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**419 Camp St:** Richard J and Debrah J. Mancini of Plainville to Andrew and Yuliia Filipski, \$351,000 on 4/13/2022

127 E. Main St: Holyst Real Estate of Plainville to Jezreel Arroyo, \$205,000 on 4/11/2022

16 Meriline Ave: Shelby T. Odonnell of Plainville to Kenvin M. Rosa, \$197,200 on 4/11/2022

40 Prentice St: Vanessa L. Savage and Jacqueline Mas of Plainville to Jovan D. Newson, \$285,000 on 4/14/2022

36 Shuttlemeadow Rd: Janice A and

Wendy L. Shaw of Plainville to Dustin and Alisha D. Erickson, \$450,000 on 4/11/2022 32 Church St: Thomas M. Allen of

Plainville to David Moody, \$240,000 on 4/28/2022 17 Farmington Ave Unit 12: James R.

Mahan of Plainville to P2 Properties LLC, \$61,000 on 4/28/2022 37 Parkside Dr: Wheeler Clinic,

Inc of Plainville to Kevin and Alicia Ludwinowicz \$370,000 on 4/27/2022 167 Red Stone Hill: US Bank NA Tr of

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20 Wilson St: Kevin Ludwinowicz of Plainville to Carlos A. Vazquez, \$220,000 on 4/25/2022

129 E. Main St: Holyst Real Estate LLC of Plainville to Ives Ledesma, \$197,939 on 5/2/2022

32 Ledge Road: Richard B. Thibedeau of Plainville to Amber Carbone and Ruth Pritchard \$242,000 on 5/5/2022

51 Maple St: TWM Development LLC of Plainville to Yvonna Annese, \$350,000 on 5/2/2022

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#### Robert E. Lee, Town Manager's Report to Town Council May 2nd & May 16th, 2022

#### Town Council Meeting May 2, 2022

#### **Budget Vote Results**

- Last Tuesday, voters overwhelmingly approved both the General Government and Board of Education Budgets.
- The General Government Budget passed with 378 voting "yes" and 121 voting "no". 76% of those who voted, voted "yes".
- The Board of Education Budget passed with 362 voting "yes" and 139 voting "no". 72% of those who voted, voted "yes".
- The turnout for the All-Day voted was 4% of the registered voters.
- The next step in the process is for the Town Council to set the mill rate. The legislative session is expected to have a state budget in place shortly Their legislative session concludes at midnight this Wednesday, May 5th. State revenues to support the local town budget will then be finalized for consideration by the Town Council. Town staff will summarize the impact of the State Budget for presentation to the Town Council for the May 16th meeting.
- Additionally, the Town was recently notified that the State Partnership Plan for health insurance increase will be 10 ½% rather than the 8% that was previously projected and budgeted.
- The total impact of this increase is \$196,069 with \$145,360 to the Education Budget and \$50,709 to the General Government Budget. Town staff will recommend that the increase be paid from the Debt Management line item for FY23 since the Town Budget has already been approved.

#### Sidewalk Construction Bid

- On April 14, the Town received five bid proposals for the replacement of sidewalks along sections of Maxine Rd., Bernice Ct., Tomlinson Ave., and Laurel Ct. The bids ranged from \$332,350 to \$598,035.
- The low bid was submitted by D&P Morais Construction of Ludlow, Ma. The Engineering staff has contacted several references and did not uncover any reason why D&P Morais should not be awarded the work.
- Town staff has determined that they are the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$33,350 and is recommending that they be awarded the sidewalk replacement work.
- There is an item under New Business that would authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract with D&P Morais Construction of Ludlow, MA

for sidewalk replacement in the amount of \$332,350. If approved, the work is expected to begin in early next month

#### American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Proposed Projects

- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council move forward with three more projects under the Coronavirus State & Local Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan (ARPA).
- The three projects are the Fiber Project (\$500K), the Mountain View Pump Station upgrade (87K), and the West Cemetery Expansion (\$22,500).
- The Fiber Project connecting the Town Buildings, several sewer pump stations, and police/fire communication to high-speed internet is expected to be in operation by the end of May. The Mountain View Pump Station was upgraded last year. The West Cemetery work would clear land on the property and allow for additional gravesites being available for the foreseeable future.
- There is an item under New Business that would schedule a Public Hearing on these three recommendations for May 16, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Center.

#### **Flashing Beacon Update**

- The D.O.T. is anticipated to give their final approval for the installation of a flashing beacon warning signal on Route 10 (East Street) at the intersection of Robert Holcomb Way by the end of May. Town staff has ordered the beacon and it is expected to be installed by Town staff during the summer months.
- Additionally, the D.O.T. has recently notified Plainville that they are planning to install flashing beacon warning signals on Northwest Drive in the vicinity of Toffolon Elementary School and in front of the Post Office as part of a safety initiative.
- Last year, Town staff was made aware that the State was considering installing flashing beacons using federal funds for pedestrian safety. Town staff suggested that these two locations be considered. The plan would be for the state to design and install the beacons with the Town being responsible for their maintenance.
- This project is in its early stages and is not expected to be completed for 1-2 years. Town staff will keep the Town Council informed regarding the progress of the design as it moves forward.

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#### **HAPPENINGS**

By: Cindy Porrini Plainville Town Clerk

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The Tax Office is ready for processing the second installment payments for the 2022 Sewer Usage Tax bills due in May. They do not send bills out for the May installment. One bill is sent in November 2021 with two stubs to pay in November 2021and May 2022.

We are also preparing the 2021 GL bills to send out in July 2022.

#### **Parks & Recreation**

Splash Pad will be opening on Memorial Day weekend. Elizabeth A. Bemer Pool will be open Saturday, June 11th.

Our summer concert series will start on Thursday June 23rd with Eight to the Bar.

If you have additional questions, please contact their office directly at 860-747-6022.

#### Town Council Meeting May 16, 2022

#### Staff Appointments – Sneha L'Heureux and Michael Ferrara

- This evening I would like to introduce two new employees that have been appointed to key positions in Plainville.
- Sneha L'Heureux has been appointed the Youth Service Director replacing Roberta Brown who recently retired after 40 years of service. Sneha comes to Plainville from the Town of Coventry where she served as their Youth Services Coordinator. She had previously worked in the Town of Wallingford as well where she currently resides. She began her position on May 2nd.
- Mike Ferrara has been appointed as the Superintendent of Roadways replacing Dom Moschini who recently retired after 23 years of service. Mike has worked for Plainville for several years and served as the Foreman in Roadways before being elevated to the Superintendent's position. Mike lives in Southington.

#### **Charter Revision Discussion**

- The Town Council has expressed interest in forming a Charter Revision Commission to consider several aspects of the document including the residency requirement for the Town Manager position.
- Included in the information package for this evening's meeting is a paper entitled "Steps Regarding Charter Revision". Charter revision is initiated by a 2/3rds vote of the entire membership of the Town Council.
- Within 30 days of this vote, the Council must appoint a charter revision commission consisting of 5 to 15 members, not more than 1/3rd of whom may hold other public office, and not more than a bare majority of whom shall be members of any one political party. The appointments must also be approved by 2/3rds vote of the entire membership.
- The commission must hold a public hearing on proposed charter amendments prior to beginning of any substantive work on such charter.

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They must also hold a second public hearing after a draft report has been completed after which hearing the commission may amend the report. commission may hold such other public hearings as it deems necessary.

- After finalizing their recommendations, the commission submits its draft report to the Town Clerk. The Town Council then must hold at least one public hearing on the draft report not later than 45 days after receipt by the Town Clerk. The Town Council must make recommendations to the commission for such changes in the draft report as it deems desirable, not later than 15 days after their public hearing.
- There are several other possible steps but, when completed, the Town Council would submit the proposed charter amendments to the electors (i.e. voters) at a regular election or special election warned and held for that purpose. The charter amendments become effective 30 days after it is approved unless some other effective date is specified.
- When the Town Council forms a charter revision commission, they must prescribe a date, not later than 16 months from appointment, by which the commission must submit its report.

#### **Personnel Policies**

- Earlier this year Town staff presented a revised update of the Personnel Policies for Town employees. The Town Charter requires the Town Council to approve any revisions to this document.
- The majority of the proposed revisions are to comply with requirements approved the State Legislature and the Federal government. revisions reflect the changes that have occurred with benefits that are currently offered to Town employees.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the Personnel Policy Manual dated February 7, 2022.

#### **Town of Plainville Tomlinson Avenue Bridge Replacement Project Road Closure**

The Tomlinson Avenue Bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic effective Monday, April 11, 2022. A detour has been established, and signs will be installed to direct motorists. Motorists and pedestrians are encouraged to avoid the area and seek alternate routes.

The closure is expected to extend through the summer. Business regarding the Personnel Policy Manual dated February 7, 2022.

#### **State Budget Discussion**

- After the Town Council finalized their recommended expenditure budget and sent it to the all-day vote, the calculated mill rate was 30.77 mills. This was a decrease of 3.79 mills or -11%. The reduction was mainly due to revaluation and the resulting significant increase in property values.
- The State Budget has now been finalized and, as a result, the Governor's recommendation for municipal aid has decreased by almost \$600K. The reduction was primarily caused by the changes made to the Governor's proposal to cap the MV taxes at 29 mills. The legislature increased the base number from 29 mills to 32.46. That, in turn, reduced the reimbursement from the state to Plainville from \$960K to \$362K.
- As a result, the calculated mill rate now stands at 31.14 which is a reduction of -3.42 mills or -10%.
- Town staff has also provided information regarding unassigned fund balance with a projection through the end of next fiscal year, (June 30, 2023). It should be noted that approximately \$1.4M has already been earmarked from the unassigned fund balance to help balance the mill rate for This was directed next year. to the general fund (\$624,500), the Capital Improvement Fund (\$555K), and the unanticipated increase in the State Partnership Plan Health Plan (\$196K)
- Finally, it is now anticipated that the Americold project will be completed (but not operational) on October 1st. The net result is that the expected increase in revenue solely because of this project will be approximately \$500K.
- There is an item under New Business should the Town Council decide to set the mill rate this evening.

#### **Appointment of Auditor**

Connecticut municipalities are required to notify the State Office of Policy & Management by June 1st of the firm that will be performing the Town Audit for FY22 by June 1. Town staff is recommending that the Town Council appoint CliftonLarsonAllen auditors) conduct audit. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.



#### **HAPPENINGS** May16th

By: Cindy Porrini, Town Clerk

The Tax Office is in the second installment of collections for 2022 sewer bills. The last day to pay without interest is June 1, 2022. We are also getting the new July bills ready, and they will go out June 30th.

Saturday, May 21, the Plainville Fire Department will be hosting a Community Open House. With live demonstrations of fire suppression, extrication, and firefighter and UTV obstacle courses. The event will run from 11am - 4pm, and hot dogs and hamburgers will be served from Noon – 1pm. We will also have the Plainville PD here with their drone unit, and AMR will be in attendance for our live extrication demo at 2pm. We'd love to have everyone stop by so we can show

#### Plainville Paws Hosted **Rabies Clinic**

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#### **Plainville Veterans Memorial Wall**

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

- SP 4 Randolph W. Whipple United States Army
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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 in the Municipal Center, Senior Center, and VFW Post 574.

#### **Town of Plainville**

The Plainville Town Council is seeking residents to serve on a Charter Revision Commission. The Town Charter was last reviewed in 2012. The Charter Revision Commission will be charged with reviewing the current charter and any recommendations for changes to it. The Charter can be viewed on the Town's website at https://ecode360. com/28572806

Applicants must be a resident of Plainville and a registered voter. Those interested in volunteering their time to serve should email the Town Manager at relee@plainville-ct.gov or contact the Town Manager's Office at 860-793-0221 x8701 to request an application.

#### The Bristol-Plainville Relay for Life will be June 4th at 10 a.m. to June 5th at Norton Park

Rebecca Greeley Ballinger will be holding her "Egg My House" fundraiser in support of her team.

Those who wish to sign up for a team, become a sponsor, or donate can call Luisa Gladu at 860-869-6734 or Alexis Maliga at 203-379-4827.

#### **For Vote Information** or Questions Contact:

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## Three Issues (Among Many) Facing the State of Connecticut

By: Francis Rexford Cooley

State Representative Dr. William Petit (R-22nd District) has announced he will not seek a fourth term. I have been asked, and I have agreed to run to represent the people of the 22nd District as the Republican candidate for the position. Connecticut and the United States face a myriad of issues from run away inflation to the crisis on the border. My campaign focuses on what I view are three major issues facing Plainville and all of Connecticut: taxes and the cost of living and doing business in the state, education, and rampant crime.

Connecticut was once the envy of the Northeast a half century ago with low taxes and a robust business climate. Today the State is known for high taxes, crippling regulation, and corporations lining up to leave the state. GE moved to Boston, UTC merged with Raytheon with its headquarters in Waltham, MA, Carrier, spun off from UTC, is now headquartered in Florida, Aetna is owned by CVS in Rhode Island and may soon join the list of companies moving its headquarters out of state. The exodus of companies is mirrored by the exodus of people, the young seeking their fortunes and employment seemingly anywhere but Connecticut, retirees fleeing the State's high cost of living and taxes.

The last two Governors of the State moved out of Connecticut immediately after leaving office, Jodi

Rell moved with her husband to Florida and Dannel Malloy headed to Maine.

For business and people to thrive in Connecticut the State must get serious about dealing with the high tax rate, the onerous bureaucratic red tape of excessive regulation, and the high cost of doing business in the State

Connecticut has historically been known for its excellent education system. Noah Webster conceived the Blue Back Speller revolutionizing American education over 200 years ago. Connecticut has been known for innovation and as having a welltrained workforce. That excellence in academic and vocational training helped create what Historian Ellsworth Grant called "The Miracle of Connecticut." Unfortunately, education in Connecticut and across the country is not what it once was as parental involvement and control has been ceded to educational administrators. The foundations of a solid education have been ignored. Phonics, the bedrock upon which literacy rises has become passe to the educational establishment. Learning one's multiplication tables has been replaced by a reliance upon a calculator. Basic skills learned for generations are considered unnecessary with the assumption someone else will be able to do them. We are producing a generation who are not prepared for the work world and often complain of having to partake in "adulting" in their twenties, those skills our grandparents had acquired by their mid- to late-teens. A return to teaching the fundamental basics of education will serve students to get jobs and be successful much better than the momentary educational fad of the day.

Society will also be served better by treating criminal behavior as such. The spike in crime is not an indication of more criminals but rather an indictment of the "catch and release" mentality currently prevailing in Hartford and other state capitols that have bought into the progressive view of the criminal as being the creation of society (buying into themes developed by French Philosopher Michel Foucault which have been criticized by leftist intellectual Noam Chomsky). While "catch and release" is great for the sport of fishing it is a horrible policy regarding criminality as we see displayed over-and-over again with career criminals brazenly committing crime

with little fear of consequence.

