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## Big Steve's Grill To Close After 12 Years



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With a heavy heart to announce, we will be forced to close on March 8th. The landlord will demolish the building to build apartments and commercial space.

Owner Steve Andrikis said, "We would like to take this time to thank all our loyal customers for their support and patronage over the past 12 years, especially throughout this pandemic in which we remained open to make sure we were able to provide our dedicated customers with a hot meal and a blazing smile.

"All the best to you guys and thank you for all the wonderful food cooked and hospitality given over the years," Marc Ouellette wrote.



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44 Bartlett St: Rosemarie Pelletier of Plainville to Sobo Brothers Invs LLC, \$65,000 on 1/15/2021
406 East St: Therese G. Lavoie of Plainville to Miroslav Knezevic, \$88,500 on 1/14/2021
14 Fox Rd: Shahariath Sarmin of Plainville to Jacqueline C. Lemelin, \$310,000 on 1/11/2021
Mountain View Dr: Matthew A. Thibeault of Plainville to Michael G. Scarlett, \$270,000 on 1/11/2021
55 Pierce St Unit A1 Justin E. and Linda L. Dangelo of Plainville to Nathaniel E. Ives, \$137,000 on 1/15/2021
57 Plum Tree Rd: Jaroslaw Gryczewski of Plainville to Jeffret C. Sanatana, \$189,000 on 1/13/2021
Wilson St: Caron Bernadette P. Est and Ronald J. Caron of Plainville to Caron Bernadette P Est and Paul Slocum, \$125,500 on 1/11/2021
54 Arcadia Ave: Robert J. Pernal of Plainville to Francis P. and Roberta E. Pernal, \$130,000 on 1/19/2021
466 East St Unit A: Therese G. Lavoie of Plainville to Miroslav Knezevic, \$88,500 on 1/14/2021
239 Farmington Ave. Mark S. and Nancy E. Devoe of Plainville to Shelley C. and Natalie Strelovsky, \$307,500 on 1/20/2021
11 Jeanette Dr: FNMA of Plainville to Yoganand Danrajh, \$235,000 on 1/20/2021
57 Twining St: Faith Walsh-Maura of Plainville to Heather Ferrara, \$150,000 on 1/20/2021
117 Whiting St: Guertin Mark T. Est and Jeffrey D. Guertin of Plainville to Grazyna Drozdowska, \$265,000 on 1/20/2021
32 Woodside Ln: Magaly Correa and Wells Fargo Bank NA of Plainville to Specialized Loan Svcg LLC, \$168,943 on 1/19/2021
30 Diamond Ave Unit 36: Debra P. and Robert A. Moreau of Plainville to Daniel F. Hurley, \$285,000 on 1/26/2021
65 East St: East End Associates LLC of Plainville to Freedom East LLC \$1,500,000 on 1/29/2021
46 Highland Dr Unit 9: Donald J. and Davis J. Higgins of Plainville to Corriveau Home LLC \$70,000 on 1/25/2021
37 Kent St: Adam M. and Alexandra N. Lynch of Plainville to Jillian Olson \$187,000 on 1/22/2021
24 Ledge Rd: Daniel M. Knight of Plainville to Amber L. Humphrey, \$215,000 on 1/26/2021
18 Pearl St: Robert J. Campochiaro and Gail Campochiaro of Plainville to Sara McClay, \$200,000 on 1/27/2021
106 Pinnacle Rd: Francis J. Gagliardi of Plainville to Collin O. Bowen, \$230,000 on 1/27/2021
66 Prentice St: Grazyna and Stanislaw W. Olechowski of Plainville to Sarah E. Mott \$215,000 on 1/28/2021
5 Twining St: Roman Woloshyn of Plainville to Brendan T. and Tina Carter, \$168,000 on 1/27/2021
40 Betsy Rd: Peter Delfino of Plainville to Kemal Akbaba and Kelly C. Frascoina \$266,900 on 2/2/2021
9 Elm Ct: Lindsay Meyer of Plainville to Rosemary Voisine, \$236,750 on 2/3/2021

- 102 Hollyberry Ln: Donald J. Higgins of Plainville to Sandra Carson-Adair and Kati M. Wilcox, \$295,000 on 2/2/2021
69 Northwest Dr Unit 22: Michelle L. Cantin of Plainville to Lukasz Skawinski \$155,000 on 2/4/2021
116 W. Main St: Andrew Koalchic of Plainville to Gary R. Maglio and Erin J. Mccleary, \$209,000 on 2/3/2021
19 Young St: Newport Realty Group LLC of Plainville to Vivian D. and Martin Bierman, \$240,000 on 2/2/2021
54-a Bradley St: Kelly M. Gostebski of Plainville to Kelsey Miller, \$145,000 on 2/8/2021
236 East St Unit B2: Rosemary Voisine of Plainville to Melissa Franceskino, \$110,000 on 2/9/2021
Milford St: David S. Harrington of Plainville to Ying K. Chang, \$63,000 on 2/9/2021
47 Pierce St Unit 2: Justin E. and Linda L. Dangelo of Plainville to Le Prop & Investment LLC, \$123,000 on 2/9/2021
100 Town Line Road: FNMA of Plainville to Arlinda and Mark Gesner, \$189,900 on 2/8/2021
108 Westwood Ave: SSA Home Improvement LLC of Plainville to James A. Streifel and Danielle M. Matos, \$255,000 on 2/9/2021

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Once contacted a WPC Maintenance crew will be notified of the situation and will arrive to determine if the backup is from the main sewer line. If it is, they will clear it. If the blockage is not in the main sewer line then the WPC Maintenance crew will direct the property owner to contact a licensed drain layer/plumber.

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

## February 1st & February 16th Meetings



### February 1st Meeting

#### White Oak Redevelopment Discussion

- The Town Council received two proposals for the development of the White Oak property in downtown Plainville. One of the proposals was from D'Amato/Meyers who proposed continuing the current industrial use by relocating their construction businesses to the site. The second proposal was from Manafort et.al. who proposed a mixed-use development including apartments, commercial space, industrial space, public parking, and a park area adjacent to the Pequabuck River.
- The next step in the process is to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with one of the two developers. Once the Memorandum of Understanding is negotiated, the Town Council would then review and determine any further changes before moving forward. There is an item under New Business regarding the negotiation of a Memorandum of Understanding for the development of the White Oak property.

#### 2020 Grand List

- Town Assessor Ann Marie Heering has finalized the October 1, 2020 Grand List. The 2020 Grand List is the basis for determining the tax bills that will be mailed on July 1, 2021. According to the Town Assessor, the net Grand List increased by \$17M or 1.2%. This increase is higher than last year (1.12%) and more than double the increase in 2018 (0.56%) and 2017 (0.57%). There are three major categories to the grand list. They are real estate, motor vehicle and personal property. Real estate assessments increased by \$6.7M or 0.58%. Motor vehicle assessments increased by \$6.8M or 4.54% while personal property assessments increased by \$3.5M or 3.30% based upon the current mill rate of 34.62, the new grand list would generate \$587K in additional tax revenue.
- Extension of Acceptable Recyclables Processing Agreement Plainville is a member of the regional organization for both solid waste and recycling disposal. The Bristol Policy Board includes 14 municipalities. The current recycling contract is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2021. The Bristol Policy Board has negotiated a two-year extension with Murphy Road Recycling, LLC of Enfield. Murphy Road operates a regional recycling center

located in Berlin.

The proposed base rate for recycling is proposed to increase from \$80 per ton to \$83 per ton. (3.75%). However, the base rate can be adjusted based upon commodity revenue. For the current fiscal year, commodity revenue has averaged \$9.50 per ton lowering the rate to \$70.50. There is an item under New Business regarding the two-year extension of the Recycling Agreement with Murphy Road Recycling LLC.

#### COVID-19 Update

- The COVID-19 positivity rate has decreased to 3.64% in Connecticut although medical experts have expressed concerns with regards to mutated strains of the virus which appear to be more contagious. There have been approximately 375K vaccinations administered in Connecticut. So far 35% of the state's population over the age of 75 has received the vaccine. Connecticut is currently in Phase of its COVID-19 vaccination program. Under the current plan, individuals over the age of 75 can receive the vaccine. Soon, the phase will expand to include individuals between the ages of 65 to 74, and individuals between the ages of 16 and 64 who have underlying health conditions. Information on Connecticut's COVID-19 vaccination program is available at [www.ct.gov/covidvaccine](http://www.ct.gov/covidvaccine)

#### Happenings

Assistant Town Manager Daskal reported on activities in the and Senior Center details can be found on the Town's website: [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com)

Public Hearing regarding Town Manager's Proposed FY2022 Budget establish a public hearing for Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center to hear public comment on the

#### Happenings

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

#### COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Assistance

Plainville Senior Center staff are available to answer questions and assist Plainville residents needing help to schedule a COVID-19 Vaccine. At this time there are no COVID vaccine clinics scheduled in Plainville.

**Homemade Pizza Cooking Class** (On Zoom) Join us for a pizza making adventure! Call the Senior Center for a list of ingredients to have on hand to create your own masterpiece!

**Birthday Bash...Drive Thru Treats and Optional Zoom Party:** If your birthday was in February, the Senior Center celebrated your birthday with drive-thru treats.

**Men's Health- A Path to Wellness** (On Zoom): [Thursday, February 25, 10:00]

Taking charge of your own health is important. Presented by Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging.

**Book Club** (In Person): [Friday, February 26, 10:00]

This month our Book of the Month will be "Love and Ruin" by Paula McLain, the perfect book for February!

#### February 16th Meeting

##### Fiber Project Update

- The fiber project continues to move forward. This project, when completed will connect Town buildings, schools, police communication repeaters, and several sewer pumping stations to high-speed fiber.
- The Town has contracted with SERTEX to install the fiber on the utility poles. Before this can be done, work must be performed in many instances to create the space for the new fiber. Additionally, some existing utility poles must be replaced to accommodate the new services. This takes a lot of coordination between Eversource, Frontier, Crown Castle (Comcast) and FiberTech before SERTEX can do their work.
- Town staff has been conducting monthly meetings with the utility companies since the early summer on this project. It is now anticipated that SERTEX can begin their work by the end of March.
- Their installation will take approximately two months. In the interim, the IT Department is preparing interconnection with the Municipal Center, Library, Police Department, Fire Department, Senior Center, Recreation Department, Buildings & Grounds, and Roadways Department.
- They have also begun re-wiring the Water Pollution Control Facility setting up data and to ensure that they have the necessary equipment for the fiber. The same will be done to Buildings & Grounds that currently do not have internet service.
- It is expected that the project will be completed early this summer.

##### Outdoor Wireless Access Points – Town Hall and Library

- Through the efforts of the IT Department, the Town was recently awarded two outdoor access points via a state program to help spread connectivity access around Connecticut. The IT Department is suggesting the installation of these access points in the rear of the Municipal Building and

the Library. This will provide internet service to anyone in the parking lots of these two town buildings.

- It is expected that these access points will be installed during the Spring.

##### \$6M GO-BAN Results

- The Town recently went out to bid the renew \$6M in General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes. The low bid was submitted by TD Bank with an interest rate of 0.23%. This is the lowest BAN rate in several years except for one for the Town of Greenwich (a AAA rated Town) at 0.18%.
- The Town also mitigated the issuance expense by bypassing the need to issue an official statement. Plainville has an above average AA+ rating through Standard & Poor which allowed for strong investor interest and locking in an historically low interest rate.
- The BAN will expire in September, at which time the Town will permanently bond these monies.
- I want to thank Finance Director Rob Buden and Barry Bernabe from Phoenix Advisors for working together on this BAN renewal.

##### Financial Dashboard

- The Dashboard for the first seven months of the fiscal year through January 31st was included in the meeting information package and was posted to the Town website.

