessons with Plainville Police Officer Troy Noble. As a culminating lesson, students were asked to write an essay describing what DARE means to them and what they learned about the DARE decision-making model. The top three essays were chosen by Officer Noble as students who conveyed their rich learning experience most persuasively. The Essay Winners pictured left to right are: Kassidy Griswold, Matthew Fantozzi, and Ryann Dufresne.



Wheeler Students Perform Clean Up



Students in Maria Hitt's third grade class at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School recently volunteered on their own initiative to clean up the grounds of the school. They donned masks, gloves and trash bags, and spent time beautifying their school grounds!

GO KID GO PROGRAM CONTINUES TO SUPPORT LOCAL STUDENTS IN NEED WITH STEPS & BENCHES



Thanks to the hard work and dedication of a group of Middle School of Plainville students and Technology Education faculty member Camille Westfall, the district's Go Kid Go program once again served as the backdrop for meeting the needs of Plainville students through hands-on learning and giving back!

The Go Kid Go program began in 2019 as an outgrowth of the school district's "Go Baby Go" program, that historically brought together faculty and staff from Central Connecticut State University, Plainville High School and the Middle School of Plainville each year to design and modify battery powered toy cars for toddlers with special needs. In 2019, a group of Plainville Community Schools staff members and representatives from Central Connecticut State University came together to build on the success of the Go Baby Go initiative and create the "Go Kid Go Program." The "Go Kid Go" program was born with the goal of helping Plainville Community Schools special needs students district-wide with mobility and independence. "We are fortunate to have this wonderful program that has evolved with the changing needs of our community, and persevered despite the challenges of COVID. This latest project was a wonderful synergy of student volunteerism and talented guidance from Miss Westfall, for the benefit of our youngest district learners. I look forward to seeing what Go Baby Go and Go Kid Go will do next, and know it will be outstanding and beneficial to all concerned," said Superintendent Steven LePage.

Plainville Schools Celebrate School Nutrition Hero Day



Connecticut's Governor Ned Lamont announced that Friday, May 7, 2021 was recognized as School Nutrition Hero Day in Connecticut to celebrate all of the hard work school nutrition staff have done throughout the year despite the pandemic. Plainville Community Schools Food Services Department staff members, led by Food Services Director Ashley Onion, were celebrated throughout the school district on May 7th.

Toffolon School Awards DARE Graduates



Fifth graders in Sue Fabrizio's first grade class at Louis Toffolon Elementary School recently completed their 12 week DARE program led by Plainville Police Officer Troy Noble. Students were rewarded with a graduation car parade by decorating their cars, receiving their certificates, a sweet treat, and a DARE gift from Officer Noble.

Go Kid Go Program Creates Benches for Toffolon Pre School Students



Henry Mazurek



Nora Tacinelli





On behalf of the Plainville Board of Education, the Plainville Community School administration, and the faculty & staff of Plainville High School, we wish to offer our sincere congratulations on your graduation from Plainville High School.

We wish you all the best in your future endeavors, whether it be college, the military, the workforce or something else entirely. We assure you that our dedicated teachers and staff prepared you well and that you are ready for this next step in your life.

As educators, we take incredible pride and joy in the successful completion of your studies at PHS.

No matter where the next chapter of your stories takes you, remember....
"ONCE A BLUE DEVIL, ALWAYS A BLUE DEVIL"

CONGRATULATIONS

~Valedictorian~



Kayla Wisz



Graduating Class of 2021!!!



~Salutatorian~



Katherine Guarco



Linden Street School Hosts iHEART Reading Celebration

Wheeler School Recognizes "Autism Awareness Month"

CARRIER GROUP, INC. CREATES OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE FOR LOUIS TOFFOLON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



In photo: Superintendent of Schools Steven LePage reads to students in Melissa Dodenhoff's class at Linden Street School as part of the iHEART Reading Guest Reader event on May 3rd.