Common sense tells us what we need to do in all three cases. Bring down the cost of living and doing business by reducing state spending and reducing taxes and mandates on businesses and individuals.

Prepare our youth for their future by teaching them the skills they need to be successful and an understanding of how the American system works and by putting control of education back into their parents' hands rather than educational theorists.

Simply stop releasing criminals back out on the streets to prey upon law abiding citizens. All three are commonsense solutions.

Francis Rexford Cooley is the Republican nominee running for State Representative of the 22nd District (Plainville and parts of Farmington and Southington)

#### Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The most significant challenge facing our community is inflation. In the last 12 months, prices, as measured by Consumer Price Index, have gone up by nearly 8.5%. Those same inflationary pressures are now negatively impacting the prices of stocks, bonds, and most saving portfolios. As someone who invested in commodities and macro markets for two decades before entering public service, the causes and cure of this monetary disease are amply clear.

The primary cause of inflation is excessive printing of money: The Federal Reserve printed \$4.5 trillion from March 2020 to March 2022.

The government went on a spending spree with these printed dollars: Federal government ran deficits of over \$5 trillion and spent all the printed money on various programs - some of which had little to do with COVID. Our state's budgeted spending increased by 6.5%.

COVID supply constraints and the Russian invasion added to the inflationary pressures: The Russian invasion and the ensuing sanctions created further supply disruption of specific commodities - crude oil, diesel, wheat, palladium, copper, aluminum, and steel. These disruptions added to demand-side inflationary pressures.

While every elected official denounces inflation, most find it difficult to support disinflationary policies since that requires reducing spending. The Federal government has been discussing more expansive programs, and our state's budget was amongst the largest ever. The Federal Reserve is finally getting serious about fighting inflation. Inflation fighting tools have been amply tested, but they require political will and will take some time. Sincerely, *Harry Arora* 

151st General Assembly District Ranking Member Labor Committee Member - Human Services, Energy & Technology

PS:The General Assembly session adjourned May 4th. (*The above are excerpts from Representative Arora's Email*)

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Gishrei Shalom Jewish Congregation (GSJC) in Southington invited the community to attend a special Friday night service on May 20, 2022 led by Rabbi Alana Wasserman. Ten years ago, the congregation became "shomrim" (guardians) for a Torah scroll rescued after World War II.

The congregation's former rabbi, Shelley Becker, who attended the service, proposed the project to the tiny congregation and after a challenging fundraising effort, the Torah was selected and brought to Southington.

The Torah is a parchment scroll containing the five books of Moses (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). It is written by hand by skilled scribes. This specific Torah has some components that date back to the 17th century. It probably was used in several different congregations over hundreds of years.

The Memorial Scrolls Trust in London, England, has a collection of rescued scrolls and tries to find congregations which will care for them. GSJC arranged with the Trust to obtain this Torah which was rescued from the Caslav-Golcuv-Jenikov region, in Bohemia, near Prague.

By law, Caslav could only have one Jewish family living there until the mid-nineteenth century. When Jews were given civic equality, a congregation was created there in 1870 with about 300 members at its height. The congregation disappeared entirely after World War II.

Golcuv-Jenikov was an important Jewish center with over 500 Jews in the mid-18th century. It also disappeared after World War II.

GSJC has researched the names of those Jews who were deported by the Nazis from these towns. Their names are read during the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur, a time to remember family members who have died.

GSJC has an ongoing project to repair and maintain this historic scroll. After the first major repair, it was re-dedicated in 2016. The congregation welcomes donations to its Torah fund to ensure that ongoing repairs can be made.

The celebration will take place during a regular Friday night service at 7 pm in GSJC's home at First Congregational Church, 37 Main Street, Southington. All are welcome to attend.

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## **Plainville Lions Roar**

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- Sponsoring of Red Cross Blood Drive
- New Britain Stadium Bees Event to benefit the Lions Low Vision Center July date tbd Also, we still collect used eyeglass (i.e. prescription and non-prescription), sunglasses, eyeglass cases and hearing aids. There are six (6) drop-off locations in town. A list of them can be found on our website (i.e. www.plainvillectlions.org) under "Collection Box Locations".

For next edition we will describe what is done with used eyeglasses after they have been collected.

Brian Lavigne

## **Lazy Summer or Deconditioning?**



Happy beginning of summer from Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers of Plainville.

The weather is getting hot, going to the gym may be out of the question, and so you've been trying to enjoy what's been a crazy few months by relaxing and enjoying the lazy, hazy days of summer. Taking a day off from physical activity here and there is no problem – in fact, it's recommended to let your body rest and heal on a regular basis – but if you've been consistently missing your regular run, bike ride, or gym session and notice some new aches and pains showing up, you might have the beginnings of deconditioning.

#### **Deconditioning explained**

Exercise creates many changes in your body: your heart begins to pump blood more efficiently, your muscles use oxygen more efficiently, they contract in a more coordinated manner, and your body gets more efficient at turning food into fuel, to name a few. Deconditioning is the reversing of these changes. Unfortunately, exercise is a "use it or lose it" kind of thing, and deconditioning is the process by which we "lose it." How long does it take to decondition? As with most things related to a system as complex as the human body, it depends.

According to the ACSM, two weeks without exercise can lead to significant

loss of cardiovascular fitness. Two to eight months of detraining can erase virtually all of your positive gains. As you detrain, cardiovascular fitness tends to decline first, with muscle strength declining later. Other factors that effect deconditioning time include your age and your history of exercise and fitness. If you're younger, you'll likely lose muscular and cardiovascular fitness at a slower rate than someone older. Likewise, if you've been consistently exercising for a long time, or at a high intensity, your losses will probably be slower than for someone who just started.

#### **Reversing the losses**

Right now, many of us are busy simply trying to keep the spinning plates of family, work and sanity from crashing down around us. If you're experiencing a period of increased time commitments, using a shortened exercise routine can help minimize your losses. Even one session a week will help you keep most of what you've gained, and can also help with stress relief. Other options include using shorter but more intense interval training sessions, such as HIIT or Tabata Training, or breaking up your activity into multiple short chunks during the day. If your time away from activity was longer than a few weeks, it may take just as long to retrain as it did to make the gains the first time.

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

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

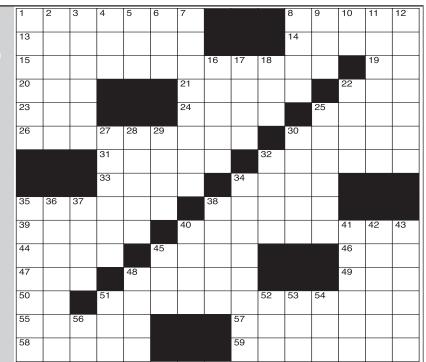
(Mary Raves) I am sure you all know this about Gnazzo Food Center's employees. "They are all very courteous and are always ready to assist you with your shopping and/or help you put your items in your car. Keep up the good work, it is a pleasure shopping at Gnazzo's!"

(Adam Faves) The UBI Credit Union on Woodford Ave. is my choice for banking. The employees are very helpful with all my banking needs. I needed a loan to buy a car, so they suggested I get pre-approved and then I went shopping for a car, it made it very easy for me. I knew what my payments would be so I knew what price car I could purchase. Thank you!!

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

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- 24. EGYPTIAN RIVER
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- 49. A WAY TO SAVE MONEY
- 50. NBC'S ROKER
- 51. DIRE STRAITS FRONTMAN
- 55. ACTRESS LATHAN
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    - 11. BONES
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- 17. THE SKILL TO DO SOME-THING
- 18. WHERE GOLF GAMES BEGIN
- 22. UNTETHERED
- 25. PRINT ERRORS
- 27. THE SPORT OF ENGAGING
- IN CONTESTS OF SPEED
- 28. ONES TO LOOK UP TO
- 29. STRINGED INSTRUMENT
- 30. GIVES WHIPPINGS
- 32. TYPE OF TIE
- 34. MAKE MORE CONCEN-
- TRATED
- 36. PART OF A WINTER HAT 37. YOUNG MEN'S CLUB
- 38. BATHROOMS NEED IT
- 5. CERTIFIED RADIO OPERATOR 40. U.S. PRESIDENT 41. AMERICAN NOVELIST

  - 42. TAKE INTO CUSTODY
  - 45. TYPE OF GIBBON
  - 48. AMERICAN ACTOR LUKAS
  - 51. PARTNER TO CHEESE 52. SOME ARE COVERT
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Call 860-747-4119 and leave the name of the person, with your message. You may also E-mail your "Make My Day" to: plainvillehometown@gmail.com

#### I KNOW WHO MAKES SOMEONE'S DAY EVERYDAY!!

Keith and Kenny Gnazzo followed in their grandfather's foot steps!

The Gnazzo family has always as long as I can remember. welcomed organizations to promote their cause.

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If I missed any organization
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## "Ask Sheila"

Q-1) Is there any Medicare part D plan (prescription coverage) available that allows their insured to choose any pharmacy and receive full benefits as listed on the Medicare and You drug plans chart?

A-1) The short answer is 'no'. The Long answer is Each Drug plan has its own Formulary (List of Covered Drugs) and group of Preferred and Standard Pharmacies. You should choose your Drug Plan based on the Prescriptions you take and the Pharmacies you prefer to use to get the lowest co-pays and best coverage for your personal needs. Just because a Plan has a higher monthly Premium, it doesn't make it 'better'.

Q-2) Does a \$0 Drug Deductible mean that my Drug costs will be lower?

A-2) Not necessarily. Not all Drugs Tiers are subject to a Drug Deductible. For example, if you have Tier 1 and Tier 2 Prescriptions, in most Plans you do not pay a deductible for these Tier levels. If you have Tier 3 or 4 Drugs, they are more likely to be subject to a Deductible, if there is one.

Q-3) What is the "Out-of-Pocket Limit" listed on different Plans? Do I pay this first?

A-3) The Out-of-Pocket Limit is the MOST you would ever have to pay out of your own pocket for any Medicare covered services in a year. If you went to a Specialist and had a \$45 co-pay then had a Lab fee of \$10 and a CT Scan for \$60; your total out-of-pocket cost would be \$115. Each co-pay is added towards your Out-of-pocket limit. If your costs reached the Out-of-Pocket Limit for your Plan, you would have no additional co-pays for the year.

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

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## From the Desk of..... Thomas A. Wurz FAMILY VIOLENCE IN Violence Education program of

#### CONNECTICUT

There has been a media explosion in the past few weeks regarding NFL players involved in domestic abuse and child abuse cases. These incidents have put the NFL under the microscope for not only their policies, but also for what are their true priorities. Here in Connecticut the legislature has been quite active since the mid-1980's defining and reshaping family violence law. Given today's climate, I thought a review of the Nutmeg state's law would be appropriate.

Connecticut law defines "family violence" as an incident between family or household members that either causes physical injury or creates fear that physical injury is about to occur. Verbal abuse or argument is not considered family violence unless there is present danger and the likelihood that physical violence will occur. The discipline of minor children by parents or guardians is not considered family violence unless abuse occurs. Family violence is not a separate criminal offense. Crimes that may be charged as a family violence offense include assault, kidnapping, and sexual assault. Those who engage in violence against a spouse or family member can be charged with a misdemeanor or a felony depending on the facts of the case.

"Family or household members" are spouses, former spouses, parents and their children; people age 18 or older related by blood or marriage; people age 16 or older either living together or who have lived together; people who have a child together whether or not they are or have been married or have lived together; and people in, or who were recently in, a dating relationship (CGS § 46b-38a).

There is a Pretrial Family

Violence Education program for people who are charged with family violence crimes. A defendant can ask the court to place him or her in the program. If placed in the program, the defendant is released to the custody of a family violence intervention unit for up to two years under such condition as the court orders. If the defendant successfully completes the program, the charges will be dismissed. If the defendant violates the program's conditions, he or she will be brought to trial. In order to qualify for the program the following conditions must be present.

- 1. The crime charged must not be more serious than a misdemeanor, or if there is good cause, a class D felony. For example, anyone charged with first-degree assault or risk of injury to a minor is ineligible.
- 2. The defendant must not have previously participated in the program.3. The defendant must not have been
- convicted of, or accepted accelerated rehabilitation for, a family violence crime committed after October 1, 1986.

The court must notify the victim of the defendant's request for the program and, if possible, give the victim an opportunity to be heard. The defendant must, if he or she is able, pay a \$200 fee to the court to participate in the program

For further reading, the information contained in this article was presented in the OLR Research Report dated October 2, 2009. Certainly as time passes the law and requirements of the family violence diversionary program will be altered.

So, stay tuned for future articles regarding this topic or be sure to contact a licensed attorney if this topic pertains to you.

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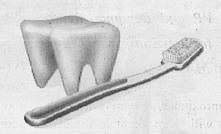


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#### DENTAL HEALTH



By: David R. Edelson, D.M.D.



#### How Porcelain Veneers Can Restore Good Oral Health

You may be familiar with the remarkable aesthetic transformation that can be realized with porcelain veneers. Perhaps you have even considered undergoing a smile makeover with porcelain veneers, with images in your mind of the flawless smile that could be yours. Indeed, porcelain veneers are among the most popular of all cosmetic dentistry procedures for good reason. They look natural and make even the most worn and faded smiles look absolutely brilliant.

Did you know, however, that porcelain veneers can also be used to correct certain orthodontic issues? That's right-not only do porcelain veneers improve the aesthetics of the mouth, but they can also be used to improve oral health. For the right candidates, "instant orthodontics" with porcelain veneers may even allow them to avoid long-term orthodontic treatment with metal braces

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For example, upper front teeth that are too short can be extended so that they meet with their counterparts,,,,, on the lower jaw when the mouth is closed. Likewise, teeth that are separated by gaps can be widened so that they do not drift out of position. Such treatment helps to strengthen and improve the bite, one of the chief objectives of orthodontics.

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# The Family Dojo welcomed to Plainville

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By BRIAN M. JOHNSON

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Town leaders and the Greater New Britain Chamber of Commerce welcomed The Family Dojo, a martial arts center started by a local U.S. Marine, to town Thursday.

The Family Dojo is located at 17 Farmington Ave. Owner Sean Byrne has—been renovating the building, which was a former H&R Block, since January with the help of friends and family. Classes are available for both children and adults.

"Tve wanted to open my own school for a while, and I'm looking forward to being a part of the Plainville community," said Byrne. "Family Dojo will have a fun atmosphere where kids can learn to build self control, self discipline and respect.

It's also a good opportunity for adults to work out and build their self-defense skills."

Byrne has been training in martial arts for the past 17 years and he has been teaching for the past 10 years.

He began training in martial arts in the Marine Corps, where he learned the basics of hand to hand combat. He continued to study in the style of Shaolin Kempo Karate.