##### COVID-19 Update

- Vaccinations are now available to anyone who is 65 years of age or higher. Hartford Healthcare has announced that they are opening two new max-vaccination sites soon. The first site will be located at One Liberty Square in New Britain and is expected to open on February 22nd. The Town website has a link that will allow senior to make appointments directly with that site.
- The second site will be located at the Oakdale Theater in Wallingford. Instructions on how to get an appointment for COVID-19 vaccinations can be found on the Town website at [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com)
- The Health District is also beginning to reach out to the homebound. For example, Shane Lockwood is working with Linda DeZenzo at the Housing Authority to identify residents to schedule a vaccination at the senior housing complex.

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- Shawn Cohen is also providing transportation for those senior who need it.
- Any Senior Citizen who needs assistance in scheduling a vaccination can contact Stephanie at the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 and she will be happy to help you.

**From the Desk of:  
Cal Hauburger  
Economic Development  
Coordinator**

Business Openings: As I mentioned in last month's update.

Mike Miller, who owns Hop Haus in Southington has recently taken over the Trenta Tavern space on Whiting Street and will be opening a second location. As much of the work was previously completed by the former owners, the transition has been quick. In speaking with him, he plans to hold a soft opening for the Plainville location in March and will open to the maximum capacity he can under COVID guidelines soon after.

The owner of Craft Kitchen, located in the Milldale area of Southington, has signed on to take over the former Waxy O'Connor's location attached to the Fairfield Marriott. This will be a second location for Craft Kitchen, not the re-opening of Waxy's. Liquor permits were filed with the State a few weeks ago. Much like the Hop Haus takeover, this was largely turn-key with changes consisting of mostly cosmetic updates and new signage. The space will still feature the same full bar, outdoor patio seating and banquet hall. It is anticipated that the opening will happen in April of this year.

The Town has received permits from Xfinity to take over the former Joann Fabrics storefront in Connecticut Commons. The changeover will take fairly extensive renovations in terms of updated electrical, mechanical and plumbing updates. No target date for opening has been received.

**Thinking about starting a business?**

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Asst. Chief: David Massey

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**75+ Covid -19 Vaccine  
Scheduling Options**

We want to ensure that all individuals 75-years-of-age or older can receive a COVID-19 vaccine. If you have an appointment and are happy with it – keep it! We look forward to seeing you soon.

If you do not have an appointment or you were scheduled in late February or March, there are several options for you to get an appointment in the next weeks. Read on to learn more.

Options for scheduling a COVID Vaccine appointment

Call the Vaccine Appointment Assist Line (VAAL) at 877-918-2224. The Assist Line can help you schedule at locations across the State of Connecticut, The VAAL is taking calls between 8am-8pm, seven days a week (call this weekend!).

Check for appointments in VAMS. There are several clinics with available appointments throughout the State. If you already have a VAMS account, log into vams.cdc.gov. In order to search for a new appointment, you must first cancel your scheduled appointment.

CVS Locations: CVS is currently offering vaccine at four locations in Connecticut and will be expanding to many more next week. Walgreens is currently offering vaccine at 12 stores in Connecticut (across East & Western, CT). More information coming soon – you can check these retailers' websites.

You can also visit Connecticut COVID-19 Response and type in your Zip Code to look for additional locations near you.

**PLAINVILLE FIRE COMPANY'S  
2021 HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Due to the current and reasonable assumption of the State regulations, crowd size and social distancing rules expected this summer, and most importantly for the health of our Plainville citizens and visitors, the Plainville Fire Company Hot Air Balloon Festival has been canceled for 2021.

After much consultation and research, and in keeping with the core mission of the Plainville Fire Company to protect and preserve the safety of our community, the difficult decision to cancel was the only rational option for this year's event. We are looking forward to next year's Plainville Fire Company Hot Air Balloon Festival, and we hope to welcome all our friends back in August 2022!

**The Plainville Fire Company William Gammon II, Captain**

**Town of Plainville  
Revaluation Begins**

As mandated by Connecticut State Statutes, the Town of Plainville will be conducting a revaluation of all real estate in the town. This revaluation will be effective for the Grand List of October 1, 2021. Tax bills for the new revaluation will be mailed out in June 2022 and due July 1, 2022. A question and answer fact sheet is available both in the Assessment and Revenue Collection Office and on the town's website: [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com).

The Town of Plainville has contracted with Tyler Technologies CLT to assist the Town with the revaluation. This process will be ongoing through most of 2021.

In the coming months, Data Collectors from Tyler Technologies (CLT) will be inspecting all properties that have sold or have been issued building permits in the last two years. Additionally, all commercial properties will be inspected, and photographs will be taken of every property to update Town property cards to include photographs. Data Collectors have been hired, trained, and are supervised by Tyler Technologies. The data collector will carry an official photo identification badge and will be registered with the Assessment and Revenue Collection Office and Town of Plainville Police

Department. The Town urges its residents to NOT allow anyone to enter their home without this proper identification.

Data Collectors will verify the exterior measurements of each building on a property and may ask questions. Data Collectors will also ask permission to inspect the interior of the property. If applicable, they will ask for verification of recent sale information. The Data Collectors will not be able to answer questions regarding value, assessments, or taxes.

Property owners are asked to assist us in this important effort. Your cooperation will ensure the success of this revaluation and benefit not only you but the entire Town. At the conclusion of a site visit you will be asked to sign the data collection sheets to verify that a data collector visited the property. If no one is at home, the data collector will measure the exterior of all buildings on the property.

"Questions and Answers About Revaluation" a 101 guide for property owners is available online and in the Office of Assessment and Revenue Collection. Property owners may also call the Assessment and Revenue Collection Office at 860-793-0221 ext. 7134 if they have questions not answered or if they need to make an appointment for the inspection. [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com)

**PLAINVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL**

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

- Sgt. Glenn F. Smith - United States Air Force*
- Sgt. William H. Curtis - United States Army*

The Memorial Wall is located on the main floor of the Plainville Municipal Center adjacent to the Town Clerk's Office. Visitors may view the Wall during normal business hours. If you are interested in adding a Veteran's name to the Wall, applications are located in the Municipal Center, Senior Center, American Legion Post 33, and VFW Post 534.

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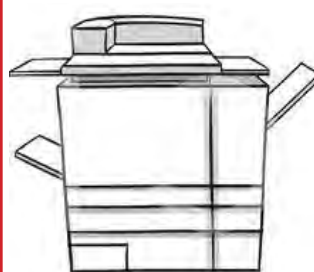
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Dear Mr. Lee,  
 I'll bet that you have forgotten about me, but I've been thinking about you, especially when I shrug off the prolonged forced isolation, and venture out past the Old Linden property. You know. That promised oasis in the shadow of the old building. What a blessing it would have been last summer, a lovely safe-in-the-sun outdoor space.

It was conceived when the frantic goal was to cancel the old building and the pitch called for conversion of the historical property for family use. The restoration was to be done during school vacations for the safety of the children. Fine.

It has been two summers now since anything has been done there. Money cannot be an excuse. We own the birdbath and the historic Broad St. School bell. Some other things, too, but they require funding. The beautiful Mary DiMinno sundial stands bravely in this virtual wasteland, a whisper of what was promised to the voters. Soon school will be out again.

There's not a lot required to make this parcel inviting. The return of our property as promised, some landscaping, including dwarf trees for shade, a few benches, maybe even some sunflowers or a butterfly garden.

I don't want to hear that this has been shunted to the BOE now.

This was a promise—yours and mine. Let's get it done.

*Janice Eisenhauer*

**Driving Tax Proposal Should be Permanently Parked**

Senator Henri Martin (R-Bristol) and Sen. Heather Somers (R-Groton) issued the following statements regarding a Democrat proposal to study the creation of a Connecticut Mileage Tax.

Sen. Martin, the Ranking Senator on the legislative Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, said, "A Connecticut mileage tax that would put a GPS chip in your vehicle to track your every move is a 'Big Brother'-type idea. There was bipartisan opposition to this idea in the past, and we hope that bipartisan opposition continues now. Instead of new tax hikes, we need to focus on getting our state's fiscal house in order and passing policies which help our economy grow."

Sen. Somers, the Ranking Senator on the legislature's Transportation Committee, said, "A driving tax on middle class Connecticut families is an idea which should be permanently parked. We already have a gas tax. We don't need more taxes to burden state residents, yet every day we learn of more and more Democrat proposals to separate middle class families from their wallets."

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**How to Apply**

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**Papa Pizza  
 First Anniversary**

Papa Pizza at 284 Farmington Ave. is celebrating their first year in business, right here in Plainville.

Gisele Taweh Frank opened Papa Pizza on March 1st, 2020, just before the Corona Virus hit. Papa Pizza's chef is Georges Chekiee and he has been making Pizza in Quebec for over 37 years. He owns 6 Papa Pizzas in Canada.

Gisele grew up in Plainville and her family owned Donut World on East St. back in the early 90's. After Gisele tasted the amazing Papa Pizza in Quebec and the authentic Canadian poutine, she knew that it's exactly what Plainville needed.

Papa Pizza is a family run business with attention to fresh ingredients of the highest quality and served with a smile. The location used to be a Dunkin Donuts for many years, but now it's unrecognizable with all the beautiful updated interior, an addition of a bar that serves beer and wine and a beautiful new outdoor patio, that debuted in May 2020.

Even though Papa Pizza has great pizza and traditional Canadian Poutine, what's unique about them is the addition of authentic Lebanese dishes that are rarely found in this part of Connecticut. They have an array of dishes from the Chicken Kabob Platter to the Hummus appetizer. We have many Pizza restaurants in Plainville but very few have this kind of selection on the menu. Their Chicken Shawarma and Falafel Sandwich have attracted customers from surrounding towns. "When you use fresh ingredients, traditional Lebanese recipes and a lot of love, you get great tasting food." Gisele said. They also offer healthy vegetarian

& vegan items as well as gluten free dough for the pizza.

Papa Pizza has something that is the only one in the state, a drive thru to pick up your pizza. How cool is that, you don't have to get out of your car to get your pizza. "The drive thru was our savior during Covid 19" noted Gisele "Our customers felt a lot more at ease picking up their food with minimal contact."

They have handheld machines to process credit card transactions for drive thru, dine in and deliveries. Every machine is sanitized after every transaction and so are all tables and chairs. It's so unfortunate that Covid 19 hit a few weeks after Papa Pizza opened. But Gisele and Georges did not stop serving their customers throughout this whole time. They felt that they have to be there to serve their community during this hard year. "The community welcomed us with open arms and we owe it them to be there, in this hard time" said Gisele smiling.

Even though they got hit hard in their first year in business, Papa Pizza still managed to give back to those in need and that are putting their lives on the line for the community.

Papa Pizza has dine in, outdoor dining, drive thru pickup window, a bar, deliveries and they cater to homes and businesses. They also have easy online ordering [www.papapizzausa.com](http://www.papapizzausa.com) or by calling 860-855-7777.

They are open Tuesday to Sunday from 11:30 am till 8 pm and service with a smile.

*With the support of the community, Papa Pizza will be around for a long time.*

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# To Your Health

## What Seeds Will You Plant Today?

Spring is on its way and for many, that means it is time to plant our gardens. Growing herbs and vegetables is very rewarding, cost effective and provides a meditative, grounded activity that can calm the mind and nourish the belly.

During my studies at The Institute of Sustainable Nutrition, a plant model was introduced. The model focused on the significance of starting seeds in a healthy soil. There is a clear connection between feeding the soil with natural amendments to yield a nutrient dense harvest and feeding our gut with the right foods to yield good health and clear thinking.

Making simple fermented garden amendments will help to balance the minerals needed for a good soil. Introducing fermented foods to your diet is a great way to increase the good bacteria in your gut and improve digestion. I look forward to cabbage in the spring to make my own fermented Sauerkraut. If you frequently experience digestive problems or foggy brain, I would like to plant the seed that exploring fermented foods might just a good way to address this.

Whether you are a gardener or not, you are most likely planting seeds all the time.