In celebration of National Children's Book Week, Linden Street School's Reading Incentive Committee kicked off the week with its 6th annual iHEART Reading Guest Reader event Monday, May 3. While primarily remote this year, guest readers across the district and in the broader community, stepped up to record videos sharing their favorite children's books. Students loved seeing their State Representative, Board of Education members, Superintendent, and other amazing adults take the time to share their love of books.

As part of Autism Awareness month, Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School's fifth grade classes, Mrs. Crane's and Mrs. Calabro's class along with much help from paraprofessional, Mr. Marino, made a book of drawings for a student and a great friend diagnosed with autism. Each student in those two classes decorated a puzzle piece and laminated it into a book for that student to take home. Mrs. Crane and Mrs. Calabro's classes drew things that the student enjoys and likes. The students also put their picture on their puzzle piece for our friend so that he knew who it was from. Another action we took to celebrate Autism Awareness Month was to have Wheeler School show that they care by having everybody wear blue on Friday, April 30th. Gladly, most of our students participated in this act of kindness to honor all the kids with Autism.

Written by 5th graders: Sophia Cole, Asia Benoit, and Courtney Thorpe

Thanks to the generosity of the Carrier Group Inc., a division of By Carrier, Inc., together with support from several other local businesses, Louis Toffolon Elementary School will now have a new permanent outdoor learning space.

In October, Toffolon Principal Lynn Logoyke shared a "wish" for an outdoor learning space on the school grounds that students and staff members could use to further enhance teaching and learning. "For a long time, we've been hoping for an outdoor space to use for learning. What's better than getting outside for a story, or a lesson or even snack time? Even before COVID, we knew that fresh air is good for all of us, but now, an outside learning space is needed even more and we are grateful to the Carrier Group and others for making that happen for us," explained Logoyke.

Johnny and Danny Carrier, both Vice Presidents of the Carrier Group, Inc., answered the call, and adopted the construction project. With feedback from Principal Logoyke, representatives from the Carrier Group organization developed several schematic designs, and ultimately narrowed it down to a final design plan. The company got to work over the school's April break, clearing and preparing a section of land in the rear of the school grounds, and constructing arched, stone stadium seating covered by a wooden pergola. The Carrier Group project team also reached out to several other local companies to support the project. As a result, Washington Concrete, Tilcon Connecticut and Forestville Lumber generously donated materials for the project.

The Toffolon outdoor learning space is slated to be completed in early May, and a ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled in May as well.

"After receiving so much from our community throughout the years, it's important that we give back and invest in our children's future," said Danny Carrier.

"When members of a caring community pool resources and talents, it is incredible to witness the outcomes that are made possible. On behalf of Plainville Community Schools, I want to sincerely thank the Carrier Group, all vendors who made donations of materials, Plainville Rotary Club, Principal Logoyke, Lynn Davis and Sue Bradley as leaders of our School Business Community Partnerships, and all who were involved in making this wonderful new outdoor learning space possible," noted Superintendent Steven LePage.

MSP Students Join Virtual Author Visit

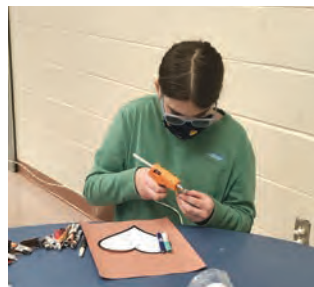


Middle School of Plainville, English Language Arts Instructional Leader, Erin Georgini recently arranged a virtual author visit for a group of eighth graders. Author Alan Gratz joined the student group to "book talk" several of his high interest historical fiction novels and share his story. Middle School eighth graders are currently studying a historical fiction unit of study, and Gratz is a popular author amongst the student readers.