Byrne also has certificates in Kali Stick and Knife Fighting.

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"This is a great opportunity for both you and for the community," Moore said to Byrne. "I think that this studio will be a great benefit to the community,

for both juniors and adults. It's a great way to learn self control and feel good about yourself."

Plainville Economic
Development
Director Cal
Hauburger
congratulated Byrne
on behalf of the
town. He noted that
the business space
was filled within six
months of H&R
Block Closing.

"It's a great area of town, right off of Route 10," he said. "It has a lot of visibility, with a lot of traffic driving by and easy access."

Town Councilor Vice Chair David Underwood was also present at the grand opening to welcome The Family Dojo on behalf of the Town Council.

"I'll try to get the rest of the council to come here - we could all use some physical fitness classes," he joked.

For more information on The Family Dojo, call 860-992-6671 or visit thefamilydojo.net.

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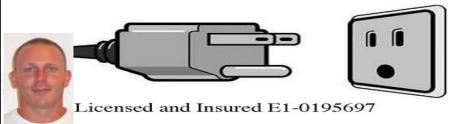
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## PHS Graduating Class Presents Top 10% Students



The Top 10% of the Plainville High School Class of 2022 were recognized during the May 9 Plainville Board of Education meeting. The students are:

Daniel Sozanski, Hailey Calder, Keira Guarco, Garret Millette, Claudia Mizerek, Maya Winkleman, Joseph Rossi, Alexander Calver, Macayle Wells, Areesha Waseem, Matthew Andersen, Avery Palma, Matthew Badorek, Kevin Rondini, Jane Winkleman, Jacob Stanczykiewicz

#### **Portrait Pioneers Presented**



The May Plainville Community Schools' "Portrait Pioneer" award winners, Plainville High School Assistant Principal Jennifer DeLorenzo and Plainville High School Library Information Teacher Deb Pikiell, were recognized at the May 9th Plainville Board of Education meeting. Jennifer and Deb were nominated by Plainville High School Principal, Carl Johnson. This award was established to recognize those who exemplify and model the characteristics of the school district's Portrait of the Graduate framework, which include being: Mindful, Resilient, Communicative, Innovative and Collaborative.

In photo: Plainville High School Principal Carl Johnson, Jennifer DeLorenzo, Deb Pikiell, Plainville Board of Education Chair, Lori Consalvo, and Superintendent of Schools, Steven LePage.

## Class of 2022 Valedictorian and Salutatorian Recognized





The Plainville High School Class of 2022 Valedictorian (Joseph Sozanski) and Salutatorian (Hailey Calder) were recognized at the May 10th Plainville Board of Education meeting.

## KIM Members Help with PRWA River Clean Up



On April 30th, KIM program members participated in PRWA's River Clean-up along with high school students. The volunteers collected trash at the retention pond in Plainville off of Route 177. The Kids in the Middle Program is sponsored by Plainville's Youth Services Department.

Students participating:Raveyn Garrow-Cooke, Olivia Foley, Madison Glasper, Ardyn Wishart, Victoria Baran, Kayleigh Matos (left to right), Jillian Chasse (front)

## Linden Students Celebrate Project ACES



The Linden Street School community participated in Project ACES, (All Children Exercising Simultaneously) on May 5th. Students, faculty and staff spread out on the school's field and grounds, to do the "Cha-Cha Slide" together! This year's event marked the 35th anniversary of global Project Aces, which is celebrated each May during National Physical Fitness and Sports Month.

#### DUS Studente Possive CAS Art Awards



On April 5th, Plainville High School students Peyton Stehle (visual art) and Garret Millette (music) were honored at the Connecticut Association of Schools' 27th annual High School Arts Award Banquet for their outstanding achievements in the arts.

#### **PHS Students Receive CABE Award**



Payton Stehle receives Leadership Award. Joseph Rossi not present also award recipient

#### STUDENT ART SHOW RETURNS AFTER 2 YEAR PAUSE











Cheyenne Matthews Evanie Cater Sage Volpe Jessica Schnaufer Kaleeya Green

# CONGRATULATIONS



On behalf of the Plainville Board of Education and the Plainville Community Schools administration, faculty, and staff, I wish to offer you our sincere congratulations on your graduation from Plainville High School. The successful completion of your school career in Plainville brings us pride and joy.

The theme of the yearbook this year is "PHS Treasure Chest 2022". When I saw this theme, the first thing that struck me was the hope I have for each of you in the Class of 2022. I sincerely hope you leave the Plainville Community Schools with a treasure chest full of memories from your time with us. That treasure chest began to be filled in the fall of 2008 when many of you entered Kindergarten at Linden, Toffolon, or Wheeler Elementary Schools. For others in this class, that chest began to fill when you joined us in Plainville from wherever you may have been previously.

I hope this treasure chest is full of memories from friends you have made in our buildings, playgrounds, and fields. That there are also great memories of the teachers

and staff who have impacted you, whether in a small moment or because of their mentoring that stretched across months or years. Memories of performances, contests, and other times you have pushed yourself beyond the expectations of your abilities. Most importantly, memories of how the people closest to you were there to support you on every step of this journey.

As you close this treasure chest and open a new one, we all look forward to the memories you will deposit on the next journey. Whether those memories will come from continuing your education, volunteering to serve your country, joining the workforce, or something else entirely, we wish you all the best. You have been prepared well by your time at PHS, and you are ready for the future, whatever that may hold. But, no matter what that may include, remember, "Once a Blue Devil, Always a Blue Devil."

Carl R. Johnson, Principal

## ~Valedictorian~



Daniel Joseph Sozanski

## ~Salutatorian~



Haley Marie Calder



## **Happy Retirement!!**



Robert Lee and Shirley Osle Retirement Honorees

Plainville's Town Manager Robert Lee and Shriley Osle, Former Assistant Town Manager were honored by colleagues and family members at the Aqua Turf on May 4th.

Speakers included John Bohenko, Former Plainville Town Manager, Stephen LePage, Plainville Superintendent of Schools, Peggy Lee, Eddie Lee, Shirley Osle's daughter and the honorees of the night Robert and Shirley. Shirley actually retired in January, 2020 but her retirement celebration was postponed due to the restrictions of Covid. Robert and his family have purchased a home in FL and plan to spend time there as well as summers at the CT shoreline. Mark Sciota, Southington's Town Manager was the Master of Ceremony.



John Bohenko Former Plainville Town Manager



Stephen LePage Plainville Superintendent of Schools



**Peggy Lee** 



Robert and Eddy Lee



**Shirley Osle** 



Sara Osle Shirley's daughter



Eddy Lee Robert's son

## Library Youth Services Room Dedicated to Betty Boukus See Story on Page 16













#### I KNOW A GUY

By: Myke Roy

Wow...June is already here. It is so hard to believe that come next month I will already have been writing a column in the paper for a year. I am going to throw everybody a curve ball this month. I am going to be changing the format of my column just a bit. Instead of focusing on saving you



money on home maintenance tips, I am going to start focusing on saving you "money." I don't want to make this a political column, although that might be a lot of fun, instead I want to try and focus on making this a money saving column. It doesn't take an economist to see the similarities between this administration and the Jimmy Carter administration, and those of us who lived through the Jimmy Carter years can remember long gas lines, high interest rates and high inflation. Although I believe former President Carter was, and still is, a God loving man, he was our president through what were probably--with the exception of the great depression-- some of the hardest economic times this country has ever faced. Oops...Myke just found another soapbox. Let's start saving money.

1. Bring your lunch to work. A recent study shows Americans, on average, spend around \$3,000.00 per year on lunches. OUCH1

- 2. Stop paying for TV. The average cable bill is well over \$100.00 per month.
- 3. Buy a water filter. The average person spends over \$100.00 a year on bottled water.
- 4. Plan your meals. Make a menu for the upcoming week on Sunday. Plan your meals and eat the leftovers. It will save you hundreds over the course of a year. A millionaire friend of mine used to say, "Watch the pennies and the dollars take care of themselves." I guess that is why he was a millionaire.
- 5. Make a budget...make a budget!!! 'Nuff said. Zig Ziggler said, "If you aim at nothing, you will hit it every time."
- 6. Buy used.

7. Stop gambling. I know a guy who says it best. "The house NEVER loses." If you are one of those people who only buys lottery tickets, keep this in mind. The state is "the house." The lottery is not a retirement plan. So, if you are one of those people who occasionally buys a lottery ticket, or if you love going to the casino, STOP! Save your money for the upcoming hard times. If you have an extra dollar, give it to a church or local charity.

Well, there it is, my thoughts on how we can better navigate this crazy world we live in and these challenging times we are facing.

So...when your friends or family ask you where you are getting all this awesome information, just tell them..."I know a guy." And never ever forget... "Doing it right costs less than doing it over."

#### **Stop Rinsing and Repeating!**

Water hardness is the amount of dissolved calcium and magnesium in the water. In fact, you may have felt the effects of hard water, literally, the last time you washed your hands. For example, that thin "film" or residue on your fingers after cleaning the dishes? Yeah, that's hard water. As a result, you have to use more soap to clean things, whether your hands, hair, laundry or stemware.

And that's just annoying. And costly. And a total waste of time.

To prevent this issue from occurring in your water, we highly recommend that you should test your water quality at least once annually. That's why we're offering you a free water assessment to ensure its quality for you and your family.

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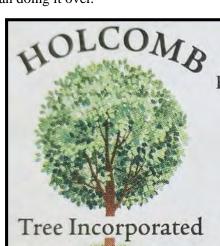
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#### Jerome Home Recognizes Colleague as the 2022 LeadingAge Award Recipient



**NEW BRITAIN-**Jerome Home is proud to recognize Nataliya Bilohan, CNA, as a recipient of the LeadingAge Connecticut Aging Services Award of Excellence. served the has community for over 16 years.

The LeadingAge Connecticut Aging Services Award of Excellence

recognizes special individuals within our member Dear Editor: organizations for their exceptional dedication, attitude, creativity and caring - above & beyond their normal job descriptions. This year the honorees also reflect the spirit of the conference theme – Momentum.

Today Bilohan is a restorative CNA, where she wears many hats she educates new and current talent, phlebotomy and collaborates with medical staff to ensure optimal care to the residents. In her field, she shows exemplary efforts. Bilohan is well organized, flexible and always willing to help others. She participates in team efforts for the development and improvement of new policies and procedures within Jerome Home.

Bilohan carries a Ukrainian background and has family back home that are currently facing a devastating war. While having to deal with this tragedy she continues to put on a smile and positive attitude to continue to give her all to her residents.

I hope this email finds you well.

On May 5th — The National Day of Prayer — we held our Second Annual National Day of Prayer Event, where I was humbled to be joined by five inspiring pastors who led a group of believers in prayer.

We prayed for our troops, for our teachers, and for our leaders ... and we prayed that every American, wherever they might be, may find the peace, the healing and the strength they need to endure such challenging times. And in case you were unable to attend, I'd like to invite you to view this moving 30-minute event by clicking here:

#### https://vimeo.com/707138903

It's my hope that you will find strength, courage, and inspiration from the recording above.

> Have a blessed day, Dr. Ben Carson

## Youth Services Room Renamed to Honor Betty Boukus



Elizabeth "Betty" Boukus was honored on May 20th with the dedication of the Youth Services Room in her name and memory at the Plainville Library.

The dedication took place as Trish Tomlinson, Library Director and representatives from the Town Council participated in the program. Rosemary Morante and Kathy Pugliese shared memories of Betty's accomplishments and dedication to the Town.

Ms. Boukus faithfully served Plainville and the State of Connecticut for many years through her role as State Representative from 1995-2016. She passed away in 2016. During her years in the

State Legislature, State Representative Boukus accomplished many things that benefited her beloved hometown of Plainville; especially dear to her heart were those accomplishments which impacted the lives of children and teens. She was the recipient of the Library Champion Award from the Connecticut Library Association.

Betty's husband Gary along with her daughter Helen and her son Gary, Jr. were present for the unveiling along with Betty's grandchildren. Also present to celebrate the unveiling were various members of Betty's family and friends and representatives of numerous organizations.



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# Happy Father's Day Dedicated to John W. Johnson



By: Sally Miller

Father's Day should be a day that is dedicated to the faithful, consistent, kind and nurturing fathers or men of the world who take care of the children in their lives. I had everything a child should have from a man

I called my **GRAND** father.

His name was John W. Johnson. My real Grandfather passed away before I was born. He was a baker at Rogers Bakery in Plainville. His name was James Woods. My dad was not in the picture; therefore John W. Johnson became both my father and my Grandfather.

I salute him on this Father's Day and I am so thankful for his guidance, love and caring. He taught me to grow vegetables, let me help him in his workshop and taught me to type.

I would sit and bang on the old Underwood with keys that were hard to push down.

I used to sit in his study while he worked on some accounting projects and he taught me how to enter figures into a ledger. He loved us, feed us, cared for our welfare and taught me to drive as I got older. We would ride down Shuttle Meadow road and he would buy eggs and then we came

#### My mom never knew.

He also taught me that loving a child is encouraging them to be the best that they can be and that you can be anything you dream you can. He was supportive and understanding as well.

I remember all of the wonderful birthdays that he helped make

wonderful One birthday, he made me a bicycle out of old metal scraps. I still have that bike. I remember the lesson at Christmas time about cutting down a tree top so that the rest of the tree could continue to grow.

One of the times that sticks out in my mind of him being supportive is when I was invited to "my first house party". Mom's let teenager hold parties in the basements so that would not have to hear rock n roll. They were held in the basements and once the parents went upstairs, the lights were dimmed. I was so excited. I really wanted to look up to date and grownup for this first party Surprisingly, Mom trusted me to go to D&L's in New Britain and I bought a slinky black dress with netting across the shoulders. I knew that it wasn't the kind of dress my Mom wanted me to have. She seemed old fashioned to me. I was only 16 but I thought I was grown. I brought it home and as I slowly pulled it out of the box, Mom immediately began to look sick like she had the flu or was going to faint. I knew she didn't like the dress at all and never in a million years thought I'd buy something like this dress but in my teenage enthusiasm I said, "just let me try it on and you'll see how great it is". My Mom was still standing there speechless with that sick look on her face. Grandad looked over his glasses at the situation and Gram kept watching The Beverly Hillbilly's on TV. I paraded downstairs in that black skin tight dress and Mom began to look like she had pneumonia and should be taken to the hospital. She said, "Sally, I don't think.....". Grandad interrupted her and I was scared cause if she was old fashioned, he was older and more old Fashioned. He said, "Adeline, all the girls are wearing that kind of dress", as he gave me a special look.

After a few minutes, my Mom turned her head towards my Granddad, smiled over her pain of looking at the dress, looking at Grandad with such love and said, "I think you are right". I wore The dress to the party and danced every dance in that basement with the light dimmed. As I closed my eyes dancing to In the Still of the Night, at the party, I silently thanked Grandad for this most wonderful night of my teenage life.