We plant seeds when we gently coach others to consider another course of action – one that we feel might benefit them. Of course, these seeds won't grow until the other person is ready to accept and integrate this sage advice as their own. Only then can these seeds come into full bloom and create miracles.

Consider what seeds we plant through our self talk? We digest both the positive and negative messages each day. These seeds affect our self-perceptions, motivation, and excitement (or lack of) for approaching the day.

We can either help or hurt ourselves by the seeds we plant in our minds. If most of these seeds are positive and reflect what we appreciate and want to nurture in our life, great. However, I would venture a guess that many times these seeds are grounded in negativity about what we imagine we lack. Most of the time this perception is not even true.

These lies we tell ourselves are not helpful. They can contribute to depression or stagnation, stress and poor health.

As spring, a time for renewal and growth is upon us, consider planting more positive self talk seeds that lift us up, make us strong, and enhance our lives and in turn the lives of those around us.

### To Your Good Health and Happiness,

*Linda*

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## Rep. Petit Supports Measures to Address Increase in Juvenile Auto Theft



HARTFORD-With more communities around the state reporting an increase in juvenile auto theft and

burglaries, State Representative William A. Petit Jr. (R-22) has co-sponsored a bill to address the repetitive nature of these crimes by holding individuals accountable.

"This bill would provide our law enforcement officers with the necessary tools to address the dramatic increase in juvenile car thefts that have taken place across Connecticut," Rep. Petit said. "The increase in juvenile car theft and burglary has become a dangerous threat to public safety and impacted residents' quality of life. Coordinated groups have burglarized dozens of cars setting up potentially dangerous confrontations between property owners and juveniles."

The proposal, HB-5473, An Act Concerning Additional Methods and Resources to Deter Juvenile Auto Theft, would seek to transfer juveniles

who have committed or attempted to commit larceny involving a motor vehicle to the regular criminal docket. The bill would also look to expand the circumstances in which a juvenile could be detained or released with the use of a global positioning system prior to a court hearing. Additionally, the proposal includes expand the definition of a "serious juvenile repeat offender" to include someone who has previously been charged with larceny offenses involving a motor vehicle.

Similarly, Rep. Petit has also co-signed onto HB-5362, An Act Concerning the Automatic Transfer of Certain Auto Theft Cases from the Juvenile Court to the Criminal Docket and Revising the State-Wide Policy on Police Pursuits Specific to Property Crimes and SB-534, An Act Concerning Auto Thefts by Juvenile Offenders.

"While we are still in the early stages of the legislative process, there are many similar concepts and proposals on this issue that should be considered by the Judiciary Committee," Rep. Petit said. "I am hopeful that the committee will craft a bill that addresses this issue and allow for public hearings so members of the general public can weigh in before sending a final version to the General Assembly for a vote."

## Driver's Licenses & Non-driver ID Cards

To avoid the lines at the DMV offices, the State is offering an online renewal program.

Residents whose licenses or ID cards expired within the past 45 days as part of a "soft-launch" of the initiative, have used the program. Officials said 20,000 individuals have renewed their licenses online.

Eligible residents will receive an invitation electronically or by mail to complete their transaction online and make an electronic payment using a credit or debit card. When the transaction is completed, the license or non-driver ID should be received by mail within 20 days. Current rules allow license and ID photo to remain unchanged for eight years.

## Parking Ban Is In Effect

*Plainville's overnight parking ban since December 1st.*

The ordinance states that it shall be unlawful from December 1st to April 1st for owner or operator of a motor vehicle to allow such vehicle to stand on any street in the Town of Plainville for more than one hour between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a. m. on any given day. Any violator of this article shall be fined \$50.00 for each offense and, in addition, shall pay for the towing, moving, parking and storage of any vehicle removed in accordance with this article.

## COVID Vaccine Information

The Plainville Southington Health District encourages all eligible residents to get vaccinated for Covid-19. Those 65 and older can schedule an appointment for a vaccine.

Information about the current phases for receiving the vaccine can be found at: <https://portal.ctgov/Coronaviris/COVID-19-Vaccination>

For citizens without a computer may call CT COVID Vaccine Appointment Assistance Line (877) 918-2224. Phone lines are open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week with appointments being booked at 12 locations across the state.

Call 2-1-1 for an appointment and vaccination site near you. Leave a message, your name & phone number on the 2-1-1 voicemail. It may take a few days for a return call.

We may be able to provide transportation if your vaccine scheduled for Plainville, Bristol, Southington, New Britain or Farmington. Dial-a-Ride is available Monday-Thursday 10:a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or Fridays 10: a.m.- Noon.

If you need a ride, please be sure to schedule your vaccination appointment within these hours.

**Please be aware that COVID Vaccine sites are continuously being added and appointment availability changes rapidly. For any questions or help with scheduling a COVID vaccine, please call the Plainville Senior Center 860-747-5728**

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

**(Ann faves)** I favor shopping down town Plainville, (little kept secret about the parking.) All the businesses have plenty of parking in the rear of all the buildings. Bolo Bakery for breakfast, Main Street Diner or El Paso for Lunch, D'Marie's for dinner. Also shopping in the variety of specialty shops

**(Gary raves)** Definitely do try the Coji kitchen, just south of Town Line Road on Queen Street. This little gem serves farm to table freshness with an Asian flare. The perfectly fixed, slightly crisp garden vegetables are delightful. You'll love the sparkling clean space offering some limited seating and the focus on take out. Gracious service. Generous helpings. Check out the affordable menu on line.

**(Ted faves)** I live in New York and whenever I come home to Plainville visiting my family, my mother always orders WINGS from J. Timothy's because she knows they are my favorite. She knows that I have never yet been able to find WINGS like J. Tim's in New York.

**Email your faves and raves to share it with everyone! Let's hear what you have to say, we need your comments!**  
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Q-2) I went to a Dentist, who said my Insurance Company should pay for my Cleaning. However, after they submitted the Bill to the Insurance Company, they paid only their "Customary" fee and my Dentist sent me a Bill for the balance ! What can I do now ?

A-2) *You can submit a letter to your Insurance Company Appeal and Grievance Department and tell them why you think they should pay the remaining Balance of the Bill, or to negotiate a 'fair' rate with your Dentist. This may or may not work. To avoid a Denial of Claims in the future, call your Insurance Company before you go to the Dentist to confirm that they are an In-Network Provider.*

Q/A 3) Dentists and Vision Providers in the Medicare Advantage Plans frequently move In and Out of Networks. It is ALWAYS best to call and confirm with your Insurance Carrier that your particular Provider is In-Network before you go for an appointment. Also remember to confirm that your Eye Care Provider is In-Network for BOTH the Eye Exam and to provide your glasses. Not all Providers who are In-Network for Eye Exams are In-Network to provide glasses.

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## Life With Wanda



You just have to love your relatives, take my little niece Sherri. Though she lives thousands of miles away I have always had a fondness for her. As a small child she always had a way about her that could bring a smile to your face and as she grew up she would call and tell me her adventures so the bond was always there.

She finally met a young man and as things progressed they married and raised a family but I never asked what her husband did until a few years ago. At that time she remarked he was a PA and I was happy they could live a comfortable life style, with her husband in the medical field and on many an occasion I might have bragged a bit about Sherri being married to a PA. It wasn't until just last evening when we were talking and I remarked how busy he must be with this Corona virus thing and she said he was now retired. I remarked being in the medical field perhaps he would be giving vaccinations if only part-time. She then said why would I think he was in the medical field and I said, "You said he was a PA." It was then she said, PA stood for "pain in the ass." Well I guess many of our husbands are PA's.

This article brought to you in the interest of better.....

## DENTAL HEALTH

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### Sports & Energy Drinks and Your Teeth

A study published in an issue of General Denistry, found that an alarming increase in the consumption of sports and energy drinks, especially among adolescents, is causing irreversible damage to teeth--specifically, the high acidity levels in the drinks erode tooth enamel, the glossy outer layer of the tooth.

Young adults consume these drinks assuming that they will improve their sports performance and energy levels and that they are 'better' for them than soda, however most of these patients are shocked to learn that these drinks are essentially bathing their teeth with acid.

Researchers examined the acidity levels in 13 sports drinks and 9 energy drinks. They found that the acidity levels can vary between brands of beverages and flavors of the same brand. To test the effect of the acidity levels, the researchers immersed samples of human tooth enamel in each beverage for 15 minutes, followed by immersion in artificial saliva for two hours. This cycle was repeated four times a day for five days, and the samples were stored in fresh artificial saliva at all other times.

This type of testing simulates the same exposure that proportion of American teens and young adults are subjecting their teeth to on a regular basis they drink one of these beverages every few hours.

The researchers found that damage to enamel was evident after only five days

of exposure to sports or energy drinks, although energy drinks showed a significantly greater potential to damage teeth than sports drinks. In fact, the authors found that energy drinks caused twice as much damage to teeth as sports drinks.

With a reported 30 to 50 percent of U.S. teens consuming energy drinks, and as many as 62 percent consuming at least one sports drink per day, it is important to educate parents and young adults about the downside of these drinks. Damage caused to tooth enamel is irreversible, and without protection of enamel, teeth become overly sensitive, prone to cavities, and more likely to decay.

Teens regularly come into our dental office with these types of symptoms, but they don't know why. We review their diet and snacking habits and then we discuss their consumption of these beverages. They don't realize that something as seemingly harmless as sports or energy drink can do a lot of damage to their teeth.

We recommend that our patients minimize their intake of sports and energy drinks. We also advise them to chew sugar-free gum or rinse the mouth with water following consumption of the drinks. Both tactics increase saliva flow, which naturally helps to return the acidity levels in the mouth to normal.

*Our office has many new protocols to keep our patients and staff safe of COVID -19. Call for an appointment for an appointment, today!*

## WELCOME TO ROBERTSON AIRPORT

BY: LYNN MICHAUD

Robertson Airport is the oldest airport in the State of Connecticut, established in 1911. Robertson is a general aviation airport owned by the Town of Plainville and managed by Interstate Aviation, Inc. since 1971. A complete service facility for pilots and aircraft.

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## Public Health Committee Ranking Members Host Virtual News Conference to Address Concerns Over Public Hearing Process

Republican House and Senate Ranking Members on the Public Health Committee held a virtual news conference in response to a shortened public hearing that took place yesterday on two immunization related bill proposals to eliminate the state's religious exemption.

State Representative William A. Petit Jr. (R-22) and State Senators Heather Somers (R-18) and Tony Hwang (R-28) and their Republican colleagues cited three specific reasons for hosting the press conference.

Unhappiness that such a controversial and contentious issue was chosen to be discussed during a pandemic, rather than at a time when members of the general public could testify in person.

Belief that any bill proposal brought in front of the committee should focus on the pandemic and other covid related issues.

Lack of testimony and input from the Department of Public Health, Connecticut State Department of Education, Governor Lamont, Senate Majority Leader Bob Duff, Senate President Pro Temp Martin Looney, and Democrat Speaker Matt Ritter.

"Given the magnitude of these bills and impact upon thousands of school children, we owed it to every single person who signed up to testify the opportunity to do so, it is unfortunate that more than fifteen hundred people were not afforded that ability," Rep. Petit said. "While I certainly believe and trust in the Science of vaccinations, this issue needs our thoughtful consideration to help those who are unsure as to the pros and cons

of vaccination. Additionally, it was also very unfortunate that none of the leadership who feel this bill is essential to pass during a pandemic were there to testify on its behalf or anyone from the Department of Public Health and State Department of Education so we could at minimum review recently released data and the impact upon the children."

"What we saw over the past 24 hours is a disregard for the deeply held traditions in Connecticut and the time-honored foundation of our country," Sen. Somers said. "The process the Democrat majority on this committee has voted on by prematurely ending a public hearing where nearly 1500 people were not allowed to speak does not honor the right to petition our government and to be able to have grievances and opinions be heard."