~ Middle School ~

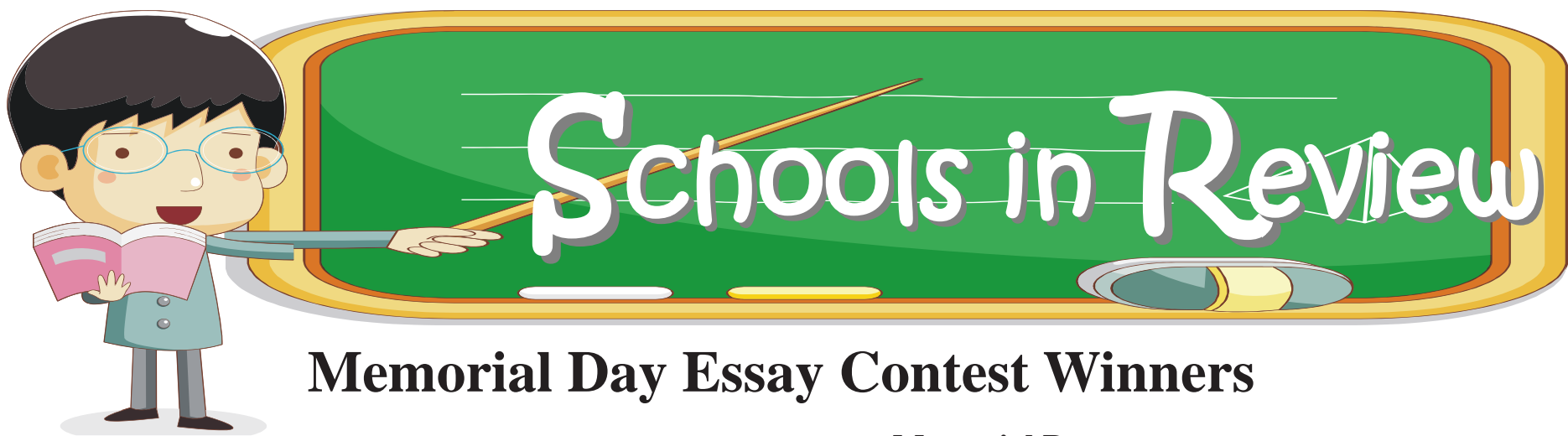
Kids in the Middle Club Create Art



During the last several meetings of the Middle School of Plainville's Kids in the Middle (KIM) club, students created magazine roll-up art to donate to a local nursing home.

In photo: Kids in the Middle student participant Piper Krystock works on artwork to be donated to a local nursing home.

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag...



Memorial Day Essay Contest Winners

Plainville Memorial Day Parade Committee Dave Dudek, Chairman

Although the parade was canceled due to COVID, the students read their essays at Memorial Park (on the corner of Whiting and Maple Streets)

9 AM on Memorial Day at the Town/Veteran's Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony. The students will attend the Town Council meeting on June 21st at 7 PM, also to read their essays.

What Memorial Day Means to Me

By: *Sadie Brann - Grade 7 MSP*

Memorial day has been around for a long time. It has gone through many changes throughout the years, but has always served the same purpose. It reminds us of the great sacrifices that brave men and women make when they join the military. Not for themselves, but for our country as a whole.

Memorial day has a lot of history packed into its past. On May 5, 1868, a team of military leaders created a day to remember what the military has done for our country and to thank the soldiers for fighting so hard. This day was called decoration day. On decoration day, citizens around the country recall and respect their friends or family that fought and passed in a battle. I myself know and respect many people who are in or have been in the military. My step-father, Brian Zamudio, has fought overseas in Afghanistan and Iraq. My step-brother, Christain Zamudio, is a member of the Coast Guard.

Having such a large military presence in my life has let me look at holidays like memorial day through different lenses. I have limitless respect for people who join the military, and always will. On days like Memorial Day, I take a second to think about those who were not as fortunate and did not survive their battle fight. Those people will forever be remembered in our hearts and minds.

Memorial Day is very important to me. I support and respect our military a lot. Their selfless sacrifices are just another part of what makes America a great, strong, and fearless nation.