Mom stopped breathing, and so did I.

Gram stopped watching TV and swung

around in her chair, and I continued to

hold my breath.

Now that I am older, I understand the significance of that moment in the living room and think of that wonderful man, my GRAND father.

Happy Father's Day in Heaven Granddad

- Love You

Thanks for being the dad I never had.

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While attending a function the other evening, a woman sitting next to me reminded me of a story I wrote some time ago. She said while dressing and preparing to attend that evening's function, she recalled what had happened to me in the great stocking struggle. I was asked to rerun the article. The way it went was:

"I have a very serious problem. I think my house is haunted! I am beginning to notice I have a problem with my closet. After trying on several outfits, I found the longer I keep them in the closet the more they shrink. I have a creepy feeling something is going on in there. A few weeks ago I found a lovely pantsuit at a local department store. Although it was rather expensive, I thought to myself, "Buy it, it fits you like a glove and, you're worth it." The fact that my husband and I had been invited to the wedding of a friend's daughter, this outfit would solve my shopping for the occasion. I brought it home, put it in the closet and sure enough, when it came time to wear it, it had shrunk!!! Not only that but my shoes no longer fit as well. It seems when I try shoes on in the store they feel so good. However, after I buy them, bring them home and put them in my haunted closet, they have a tendency to get tighter and

tighter. Now, I believe the haunting has moved to one of my bureau drawers...even my pantyhose are starting to shrink. I tried on a pair of pantyhose as I was getting dressed for the wedding, and they had shrunk so much I could only get the crotch up a little above my knees. I thought the box was improperly marked. I checked and sure enough the tag inside read queen size, tall. I always get the extra tall queen size so they are sure to fit. Of course, these stockings are made in China and what do they consider to be queen and tall?

I started at my toes and worked those stockings up inch by inch. I finally ran out of material, and the crotch just wouldn't go much higher. Now what? Time was running out and I had to finish dressing. I came up with the bright idea of cutting the hose up the middle. I figured if I could get the crotch cut open, I could put my slacks over them. I knew if I cut the pantyhose with scissors they would most certainly run. That was when I got the bright idea of melting them with my curling iron. I figured it would stop any runs that might start, almost like cauterizing a wound. You have to picture this; here I am half dressed, hose up to my knees and I put my curling iron on the pantyhose. Yep, I was right, they melted all right! In fact, they melted so fast the melted nylon stuck to the inside of my legs in two places. I hobbled over to the medicine cabinet, got some first aid cream and applied several Band-Aids to the burned areas. O.K., scrap plan A and go to plan B, whatever that In the meantime my husband is yelling, "Are you ready yet?" I started to perspire, but I remembered years ago if you wanted to stop runs in stockings you dabbed on some nail polish. I drew a line of nail polish where I wanted to make a cut, and I was ready for the operation. Again my husband yells, "What's taking you so long?" I knew he was running out of patience, so I cut the pantyhose and tried to pull them up. Perfect, a job well done, or so I thought. I guess the nail polish wasn't quite dry, and it stuck to my underpants and legs. Now, for the next trick; I still had to get into my slacks. (The slacks that had shrunk in the haunted closet,) By that time I was dripping wet, and I couldn't pull up the zipper. I then remembered one of my sister's old tricks. I lay on my back on the floor, sucked in my stomach, and tried zipping up my slacks only to have the zipper get caught in a glob of nail polish. Now, what was I going to do? I couldn't pull the zipper up or down. Just then my husband yells, "I'm not going to wait much longer." I knew I had to control myself and be nice as we had to spend the entire evening together so, in the calmest voice I could muster under the circumstances, I yelled back, "SHUT THE HELL UP FOR FIVE MINUTES, WILL YOU?" After snipping away the nail polish and a bit of flesh with my cuticle scissors, and applying more Band-Aids to stop the bleeding, I was finally able to zip up my slacks and stagger down the stairs.

The next time you are getting ready to go out and have to put on pantyhose, think of me."

#### Ask the Brayne...

Q. How does one find our State and Federal representatives voting record?

A. Go to the following site: <a href="http://votesmart.org/">http://votesmart.org/</a> Click on GOVERNMENT & OFFICIALS enter REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME and zip code, hit Search Under Official's Last Name, Clerk Search, select correct name Click "voting records"

Q. How did basketball get it's name?

A. It was invented by a man named James A. Naismith in 1891. He devised a game by which the ball is passed from player to player and shot into a goal, not using a stick as in lacrosse, or kicking a ball with the foot like in soccer. When he first created the game, he only had a wooden peach basket, so he called the game "basketball" Thank you, for the question, I did not know until you asked and I did the search.

Q. Is the Tomasso Park Open?

A. The Tomasso Nature Park is open through November 15th, it is located off Granger Lane near the Plainville Highway Department, it is open from dawn to dusk. Access is through the pedestrian gate,

Anyone who wishes to volunteer to do maintenance and upkeep at the park contact the Plainville Recreation Department at 860-747-6022.

Q.Will there be a Pumpkin Fest this year and is there a charge?

A. It is FREE! We will have a Pumpkin Fest this October if we are safe of COVIC. It is an opportunity to enjoy the downtown restaurants, food trucks, live music, Kid costume parade, arts & crafts, carve-a-pumpkin at the "Pumpkin Patch" and much, much, more!!

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

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#### The Indian Drill Sergeant

I'm a fan of westerns. I don't like just any western though; I like the ones that involve Indians.

I like the Indian movies because they're predictable. You know what the big scene is going to be, right? It's going to be the attack the Indians finally make on the cowboys. You wait for it to happen for an hour and a half. You can see the Indians standing on the hill. Finally, "Yeeahhh!" It's

Now they show us, for 90 minutes, how the cowboys get ready for the attack. Pull the wagons around the circle, get them old ladies up there, load up the wagons, tab their petticoats, give'em a bang, get 'em the salt bags and sand bags and (double talk) out of here! It's a big hassle.

But they never show us how the Indians prepare. And it's their attack, right? Well the Indians were good fighters. Just because they started in Massachusetts and wound up defending Santa Monica doesn't mean they were bad. They were good fighters. And if they were, they must have been well organized. They must have had a way to divide their manpower. They couldn't have been as chaotic as it looks in the movies with one old chief, Many moon come chakta" and a lot of guys around naked. There had to be intermediate authority. There must have been Indian sergeants. No army can make it without that tough, veteran, battlehardened sergeant, and the Indians were no exception.

Let's hear what the Indian sergeant has to say. All right, all the tall guys over by the trees. Fat guys down behind the rocks. You with the beads, out of line, come on. Well, there's one

in every village.

All right, knock off the horseplay! Come on, knock off the horseplay. You guys over there playin with the horse, will you knock it off? Now youse have all been given a piece of birch bark and a feather dipped in eagle's blood. We want youse to write on the birch bark with the feather, in the upper right hand corner.

That's the upper right hand corner. Dat's your arrow hand. You write your name, last name first, first name last. If your name is Running Bear, you write, Bear, Running. You got a middle initial please include that such as Wolf, Howling, W. A lot of you guys have been askin' me about promotion.

You'd like to make Brave Second class. Get another scar up on your arm. Well, I'm happy to say the results of your early tests have come tru. Youse are doin' beautifully. Burning settlers homes, everybody passed. Imitating a coyote, everybody passed. Sneaking quietly through the woods. Everybody passed except Limping Ox. However Limping Ox is being fitted with a pair of corrective Moccasins, and he'll be up and dancing in no time at all.

Now there are two other areas on which you will be tested: running down the hill and yelling like a nut: and leaping off the cliff- which is considered to be the tougher of the two. A lot of fellas like to save leaping off the cliff for last.

Couple other announcements for you here. The fertility rites have been called off due to the recent cold wave. There'll be a rain dance Friday night, weather permitting. Got a great band: Leapin Lizard and the all-stars. They'll be playing all your favorite tunes, "Pass that Peace Pipe'" "Indian Love Call", Sweet Sioux", all them tunes you've come to know and love through these many moons. Okay one other thing.

There's another item that goes on your clothing list. and that is your loin cloth. Now that goes down on your list as one each, cloth, loin-type. that there is your loin cloth. You'll want to get to know, and love, your loin cloth. someday it may save your life. There'll be a massacre tonight at 9 o'clock. We'll meet down by the bonfire dance around a little bit, and move out. This will be the fourth straight night we've attacked the fort. However, tonight it will not be so easy. Tonight there will be soldiers in the fort.. Happy to say I'll be leading the massacre. I'll be running down front. You'll see me. I'm the one that's on fire. The uniform of the day, it's a formal massacre. you want your class-A summer loin cloth, two green stripes over the eye, no feather, arms are blue, legs are red, chest is oprional. You might throw a little yellow on the bellies. What? No you can't put purple on your eyelids. Is that the guy with the beads? Get outta line, would you please, now! Your starting to sound like pale man who speaks with fork tongue. That is whats happening on the Indians side as they prepare for the attack.

Food for thought...... "A father carries pictures where his money used to be." Happy Fathers Day

John Gasparini

#### Do you like red wine?

I ask, because new research shows drinking red wine "recharges" your brain's batteries.....and helps preserve your precious memories.

Those "batteries" mitochondria.

Mitochondria generate power your brain cells use to store and recall information... whether that's where you put the car keys, or the names and faces of your loved ones.

And while your mitochondria are fully charged when you're young...Just like the batteries in your remote die

Your mitochondria start running out of juice as you age...And your brain cells start to suffer electrical blackouts.

Maybe you forget the names of close friends and neighbors...

Perhaps you lose your train-ofthought mid-sentence..And your loved ones might even start hinting that you shouldn't be driving anymore.

Fortunately, Harvard researchers found a solution — red wine!

Each drop of this delicious liquid contains a powerful antioxidant proven to help recharge those mitochondria.

In fact, one study found that seniors who drank red wine scored higher on a memory test than seniors who didn't drink red wine!

But before you reach for that bottle of Merlot...Researchers say red wine is not a "magic bullet" for memory loss. So there's no reason to start drinking if you don't already.

(In fact, drinking TOO MUCH red wine increases your risk of memory

So keep it to a glass or two a day...

And if you want an even more powerful way of charging up your mental batteries...

Keep taking your Reawaken! Reawaken contains a mitochondriaboosting nutrient called citicoline... and ten other nutrients that are FOOD FOR YOUR BRAIN.

That's why it works so well to improve recall, fight memory loss, and maintain those precious memories.

(Just make sure you wash your Reawaken capsules down with a glass of water — not red wine :)

Ok, I'll leave you with that for today. Have a GREAT rest of your day, and I'll talk to you later. God Bless,

Tim Davis

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#### **JUST SAYIN'**

Granted, the Covid scare did present its own set of challenges. In my world, one of the most distressing turned out to be my relationship with the pharmacy-- the one that my Medicare Part D coverage deems "preferred." That means where I can get the cheapest price for my pills. There is one in town to serve all of their insured. The "preferred" other option is mail order. Common sense and good business practice should inform the insurance company that their customer base within Medicare includes the elderly and the disabled. We need local sourcing of life sustaining staples. Not to mention that it is insulting--the assumption that we

are all poverty stricken. During and following the pandemic, diminished considerably. Hours were cut, it was impossible to get a human voice on the telephone tree—which ultimately referred you to New Britain—and it was often several days to secure a routine refill on medication. One afternoon in January, I was pressed to march down there in a panic to secure a long delayed routine refill, vowing not to leave without it. The scene was appalling, with two long lines of irritated masked customers, pharmacists rushing around doing booster shots and the short staff obviously overwhelmed. Enough.

Enter the Plainville Community Pharmacy, right here on East Street. The store is clean. The pharmacists are caring and responsive and one of them will answer the telephone when you call. Our generic medication is reasonably priced. They deliver if you need that. Life is good. My February statement shows that my X-tra Coverage plan paid 0 on generic drugs. The representative, when I complained, explained that Community is not a "preferred" provider.

So, this policy of the "preferred" pharmacy steers people to the large corporations and has resulted in the nearly complete loss of the local owner owned and operated drug store and full service pharmacy. We have accepted this without a word-- in the name of cheaper. Do we miss it? Is it, in truth, cheaper or worth it? I haven't found

The federal government mandates that all Medicare insureds buy Part D drug coverage. So the question is whether the insurance company or the government who mandates their "preference" and exacts compliance with diminished benefits, have a reasonable obligation to monitor its choice for quality, service and

> Why not return to pro-choice? ...Janice Eisenhauer

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## **Taste Buzz**

#### **DOUBLE STRAWBERRY DELIGHT**

4 cups fresh strawberries, hulled & divided 1/2 cup low-suger strawberry spread (jam)

2 tsp.cornstarch

2 Tbsp. unsweetened orange juice

1 Tbsp. grated orange rind

2 Tbsp. sliced natural almonds, toasted

Place 1 cup of the strawberries in blender, cover & process until smooth. Combine the puree and strawberry spread in a 1 quart microwave-safe baking dish. Microwave uncovered, on high for 2 to 3 minutes until mixture starts to boil. Stir together cornstarch and orange juice until smooth. Stir orange juice mixture into strawberry mixture: Microwave, uncovered, on high for 2 minutes or until thickened; stir in orange rind. Cover and Chill.

Place remaining strawberries in a large bowl. Pour sauce over and toss gently. Spoon mixture evenly into 6 dessert dishes and sprinkle with almonds.

Serve immediately. (Low Calorie) JUNE 2022 PLAINVILLE'S HOMETOWN CONNECTION

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#### ~ Dr. Francis A. DeFrino ~



88, passed away on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. Born in Hartford on June 21, 1933 to Anthony and Rose (Falcone) DeFrino, he was the youngest of six children. Frank attended Hartford public schools and held numerous jobs during his youth, including delivering

200 Hartford Courants daily. After graduating from University of Connecticut, he attended The School of Dental Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He married his college sweetheart, Dianne Woods of New Milford, and practiced family dentistry in Plainville for 45 years.

Frank and Dianne made their home in Farmington, where they lived for 30 years with their three sons, niece, and several different dogs. Summers were spent on Candlewood Lake, which was a source of family fun, water sports and outdoor chores. He was easily recognizable to friends and neighbors by his worn out Yankee cap, signature white t-shirt and cigar. He and Dianne enjoyed food and wine and traveling through Europe and both coasts of the U.S., but he was probably most happy sharing stories with his family around the kitchen table. Frank remained an avid investor in the stock market throughout his life, which kept him well-informed and his mind sharp.

He is survived by his three sons, Peter and wife Janet from Rowayton, Michael and wife Laura from San Francisco, Paul and family from Chicago, and niece Teresa Montano from Philadelphia. His greatest pleasure after his retirement at the age of 70 was visits from his nine grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was at the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect Street, Wethersfield. Burial followed in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers, donations in Frank's memory may be made to Candlewood Lake Authority, P.O. Box 37, Sherman, CT 06784.