State Senator Tony Hwang said, "I was really eager to learn and hear testimony today from all the impacted shareholders on this issue. That's what we do in a representative government that is for the people, by the people. No matter where you stand on this emotional issue, there's only one loser in today's public hearing process: transparent and representative government. This 24-hour limit of a public hearing where only 430 out of nearly 2000 people on both sides of the issue were heard. Those people's representative voices were denied. This process, in my mind, is disrespectful and insensitive to the people it personally impacts."

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**Rep. William A. Petit Jr. (22nd), Rep. Devin Carney (23rd), Rep. Donna Veach (30th), Rep. Carol Hall (59th), Rep. Cara Pavalock-D'Amato (77th), and Rep. Stephen Harding (107th).**

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

### FAMILY VIOLENCE IN 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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# "Young at Heart" Senior Center News

## Two Options Available Income Tax Assistance

**#1. AARP Tax Aide Program at Plainville Senior Center:** Income tax provided by the AARP Tax-Aide program will be available, on a limited-basis, at the Plainville Senior Center. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, appointments will ONLY be available to individuals who have had their taxes prepared by the AARP Tax-Aide program in the past. They are NOT taking any new clients. Upon entering the Senior Center, all persons must wear a mask, check in with the Senior Center greeter and complete a COVID screening. You must bring ALL required paperwork with you to your appointment. If you do not have all the necessary documentation, you will risk not having your taxes completed by the AARP Tax-Aide volunteer this year, as they will not be able to reschedule an additional appointment for you.

**#2. HRA VITA Tax Aide Program:** HRA in New Britain and Bristol are offering free income tax assistance by IRS-certified volunteers for families and individuals whose total household income is \$56,000 or less. Please call 860-356-2000 or 860-826-2278 to schedule an appointment. Dial-a-Ride can bring you to HRA if you need a ride.

**GET TESTED FOR COVID-19** At the Plainville Senior Center Enter on Stillwell Drive, March 2, 9:00 to 1:00

The testing is FREE. No insurance necessary. This is a PCR Test. The results are available 3-4 days after being tested. Drive-In. No need to get out of your car. No appointment necessary!

Community Health Center also does daily testing at 85 Lafayette St., New Britain and 395 North Main Street, Bristol.

### Free Mask Distribution on March 11th

A COVID Vaccine Clinic here at the Senior Center on Friday, March 19th.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th by picking up your green treat bag from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., join us at 3:00 from home or at the center for a special Zoom concert called "From Ireland to America".

Read more details about this activities and much more in the March Newsletter.

### CREAMY GNOCCHI SOUP (on Zoom)

Monday, March 15, 11:30 a.m.

Call the Senior Center to register We'll be making a Creamy Gnocchi Soup, and you'll be making Ricotta Gnocchi from scratch along with Katie, Registered Dietitian from Food Explorers! You'll need the following ingredients: ricotta, 3 eggs, grated parmesan, flour, 4 cups chicken OR vegetable broth, milk, 1 onion, 1 zucchini, 2 sticks celery, carrots and your choice of seasonings: thyme, rosemary, bay leaf, etc. A cheese grater is recommended.



## Cleaning Out Your Closet for 2021?

Hartsprings Foundation would like to help you. We collect your unwanted clothing directly from your house. No need to be home, just schedule a pickup, leave your bags of clothes outside by 7 am on the day of pickup, and go about your day while one of our drivers stops by during the day to collect your items. Your donations provide funding for BBBS. By scheduling a pickup, Hartsprings is able to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

[www.donatehartsprings.org](http://www.donatehartsprings.org)

Info on how and what to donate.....

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## Sharpie Coasters

Thursday, March 18, 2:00 p.m.

Learn how to make beautiful marbled coasters using Sharpie markers during this simple and fun activity. Great for novice crafters! A supply kit, provided through a grant from the Department on Aging & Disability Services, CT Senior Center Project: CARES Act includes 4 tile coasters with cork backing and sharpie markers. You will need to have some rubbing alcohol nearby. A spray bottle works best! You can do this program at home on Zoom, or if you prefer, you can come to the Senior Center to do the program on our Zoom (we will set it up for you). Supplies will need to be picked up ahead of time, if you are planning on doing the class at home. Space is limited. Instructor: Lindsey Hottin. Call the Senior Center. **Must register by March 11th.**

## Texture Painting

Thursday, March 25, 2:00 p.m.

Learn how to paint with texture, combining elements of splatter painting, pour painting, and more This activity will leave you with three finished paintings; no painting experience required. A supply kit, provided through a grant from the Department on Aging & Disability Services, CT Senior Center Project: CARES Act includes three 8x10" canvases, pour paints in coordinating colors, a texturing fork, and a plastic trash bag to protect your workspace from spills, though you may want to put down additional coverage if you are worried about your surfaces. This craft is messy but fun! You can do this program at home on Zoom, or if you prefer, you can come to the Senior Center to do the program on our Zoom (we will set it up for you). Supplies will need to be picked up ahead of time, if you are planning on doing the class at home. Space is limited.

Instructor: Lindsey Hottin. Call the Senior Center to register. **Must register by March 11th. THE FOOD Senior Center Phone 860-747-5728**

## Share Program at the

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

## GET TESTED FOR COVID-19

### More Info on Page 7

*In case you missed it!*

## Plainville Senior Center

### Needs Volunteers to Deliver Meals-on-Wheels

The Plainville Senior Center and CW Resources are in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound older adults in Plainville.

Meals are delivered between 10:00 am to 12 noon, Monday through Friday.

Volunteers use their own vehicles, however mileage reimbursement is available. Training is provided.

Please call Ronda at the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728 if you are interested or have questions about this important volunteer opportunity.

**The Senior Center is at 200 East Street.**

### When is Assisted Living Right?

Are you lonely? Forget to take your medications? Dread driving in icy weather? Tired of home maintenance? When such questions arise and limitations become evident, it could be time to consider assisted living for yourself.

### 10 Tips to Consider a Move!

1. Your family home is too large or expensive for one or two people.
2. Caring for your home is overwhelming.
3. No longer are able to handle personal care.
4. Cooking daily meals is a chore.
5. Confused about your medications.
6. Feeling isolated or lonely.
7. Seeing decline in balance and strength or feeling inactive.
8. Concerned about losing electricity during a power outage.
9. No longer to drive.
10. Worried about returning home following a hospital stay or short-term rehabilitation.

To learn more about how assisted living at a Hartford HealthCare Senior Services community could be your best decision, call Cheryl Olson, Community outreach manager, at 860-681-9909.

### PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU FEEL SICK

Please do not come to the Senior Center if you are under quarantine or have been exposed to COVID19. Please do not come to the Senior Center if you feel ill. We cannot transport you on Dial-A-Ride if you feel sick. Please contact your doctor if you feel sick.

## Plainville Senior Center Receives Funding from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Plainville Senior Center has been awarded a \$2,500.00 grant from the Archdiocese of Hartford through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program. The funding will help the Plainville Senior Center continue its mission of providing transportation services to members of the Plainville Community who are 60 years of age or older. The Senior Center's Dial-A-Ride Program has been operating for over 40 years.

According to Senior Center Director Shawn Cohen, "We are honored and grateful to be chosen to receive funding from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. So many people rely on our Dial-A-Ride Program for medical and social service appointments, shopping, banking, socialization, hairdressers, errands and to the Senior Center. Dial-A-Ride helps individuals who cannot drive or do not own a car to live an independent life. It gives a sense of mobility and self-assuredness which would otherwise be lacking. Funding for Dial-A-Ride is provided by the Town of Plainville, donations from organizations, individuals and families, as well as fundraising. During COVID times, we are also using our Dial-A-Ride buses to deliver meals and personalized Food Share packages, plus rides to vaccine appointments."

For more information about the Plainville Senior Center and its efforts, please call 860-747-5728 or visit the Senior Center website at [www.plainville.com/senior-center](http://www.plainville.com/senior-center).

*Since 1981, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal has been able to assist tens of thousands of people – regardless of race, religion, or color – across the Archdiocese of Hartford with health care, education, housing, emergency expenses and in numerous other areas. It is through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program and the generosity of its donors that the Appeal is able to assist a wide array of community-based charities throughout Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield Counties.*

## Outdoor Lighting

By Laura Davis, Owner  
of the  
Light Hangar Company

Upgrading the outdoor lighting for your home and yard may not be at the top of your home improvement "to do" list this Spring, but here's why it should be. There are, of course, practical reasons including increasing security by lighting dark areas. There are also aesthetic reasons such as creating that much sought after curb appeal. Have you driven by those homes that just have that "wow" factor? Light fixtures are the accessories to your home's exterior and can help create that warmth that makes your home feel special.

### How Do I Get Started?

The first thing you need to do is take stock of your current setup for exterior lighting to determine where your exterior lights are located. Do you have lighting fixtures already installed by the front door, garage or back

sliding door? Are there security lights on the back and sides of your home? Do you have pathway or landscape lights? Should you choose to add lighting, be sure to contact your local electrician to do so.

### Boosting Security

If you are looking to boost security, certainly make sure you have the most amount of light coming from each fixture. This may look like upgrading your security lights to an LED motion light or by changing out your current fixture bulbs to LED and the highest wattage recommended by manufacturer specifications. While there are options for motion wall lanterns, there are few decorative options and most are not tested for longevity. Instead, consider adding an in-wall timer to your outdoor lights. The LED bulbs will not cost a lot in electricity usage and you're home can be lit up for as long as you would like at night. Be sure to adjust with daylight changes and daylight savings time.

### Curb Appeal

Great outdoor lighting adds curb appeal to any home. Lighting at the front door

is one of the first things your guests will notice when they arrive. While a great wreath certainly adds warmth, don't forget the basics of a front door such as the wall lantern. With various styles, you can update your lanterns to a modern style or you can keep with the character of your home by using a transitional (an updated traditional) style. Whichever style you use, be sure to try to coordinate the fixtures all over your home (i.e. post lantern, garage light, side or back door lights) in the same color and/or collection (fixtures

with various mounts, but similar style). This way your lighting choices will look cohesive and intentional.

While we mostly live inside our homes and therefore want our interior spaces to be as comfortable and unique to us as possible – the outside should feel that way too. Soon the warmer weather will be upon us and we will be starting to get outside again.

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## Snow Days During Pandemics

By: Sally Miller

I watched the snow float slowly from the sky and remembered snow days of years past. School was never cancelled unless we had at least a foot of snow. When school was cancelled, we had no fancy snow boards, or fancy sleds. We used the top of aluminum trash cans, and paper boxes which were broken down and if one of the children had a sled, 5 kids all jumped on at the same time. When that happened, the sled wouldn't move. We would snap frozen ice off of the sled and put them in our mouths until our tongues were frozen.

We would make money shoveling. Nowadays, you can't find any children that will stop looking at their tablets, androids or computers long enough to enjoy or make money shoveling snow. It is not even in their realm of thought.

One of my favorite things to do on snow days was to make ice cream from fallen snow. Mom would take a bowl and let fresh fallen snow fall into the bowl. We would add evaporated milk, vanilla and sugar and have the best ice cream in the world. We would then sit with our face in our hands, elbows on windowsills and watch the snow fall. I miss those simple, wonderful days. We would sit around and mom would tell us stories of storms from years ago. Our old homestead was at 24 Farmington Avenue, Plainville and my mom spoke of the blizzard of '88 that was told to her by her



Aunt Mary. They had to use pans to dig a tunnel from the house to the street

Thanks for the memories MOM and for taking the time to teach us how to enjoy a snow day.

Now that we are quarantined we dislike snow days even more. It simply means increased isolation. I sat in the living room and watched the snow change shapes and fall to the earth sometimes slowly and other times quickly during the last 3 storms. I thought how fortunate it was that most of my friends and I did not have to get up extra early on a snow day because it would take us extra time to get to work.

Now, I sit in my chair, sip on coffee and watch it snow. I could be angry but I prefer to look at the bright side of things. There are also many people working from home and providing home schooling.