Memorial Day & What It Means To Me

By: *Elliana Rexinger-McConnell Wheeler School*

Have you ever thought about what Memorial Day is or why we as Americans celebrate it as a federal holiday? If you haven't then, you're probably not understanding the sacrifices the military makes so we can be free as Americans!

Memorial Day means so much to me because it is a day to honor and remember the men and women who have lost their lives while serving the United States Armed Forces. This is one of the most bravest things that a soldier has to do, is going out to fight in a war to protect my family and all the other families of American citizens. While protecting our families they are making the huge sacrifice of leaving their families at home. Very sadly as a lot of us know many of these men and women, moms and dads never get to come home. These men and women die as heroes and I love that we have a holiday to keep their memory alive and honor them.

Another reason Memorial Day means so much to me is because my great grandfather died fighting for this country in world war 1 and my great grandfather was an army veteran who fought in world war II. I obviously never got to meet them but from what my grandfather told me about them they were very brave and loved their family.

I hope that Memorial Day continues to be a holiday to honor the people that died fighting in war.

Thank you to the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for this country we live in, America!

Memorial Day

By: *Elisa Lopez- Linden*

When you see the last Monday of May on your calendar you say "WHOO-WHOOO! 3-Day week-end!"

But have you ever wondered why we have that 3-Day week-end? Memorial day isn't a day that gives you a 3-day week-end, to me, it's so much more than that. Think, have you ever had a family member serve in the military and die during war? That's what memorial day is about, to honor that family member who died serving the country they love.

Let me teach you what Memorial Day is all about. What do you hear in the word Memorial, Memory!

Memorial day is a day to remember all those people who gave their lives to help ours. At first it was a day to honor people who died during the civil war, now it honors everyone who died giving their lives to this country.

Memorial Day was once called Decoration Day, in fact, every country or continent has a Memorial Day, even Australia! It's called Anzac Day. Decoration Day was established in 1869, but Memorial Day was established in 1971. Pretty cool huh.

Have you ever wondered how to celebrate Memorial Day and honor past soldiers? One way you can celebrate Memorial Day is by going to the cemetery and putting flags on fallen soldiers' graves. Another way is by going to the Memorial Day parade. You can even be in the parade! There might be a float that lets kids or people in the parade. Parades are in every city in the state or even country. Did you know that they used to put fallen soldiers on red flowers called Poppies? I think some might still be there today. So we put on Poppies as an accessory, to honor all fallen veterans.

In conclusion, Memorial Day is one of the most honorable holidays in the world. And everyone celebrates it! It shall not be forgotten! To me, it means praying for the people who died fighting for our country.

It's not about shopping or swimming at the beach or pool. It's about honoring fallen soldiers. What does Memorial Day mean to you, and how do you celebrate it? I hope you have learned a lot about this holiday called Memorial day.



Memorial Day Essay

By: *Madeline Davenport Toffolon*

Memorial Day is my favorite time of the year! It has been a big part of my life since I was little. Every year I always participate in the memorial day parade. I march for little league and for all of the veterans in my family that are alive and for those that have sadly have passed away.

But this year we can't have the parade because of COVID. I wrote this essay to show how much Memorial Day still means to me. Every year when we go to the parade I have my softball jersey on and a bag of candy to give out to people. I love tossing the candy to the little kids and also the elderly. When I walk by the Veteran's Memorial and see the names of those people who have sacrificed so much for all of us, I feel like they are superheroes. They went away from their families, they sacrificed their own lives for our freedom. There are many people that I personally know that have actually come to past Memorial Day celebrations here in Plainville. I have several family members that I am proud to say have served and fought. My grandfather Timothy Davenport served in the Air Force for 4 years and fought in Vietnam. My great grandfather Charles Davenport served in the Army for 6 years and fought in World War 2. My great uncle David Davenport served in the Air Force for 23 years. My cousin David Lombardo serves in the Marines right now. I also have a number of other family members that were in the military. Most recently, my family celebrated my cousins Trevor and Tanner Bloom for completing boot camp and joining the Army! As you can tell, my family has a long history of serving our country in the armed forces. I just don't want people to forget the sacrifice that others have made for our freedom. Veterans sacrificed their lives for us and we have to appreciate what they have done for our future. I have always thought about serving in the Army when I get older. I think it would be great to be the first female in my family that would serve our country! It would also be such an honor to serve other people in this way. I personally love helping people and being in the Army would do it all. At the end of the speeches while we are standing at the memorial my family and I go up to the veterans at the end of their speech and we say, "Thank you for your service. We appreciate what you have done for us." We should all remember to say thank you to our veterans.