#### ~ Irene (Hill) Williams ~



92, of Plainville, wife of the late Eugene Everett Williams, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 23, 2022.

Born in Montpelier, VT on September 16, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Arthur John and Mary (Jacobson) Hill. Her hometown in Vermont always held a special place in her heart,

as she enjoyed many trips home to visit relatives over the years. A loving mother and grandmother who dedicated her life to caring for others, Irene's selflessness was a quality for which she will forever be remembered. Irene was a lifelong lover of puzzles, who was known to work on multiple at a time, and created other "puzzlers" in her family who caught her infectious love for them. In true Vermonter fashion, she also enjoyed the outdoors, going fishing, boating and just simply being lakeside with her beloved family.

She will be missed by her sons, Richard Lee Williams and his wife Anita and David Eugene Williams and his wife Margaret; her daughter-in-law, Kathleen Williams; her grandchildren, Russell, Franklin (Melissa), Jennifer, Pamela, Daniel, and Jeremy (Emma); and her 7 great-grandchildren. She also leaves many nieces and nephews and extended family. She was predeceased by her son, Arthur Otis Williams and her brother Richard John Hill.

In lieu of flowers, Irene may be remembered with contributions to the Alzheimer's Association of CT, 200 Executive Blvd, S#4b, Southington, CT 06489 or at www.alz.org/ct
Irene's family extends their sincerest gratitude to

the entire staff at M.R. Homecare, Inc. and Home Helpers Home Care; especially her caretakers, Mary, Julia, Maria, and Millicent for their compassionate and attentive care.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Funeral services were held. at the funeral home, followed by committal services at West Cemetery.

#### **OBITUARIES**

~ Robert R. Myska ~



76 devoted Husband, Father, Papa and friend to many, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

Born in New Britain he was one of two sons to the late Walter and Sophie (Kempa) Myska. He graduated from EC Goodwin Technical School

and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Bob proudly served his country in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1968. A Purple Heart recipient, Bob's patriotism and USMC pride was always prominently displayed and he was a longtime member of the VFW and American Legion. Bob married the love of his life, Elizabeth (Madden) sharing 53 years of love and life's adventures. Bob and Betty settled in Southington where they raised their two children and enjoyed watching their family grow for two more generations. A former Stanley Works employee, Bob was a brilliant craftsman whose carpentry career spanned decades. His most recent work prior to retirement was at The Goodspeed Opera House and St. Peter's Church in New Britain. Bob's many talents and expertise have been passed along to his children. He was a former volunteer firefighter with the Southington Fire Department Co. #5. Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, dancing and playing tennis and softball.

Above all, Bob was an ever-present and selfless man whose life was centered around his family. Bob reached out to extended family, friends, neighbors and anyone in need always extending a helping hand. While his earthly presence will be missed beyond words, he leaves many with priceless memories and life lessons that will forever be remembered.

In addition to his wife Betty he leaves his children Bethann Myska-Uccello and Matthew Myska and his wife Sage; his grandchildren, Elizabeth Allen and her son Greyson; Emily Savage, her husband Matt and their children Savannah and Bryce; Lily Meucci; River and Jude Myska, along with many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends he considered family. He was predeceased by his brother Walter "Boe" Myska.

In support of Bob's fellow veterans and his love for carpentry, he may be remembered with contributions to the House of Heroes CT at http://www.hohct.org or 3342 Whitney Ave, Hamden CT 06518.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Bob's life. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Dominic Church, 1050 Flanders Rd, Southington. Committal services with military honors followed at St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome. com

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#### ~ Pauline Mary McCommic ~



beloved wife of Raymond McCommic, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 19, 2022, two days after celebrating her 81st birthday with her family and friends.

Born on May 17, 1941 in St. Agatha, ME, she was one of nine children to the late

Wilfred and Bernice (Corriveau) Guerrette. Pauline had a love for cooking, working in the food service profession for many years, retiring as a cook for the Hospital for Special Care after more than 30 years of dedicated service. The consummate hostess, she made sure all who were welcome in her home were greeted with delicious food and good conversation. Pauline was proud of her French heritage, and was a longtime member of the Ladies of St. Ann, where she served many terms as President, and devoted much of her time to the St. Jean Baptiste Society. She enjoyed gardening and had an incredible knack for needlepoint, sharing her intricate and perfectly made masterpieces with her family and friends. The matriarch of her family, she held multiple generations together with her selflessness and love. A social butterfly, with an unforgettable sense of humor and little bit of sass until her final days, she will be missed dearly and forever remembered.

In addition to her husband, Ray, she leaves her children, Brian Pelletier and his wife Darlene, Brenda Hofmann and her husband Jim, Kevin McCommic, Gregory McCommic and Shelley Cap; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her sister Edwina Dube; her brother Milton Guerrette and his wife Pam; and many nieces, nephews and extended family. She was predeceased by her son, Russell Pelletier, two brothers and four sisters.

The family extends their sincerest gratitude to the nurses and staff at Apple Rehab Farmington Valley for the compassionate care shown to Pauline during her four year stay.

In lieu of flowers, Pauline may be remembered with contributions to the Alzheimer's Association CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd #4b, Southington CT 06489 or www.alz.org/ct

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

#### ~ Sharon M. Anderson ~

63, Peacefully passed away surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. Sharon was born in Hartford, CT on Jan. 11,1959 to Arthur & Erma Skal. Sharon graduated from Newington High School. She obtained her CNA license from Branford Hall and worked many years with Alzheimers patients. Sharon loved helping and working with her patients. The beach and her lake house were some of her favorite things. Along with gardening. Sharon Leaves her loving children Justin Chapman and daughter Stacy Chapman Lipski and her husband Steven of Plainville, her step-daughter Jennie Pierog and husband Gil of Tolland. Sharon also known as Meeka leaves the loves of her life her beautiful grandchildren Aaliyah, Zachary, Emily, Maci, Olivia and Ashley. Her sister Deborah Schnur and husband Alan of Clinton, brother David Skal and wife Nancy of East Hartford, and her brother in law Andy Aresenault of North Port,FL. Sharon was pre-deceased by her husband Almon Anderson, her parents Arthur and Erma Skal, her brother Joseph Skal, sister Maurine Arsenault, her niece Jessica Schnur and Adina Skal. Funeral services were held in the Chapel of Weinstein Mortuary, 640 Farmington Ave. Hartford, CT with Rabbi Lazowski officiating. Interment followed in Bolton Center Cemetery, 33 Hebron Rd. Bolton, CT. In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Sharon's name to the American Cancer Society

P.O. Box 280285 East Hartford, CT 06128

## Hometown Religious Directory

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Senior Ushers (1st Sat before 1st Sun) 11a.m.

Gladys Floyds Missionary Society (2nd Sun) Deaconess Board (3rd Sun) Lav Council (1st & 3rd Sat) 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)

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> JUNE SCHEDULE **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

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Saturday 4:00 P.M.

**Sunday** 

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

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

#### **Devotions**

Rosary-Monday-Saturday before Morning Mass

#### **Sacrament of the Sick**

Call the office for any sick person to receive the Holy Eucharist or to be anointed.

Registration for next year's faith formation classes K - 5, Registrations after May 20

\$75 per child/Max of \$135 per Family

Non-Parishioners

\$100/ Max of \$170 per Family

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Grades 1 - 5, July 11th to 15th

Registrations after May 20

\$40 per child/mass of \$80 per Family

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please contact

Michelle at

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11:00 am Junior Church Ages 4-8 11:00 am **Evening Worship Service** 6:30 pm

11:00 am

Bible Study & Prayer Wednesday7:00 pm For information about the church visit our website @cobplainville.org

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#### OBITUARIES

~ Gary Cummings ~

#### ~Patricia Mae (Nicholas) Beaudin ~



59 of Plainville, passed away peacefully with her loving husband by her side, on Friday, May 13, 2022 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut. She was the devoted wife of Joseph Beaudin, with whom she shared 30 years of love,

travels, and life adventures.

Born in New Britain on April 11, 1963, she was one of four daughters to Andrew and Dorothy (Jehnings) Nicholas, graduated from Southington High School and received her Associate's Degree from Bay Path College. Pat, as she was known to many, had a career with American Airlines for more than twenty years, where she enjoyed helping travelers with their bookings, and was often called upon by family and friends to assist them with their travel plans. She and Joe enjoyed many years of travels together. Pat and Joe were devoted "parents" to four rescue pups, who they doted over throughout their life together. Pat was the "cool aunt" who loved spending quality time with her nieces and nephews, who could always count on her and Joe to play board games and take them to the most fun places. An avid black jack player and casino visitor, she also embraced quiet times at home, reading a good romance novel or the latest celebrity gossip. The life of the party, Pat will be missed tremendously.

In addition to her husband and her parents, she leaves her spoiled dog, "Boomer", her sisters, Pamela Martin (Joe Martinez), Cindy Paul (Ken), and Linda Crea; her nieces and nephews who loved her so dearly, Nicholas Tosta, Mackenzie Martin, Jason Tosta, Nathan Paul, Matthew Martin, and Julia Paul; her mother-in-law, Joanne Pylant; her father-in-law Fernand (Joe) Beaudin; and her sister-in-law Patti Beaudin. Pat also leaves behind a host of aunts and uncles, friends, and more than 50 cousins and second cousins from across the country including Connecticut, North Carolina, Texas and California. She was predeceased by her father-in-law, Frank Pylant.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Our Companions Animal Rescue, 34 Sanrico Dr, Manchester, CT 06042 or www.ourcompanions.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A celebration of Pat's life was held at the funeral home. Committal at West Cemetery and reception followed. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

## **NOTICE: SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY**

No mulch is allowed in front of any cemetery markers. It is difficult to maintain the placement of the mulch when mowing the grass or during the process of cutting weeds around the stones. Please help us keep the cemetery tidy and clean.

Thank you.





Britain, Plainville, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

Born in New Britain on December 27, 1951, he was one of two children to the late Conrad and Vivian

(Scagliola) Cummings. A graduate of Plainville High School, Gary worked as a printer pressman until his retirement.

He is survived by his sister, Lori Bonilla and her fiancé Jason Devito; his nephews, Jacob Bonilla, III. and his wife, Lani, Jeremy Bonilla and his fiancée Shelby Volta and Jordan Bonilla and his fiancée Paola Zaya; and his great nieces and nephews, Jayden, Julien and Bellamie Bonilla. He also leaves many cousins, including Danny Cummings and Anthony Morales, extended family and many friends.

Gary's life will be celebrated with private services. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Cummings family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

#### ~ Eleanore Anne (Lindelof) Magnoli ~



73, of Plainville, formerly of Bristol, passed away peacefully, following a brief illness, on Monday, May 2, 2022.

Born in New Britain on September 4, 1948, she was one of three daughters to the late Carl Lindelof and Eleanor (Schardl)

Lindelof. Raised and educated in Plainville, Eleanore had a longtime career working for area grocery businesses, spending many years with Big Y in Plainville. She retired in 2017 from Bristol Hospital after more than 15 years of hard work and dedication to a job that she loved and where she made many dear friends. A sports enthusiast, she cheered passionately for the Yankees, Celtics and UConn women's basketball, and enjoyed watching football and tennis. Eleanore was family oriented and loved life's simple pleasures, including puzzles of all kinds, a good laugh, a competitive board game, listening to music from her vinyl record collection, Sunday dinners with her sisters and a good cup of coffee. Always ready for a road trip, she especially enjoyed visits to the Maine shoreline and Myrtle Beach, and traveling to family gatherings. A devoted grandmother, mother and sister, she will be remembered fondly for her unwavering love for her family and will be missed dearly, leaving many cherished memories.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-inlaw, David and Heather Magnoli of Canton and Anthony Magnoli and Michelle Carr of South Windsor; her grandchildren with whom she shared a special bond, Brionna, Christian, Ethan, Amelia, and Lillian; her sisters, Karen Rohrbach and Carla Bergman; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

A celebration of Eleanore's life was held at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Family and friends gathered prior to the service. Memorial contributions in Eleanore's honor may be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org/involved/donate.

#### ~ Robert Thomas Dietzko ~



died at the Maine Veterans Home in South Paris, Maine, on May 9, 2022. He was born on May 19, 1928 to Stephen Robert and Gertrude (Thomas) Dietzko.

Bob lived in Plainville for most of his life, spending his later years in Dover-Foxcroft

organizations, including the Masons, the Plainville Jaycees, American Legion, Civil Air Patrol and the Boy Scouts. He was an avid pilot in his younger days and a proud Army veteran. Bob, and his father before him, owned and operated James' Store in the center of Plainville. Earning an Associates Degree from The University of Hartford, he subsequently had a long career as an auditor and accountant for the State of Connecticut.

and Dexter, Maine. He was active in many civic

He was predeceased by his parents, and a sister, Joyce Minagil. He is survived by a son, Stephen Dietzko and his wife Kristina, and granddaughters Emily and Hannah; a daughter, Donna Vincenti and her husband Pat, and grandsons Jared, Patsy, and Ryan and Ryan's wife Mollie.

In honor of Bob's wishes there will be no calling hours. A funeral service was held at The Congregational Church of Plainville, 130 W Main St, Plainville, CT. Burial followed at West Cemetery, 180 N Washington St, Plainville.

#### ~ Robert Rivera, Sr. ~



devoted husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend, left his family and friends heartbroken following his passing on Friday, May 6, 2022 at the Hospital of Central CT New Britain General Campus, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was

the loving husband to Madelyn (Buitrago) Rivera and together they shared 30 years of pure love and friendship, full of laughter and fun times.

Robert was born on May 16, 1968 in New Britain, son of Luis M. and Ramonita (Alicea) Rivera. He grew up in New Britain, attended local schools and went on to pursue a successful career in HVAC, most recently employed by Local 40. Robert was a selfless and generous man, devoted to his family, friends, and the people who surrounded him. He was the kind of man who would help anyone and everyone that needed a hand, without a doubt. Robert enjoyed the outdoors, always up for grabbing his pole to go out fishing, a hobby he most cherished with his sons by his side. He loved to socialize and listen to all different genres of music, especially Jazz. Known for his infectious and outgoing personality, Robert will be missed tremendously as his family carries on the many memories they have shared over the years, leaving behind many jokes, laughs, and worthy advice.

In addition to his wife, Madelyn, and his parents, Luis and Ramonita, Robert leaves behind his pride and joy, his two sons, Robert Rivera, Jr. and Timothy Rivera; his brother, George Rivera and his wife, Holy; his sisters Damaris and Miriam Rivera; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and a large circle of

Family and friends gathered at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville. A service in celebration of Robert's life was at the funeral home. Robert will be laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

#### ~ Lawrence Stanley Jepeal ~



71 of Bristol, loving and devoted father, incredible brother, the "cool uncle", a true gentleman and friend to all, left this earthly life on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, following a brief illness. Larry lived on his terms, as the only rules he followed were his own.