Now, the children can go outside and play in the snow, plus they do not have to go out either.

In a couple of months, I will be planting flowers and this snow will provide the moisture in the earth that is needed for the beautiful pansies, sunflower, and vegetables we will enjoy.

*I am writing this at the beginning of February, but if we get many more storms, I will scream. Have a nice day.*



## Nurses and Volunteers Standing Ready to Administer Corona Vaccine to Residents in Florida

by: Jeannette Hinkson

As a resident of the State of Florida, I find it has one of the best plans of any state for giving the people of the state shots and testing for the corona virus. No matter what you see on TV or read, Governor Ron DeSantis of Florida and the health officials have nailed it when it comes to protecting their residents.

A few weeks ago I contacted the Lake County Board of Health and asked what seniors can do to get their shots if they are unable to stand in line. The lady said they would get back to me, I made this call on a Friday. On Monday morning I was called saying they would be out to our home that afternoon to administer the vaccine. Right on time two nurses arrived, administered the shots and gave us the paper work scheduling the second shot. In three weeks I received a call instructing me to drive to their location for the second shot. I expected long lines and a long wait but surprise, surprise we drove in, handed in our previous paperwork, were directed where to park and a nurse came to our car and administered the vaccine.

Having to wait fifteen minutes to check if we might have a reaction was the longest time spent then they gave us lollipops and great conversation the time went by quickly.

I learned at that station they process about a thousand people per day. Let's compare Connecticut to Florida. Florida has a population of roughly twenty two million compared to Connecticut with only three and a half million. Florida has 67 counties while Connecticut only eight and Florida is spread over roughly sixty-nine thousand square miles compared to Connecticut's fifty-five hundred square miles. For Florida to be able to vaccinate the number of people in such a manner is amazing let alone get schools and businesses up and running is truly amazing.

The people running these operations are truly amazing and moving those seeking vaccinations at an incredible rate is amazing.

Why can't all states handle the masses the way Florida does? The perks of living in Florida are amazing. Some of these are low property taxes, a new home in Florida costs a resident under two thousand dollars, no income tax, low auto registration, no auto tax and the cost of living is low not to mention sunshine all year round. It is no wonder the Florida building industry is booming and relocation to the Sunshine State is on the rise.

*As they would say on the Price is Right. "Come on down."*

# Planning During the Coronapocalypse

By

Francis Rexford Cooley

As February rolls into March each year my thoughts move to spring and summer plans and travel. For over two decades I have been an active member of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association (PCA/ACA or PCA for short) and have presented some twenty papers on Cemeteries and Grave Markers during the annual conference just prior to Easter. By February I am working on my travel plans by air or rail, getting my hotel reservation, and plotting out a series of excursions to the historical and cultural sites of the host city. But alas with the Coronapocalypse this year's conference will be remote, in June, and will require a mere hour of my time since I am presenting the paper I wrote for last year's conference which did not take place. All the planning I normally do to travel is unnecessary.

Until last year I had made at least an annual trip up to Fenway Park to see the Red Sox. I have friends who for some strange reason are Yankee fans and made their annual trek to Yankee Stadium (I will just leave out the poor woe begotten Mets fans that I know). Didn't happen last year and probably won't this year as well as no decision on fan attendance has been made for the New York or Boston teams. There is a bit of planning required to make such a trek. First is, who can go, when? Then there is securing tickets, transportation plans (bus trip or drive?), are we pre-gaming, post-gaming, or just going to the game? Ditto for the minors, if your town still has its team (sorry Norwich).

The same is true for going to a summer concert. Most large summer tours are booked by February and

tickets are on sale or at least announced. I have usually received a mailer from Tanglewood listing the summer Boston Pops series, and information on the popular music series and jazz series is posted. Not this year. Ringo Starr, who was set to appear at Tanglewood last season, has noted his tour this summer will probably not happen and he may record a second EP to be released this year instead (h/t to Picozzi's "Rock Gossip" for this tidbit). A music weekend away in the Berkshires this summer seems unlikely as does a trip to Bethel Woods in New York, whose website only lists concerts postponed from 2020 to 2021 and probably won't occur until 2022 if at all.

Of course the lack of concerts and not being able to attend sporting events should open up more time to do primary research since I am a historian. So maybe a trip to the research library of the Fenimore Museum should be on the summer plans? I am working on a second scholarly article on six generations of Fenimore Cooper authors and American Culture. The only problem, their library, like most research libraries right now, is closed to visitors which makes doing such research a bit tough. Guess I'm not going to Cooperstown to do research nor go to the Hall of Fame Induction Weekend (also closed to the public) this summer.

So what is there to do during the Coronapocalypse? Well, there are still a couple of Drive-in movie theaters in the state (Mansfield, Pleasant Valley, and Southington). There are a lot of trails still to hike (I have hiked/walked nearly 1,000 miles since the beginning of the shutdown). There is fishing, as long as I don't let catching the fish interfere with the fishing. And one can always read a few books. So maybe one just needs to tweek the planning for the plans because there is still a lot of things one can do during the Covid imposed staycations for the Spring and Summer of 2021.

# Trading Your Snow Shovel in for a Water Can?

Here are 4 Tips to Help You Avoid Injury This Spring  
By Kevin M. Connellan P.T.

Spring is finally here! The birds are chirping and the sun is shining, which means it's time to get down and dirty in your garden.

Unfortunately, all of that bending, kneeling, lifting and digging can lead to injuries, even ones that most people have never heard of, like weeder's wrist and pruner's neck. To prevent these and other injuries, here are some tips every gardener can benefit from:

**Warm Up** – It may sound silly, but throwing yourself into any physical hobby – including gardening – after months of decreased activity can be dangerous. Something as simple as going for a walk beforehand or light stretching can reduce your risk of injury.

**Lift With Your Legs** – Make sure when lifting things like a bag of soil or tools, the energy comes from your legs and not your back. Using your back to lift can cause muscle soreness in your lower back or shoulders. Avoiding simultaneous lifting and twisting and keeping heavier items close to your body can also help to decrease the

risk of injury. **Protect Your Body** – Using kneelers or knee pads when working on the ground protects your knees from injury and unnecessary stress. Opting for long-handled tools limits the amount of bending you may have to do, therefore reducing the likelihood of any back injury.

**Know Your Limits** – Keep in mind the amount of weight or activity your body can handle. Using a wheelbarrow to do the heavy lifting or taking frequent trips and carrying smaller amounts of items from one place to another greatly reduces the amount of stress on your bones and muscles.

There are many ways to avoid injury but understanding your symptoms and causes can lead to a quicker solution, and less pain in your life.

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## PLAINVILLE LIONS ROAR

Plainville Lions Beginning – The Plainville Lions was organized on May 15th, 1941 and has since supported the community (e.g. Food Pantry, Plainville Social Services, Park Concerts, etc.) through a variety of ways such as paper drives and fruit cake sales to name a few, and through our famous Pancake Breakfasts.

**Pancake Breakfasts** - Information on page 26.

**Scholarship Awards** – Plainville Lions have been awarding deserving students scholarships to help with their college level education. The fund that enables this capability was started by Lions Stanley E. Sherman and Herman E. Papenforth around 1956, and awards have been granted annually since. The Lions are very proud and happy to be helping these students become valuable, contributing citizens.

**Vision Screening** – The Plainville Lions KidSight Vision Screening program was started in 2015. By 2017, it was screening all students of Plainville in private and public schools Pre-K through Grade 5. This amounts to screening for roughly 1000 students annually. The screening identifies those students who should be referred to a doctor for glasses or other vision related issues. This program was made possible through many factors, including all those "Shake-the-Can" collections that you may be familiar with. Covid is delaying many of the recent screenings, but plans are to continue when possible and alternatively train School Nurses

to use the screening devices available from the Lions.

**Eyeglass Collections** – Plainville Lions still collect used, in good condition, eyeglasses, and hearing aids. The collection boxes are available at the following locations:

- **Gnazzo Food Center**
- **Town of Plainville Municipal Center**
- **Plainville Police Station**
- **Plainville Library**
- **Clear Horizon Eyecare, LLC**
- **Wheeler Regional Family YMCA**

**Senior Picnic** – Annually in June, we provide a picnic for Seniors at the Plainville Senior Center. We are hoping to continue this tradition when it is possible.

**Blood Drive** – This year will be the first time that we will be working with the American Red Cross, and will sponsoring a blood drive. The date is April 30, 2021, and it will be held at the OLM Parish Center. Please go to our website or facebook link for more information and on how to sign up:

**Our website is:**  
[www.plainvilleclions.org](http://www.plainvilleclions.org)

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[www.facebook.com/plainvilleclions](http://www.facebook.com/plainvilleclions)

The Plainville Lions are always looking for new members that can help with any the above activities, or in establishing new activities. For any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the President, Brian Lavigne at 860-747-2618 or

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**Subject:****Buffett Rule to fix America****LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD FOR . . .  
CONGRESSIONAL REFORM ACT 2021**

Warren Buffett is asking everyone to forward this email to a minimum of 20 people, and to ask each of those to do likewise. In three days, most people in the United States will have the message. This is an idea that should be passed around.

**The BUFFETT Rule**

Let's see if these idiots understand what people pressure is all about.

Salary of retired US Presidents ..\$180,000 FOR LIFE.

Salary of House/Senate member \$174,000 FOR LIFE.

This is stupid

Salary of Speaker of the House . \$223,500 FOR LIFE.

This is really stupid

Salary of Majority / Minority Leaders . . . . .

\$193,400 FOR LIFE. Stupid

Average Salary of a teacher . . . . . \$40,065

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**Here's where the cuts should be made!**

Warren Buffett, in a recent interview with CNBC, offers one of the best quotes about the debt ceiling:

"I could end the deficit in five minutes," he told CNBC. "You just pass a law that says that anytime there is a deficit of more than 3% of GDP, all sitting members of Congress are ineligible for re-election".

The 26th Amendment ( granting the right to vote for 18 year-olds ) took only three months and eight days to be ratified! Why? Simple! The people demanded it. That was in 1971 - before computers, e-mail, cell phones, etc.

Of the 27 amendments to the Constitution, seven (7) took one (1) year or less to become the law of the land - all because of public pressure.

Warren Buffett is asking each addressee to forward this email to a minimum of twenty people on their address list; in turn ask each of those to do likewise.

In three days, most people in The United States of America will have the message. This is one idea that really should be passed around.

**Congressional Reform Act of 2021**

1. No Tenure / No Pension. A Congressman / woman collects a salary while in office and receives no pay when they're out of office.

2. Congress (past, present, & future) participates in Social Security.

All funds in the Congressional retirement fund move to the Social Security system immediately. All future funds flow into the Social Security system, and Congress participates with the American people. It may not be used for any other purpose.

3. Congress can purchase their own retirement plan, just as all Americans do.

4. Congress will no longer vote themselves a pay raise. Congressional pay will rise by the lower of CPI or 3%.

5. Congress loses their current health care system and participates in the same health care system as the American people.

6. Congress must equally abide by all laws they impose on the American people.

7. All contracts with past and present Congressmen/women are void effective 3/1/21. The American people did not make this contract with Congressmen/women.

Congress made all these contracts for themselves. Serving in Congress is an honor, not a career. The Founding Fathers envisioned citizen legislators, so ours should serve their term(s), then go home and go back to work.

***If each person contacts a minimum of twenty people, then it will only take three days for most people in the U.S. to receive the message. It's time!***

**THIS IS HOW YOU FIX CONGRESS!**

***If you agree, pass it on.***

***Submitted by: Stan Pelchar***

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Bella Apruzzese, Mustafa Aslan, Mikayla Ayers, Lindsay Barbagallo, Blake Bielawski, Cohen Blake, Alex Brzostek, Nicole Caruso, Gavin Cooke, Penley Giola, Alexis Graff, Victoria Hamel, Tamra Ibitz, Valiantsin Kasabrukhu, Teresa Lopez, Jamison McGinnis, Zeel Patel, Lilianna Ruffini, Amelia Sarra, Eric Siani, Tate Stevens, Daniel Szarwacki, Brayden Unwin, Destiny Wasilonsky, Nikole Zaniewski.