Sincerely,
Madeline Antoinette T. Davenport

of the United States of America!

"Young at Heart" Senior Center News

Even though reservations are needed for classes, pool, crafts, PEAK Center etc. if you feel that you would like to come in the day of an activity, please call the Senior Center and we will be happy to see if there is an opening for you!

The Senior Center is OPEN!

The Senior Center is OPEN and we have lots of activities to keep people busy! Although we still require advance registration for in-person programs, classes, events, and the Fitness Center you can try calling last minute to see if we have space in the activity you are interested in. All visitors must wear a mask and maintain a 6-foot social distance. Give us a call if you would like to sign up for any of the following in-person activities: PEAK Fitness Center, indoor walking, Nurse Appointment (foot care, ear wax removal, cholesterol, blood pressure), visiting, billiards, computers, fitness classes, current events, open quilting, open knitting/crochet, Bingo, coloring club, book club, etc. We will continue to monitor State restrictions about in-person activities, social distancing, special events etc. and will make modifications regarding activities such as playing cards, pool tournaments, games and more when it is safe to do so.

NO-BAKE MINI CHEESECAKE COOKING CLASS ON ZOOM TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2:00 P.M.

Join Food Explorers to make some delicious No-Bake Mini Cheesecakes! You'll need the following ingredients: graham crackers, butter, brown sugar, heavy cream, cream cheese (2 bricks = 24 cheesecakes), white sugar, lemon juice, plain yogurt OR sour cream and optional vanilla extract plus topping of your choice (berries, sprinkles, chocolate chips). Whipped cream can be made from scratch during class! You will need an electric mixer. Call the Senior Center to register or register on-line at www.schedulesplus.com/plainville

HOMEOWNERS TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ELDERLY/ DISABLED /VETERANS

State and Local benefits for Elderly/Disabled Homeowners and or Additional Veteran exemption programs, allows for individuals due to renew their benefit(s) this year (2021) to be automatically renewed. For more information please contact Ann Marie Heering, Supervisor Assessment & Collections at the Town of Plainville 860-793-0221 ext. 7131.

Clean Air Starts At Home: May Was Recognized As Clean Air Month

There are several things you can do to help ensure that you have the cleanest and healthiest air possible in your home.

Indoor air quality should always be a priority, and at TMS, we have several ways to help you make your home's indoor air the best it's ever been... which starts by Spring Cleaning it!

Pollutants such as dust, pollen, and mold can lower your home's indoor air quality. They can lead to asthma or allergy symptoms, rashes, eye irritation, sore throats, fatigue, headaches, trouble concentrating, and other problems. Mold can also create bad smells and damage your walls, ceilings, and furniture. Not to mention, on top of all of that, viruses like the Coronavirus that are airborne and circulate quickly.

Install An Air Purification System

Systems like the Reme Halo and Fresh Aire UV

COVID VACCINE APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE AT ESPN IN BRISTOL

The clinic will be open from 10 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Monday to Wednesday at the ESPN North Campus, 383 Middle St, Bristol. Bristol Health is offering the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Appointments are required. Call: 1-877-918-2224. On-Line: Register via the CDC's Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS): <https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/onlinevaccine>

COVID VACCINES FOR HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS

If you or someone you know is physically or medically unable to go to a COVID vaccination clinic, please contact Stephanie at the Senior Center for assistance. Call 860-747-5728

AFTERNOON JAZZ IN THE PARK WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1:00 P.M.