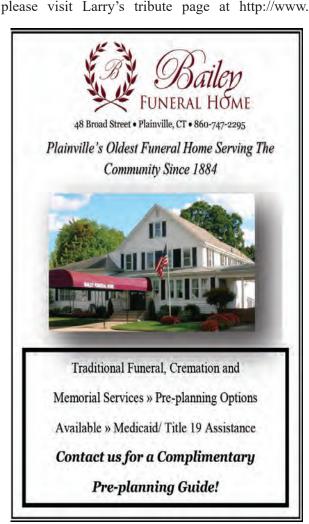
Born in Hartford, CT on September 9, 1950, he was the son of the late Stanley and Mary (Infante) Jepeal, and was a longtime, talented woodworker by trade. Larry was an endless seeker of knowledge, some might say a "know it all", which gave him an edge during the endless heated debates he had with his family and friends, always backing his argument with facts. A creative thinker and story teller, with the most beautiful mind, he found peace in the outdoors, spending many days fishing, hiking and camping with his son. He loved experimenting in the kitchen, inspired by his mother's recipes and the many chefs he followed on YouTube and PBS. Often seen speeding around in his beloved red Mazda Miata, Larry lived fast and played hard, with an unforgettable laugh that was so infectious you couldn't help but join him. A human rights champion and voice for the little guy, Larry's wide circle of friends knew he could be relied upon, especially, for directions or a restaurant recommendation (likely to a diner) anywhere in the US, or for just bringing a smile to your face. He will be missed beyond measure, leaving the world a much better, groovier place.

He is survived by his sister, Cheryl Borrelli and her husband Fran of Bristol; his niece Jessica Coelho and her husband Eric; his nephew Matthew Borrelli and his wife Tina; his grandson, Nathaniel Isaiah Jepeal; six adored great-nieces and nephews; and many cousins and special friends including Rick "Digger" DiGiacomo and "Larry's Girls". He was predeceased by his son, Nathaniel David Jepeal.

Donations in Larry's memory may be made to World Central Kitchen at http://www.wck.org or to PBS at http://www.pbs.org

Larry will best be remembered and honored by living your life to the fullest, being present and making no concessions!

A celebration of Larry's life will be held and announced at a later date. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Jepeal family for their trust. For online condolences, please visit Larry's tribute page at http://www.



#### **OBITUARIES**

#### ~ Scott Paradis ~



50, of Plainville, left his family and friends heartbroken upon his sudden passing on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. He was the husband and best friend of Rosamaria (D'Onofrio) Paradis. Born in New Britain on February 6, 1972, he was one of three sons to Carl and Linda

(Willey) Paradis. Raised and educated in Plainville, Scott was a 1990 graduate of Plainville High School, and began his career in the electrical trade after completing post graduate classes at E.C. Goodwin Technical School. A dedicated and passionate member of Electrical Energy Systems Corporation for close to 30 years, Scott was most recently the President of the company, proudly working alongside his son, Austin and step-daughter, Marissa. Scott enjoyed spending time with his wife boating and camping with friends and family. Remembered as a loving husband, father, son, Papa and friend, Scott's selflessness was incomparable, as he helped everyone in need, asking nothing in return. He is loved deeply and will be missed immeasurably by the many lives he touched in his all too brief earthly life. In addition to his wife, Rosa, and his parents, Carl and Linda, he leaves his son, Austin and fiancée Bri White; his step-daughters, Marissa Pugliese, Katelyn Martin and her husband Joshua; and was the loving Papa to Ethan and Evan Martin. He also leaves his brother Carl J. Paradis; his in-laws, Dominick and Filomena D'Onofrio, several brothers and sisters-inlaw, several nieces and nephews, along with many extended family members and friends, including his faithful companion and weekend car ride buddy, his dog "Stella." He is predeceased by his brother Chris. Honoring Scott's love for his profession, donations may be made to his memorial scholarship c/o Independent Electrical Contractors of New England, 273 Dividend Rd, Suite A, Rocky Hill, CT 06067, ATTN: Allie French. Funeral services were held at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, with a Mass of Christian Burial. at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Family and friends gathered at the funeral home. For online expressions of sympathy,

#### ~ Edward F. Lepore ~

of Woodbridge, CT and Naples, FL, formerly of Burlington, CT, passed away on May 10, 2022 in Woodbridge, CT. He was the husband of Lou Ann M. Lepore. Ed was born July 6, 1938 in New Haven CT, son of James Lepore and Celia (Canelli) Lepore. Raised in Plainville, CT, Ed graduated from Plainville High School and enlisted in the United States Navy. He was a Cold War era veteran and proudly served in the 2nd and 6th US Navy fleets. He returned to his hometown of Plainville after his military service and started a family, moving to Burlington in 1975. He was a very successful residential and commercial building contractor, land developer, real estate investor, and retail business owner, retiring in the 1990's. Ed built countless homes and buildings. He put in subdivisions throughout CT. After retirement he enjoyed golfing, cooking, and spending time at his home in Florida. He loved his country and was passionate about seeing the freedom and prosperity that he realized was passed forward to future generations. Besides his wife he is survived by his three children, Dina and her husband Jae Bishop of Torrington, Jim and his wife Juliet of Woodbridge, Steve and his wife Diana of New Hartford and Old Saybrook, eight grandchildren, Samantha Lepore, Michelle (Fuchs) Kemper, Sean Fuchs, Courtney Lepore, Jimmy Lepore, and Michael Lepore, Giovanni Bonazzoli, Marcello Bonazzoli, and two great-grandsons, Koi Kemper and Kove Kemper, and his brother, Thomas J. Lepore and family. A graveside service with full military honors was held at The Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery, 317 Bow Lane, Middletown on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 12:00 pm. Attendees are asked to meet directly at the cemetery. To leave a message of remembrance please visit www.Bailey-funeralhome.com.

#### ~ Luc St. Pierre ~



46 of Plainville, beloved father, son, brother, uncle and friend, passed away on Thursday, May 5, 2022. Luc was born in Bristol on January 21, 1976, the son of Janet (Gallagher) St.

of Janet (Gallagher) St. Pierre and the late Luc St. Pierre. He was a lifelong resident and 1994 graduate of Plainville High School,

who had a passion for cooking, card playing and simply brightening the room with his larger than life, outgoing personality. A sports enthusiast who loved nothing more than being surrounded by his family, his infectious laugh and his care and concern for others will forever be remembered and missed.

In addition to his mother, Janet, he leaves his children, Kayla St. Pierre and Luca Veneziano; his sisters, Stacie St. Pierre and Kelly Bradley; his nieces and nephews, Michael, Shyanne, Elizabeth, Caitlin and R.J.; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family. Luc's family will celebrate his life with a graveside service on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Cemetery, 151 Farmington Ave, Plainville. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the St. Pierre family for their trust.



#### ~ Guy T. Slowkowski ~

57, of Plainville, passed away peacefully after a lengthy battle with muscular dystrophy on May 17, 2022 at Bristol Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He is now reunited with his beloved mother.

Guy was born on May 5, 1965 in Meriden, CT son to

Anthony V. Slowkowski and the late Iris E. (Jones) Slowkowski. He graduated from Southington High School and went on to further his education at Goodwin Technical School. He worked as a machinist for several years at Ideal Forging in Southington alongside his father. Guy led a simple life and enjoyed the little things, including the sports of football and hockey. He was an avid Nascar fan and looked forward to watching the races. Although he will be missed dearly, Guy's family takes comfort in knowing that his battle is over and he is at peace.

In addition to his father, Guy is survived by his brother, Anthony (TJ) Slowkowski and his wife, Lisa, his aunt, Linda DeVivo and her husband, Donald, his uncle, Peter Slowkowski and his wife, Pam, and several nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

A Celebration of Guy's was held at at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville. Family and friends gathered at the funeral home prior to the servic. Burial in Oak Hill Cemetery will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Guy can be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association National Office, 161 N. Clark, Suite 3550, Chicago, Illinois 60601 or by going to www.mda.org. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www. PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com.



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## LOCAL SPORTS HERO BRINGS HOME THE GOLD



The National Senior Games took place in Fort Lauderdale, FL May 10th-23rd in the Senior Basketball Division 60-64. The CT team featured players from all over the state including our home town athlete Attorney Michael Mastrianni.

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## Jake's Sport Talk



Hi, welcome to my monthly article this month I am talking about Plainville baseball games and softball games with Game notes.

#### **Plainville vs Rocky Hill Game Notes** April 4th 2022

Plainville Lost 5-4

#2 Owen Leander 2B had one ground out a single and a single on an error and one RBI

#11 C Brennan Staubley had one triple a double and a strike out and a walk and 1 RBI #15 MJ Bakaysa 3B had one ground out and 3 singles and 2 RBIs

#7 Keith Laggasey CF had 3 strikeouts #9 Josh Eliiotte PH had one ground

#14 Matt Boney 1B had one strike out

and two ground outs

#1 Tyler Durling LF had two ground outs and a single

#5 Jacob Laggasey P had two strikeouts #10 Dylan Cianci PH had Single on Bunt

#8 Sean Egan RF had a Single and two strikeouts

#3 Mike Oullette SS had a ground out, a strike out and a single.

#### Plainville vs Bristol Central **April 11th 2022 Game Notes**

Plainville won 4-3

#3 Mike Oullette SS had a single, a pop out and two strikeouts.

#11 P Brennan Staubley Pitcher had a strikeout and 2 reach on a errors and a single

#15 MJ Bakaysa 2B had a Reach on a bunt a double a reach on error and a fly out and a RBI

#2 Owen Leander 3B had a strike out, a single and a walk and a safe on a fielder's choice.

#14 Matt Boney 1B had two ground

outs and two strikeouts

#1 Tyler Durling LF had a strike out and a ground out.

#5 Jacob Laggasey LF had a ground out and a strike out

#8 Sean Egan RF had three strikeouts and a walk

#17 Seth Lizon Pitcher had a ground out and a fly out

# 9 Josh Elliotte DH had two ground

#7 Keith Laggasey CF had a strike out a walk a ground out and the walk off

double and a RBI

#### Plainville vs Avon May 5th 2022 Game Notes

Palinvile won 4-3

#3 Mike Oullette SS had a Walk a pop out a fly out and a single

#15 MJ Bakaysa 2B had three singles and two ground outs and two RBIs

#11 Brennan Staubley P had a single two ground outs and a fly out and a fly out

#22 Gavin Cooke RF had a strike out

# 6 Owen Leander 3B had a single a pop out a hit by pitch and fly out and a walk

#30 Charlie Hills 1B had a ground out, a single, a strikeout, a fly out and a walk-off sacrifice fly and a RBI.

# 8 Sean Egan RF had a strike out a safe on bunt and a single

#1 Tyler Durling PH had a strike out #16 Josh Elliote DH had a strike out a hit by pitch and and a walk

#7 Keith Laggasey CF had a ground out a strike out a single on bunt and a

#12 Jayden Castro had a pop out and two strikeouts

#10 Dylan Cianci PH had a fly out



#### Letter to the Editor;

I was biking along the Farmington River Trail in Collinsville this week and I found this bench. It overlooks the river a great location beside the dam that once served to power the Collins Co. upstream.

It's also the place where Lucas Brewer, a young man from Plainville and his friend, Anthony Nagore, drowned while trying to swim in the turbulence of the flood waters below the dam.

As you can see from the second photo, the bench is a memorial to Lucas from his family and friends. It was installed with the aid of the Town of Collinsville and the Farmington Valley Trails Council.

I thought you might find a place for it in the Connection. It is one of the nicest spots along the trail and very fitting for such a memorial.

Best regards, Jim Cassidy

## Plainville Community Schools Present "Teachers of the Year"

Plainville Community Schools launched a new tradition this year, selecting a school based "Teacher of the Year" at each of the five Plainville schools. The 2022-23 school- based teachers of the year are: Cassandra Smith-Johnson, Linden Street School, Morgan Campbell, Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School, Rob Silliman, Louis Toffolon Elementary School, Melanie Olmstead, Middle School of Plainville, and Deb Pikiell, Plainville High School. This new tradition provides the opportunity for each Plainville school community to select their own Teacher of the Year to be recognized and honored. The five school-based Teachers of the Year will be celebrated at the school district's 2022-23 Convocation program, together with the district's Teacher of the Year, who will be announced prior to the end of this school year.



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Friends, family, and neighbors,

I am honored to be the Republican nominee as your next Comptroller. Thank you!!! I am ready and able to do this job, and serve the great people of the fantastic state of CT!

My vision for us, and Connecticut, is to be the best state in the union to achieve the American dream. To achieve this, we will all need to focus on capitalizing on our beauty, history, shorelines, mountains, lakes, education, and entrepreneurship, to make CT the best place to live, play, raise a family, work, put down roots, visit, and start a business. I want CT to be the flagship for all corporations, from Fortune 100, to high tech, to cool entertainment... the sky's the limit! I want CT to be a welcoming community for freshly degreed college graduates, with a world of opportunity at their fingertips! I want CT to be a place that honors veterans, educators, business leaders, and contributors to our great state. I want CT to be a state that takes care of seniors and children, frankly, of all.

There is a lot of work to be done to achieve our vision. We are at the bottom of the barrell, #50 out of 50 states, for financial condition and financial outlook. We have the highest debt, taxes, cost of living, and anemic GDP growth in the nation. CT has not recovered the job losses of 2008. The one constant for these dismal results are Forty years of Democrat rule; and 50 years since CT has had a Republican Comptroller. It is indeed time for change.

You can also sign up to volunteer for my campaign on my website.

We have the momentum to win and bring financial sanity to CT. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

My best always, Mary Fay

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#### **CT State Fraternal Order of Police Endorses**

**Dominic for Secretary of the State** 

BRANFORD, Conn-On Friday, May 20th the Connecticut State Fraternal Order of Police announced their endorsement of Dominic Rapini, Republican candidate for Secretary of the State.

"The Fraternal Order of Police needs people like Dominic in Hartford," said John Krupinsky, President of the Connecticut Fraternal Order of Police.

"I am incredibly humbled and honored to receive the endorsement of the Connecticut State Fraternal Order of Police," said Dominic Rapini, Republican candidate for Secretary of the State. "These professionals put their lives on the line every day to protect our most sacred rights and we owe them a debt of gratitude. As Secretary of the State, I look forward to bringing our shared value of accountability to Hartford."

The Connecticut State Fraternal Order of Police is part of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), a national organization of sworn law enforcement officers in the United States. It has a membership of over 325,000 members organized in 2100 local chapters. The FOP is "the voice of our nation's law enforcement officers."