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by Rachael Buchanan

Chair, Plainville RTC Social Media

See story on page 27 January 6th "I was there"

Rachael Buchanan and her husband David participated in the January 6th rally in Washington D.C.

Approximately 750,000 patriots gathered to support our country to demand free and clear elections in the United States. Rachel's full story of the events of January 6th can be found on page 27.

Photos below:

Patriots at the Washington Monument, Rachel and David and various demonstrators at rally.



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**Toffolon Students Host "Dress Like A Snowman" Event**



The Louis Toffolon Elementary School Student Council recently organized a "Dress Like a Snowman Day" to support the local community. The Student Council members requested white paper donations to support the Plainville Community Food Pantry and ultimately gathered 180 pounds of donated paper goods. This successful event brought the school community together as many "snow people" could be seen around the building heading to and from lunch and outdoor playtime. The Toffolon Student Council meets virtually each week after school hours to plan events and activities for Toffolon.

**Photo Above:**

Members of the Louis Toffolon Elementary School Student Council with the paper goods donations that they collected for the Plainville Community Food Pantry as part of their "Dress Like a Snowman Day" event.

**Fire Safety Poster Contest Winners Announced**

Plainville's Fire Marshal/Emergency Manager Ron Dievert recently named Louis Toffolon Elementary School fourth grader, Devon Landrette (Diane Lebel's class) as the fourth grade Fire Safety Poster Contest winner in Plainville and Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School fifth grader Chloe Fangiullo (Sarah Miller's class) as the fifth grader winner. Both student's posters will move on to the next state level challenge!



Devon Landrette and Fire Marshall Divert



Chloe Fangiullo and Fire Marshall Divert



**"Portrait Pioneers" Announced for February**

The Plainville Community Schools' "Portrait Pioneers" award winners for the month of February were recognized at the February 8th Plainville Board of Education meeting. Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School Principal Andrew Batchelder and Plainville High School faculty member Jeff Smedick were the latest recipients of this award established to recognize school district staff members who exemplify and model the characteristics of the district's Portrait of the Graduate framework, which include being: Mindful, Resilient, Communicative, Innovative and Collaborative. School district employees may be nominated for this award by colleagues, students, parents, or community members. The online Portrait Pioneer nomination form may be found on the school district's website home page at: [www.plainvilleschools.org](http://www.plainvilleschools.org)



Andrew Batchelder  
Wheeler Principal



Jeff Smedick  
PHS Faculty Member

**Toffolon School Awards Tiger Tags**



Plainville's Superintendent of Schools Steven LePage recently accompanied Louis Toffolon Elementary School Principal Lynn Logoyke as she gave out Toffolon Tiger Tags to students who never give up and work hard to solve tricky problems.

In photo: Louis Toffolon Elementary School second graders Immanuel Casiano and Maeby Fiske in Lea Maglio's class receive their "Tiger Tags" from Principal Lynn Logoyke and Superintendent Steven LePage.



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# Chiropractic and You .....By Dr. Tim Ouellette

*Your spine is a wondrous mechanism of flexibility and protection. It houses the nerves along the delicate spinal column, an intricate network of fibers that control every body function from respiration to movement and beyond. With over 50 million Americans suffering from chronic pain and limited mobility, it seems that we are crying out for solutions that help protect and preserve the health of the spine.*

## Functions of the spine

The three main functions of the spine are:

To protect the spinal cord, nerves, and several internal organs near the structure.

To provide structural support for the body and maintain an erect posture

To enable flexibility and movement.

When the spine is out of alignment, it can significantly impact your health in a number of ways. The body may become rigid and inflexible. Nerves may become pinched, damaged, and your body's systems may not be able to send and receive messages via the nerves along the spinal column. In cases of chronic spinal misalignment, the body may manifest disease in an attempt to compensate for systemic function that has been going on for some time.

## Receiving chiropractic care

Chiropractic care is the practice of bringing the spinal vertebrae back into balance and alignment, thus correcting mobility and nervous system issues. Manual manipulation of vertebrae is

performed with the intention to bring the body back into a state of balance and ease once more; in doing so, the nervous system can regain the important work of sending and receiving messages with the brain, the command center of all body functions and systems. What are some of the benefits of having regular spinal adjustments? Read on to see how visiting your chiropractor can promote long term health and wellness:

### 1. Spinal adjustments reduce and eliminate pain

Many people visit their chiropractor regularly for the reduction of chronic pain. As a joint is adjusted, endorphins flood the blood, providing relief and support for that area of the body. A proven benefit of endorphins is that they help to block pain receptors in the brain, which is why many report that adjustments provide relief from joint and muscle pain.

### 2. Spinal adjustments help relieve muscle tension and improve flexibility

As the body is brought back into balance through adjustments, muscles that were previously contracted or elongated incorrectly have the opportunity to regain their original composition once more. Range of motion is increased, healing begins, one is less likely to experience muscle aches and pains associated with misalignment.

### 3. Spinal adjustments strengthen the immune system

Certain vertebrae along the spine are intimately connected to nervous system function that impacts the function of other systems in the body. Through

spinal adjustments, functions of the immune system are strengthened and protected. The body is better able to fight bacteria and viruses that can contribute to illness.

### 4. Spinal adjustments improve sleep quality

Another welcome benefit of regular spinal adjustments is improved sleep quality. When you aren't suffering from aching joints and muscle tension, you sleep longer and more soundly; this, in turn, benefits all other aspects of health and wellness.

### 5. Spinal adjustments promote better mental health

Nervous system function is a critical aspect of whole-body health. When the nerves along the spinal column

are allowed to work unfettered, you experience more vibrant health. Feeling better contributes to thinking more clearly and feeling more positive about life; many report greater mental clarity and the ability to handle life's stressors more efficiently with regular chiropractic adjustments.

### What are you waiting for?

*With all the benefits to be had from chiropractic care, you owe it to yourself to experience how spinal adjustments can improve mental, physical, and even emotional health. Talk to your chiropractor about what regular chiropractic care can do for you and total body health and wellness.*

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Wednesday..11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### Board Meetings

Senior Ushers (1st Sat before 1st Sun) 11a.m.  
Gladys Floyds Missionary Society (2nd Sun)  
Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)

Lay Council (1st & 3rd Sat) 9:30 a.m.  
Christian Education (3rd Tues 7:00 p.m.  
Men's Meeting (2nd/4th Sat 9:30 a.m.  
PEP (Every Sat) 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
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9:30 a.m. & 2nd Mon. of Jan Mar & May)

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Holy Week Mar.29 to Apr.1

Triduum Celebration,

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7 pm,

April 2, Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

3pm Celebration

Holy Saturday, April 3

Blessing of the Easter Food 10am /Church,  
Easter Vigil April 3 at 7pm,

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
April 4, 8:30 & 10:30am

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### MARCH SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**WORSHIP TIME 10:00AM**

### REGULAR EVENTS

AA.....TBD

Al-Anon.....TBD

Single Purpose Women's Group..TBD

Boy Scouts.....TBD

### SPECIAL EVENTS

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

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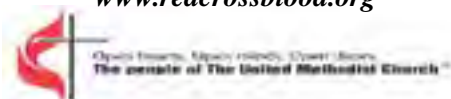
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- To Understand the BIBLE/  
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Apply it to our lives

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Junior Church Ages 4-8 11:00 am

Evening Worship Service 6:30 pm

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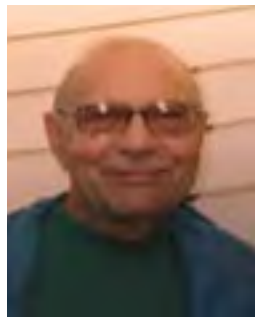
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# OBITUARIES

## Reverend Dr. Walter A. Debboli, Sr.



91, of Southington, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at the Summit in Plantsville. He is now reunited with his wife and best friend, Gertrude (Ostwald) Debboli, who predeceased him in 2012.

Born on December 14, 1929, he was the only son

of Anthony and Eleanor (Gilly) Debboli. Raised and educated in Troy, New York, he earned his Bachelor of Arts from Siena College in 1952. Walter continued to focus on furthering his education, receiving his Master of Divinity Degree in 1955 from Yale University, and returned home to upstate New York as a curator of Christian Education at St. John's Church in Larchmont until 1957. He relocated to Connecticut upon his marriage to Gertrude, where they raised their three sons. Upon their move, Walter served as Rector of St. Peter's Church in Plymouth for three years, and became a well-established Rector at Church of Our Saviour from 1960-1984, during which time he proudly earned his Doctorate of Ministry from the International Bible School and Seminary in 1979 and his Master of Science from the University of Hartford in 1983. A life spent giving to others, Walter served his country in the Connecticut National Guard, and spread forth his knowledge of ministry and faith through statewide Pastoral Counseling at various hospitals and organizations and through his countless professional memberships, including the Connecticut Federation of Alcoholism and Drug Counselors, the American Society of Training and Development, the National Academy of Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselors, the Association to Advance Ethical Hypnosis, and the National Guild of Hypnotherapists. A Counselor to the officers at the F.B.I Academy in the late 70's, he went on to become a Chaplain for the Connecticut State Police and member of the Connecticut Association of Police Relations. On a more local level, Walter was longtime member of the Plainville Youth Council and substitute teacher for the Plainville School System, a member and mentor with the Boy Scouts of America, a volunteer for the V.N.A and the Plainville Lions Club, and, along with many generations of his family, a member of the Frederick-Franklin Lodge of Masons #14 AF & AM. His hometown of Troy, NY always held a special place in his heart, a love he passed on to his family through their many visits to the family cottage, where he would unwind by making intricate woodcarvings for his family and friends to treasure. A devoted family man and community leader, he leaves a legacy of selflessness and love.

He is survived by his sons, Walter Debboli, Jr and his wife Elene of Southington and Tony Debboli of Murfreesboro, TN; his daughter-in-law, Alda Debboli of Niantic; his grandchildren, Marisa Debboli-Cop her husband Andrew, and their son, Cameron; Nick Debboli his wife Amy and their son Nico; Michael Debboli, Jr., his wife Erica and their daughter Alessandra; and Olivia Debboli; along with many cousins and dear friends. He was predeceased by his son, Michael Debboli, Sr.

In lieu of flowers, Walter may be remembered with contributions to the Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut, 200 Executive Blvd, 4b, Southington, CT 06489 or [www.alz.org/ct](http://www.alz.org/ct) or to the ALS Association of Connecticut, 4 Oxford Rd, Milford, CT 06460 or [www.webct.alsa.org](http://www.webct.alsa.org)

A memorial service at St. Paul Episcopal Church in Southington will be held and announced at a later date when all are able to safely gather together in remembrance of Walter. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Debboli family for their trust.

For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## ~ Ralph A. (Doc) Giarnella, M.D. ~



80, of Southington, passed away from complications of Covid 19 on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain.

Ralph was a determined dreamer with a big heart and a long list of hobbies. Nothing kept him

from learning new things and trying, not cancer, and certainly not age.

He grew up in New Britain, the oldest son of the late Silvio and Maria (Simeone) Giarnella. He was educated at the Don Bosco Seminary in New York, where he began his lifelong hatred of eggplant, his love of lemon meringue pie, and his understanding of the power of learning. He earned his B.S. from the College of Don Bosco and his M.S. from Boston College. Never one to follow the expected path, he decided to become a doctor while he was studying to be a priest in Italy. While in medical school in Pisa, he met the love of his life, Sandy Pickard. They met on her first day in Italy and, in that moment, he promised he would marry her - a marriage that lasted 50 years. They married in Pisa and lived adventurously in Italy, before returning to New Britain, Connecticut to start their family and practice medicine.