Join us for a live, outdoor concert in Paderewski Park with the Airborne Trio! This phenomenal Trio has performed for us in the past, and we are thrilled to welcome them back to Plainville. Cool jazz, swing, bebop and more! Space is limited. Masks must be worn, and 6-foot social distancing will be required. Bring your own lawn chair. Call the Senior Center to register or register on-line at www.schedulesplus.com/plainville. Sign up began May 4th.

BINGO: Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. Bingo will be allowed for up to 20 people including Bingo volunteers. Paper bingo cards will be used instead of our regular bingo cards. Dabbers will be available to purchase (\$1.00) at the Plainville Senior Center or you can bring your own. Bingo will be 1 hour per State guidelines. Call the Senior Center to reserve your space.

TELEPHONE BINGO: Thursdays at 1:00 P.M. If you miss BINGO then join us for a weekly game over the phone or on Zoom so you can see other friends. Give us a call to register, so we can provide you with the call-in or Zoom information. We will also make arrangements for you to either pick up a BINGO card or have one mailed to you. Prizes could include toilet paper, lottery tickets, paper towels.

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Schedule Your Annual HVAC System Maintenance
Be sure to have your annual system maintenance completed this spring before you start using the air conditioner to catch any issues that could reduce your indoor air quality before they start making you and your family uncomfortable. You should replace your system's air filter at least every few months and trim any trees or shrubs near your outdoor unit as well. Use a hose to wash away any leaves, twigs, grass clippings, or other debris.

Include These Items In Your Spring Cleaning Checklist!

While you're putting away winter clothing and getting ready for hotter weather, don't forget to...

*Clean your home's ceiling fans and air registers with

Plainville Senior Center

Needs Volunteers to Deliver Meals-on-Wheels
The Plainville Senior Center and CW Resources are in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound older adults in Plainville. Meals are delivered between 10:00 am to 12 noon, Monday through Friday. Please call Ronda at the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728 if you are interested or have questions about this important volunteer opportunity.

THE FOOD SHARE PROGRAM AT THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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

BELLY DANCING CLASS

(in PERSON or Zoom from home)
WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 2 TO JULY 7, 2:00 P.M.
This class features simple, yet fun movements to authentic music. You'll learn short, easy dances that work every part of your body! No prior belly dancing experience necessary, nor do you need to wear anything special...dress comfortably for easy movement! If attending the class in-person, masks must be worn and a 6-foot social distance will be maintained. COST: \$12.00 INSTRUCTOR: Gia Khalsa. Sign up began May 4th. Call the Senior Center to register or register on-line at www.schedulesplus.com/plainville

THE PEAK FITNESS CENTER IS OPEN AND ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS!

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. New and returning fitness center members 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 Fitness Center is open by appointment. Masks must be worn while exercising and participants are required to sanitize equipment before and after use.

Senior Center Phone Number 860-747-5728

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*Ask people to take off their shoes when they enter your home which will minimize dust and pollen being tracked inside

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Plainville Historical Society

“We miss you. Minimal volunteer staff has been busy maintaining the Historic Center, seeing to the essential business of the Historical Society and conducting an extensive inventory of the collection. This has been no small task. In our spare time we have been deep cleaning and sanitizing the space, in preparation for a re-opening of the building, probably in the fall. We are available by phone most Monday and Wednesday mornings on our landline at 860 747-5677.”

MEMORIAL DAY – 2021

Please check our website for a special Memorial Day feature remembering those from Plainville who died in military service. You will find individual information on each person who gave their life. This covers the Civil War through Viet Nam. We appreciate Rosemary Morante who offers this outreach service.

THE BETH ALTIERI BIRDBATH

Photo on front page by: Rich Ireland

Beth Altieri was a charming wordless child with a big smile that delighted everyone she met and lit up a classroom. She loved to watch the birds, and so her fellow students joined with the staff of Linden St School to place this birdbath, a tribute to her memory, in the quadrangle.