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#### Dear Editor,

After another busy week in Washington, I am writing with a new update from The Weekly Wrap, a recap of the week in Congress and highlights of my work.

Last week, President Biden signed by bill, the Access to Baby Formula Act, into law. This legislation addresses the formula shortage plaguing families across the nation. Full coverage on the legislation is available here.

The House also passed my bill, the YouthBuild for the Future Act, as a part of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA )re-authorization. WIOA supports bedrock federal workforce development programs. Further, I introduced the Supporting Trauma-Informed Education Practices Act, legislation to bolster trauma support services and mental health care for

Last week, I was pleased to be back at the University of Saint Joseph to deliver the commencement address for the Class of 2022. I am always happy to celebrate Connecticut students as they grow and thrive.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. As always, please continue to share your thoughts and priorities with me.

> Jahana Hayes Member of Congress

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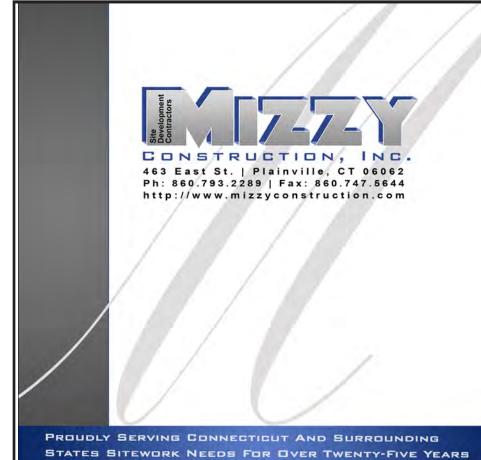
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#### Bill Barr Says It's **Time To Investigate** The Possible Leaker At **Supreme Court**

(TheLibertyRevolution.com)- Former US Attorney General Bill Barr believes a special counsel might be appointed to prosecute the leaker behind the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision.

Barr suggested on Tuesday's broadcast of The Megyn Kelly Show that the Supreme Court Marshal's inquiry may not be adequate to uncover the perpetrator.

Megyn Kelly seemed doubtful about the Court Marshal Inquiry, and she questioned former AG Barr about its effectiveness. She covered the Supreme Court for several years as a reporter, and she didn't think that it would sway the leaker, or anyone around the leaker, to confess any knowledge.

Kelly then asked Barr about the CBS report, which claimed the FBI might be looking into the identity of the leaker. She wanted to know what Barr thought would happen next and who would be in charge.

Barr explained that Chief Justice Roberts would have had the option of appointing a special counsel, and perhaps he still does. Not in the traditional criminal sense, but the court can appoint counsel and bring in a former United States attorney or someone else with a legal background. Barr believes the FBI and other law enforcement agencies would support the Chief Justice if need be.

Megyn Kelly pressed further. She wondered if there was any confidence in the ability to discover who leaked the document. Barr replied that there might be a need for a grand jury to do that, which describes a criminal case.

Barr didn't think it was. He replied, "Obstruction means you're attempting to influence through some kind of wrongdoing.I don't think it's a stretch"

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#### Friend of Life,

#### This is a historic moment.

On Monday, a draft opinion of Dobbs v. Jackson, the U.S. Supreme Court case that would overturn Roe v. Wade, was

Justices are poised to invalidate the egregious 1973 decision that led to the deaths of over 63 million preborn children; however, abortion activists are en-

The abortion industry and lobby are now working overtime to make sure that Roe v. Wade remains the law of the land.

Friend, we are in the fight of our lives. Planned Parenthood and their pro-abortion allies are using their influence in Congress, in the media, and in Hollywood to codify Roe and to make every state in the nation a sanctuary for abortion. They're also trying to publicly pressure pro-life Justices to change their votes and to uphold Roe.

#### We cannot let this happen.

Forty-five years of Roe have resulted in the deaths of over 63 million preborn children, an entire generation of Americans unjustly slaughtered.

This is a battle between life and death—a battle for the soul of our country and for the lives of generations of children yet to be born.

Ending Roe is the right decision. It would return the issue back to the people and away from a select group of judges with an agenda.

However, the abortion industry is saturating the media with a frenzy of lies, claiming that the majority of young people support Roe v. Wade and that women will stand alone in a post-Roe America.

The fact is that nearly 6 out of 10 of young people oppose Roe v. Wade when they find out that is permits abortion through all nine months of pregnancyand they support being able to vote on abortion policy in their state.

There are also 3,000 pregnancy centers and 400 maternity homes in America ready to assist women facing unplanned or difficult pregnancies. No woman will

Your support and your voice is critical at this time. It will also ensure that we can keep up the pressure on judges and elected officials to save the innocent preborn children at risk instead of caving to the pro-death abortion lobby.

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#### Wheeler's 37th **Annual Golf Classic**

Set for September 14, 2022 at The Country Club of Farmington. Mutual of America Financial Group Is Presenting Sponsor for Fourth Year in a Row; Longtime Supporter, People's United Bank, Returns as Platinum

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#### Queen Ann Nzinga Center

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

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

> For more information, visit QANC.org

#### **Relay For Life Plainville-Bristol**

Twenty-one teams attended meeting at the Plainville VFW to make plans for the Relay for Life to be held at Norton Park on June 4th and 5th.

The event is a community based fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and other cancer related societies and associations. Communities all over the world have come together to honor and remember loved ones and help to take action for lifesaving change.

Plainville-Bristol Relay for Life organizers are selling purple bows which are to be displayed outside homes and businesses on May 20th, "Paint the Town Purple Day" To purchase a bow, email Cheryl at regnurse111@gmail.com. For more about the Plainville-Bristol Relay, visit:relayforlife.org/plainvillect

#### Memorial Wall

The Veterans Memorial Wall is located on the main floor of the Municipal Center adjacent to the Town Clerk's Office. If you are interested in adding a veteran's name to the wall, applications are located at:

> Municipal Center Plainville Public Library and VFW Post 574

#### 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:

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Analysts Warn. When Will the Price Go Down? The start of summer driving season on Memorial Day will see even greater demand, according to JPMorgan, and higher prices at the pump.

Gas Could Reach \$6.20 a Gallon This Summer,

"Gasoline prices will remain high as long as oil prices remain in the triple

digits," Smith said. "It's going to hit the pocketbook far harder."

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## PARC Honors 2 "Shining Stars" & Petits at Spring Dance



Luis Fernandez,
left, and
Samantha
Burgess, display
the Shining
Star Awards
they received
at the PARC
Spring Dance
in recognition
of their
contributions to
the program.



From left, William A.
Petit Sr. and Barbara
Petit receive a state
citation for their
community service
from their son
William A. Petit Jr.
who is a Connecticut
State Representative.

Photos courtesy of PARC, Inc.

#### PARC honors two 'Shining Stars' and Petits at annual Spring Dance

When Luis Fernandez received his PARC Shining Star Award, with a whoop he leapt across the dance floor. His joy echoed the feelings of many of the people attending the PARC Spring Dance held May 7 at Testa's restaurant in Southington. It had been several years since the non-profit had held its annual dance that celebrates members, families, staff and supporters.

PARC, based in Plainville, was founded 65 years ago to provide individuals with developmental disabilities and their families connections to the community, social opportunities and advocacy.

PARC member Samantha Burgess also received a Shining Star Award at the event which featured a dinner, dancing and music with DJ Joe with Audio Visual Anarchy. She is one of the many individuals who participate in a variety of activities, programs

and special events that PARC offers. The Shining Star Award is given to participants whose positive attitudes promote friendship and enhance activities.

Other honorees were William A. Petit Sr. and his wife, Barbara, who received the John Sullivan Award which was established to recognize community service. William A. Petit Jr., one of their five children and a Connecticut state representative, presented his parents with a state citation.

"I am proud to see PARC recognize my parents for their outreach efforts. They have loved the Plainville community throughout their lives, from PTA to Boy and Girl Scouts, Little League, Town Council, Rotary, the Board of Education, the Historical Society and PARC. They love helping others to create a kind and giving community that helps all. Congratulations, Mom and Dad!" he said.

Petit Sr. said, "We are honored and humbled to receive the John Sullivan Award. We do not volunteer to receive recognition but it is nice to be so honored. It was a wonderful evening being with the PARC board and clients and, of course, our family." He added that he knew John Sullivan who as a young salesman stopped by various stores which the Petits owned.

"We were so thrilled to have such a successful event," said Erica Donovan, PARC executive director. "After a two-year hiatus, it was absolutely wonderful to see our members, families, friends, and supporters smiling and enjoying a terrific night together."

Pronda Podriguez, who is active with PARC's genion

Brenda Rodriguez, who is active with PARC's senior ladies group and also enjoys bingo, said she loved being able to attend the event again and especially get out on the dance floor. "The dance was wonderful; it makes me happy," she said.

For more information about PARC, a 501 (c) (3) organization, visit www.parcdisabilitiesct. org; PARC, Inc. on Facebook; or call the office at (860) 747-0316.

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Kyle Chambers, M.D.
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Dr. Chambers provides
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medical treatment for adult and pediatric patients with sinus, ear, nose and throat conditions. Dr. Chambers received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and his medical degree from the University of Washington. He completed his surgical training through Harvard Medical School. Following his surgical training, he received additional training in allergy diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Chambers is an active member of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy. He has won awards for his teaching and research.

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Akshay Patel, D.O.
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Dr. Akshay Patel was born and raised in Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

After graduating from the top of his class at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Patel pursued his residency training in otolaryngologyhead and neck surgery and facial plastics surgery at St. Barnabas Medical Center in New Jersey, where he also served as chief resident. Shortly thereafter, he obtained fellowship training in head and neck surgical oncology and microvascular reconstructive surgery at Case Western University-University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Patel's clinical interests include head and neck surgical oncology and reconstructive surgery, as well as program development, patient outcomes, resident teaching and reconstructive techniques. He has presented nationally and published on subjects relating to reconstructive surgery and head and neck cancer.

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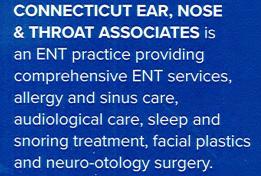
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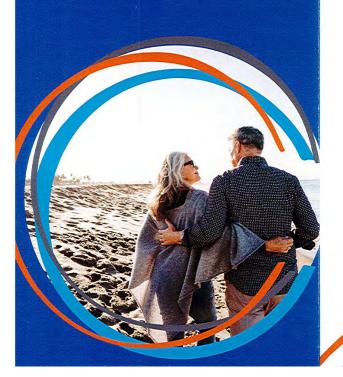
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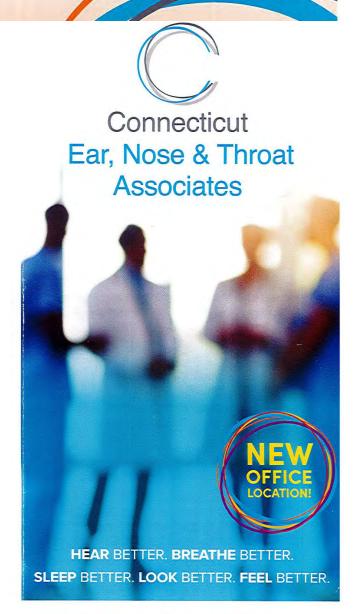
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## Young at Heart.....Plainville Seniors

#### Plainville Senior Center Hosts Free Cholesterol Talk and Screening Special

The Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, will host a Free Cholesterol Talk with Miles Everett, registered nurse and dietician, on Monday, June 6, at 10:30 a.m. He will explain how to fight bad cholesterol and discuss how diet and lifestyle can help combat this cause of cardiovascular disease. Following the talk, Georgia Strepka, APRN, will conduct a nonfasting cholesterol screening. The screening is only \$10.00 (regular price is \$12.00), if you attend the presentation first. Sign-up begins June 2. Pay for the screening on the day of the program. Results available in 10 minutes!

## West Central CT Triad Health & Wellness Fair Set for June 7 at the Senior Center

The West Central CT Triad Health & Wellness Fair will be held on Tuesday, June 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street. The event is free and open to the public. Preregistration is required for a reserved 45-minute exhibitor viewing time. Walk through and speak with over 20 senior provider professionals, health screenings, raffle prizes, receive a file of life packet, free bagged lunch and more. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register. RSVP by June 1.

## Covid Booster Clinic Set for June 20 at Plainville Senior Center

Hartford Healthcare will hold another Covid booster clinic on Monday, June 20, from 10 a.m.- to 4:00 p.m. at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street. Moderna & Pfizer are available. If you had your first booster before Feb. 20, you can receive your second booster shot. People can also receive their other shots (1st, 2nd and 1st booster). Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register.

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

#### **Town of Plainville**

The Plainville Town Council is seeking residents to serve on a Charter Revision Commission. The Town Charter was last reviewed in 2012. The Charter Revision Commission will be charged with reviewing the current charter and any recommendations for changes to it.

The Charter can be viewed on the Town's website at https://ecode360.com/28572806

Applicants must be a resident of Plainville and a registered voter.

Those interested in volunteering their time to serve should email the Town Manager at

relee@plainville-ct.gov or contact the Town Manager's Office at

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to request an application.

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## Learn All About Beekeeping at the Plainville Senior Center on June 14

On Tuesday, June 14, at 1:30 p.m., the Plainville Senior Center, located at 200 East Street, will offer a free program on beekeeping. Tammi Worsham from the Back Yard Beekeepers Association will discuss the history of beekeeping, what a beekeeper actually does, the life cycle of bees and the structure of a hive, the importance of bees to our food supply and threats that challenge the survival of a colony. Participants can view bees at work on a comb in an observation hive which will contain live bees. You'll be able to touch wax comb and see the tools of a beekeeper, take home recipes that use honey, and purchase products that are made with beeswax. Sign-up begins June 2. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register.

#### Dental Clinic Returns to Senior Center

The Community Health Center Mobile Dental Clinic will be offering preventative dental services by appointment on June 29 & 30 at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street. To schedule an appointment, call Gabriela DeLeon, community health center program coordinator, at (475)260-3184. Services include x-rays, cleaning, fluoride & oral health education. For patients with no dental insurance, a standard fee of \$30 for cleaning, x-rays and fluoride applies. Patients unable to afford the \$30 fee, can contact Stephanie Soucy, Plainville Senior Center Social Worker, for scholarship information.

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#### Plainville Housing Authority Opens Their Wait List in June

The Plainville Senior Center is encouraging anyone interested in subsidized housing to submit an application to the Plainville Housing Authority. The Plainville Housing Authority will be giving out applications for their waiting list on June 7, 8 and 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their office at 20 Stillwell Drive (located behind the Senior Center). Applications must be submitted in person or by mail by June 16. All mailed applications must be postmarked on or before June 16.

Senior housing is available to anyone over the age of 62 or to people with disabilities who are over 18 years of age. Plainville residency is not a requirement. Income guidelines apply. Once applications close, local AARP volunteers will conduct a lottery to determine places on the waiting list so there is no need to be the first in line to pick up an application or the first to hand in your application.