Ralph "Doc" Giarnella ran his private practice in New Britain and Southington for 45 years. He felt that having a private practice allowed him time to really connect with each patient. He believed that time spent talking to patients was the most important part of medicine.

His life was full. Doc and Sandy raised four unique children and freely opened their home to their children's friends. It was a home full of people, laughter, and good food. Everyone was welcome and everyone was treated like family. Their home was the site of many joyful gatherings of friends from neighborhood cookouts with the wonderful Mason Drive crew to soccer team parties to their oldest daughter's wedding and everything in-between. Their home was a warm place to gather and laugh.

Doc was an extra father to whoever needed an ear to listen and advice- cyclists he coached, soccer players, and Irish coaches.

He was an active part of the community in so many different ways throughout his life. He dedicated his time to Unico, St. Joseph's school board, Farrell Treatment Center and spearheaded the computerization of the New Britain cycling criterium. He also spent time coaching cyclists, soccer players, or just listening to a friend - he was always willing to help whenever it was needed.

While he was very much a man of science, (if it could not be proven, he did not believe it) he was an artist as well. He explored many different forms of art. He was an avid woodcarver for many years, carving whenever he had down time- often carving on the beach while waiting for the tides to allow him to take out his kayak and fish. After wood carving, he taught himself to draw and worked hard to perfect new techniques. In the last few years, he renewed his love of horticulture and landscape design moving tons of stone in his backyard to create a patio and growing plants in his basement- all while dealing with daily pain from stage four prostate cancer. Nothing kept him from moving and doing things.

Doc fought hard the last few years, harder than the cancer he battled. He was back on his bike shortly after his stage four prostate cancer diagnosis. He rode a little each day, despite his family insisting he rest, he kept going. Eight months later, he rode that bike 100 miles. This determination and focus was part of his life and served him well.

Doc lived every minute of his 80 years with vigor, curiosity, and compassion. He truly was a renaissance man. He was known as Doc to many and Paco to his grandkids - because grandpa never seemed to suit him. At 5' 5" he was a giant.

In addition to his wife, Sandy, he leaves his children, Yvonne Giarnella-Scirpo (Frank Scirpo), Tanya (Ben) Helmen, Serena (Noah) Bliss, Ralph Giarnella, Jr. and Jeff Mace; his grandchildren, Caleb and Gabriel Helmen, Nick and Rogan Scirpo, and Makena and Scarlett Bliss. He also leaves his sister, Lorraine Calegari, his brothers Tom (Sue) Giarnella, Andrew Giarnella, his sisters-in-law, Kathy (Joe) Certo, Patty Scofield, and Holly (Earl) Rittenberry; his brothers-in-law, Dennis (Pam) Pickard and Tracy (Kathy Jo) Pickard; along with many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Ralph's life will be held at a later date, when all are able to safely travel and gather together. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Giarnella family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

In lieu of flowers, please share your memories and stories of Doc with his family on his tribute wall.



## ~ Dorothy Elizabeth (MacQuarry) DiNatale ~

80, of Southington, passed away after a brief illness on Monday, February 22, 2021. She was the wife of Daniel DiNatale, Sr., with whom she shared more than 55 years of

marriage.

Born on April 22, 1940, she was the only daughter of Emma Baron and stepdaughter of the late Christian Baron. Raised and educated in New Britain, she was a 1958 graduate of New Britain High School, and went on to work for Fafnir Bearing. Dot and Dan settled in Southington upon their marriage in 1964, where they raised their two children and were members of St. Dominic Church. Dot worked in the Medical Records department at Bristol Hospital for 22 years, from where she retired in 2006. She was tech savvy, and enjoyed connecting with her friends and family through social media, staying up to date with current events, as well as keeping her mind active with endless crosswords and games of "Words with Friends". Caring for her home and gardens, crafts, creating crocheted and knitted treasures, and reading are some of the hobbies that brought her joy, along with hosting pool parties when she could be surrounded by her family and friends. A loving wife, mother and grandmother, Dot will forever be remembered for her love, compassion and generosity towards everyone she met. She will be missed by her family and many friends who find comfort in their memories and knowing she is at peace. In Dot's words, "I love you all and will take that love with me"

In addition to her husband, Dan, she leaves her son, Daniel, Jr. and his wife, Deborah who she considered a daughter; her loving and caring daughter, Donna DiNatale, all of Plainville and the sunshine of her life, her adored granddaughter, Jessica DiNatale.

In lieu of flowers, Dot's kindness towards others may be remembered with contributions to the Salvation Army at [www.give.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.give.salvationarmyusa.org) or locally at 78 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06050.

Honoring Dot's wishes, her family will celebrate her life with private funeral services. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the DiNatale family for their trust.

For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)



# OBITUARIES

## ~ Barbara Johnson Slate Hardy ~



89, of South Carolina, formerly of Plainville, CT, passed away peacefully on February 11, 2021.

Barbara was born on September 5, 1931 in Illinois, daughter of the late Adna F. Johnson and Caroline (Zeeb) Johnson. She attended New Britain

and Berlin public schools graduating in 1950 from Berlin High School. Barbara attended the University of Hartford where she met Charles Slate. They were married in 1954. They had two children, Diane and Barbara Ann. Barbara worked many years as secretary at New Britain Machine where she met her second husband, Paul W. Hardy. They were married in 1980.

Barbara enjoyed life to the fullest. Taking after her father, a national ping-pong champion, Barbara was known to play a game whenever she could. She enjoyed volunteering as a girl scout leader, nursery school teacher and Sunday school teacher. Barbara had a special place in her heart for St. Mark's Christmas Eve services. She loved being with people, and could talk endlessly. Ask anyone who tried to get a locker room key from her at the YMCA.

She was very active throughout her whole life, never sitting idle. She especially loved kayaking and bicycle riding. Barbara danced for many years with the Connecticut Valley Squares where she was known for hand sewing her beautiful dresses. She was an avid bridge player, often hosting games in front of her beloved fireplace serving her pizzelle cookies. Barbara loved her family. She leaves behind her daughter Diane Botti of Southington, CT and daughter Barbara Kijanka and husband Rick of Wadmalaw Island, SC. Barbara was an especially proud grandmother of three grandchildren, Kristina Kijanka, Ryan Kijanka, and Moriah Wynkoop. She was predeceased by her husband Paul Hardy and sister Carol Schwarzer.

Calling hours were followed by a funeral service at the Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville, CT. Burial will be at West Cemetery in Plainville immediately after the service.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Barbara (Johnson) Slate Hardy, please visit our floral store.

## ~ Peter T. Krupinski ~



passed away unexpectedly at home on January 27, 2021 at the age of 65. Peter was born in West Hartford on June 19, 1955 and was a lifelong resident of Plainville.

He was a 1973 graduate of Plainville High School where he was active in sports and lettered in Baseball for the Plainville Blue Devils.

Peter also attended Tunxis Community College and graduated in 1975.

Peter was a loving and devoted caregiver to his mother Ann Krupinski for many years as she aged, up to her passing at the age of 97 in 2020.

Peter is predeceased by his parents, Stanley Krupinski and Ann Krupinski both of Plainville. He is survived by his brother Paul Krupinski and sister-in-law Wendy Krupinski of Simsbury.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to the Our Lady of Mercy Church 19 South Canal Street Plainville CT 06062 or the Plainville Senior Center 200 East Street Plainville CT 06062.

A private family service will be held at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Plainville at the convenience of the family. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their appreciation to the Krupinski family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## ~ Robert "Bob" Joseph Leo Lewis ~



77, passed away on February 8, 2021, at the Summit in Plantsville after a courageous and difficult battle with cancer.

He was born on October 7, 1943 in Waterville, ME to the late Tate and Bernadette (Rancourt) Lewis. In

addition to his parents he is predeceased by his brother John Lewis and his sister Marie (Lewis) Menéndez.

Bob was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Navy. He will be remembered as a great father to his two daughters, a philosopher and a man who loved his cats dearly. Anyone lucky enough to meet Bob knows that he was a unique and special individual who made a lasting impression on everyone he met. He was always ready for an adventure and loved to attend fall fairs in the CT area.

Bob will be cherished in the memories of his daughters: Jacqueline Lewis of Plainville, Robin Lewis of Florida, his niece Crystal (Menéndez) DeWitt, his beloved feline companion Stewie, and many friends in the Plainville area.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family. The Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville has been entrusted with arrangements. The family would like to express their thanks to Hartford Healthcare Hospice Team for all their help and support Over the last few months. To honor the memory of Bob, please make a donation to a local animal shelter or charity.

## ~ Michael Labbe ~



57, of Plainville, formerly of Terryville, passed away at his home with his family by his side, on Wednesday, January 27, 2021. In sickness and in health, he shared five happy years with Patricia (Pagliaro) Labbe, who was by his side throughout his entire diagnosis and five year fight against cancer. Mike, along

with the support of God and his family, faced his journey full of determination and faith.

Born in New Britain on April 28, 1963, he was the son of Adrian "Joseph" Labbe of Lincolnton, NC and the late Lillian (Boutot) Labbe. Raised and educated in Terryville, he was a graduate of Terryville High School. A talented carpenter, Mike worked for Modern Countertop in Bristol for more than fifteen years, where he met many dear friends. He proudly worked at Bristol Hospital for close to 20 years, retiring in 2020, and was beloved by so many in all departments. A selfless man who was always on the go, Mike was a devoted family man of strong faith, whose care and concern for others was ever-present. He was a "passionate" spectator of many sports, often sharing his opinions to the television, and, enjoyed sharing his "useless knowledge", fun facts and recollections of events from the past. He will be missed beyond words, leaving a legacy of love, laughter and precious memories for his family and many friends. His family finds comfort in the assurance that he is at home with the Lord, having received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

In addition to his wife, Patty, and his father, Joseph, he leaves his daughters, Rachel (Labbe) Bergeron and her children, Riley Herold and Jace Bergeron of Terryville; Michelle (Labbe) Hussey, her husband Peter and their daughter, Lilliana Hussey of Terryville and Ashley Labbe of Plainville, to whom Mike was entirely devoted; his step-sons, Matthew and James Lapila; his brother, Donald Labbe and his wife, Barbara of Bristol, his sister, Lori Madigan and her husband, Daren of Barre, VT; and many nieces and nephews.

Mike may be remembered with contributions to the Bristol Hospital Hospice and Home Care, 32 Valley St, Bristol, CT 06010 or at [www.bristolhealth.org](http://www.bristolhealth.org)

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Mike's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Prayers and words of remembrance wereshared. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

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# OBITUARIES

## Jeanette/Janine (Janssens)

### Pagano

of Williamsport, PA, passed away one day after her 98th birthday, on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. She is now reunited with her beloved husband of 55 years, Harry A.

Pagano, who predeceased her in 2001. Born in Roux, Belgium on January 25, 1923, she was one of three children to the late Henry and Maria Janssens. She met Harry while he served his country in Belgium during W.W.II. They settled in Galeton, PA upon his discharge where they raised their family, later moving to Williamsport and sharing more than 55 years together. Jeanette was a woman who was ahead of her time; full of strength, class, and many talents. Proud of her European roots, she had a keen sense of fashion that she shared with others as a clothing store owner in Galeton and a beauty consultant for Estee Lauder in Williamsport. Jeanette never left the house without "putting her face on" and gave countless ladies the advice and confidence they were seeking. She was a talented seamstress whose intricate lace tatting, knitted and crocheted creations are treasured by her family, and her quilts emulated as she was often looked to for recommendations on patterns and color coordination. In her later years, she found joy in treating herself to Las Vegas adventures and trips to local casinos. A fun-loving Mother and Mimi, Jeanette was a precious gift to her family and will forever live on in their hearts.

She is survived by her daughter, Rosemarie Babin of Plainville; her son, Harry Pagano and his wife Kim of Williamsport, PA and Ports St. Lucie, FL; her grandchildren, Melissa Howard and her son, Ian, Pamela Pires, her husband Victor and their son Jesse, Anthony Pagano and his daughter Cecelia and Michael Pagano, his wife Amanda and their children Luca and Frankie. She was predeceased by her brothers, John Janssens and Jacque Janssens; and leaves her nephews, Jacque and Philippe and her niece Nicole.