For years Lisa Lozier, a kindred friend of the birds, carried water from home to keep it clean and filled—with hot water in the wintertime.

The plaque reads: In remembrance of Beth Altieri, our friend.

The birdbath has been safely stored and will be replaced on the Old Linden grounds in the spring.

Submitted by the Plainville Historical Society

“Who uses words like... hallowed anymore?” ...Patty Kirk, Guideposts

In 1924 Plainville outgrew the Broad St. Elementary School built in the 1800s and so they built a second school on Linden Street. It had 8 classrooms, a Principal’s office and a dramatic Roman Arched front door.

In 1929 an addition along E. Maple Street brought more classrooms and a high school space on the second floor. Before that, Plainville students went to New Britain, if they continued on to high school. During the 1970s another wing was added to the south of the property and attached to the original structure by a glass walkway along Linden St., creating a three-sided green space, the courtyard.

During this time, a pilot Special Education program was launched for Plainville’s children adapted to serve a myriad of special needs. Appropriate accommodations for individual challenges were planned to provide a safe, comfortable space to learn, play and forge peer relationships. The professional staff included a full time nurse. The town-wide program found a home at the Linden St. School.

Helen P. Coughlin was a beloved local friend and advocate for these children. They planted a tree in her honor in the courtyard. The courtyard space was popular with staff and students. A wild flower garden was planted. When the belfry at Broad St. School was razed the homeless bronze bell, stamped 1874, found a spot in the quadrangle at Linden. The Student Council gifted a Linden tree, rare and fragile, for shade. The Conservation Commission found one for them and helped to plant it successfully. It thrived. The Auer family built a gazebo on the spot where student Christopher loved to sit, in his memory. Linden families and school staff donated a birdbath remembering Beth Altieri, a little girl who loved to watch the birds. A private citizen carried water there for years; hot water in the winter. Over the years it became a little memory garden as other artifacts were added. In time, the Special Education program ended and all students were mainstreamed.

Parents began to worry about the old building and its environmental safety. There was talk of tearing it down and replacing it. The voters did not agree.

Finally it was decided to build another addition, this time on the west side of the building, closing in the green space on all sides—now a quadrangle. It wasn’t until construction was completed that people

plan was to demolish the old building and pave the property with a 40 car parking lot. The voters refused funding for this plan twice. It was obvious that the people did not want the building torn down. Some of the gifted artifacts were moved to the teacher’s outdoor lunch area in the new building. Years went by. It became a ghost building. A fence was erected around it for the safety of the students and the public.

What to do?

A compromise plan emerged in February of 2015 proposing saving something from the old school building and the artifacts in the quadrangle, honoring its footprint, and creating a pleasant reflective open space for the people. The design included a safe off-road drop off and pick up area sorely needed to alleviate street congestion. The voters approved this plan.

A committee volunteered to oversee the transition for the people. Plainville Historical Society President, Nancy Eberhardt served as the Chairman. The quadrangle was cleared of artifacts and they were stored in preparation for demolition of the building. The Roman arch around the door of the 1924 building and some signs were salvaged. Nan proposed adding an outdoor classroom to the plan and the town added a 10 car parking lot.

The DiMinno family graciously gifted a stunning armillary sundial in memory of their daughter Mary Rose Faith DiMinno. The area seemed to begin to breathe a theme of nature, tradition, respect and community. The original vision called for sponsored benches and appropriate natural landscaping.

The Helen P. Coughlin tree was successfully transplanted on the property, closer to the school. The Linden Tree amazingly survived the demolition in place, thanks to the Manafort team who continually watered its exposed roots during a long hot summer. An outdoor classroom was erected in its shadow. The gazebo has been replaced.