Base rents start at \$500 for a studio apartment, \$600 for a smaller one bedroom and \$650 for a larger one-bedroom apartment. Tenants are responsible for heat, lights, air conditioning and hot water (all electric), but energy assistance is available if you meet the income guidelines. Of the 120 Plainville Housing Authority units, 62 are studio apartments and 58 are one-bedroom apartments. The current wait list for one-bedroom apartments is long.

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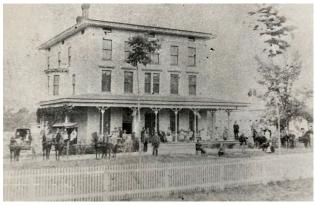
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## PADEREWSKI PARK Mysteries Remembered

As we approach the summer days Plainville schools will be closing for vacation and families will be reaching out to the Plainville Parks & Recreation Department to sign up for summer activities and make reservations for picnics at our local parks.

Paderewski Park has always been a mystery to me, growing up on the west side of town. It all began back with global warming when the glaciers began to melt, revealing huge deposits of sand on the great plain between two mountains, making an open area to move through easily, and move we did.

When people first moved in to develop this sandy plain a man named Edward Squires with a love of horse racing decided to make this a horse racing center. Sandy soil makes a great race track and in 1872 he opened the Plainville Trotting Park in the area then called White Oak. During this time Sylvester N. Ryder had come to town to invest in the project. He fenced in the race track and built the "Park House", a grand stand, and horse stables finer than anywhere else in the state. Then, in 1875, the biggest racing event of all time in Connecticut was held here in Plainville.



As time went on the center for horse racing moved on to the Charter Oak Park in Hartford and the Plainville track was abandoned. The area later became known as Ryder's Park. Even though racing had moved on, the people of Plainville did not give up, and racing enthusiasts purchased land between East and Whiting Streets in 1880 to set up an eighth mile track, with judging stands and a small club house, which later became known as Allen's Ball Park. Race Ave. and Diamond Ave. are the reminders of this bygone era.

As time went on a man by the name of Leland Hart, who was in the sand business, purchased the Ryder Park land in 1925 and quarried sand from the glacial deposits for several years. He quarried until Plainville's high water table caused the pit to fill with

water creating a large and very deep square pond. Soon the water attracted unauthorized swimming and he no longer wanted to take responsibility for the property. Leland Hart sold the land to MSR. Lucian Bojnowski of the Sacred Heart Church in New Britain on July 18, 1940 to establish a recreational park youth center for campers.

Two large dormitories, an open air pavilion, and a small white chapel were built to house and care for the young people. The pond was then designed for safe swimming and open wash areas were created to fit their needs. It was dedicated by Bishop McAuliffe on June 29, 1941 and ready to receive the youth for summertime enjoyment.



Then, in 1959, MSR. Bojnowski transferred the property to the Daughters of the Immaculate Conception Order who continued the operation of the camp. In June of 1967, just a few hours before he died, the name of Ignace Jan Paderewski, a world famous pianist, composer and statesman was honored at the park for which it was named and dedicated.

The Daughters of the Immaculate Conception continued to conduct the youth camp which took in about 100 campers each summer. By the 1960s the nuns were unable to keep up the park and it fell into disrepair, and then became vandalized, until the town had to condemn the property.

There was finally an agreement made between the town and the owners in 1966 and, with federal open air funding, the town acquired the property. First thoughts were of making it a youth center but the buildings were not suitable.

As with Norton Park, the Lions Club raised funds to help restore the property and establish a safe play area and wading pool for the children of Plainville. The town replaced the pool with a splash pad in 2014 and thankfully continues to maintain the park for the youth of Plainville.

.....Gert LaCombe

# **Let's welcome June**—the glorious month of brides, graduations and wild pink roses. Soon, the Plainville Historical Society will welcome some new officers and chair people to the executive board; and others will continue to serve. We are so very grateful to all who volunteer here at the Historic Center. Enjoy your own personal summer of 2022, as it fades into history.

#### SUMMER, 2022 at the HISTORIC CENTER

The building will operate on a summer schedule this year from June 6 until September 6. The volunteer staff will not maintain its twice weekly office hours. Private guided tours for small groups and families or special research accommodations can be arranged in advance during June or August. Contact us by e-mail.

The Historic Center will be closed during July.

The Plainville Historical Society looks forward to greeting you for a new and exciting season in September.

#### THE PATH FORWARD

Springtime is a time of renewal and also heralds new beginnings. As we complete our successful winter season here at the Historic Center we look forward to following the path set before us to keep up the business end of the Plainville Historical Society. It is essential that we renew the interest and the spirit of our members to make this journey lasting and productive. The Executive Board will soon meet in preparation for the annual gathering of members on June 4 for the purpose of reporting, revision and renewal. At that annual meeting there will be an election of officers held to serve our community for the next two years. This is crucial right now following the prolonged Covid hiatus and the loss of our President Nancy Eberhardt last summer. It is essential that we have our member support to continue on this new path forward together.

The door is open. WELCOME BACK



PADEREWSKI PARK: The park is composed of four lots totaling 533 feet of frontage on New Britain Avenue at the corner of Grant Avenue. Depth is 1,160 feet. Th Town Assessor's office lists as owner of the lots, the Religious Congregation of Daughters of Mary of the Immaculate Conception.

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## Ribbon-Cutting, Open House Event, to Mark Opening of Newly Renovated Plainville Site

State and local community leaders, friends, and staff gathered to dedicate Wheeler's community health center at 91 Northwest Drive, Plainville, the original location of its behavioral health outpatient services since 1972. The event marks the addition of primary care services here, including medical and pediatric care, wellness care and immunizations; physical examinations; chronic disease screening and treatment for conditions such as asthma, diabetes, hypertension/heart health, oversight of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for addiction, and more.

The event featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony, guided tours of the facility, and remarks from Wheeler President and Chief Executive Officer, Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, and others. Wheeler's new Mobile Family Health & Wellness Center and Change the Script van also was onsite. Information about Wheeler's broad array of services at this location, including the Walk With Me program, a specialized outpatient treatment track for LGBTQ+identifying people of all ages, will be shared.

The event was held on May 25th The program began at 3:30 pm
Ribbon-Cutting at. 4:00 pm
Tours and Social: 4:00–6:00 pm

Wheeler began transformation of services at the Northwest Drive facility in September 2020, following this site's designation as a federally qualified health center.

Wheeler's Plainville location is the organization's fifth community health center. Other centers are located in Bristol, Hartford, New Britain, and Waterbury. As a federally qualified health center, Wheeler is part of a network of community health centers nationwide that provide affordable, accessible health care for more than 29 million Americans. For more information, visit

WheelerHealth.org/Plainville

## Wheeler's Family Health & Wellness Centers

Wheeler's Family Health & Wellness Centers in Bristol, Hartford, New Britain, Plainville, and Waterbury offer integrated primary care and behavioral health care, addiction treatment, and complementary approaches to care.

Wheeler's Family Health & Wellness Centers in Bristol, New Britain, Hartford, and Plainville are funded in part by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an operating division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Wheeler is a Health Center Program grantee under 42 U.S.C. 254b and a deemed Public Health Service employee under 42 U.S.C. 233(g)-(n).

Medicaid, Medicare, and commercial health insurance welcome. No patient will be denied health care services due to an individual's inability to pay for services. Improvements to the Family Health & Wellness Center in Hartford are supported in part by the State of Connecticut Nonprofit Grant Program, the Connecticut Health & Educational Facilities Authority, the Maximilian E. and Marion O. Hoffman Foundation, and the Ensworth Charitable Foundation. Additional support is provided by Delta Dental of New Jersey Foundation.

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#### **HOW DID THIS GET STARTED?**

Let's see...I think it started when Madeline Murray O'Hare complained she didn't want any prayer in our schools. and we said, "OK."

**Then, someone said,** "You better not read the Bible in school; the Bible that says'thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbors as yourself" and we said "OK"

**Dr. Benjamin Spock said,** "We shouldn't spank our children when they misbehaved because their little personalities would be warped, and we might damage their self-esteem."

And we said,"An expert should know what he's talking about, so we won't spank them anymore."

Then someone said, Teachers and principals better not discipline our children when they misbehave."

And the school administrators said, "No faculty member in this school better touch a student when they misbehave because we don't want any bad publicity, and we don't want to be sued."

And we accepted their reasoning.

Then someone said, "Let's let our daughters have abortions if they want, and they won't even have to tell their parents." And we said, "That's a grand idea...."

Then some of our top elected officials said, "It doesn't matter what we do in private as long as we do our jobs." And we said. "It doesn't matter what anybody, including the President, does in private as long as we have jobs and the economy is good." And the entertainment industry said, "Let's make TV shows and movies that promote profanity, violence, and illicit sex....and let's record music that encourages rape, drugs, murder, suicide, and satanic themes." And we said, "It's just entertainment and has no adverse effect, and nobody takes it seriously anyway."

Undoubtedly, if we thought about it long and hard enough, we could figure it out, I'm sure it has a great deal to do with......

"we reap what we sow"...
(Think about It!)

#### Hartford HealthCare Rehabilitation Network Hires Manager of Athletic Training Services

NEWINGTON-Hartford HealthCare Rehabilitation Network welcomes a new Manager of Athletic Training Services, Elizabeth Hutchinson to their

In 2010, Hutchinson was awarded her Masters of Science in Physical Education from Central Connecticut State University. Previously, she was a collegiate Certified Athletic Trainer and NCAA Athletics Healthcare Administrator with fourteen

years of clinical Division I experience. Hutchinson remained responsible for directing a comprehensive sports medicine program including injury prevention and rehabilitation, concussion management and creating counseling pathways.

Today, at Hartford

HealthCare, she is responsible for coordinating athletic training services at both the high school and



office at 860-747-2328.

collegiate levels and for community athletic events. Her goal is to provide care coordination throughout the system, managing sports-related conditions with primary care, urgent care, sports specialists and rehabilitation teams.

"I am excited to work with a group of individuals dedicated to Rehabilitation Network. I would like to meet more professionals within the field and be involved in networking opportunities that will broaden pathways to athletes, especially regarding mental health. I hope people view me as a friendly and hard worker and that I try to achieve the best possible outcomes for all," said Hutchinson.

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Out Side Community Tag Sale

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Plainville PAWS enjoys the support of the Plainville Police Department employees.

Your donations will be welcomed at the Plainville Police Department front desk. Thanking you in advance for your kind donations.

#### **PLAINVILLE**

#### PET CEMETERY CREATED

To honor your beloved pets, the Plainville Cemetery Association has created a Pet Cemetery at the West Cemetery at 180 North Washington Street. Located in a wooded area behind the office.

For information, call Plainville Cemetery Association at (860)747-2314.

Share with us some pictures of your pets and their thoughts about you, your family, and life in general!!

Email to: plainvillehometown@gmail.com

#### **For More Information About Rabies**

**Department of Agriculture** 

**Animal Control Division** 

860-713-2506

www.ct.gov/dph



# Pet Page

#### FROM THE PLAINVILLE ANIMAL CONTROL DESK:

#### JUNE IS DOG LICENSE MONTH

All dogs more than 6 months old need a license and tag. This is issued by the Town Clerk at the Municipal Center. There is a fee. You will need to present an up to date Rabies vaccination certificate. It is important to keep all of this paperwork in a safe place. Should your pet be involved in an encounter with a wild animal, the tag alone will not be acceptable verification of vaccination. In Connecticut, all dogs and cats more than 3 months old are required by law to be vaccinated against Rabies.

#### RABIES, A DEADLY VIRAL DISEASE

Rabies is a Public Health issue. All mammals can be infected, and spread it. That includes people. The virus is present in saliva and transmitted usually through a bite. Should you be bitten by any animal (or human), or come in contact with its oral fluid near open wounds, nose, eyes or mouth, you need to act without delay. Rabies moves swiftly to attack your brain and if you wait until you have symptoms, it may be too late to save your life. Go to the Emergency Room.

Never touch a wild animal, especially if it appears to be lifeless. You could try to throw a box over it. Your animal control team is prepared to address this at any time. It is critical to capture the offending animal and remain safe and we know how to do that. Wild animals most commonly rabid are raccoons, skunks and bats. Bats are dangerous because their tiny bite can go unobserved. Never touch a listless bat bare-handed. Cats are the most frequent domestic animals that test positive for Rabies. Report any unfamiliar domestic animal that is acting strangely to your animal control team. It is common to see nocturnal animals during the day and unless they seem to be acting "drunk" or uncommonly aggressive, just leave them alone and keep your distance. Report it. Do not allow your pets to be outside unsupervised. Definitely do not leave food outside. Be diligent about your pet's vaccinations. Be aware that if your unvaccinated pet is bitten by a wild animal, it must be confined for 6 months. Neither the kennel nor the town pound will accept this responsibility. Your choice will be to board it with a veterinarian at your expense or surrender the animal to be euthanized.

#### THE PRINCESS NEWS

Oh, what fun she had frolicking with friends--no mask and little social distancing resulted in a case of kennel cough. Princess's surgeon ordered her quarantined for two weeks and rescheduled her surgery for early June.



#### THE RABIES CLINIC

The PAWS-sponsored Rabies Clinic on May 21 successfully vaccinated 56 area pets. We are all that much safer! Thank you for your continuing support.

#### Rabies in Connecticut

#### What You Can do to Help Control Rabies:

\*Protect your pets; keep vaccinations up to date. Pets should not be allowed to roam. Report any domestic animals that are acting strangely to the local animal control officer.

\*Do not leave food of any kind outside your home and secure garbage can lids to avoid attracting wild animals.

\*If your pet is bitten or has had physical contact with a potentially rabid wild animal, wear gloves to examine or wash your pet. Contact your veterinarian and local animal control officer for further advice.

#### Vaccinate Your Dogs and Cats:

\*You can protect yourself and others by vaccinating your dogs and cats. If allowed outdoors unsupervised, your dog or cat is more likely to come in contact with a rabid wild animal. Unvaccinated pets that are bitten by a wild animal will need to be confined for 6 months or euthanized.

\*All dogs and cats over the age of 3 months are required by law to be vaccinated against rabies. Owners are required to show a vaccination certificate as proof of current rabies vaccination in order to license their

certificate as proof of current rabies vaccination in order to license their dogs.

\*Rabies is a deadly viral disease that infects the brains of mammals, included people. The virus is found in the saliva of infected animals and is

transmitted primarily through a bite. The virus can also be transmitted if saliva or brain tissue enters open wounds, eyes, nose or mouth.

If you are bitten, don't panic; wash the wound thoroughly with soap and running water to reduce the chance of infection. Give first aid as

you would for any wound. Call your doctor immediately.



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