The only artifact salvaged from the site that has been returned as promised is the concrete hand engraved Linden St. School sign at the corner of Linden and E. Maple Street. Some bricks from the old building were used in the re-structure. Nothing else stored has been returned. The 1874 Broad Street School bell’s surround has been refurbished gratis, by a Linden parent, and its foundation has been laid at the site. President Eberhardt plans to compose and produce a proper plaque for the Broad St. School bell. Its foundation is in place. The Beth Altieri birdbath’s foundation is also in place. The town has promised to return both to the site this summer when school is not in session.

There is no budget to complete this project.

...Janice Eisenhauer

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Located at 59A Whiting Street (center of town, across from the Post Office) held the Ribbon Cutting last week. Jesse Gnazzo is the branch manager and is ready to go above and beyond to help get the home loan that is perfect for you. He not only helps families obtain the homes of their dreams, he strives to help the local community be as strong as it can be.

Good Vibes Gifts & Flowers

The Plainville Chamber of Commerce, co-presidents Quinn Wazorko Christopher and Tabitha Wazorko Manafort, Town Manager Robert E. Lee, Town Counciller Rosemary Marante and chamber members gathered on the rainy afternoon under a tarp for the Ribbon Cutting. The shop is located at 21 Whiting Street.



Owner Melody Santos opened her shop in January. It is a "full service florist" arrangements are in favor of more personalized. Visitors to the shop can pick up plaques with messages, candles, crystals, jewelry and more. Melody said she is glad to be downtown business scene and involve herself with local organizations.

You are Invited: Wednesday June 2nd!!!

HOP HAUS RIBBON CUTTING at 5 pm, 24 Whiting St.

(downtown Plainville)

Mike Miller is the owner of this incredible restaurant that features a newly renovated taproom, family dining area and soon a new banquet and family style dining area.

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PHS Girls Golf

Plainville 207, New Britain 260
Plainville defeated New Britain Monday evening winning 207-260

The medalist of the meet was Julia Smith, who shot a 42 for Plainville. Kaylee Markovich was the next lowest, shooting a 52 for Plainville. New Britain was led by Abigail Olson, who shot a 59.

Dog Licensing

The Town Clerk's Office mailed dog license renewals the last week of May. Dog licensing begins on June 1, 2021. Residents can renew their pet's license online via the Town's website, by mail, or in person. If anyone has any questions, they can contact the Town Clerk at 860-793-0221 x 7151

Help Needed.....

Plainville Police are asking for help identifying two suspects in a local fraud case.

Police released photos of two male suspects via the police department's Facebook page, asking that anyone with information about them contact Det. Stephen Chase. Police said the case involves fraudulent credit card charges. The victim lost her wallet in the Big Y parking lot on New Britain Ave. Shortly after, two male suspects used her credit card to buy about \$2,000 worth of power tools at the Lowe's store across the street.

The two left Lowe's in a white Jeep SUV. Police said they have not yet identified the suspects. Anyone with information contact Det. Chase case number 20-17143.

And Where are They Now?

If you have someone you would like to write about, perhaps a former friend or neighbor, we would be very happy to hear about them and their successes.

Just call us at 860-747-4119 or e-mail us your story

Senator Kevin Kelly and our legislators need your help!

The Governor and Democratic lawmakers want a \$200 million tax hike on gas and mileage. Not only will that hurt middle class wallets at the pump, but it will cause prices on all necessities shipped throughout our state – from groceries to home heating oil – to increase too.

The entire premise of the Democrats' plan is to raise the price of gasoline to the point where people can no longer afford to buy and operate gasoline and diesel vehicles.



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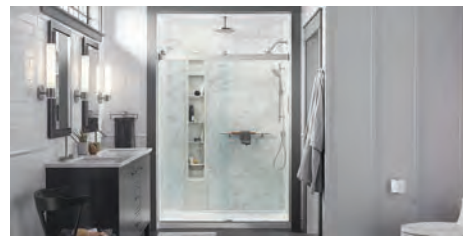
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BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

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