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

Jeanette's life will be celebrated privately with her immediate family. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.plainvillefuneralhome.com](http://www.plainvillefuneralhome.com)

## ~ Lucy Pestillo ~



96, passed away on January 27, 2021 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut. She was the wife of the late Peter Pestillo. She was born in Plainville on June 1, 1924. Prior to

retiring, she had worked in human resources at Marlin Rockwell.

She is survived by her nephews: Charles (Re), Rev. Mark (Marlene) and Tony (Millie) Santucci; and her niece Judi (Robert) Breault. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her father, Anthony Santucci.

Services will be private. Arrangements have been entrusted to Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit [www.BaileyCares.com](http://www.BaileyCares.com).

## Rush Limbaugh

Talk radio giant Rush Limbaugh has passed away, his wife, Kathryn, announced on his show Wednesday morning. Limbaugh, the leading voice of the conservative movement, succumbed to his battle with lung cancer at the age of 70 after getting his Stage 4 diagnosis in January 2020.

Limbaugh began his nationally syndicated "Rush Limbaugh Show" in 1988 and at that moment began to reshape the Republican Party and the conservative movement.

The launch of the show came the year after the FCC repealed the Fairness Doctrine that required equal time for both sides of political arguments. The repeal gave Limbaugh the opportunity to make the conservative case on political issues without the fear of the federal government cracking down on him for being one-sided.

For more than three decades, he would take to the "golden EIB microphone" and make the case to the country for conservative principles and advocate on behalf of elected GOP officials and up-and-coming Republican politicians.

The syndicated show began on just over 50 radio stations, but spread like wildfire. It became the most listened to radio show in the U.S. and was picked up by more than 600 stations. According to his website, Limbaugh's show boasted some 27 million weekly listeners.

Limbaugh was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame in 1993 and the National Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 1998.

Fox News noted that on his final broadcast, Limbaugh revealed that he had outlived his prognosis.

"I wasn't expected to be alive today," he said, Fox News reported. "I wasn't expected to make it to October, and then to November, and then to December. And yet, here I am, and today, got some problems, but I'm feeling pretty good today."

His love of the United States earned him the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Donald Trump during the State of the Union Address in 2020, shortly after he received his cancer diagnosis.

**"Rush Limbaugh: Thank you for your decades of tireless devotion to our country," Trump declared during the address.**

This was a breaking story on TV and Radio.

## ~ Kristin (Kern) Snyder ~



44, beloved wife of David Snyder, passed away at her home surrounded by the love of her family on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. A true warrior, she fought her two year

battle with every ounce of her being.

Born and raised in Southington, she was one of three children to Darrell and JoAnn (Fleming) Kern. Kristin's lifelong love for the water was ever-present, fulfilled with beach days, synchronized swimming, teaching lessons, and lifeguarding. She was a graduate of Southington High School, where she was the recipient of the Female Scholar Athlete Award and set two of the school's records while Captain of the swim team. She furthered her education at UCONN, where she majored in Physical Therapy. Diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease during her sophomore year, Kristin took a brief hiatus, returning to earn her Master's Degree after beating her diagnosis. Over the following twenty years, she would make a positive impact on countless patients through her work at Yale New Haven Hospital, Interim Health Care, Midstate Medical Center and the Berlin VNA. Kristin's pride and joy were her two children, Nathan and Meghan, to whom she modeled the essence of kindness, hard work, and courage. Fixtures in their hometown of Berlin, she instilled in them the importance of volunteerism, selflessness and civic duties. Gone much too soon, she will forever be remembered, leaving a legacy of admirable strength, love and compassion.

She will be missed dearly by her parents, Darrell and JoAnn, her husband, David and their children, Nathan and Meghan; her brother, Jason Kern, his wife Stephenie and their children, Brayden, Beckham, Briggs and Blakely of Scottsdale, AZ; her sister Jennifer Tokarz, her husband Justin and their daughter, Charlotte of Rockfall, CT; her father-in-law, David Snyder of Plainville; her sister-in-law Sarah Tessier, her husband Ken and their children Emily and Julia; along with a wide circle of friends, patients and associates. She was predeceased by her Oma Caroline Kern, her Poppy John Fleming; and her mother-in-law, Colleen Snyder.

Kristin's legacy and love for her family may be remembered with contributions to the Educational Fund for Nathan and Meghan Snyder, c/o TD Bank, 1127 Farmington Ave., Berlin, CT 06037 or any TD Bank branch.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Kristin's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville.



## ~ William P. Verrastro ~



74, of Plainville, beloved husband of 50 years to Carol (Carnevale) Verrastro died peacefully at home

surrounded by his loving family on Saturday January 23, 2021 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Born in New Britain on July 30, 1946 he was the eldest of three sons to the late Domenic and Rose M. (Villard) Verrastro. A lifelong resident of Plainville, he was a 1964 graduate of Plainville High School eventually becoming a member of the Plainville Sports Hall of Fame. Bill proudly enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving for two years in Germany during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1967.

Returning to civilian life, he went into the plumbing trade where he would run his own successful business for the next twenty years. While working as an EMT at Bristol Hospital, Bill attended Tunxis Community College working toward a degree in nursing. He then worked until his retirement in 2003 as a medic for the State of Connecticut at the Manson Youth Institute in Cheshire.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman and passed on his love of nature as a Boy Scout leader. He was also a passionate NY Yankees fan who spent countless summer nights watching the "Bombers". Bill ran track and played football at PHS and passed on his love of the sport coaching Midget football. A passionate woodworker, he spent much of his free time in the workshop designing and building memories for his grandchildren.

In addition to his wife Carol, the love of his life, he leaves his son Michael and wife Kerrie of Hebron, son Brian and girlfriend Carrie Wolak of Plainville and three grandchildren, John William, Avery Rose, and Justin Thomas. He also leaves his younger brothers Michael and Donald along with their families and many dear lifelong friends.

Bill will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father, and most importantly as "Papa" to his grandchildren whom he cherished every moment with and will love eternally.

A graveside service with military honors in celebration of Bill's life will be held at Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville at a later date due to the ongoing pandemic.

In lieu of flowers Bill requested that donations be made to McLean's Hospice, 75 Great Pond Rd, Simsbury, CT 06070 or online at: <https://mcleancare.org/about-us/support-us/> The family would also like to thank all of the caregivers who devoted themselves to taking such wonderful care of Bill throughout the final years of his life.

### West Cemetery Spring Clean-up

The Spring Clean up will begin in March and continue through April.

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### SBA Prioritizes the Smallest Businesses as Connecticut PPP Approvals Top \$1.9 billion

CONNECTICUT – The U.S. Small Business Administration announced that 22,669 Connecticut small businesses and entities received approvals of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) January 11th increasing access for minority-, veteran- and women-owned small businesses. As of February 21, 2021, 49.4% of the \$284 billion in PPP appropriation has been committed.

“I encourage our smallest businesses, sole proprietors, LLCs and non-profits to take full advantage of free resources and webinars that describe these enhancements. The deadline is March 31st or sooner if Congressional appropriations are exhausted,” stated Catherine Marx, Connecticut District Director. “This federal funding was made available to those who did not receive Paycheck Protection Program forgivable loans in 2020 and those small businesses that are still in need. The eligibility requirements have been expanded, there are set asides for the smallest businesses located in distressed areas, the forgiveness process has been simplified.”

District Director Marx will join U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal and the Connecticut Small Business Development Center on February 26, 2021 at 2:30pm EST for a virtual informative session on the Paycheck Protection Program and its updates. To Register click here.

### Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging offers a variety of webinars

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Stay tuned as the Biden-Harris Administration and the U.S. Small Business Administration are taking steps with the Paycheck Protection Program to further promote equitable relief for America’s mom-and-pop businesses. The SBA is working on the program changes and will communicate details throughout this week. These actions will help to lay the foundation for a robust and equitable recovery for small businesses across the country. Borrowers can apply for the Paycheck Protection Program by downloading the First Draw PPP loan application or Second Draw PPP loan application and working with a participating PPP lender through the SBA Lender Match tool. Updated PPP information, including forms, guidance, and resources is available at [www.sba.gov/ppp](http://www.sba.gov/ppp) and [www.treasury.gov/cares](http://www.treasury.gov/cares).

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### Eversource Reminds Customers of Payment Assistance and Protection Programs Available

Customers can also take advantage of energy efficiency solutions to help lower bills.

With Connecticut’s state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic extended to April 20th, Eversource is reminding customers to enroll in one of its payment plans or assistance programs if they need help with their energy bill. Both residential and nonresidential customers are eligible for payment arrangements at this time and are encouraged to call the energy company at 800-286-2828 to learn more. Any residential customers experiencing difficulty paying their utility bill should contact Eversource’s call center to inquire about being coded hardship. Any customers ineligible for hardship status, including both residential and nonresidential customers, should ask about the COVID-19 Payment Program.

“Since the state of emergency has been extended, there is time for customers to take advantage of the special payment plans available during these challenging times,” said Eversource Vice President of Customer Operations Jess Cain. “We want to help customers who’re having a tough time paying their energy bills and participating in a payment plan not only arranges affordable monthly payments for them, it also protects them from service disconnection. We encourage customers to contact us so we can help them determine which of our flexible payment plans or special programs would be the most helpful to them.”

Customers who’ve never needed assistance previously may not realize they qualify for protection from service disconnection and may also be eligible for other programs to reduce past due balances. For example, a household of five with an annual income of ~\$84 thousand dollars meets the income-eligibility requirements. Eversource encourages all customers to contact the energy company at the number above or to check their eligibility on the state income-eligibility matrix - and find out if one of the energy company’s programs could be beneficial to them.

#### Important Dates:

- o Enrollment for the COVID-19

Payment Program for non-residential and residential customers is open until April 20, 2021.

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Eversource reminds customers to take advantage of its #1-ranked energy efficiency solutions to help reduce their energy costs. Energy efficiency rebates and incentives. The energy company is also making it possible for customers to monitor their energy use with the Kill A Watt electricity usage meter which shows how much power is being used by most home devices. The Kill A Watt kits are available for borrowing from nearly 200 libraries around the state. A list of participating libraries can be found at [Eversource.com](http://Eversource.com), here.

Customers can learn more about payment programs and enroll online at [Eversource.com/BillHelp](http://Eversource.com/BillHelp). Information on energy efficiency programs is available at [www.energizect.com](http://www.energizect.com).

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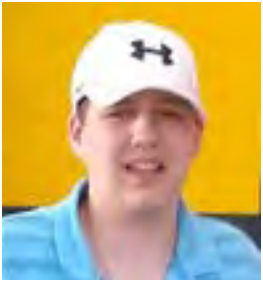
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# Jake's Sport Talk



*Welcome to my monthly article! This month I will be talking about the Super Bowl.*

**By: Jake Brown**

I predicted it would be an epic matchup. I hoped to see Patrick Mahomes win again this year playing with the Chiefs but that didn't happen.

I had the Chiefs winning 37 to 31 against the Buccaneers but the Buccaneers won 31-9. I was hoping for a back-to-back win for the Chiefs because the last time that happened was when Tom Brady was with the New England Patriots -- they won in 2004 and 2005. Brady's stats for this year was 4 touchdowns and 6 interceptions.

During the first half of the game, the refs were biased on the pass interference calls-one was for tripping when Mike Evans, Bucks wide receiver,

tripped himself. Both penalties were called on Chief's safety, Tyrann Mathieu. I don't agree with the calls.

CBS Sports analyst Boomer said the refs were getting too involved. Many of the plays they were calling were not penalties.

At halftime, the Super Bowl wasn't looking good for the Chiefs. Patrick Mahomes had a toe injury so he could not run as well. Also one of his starting offensive linemen was out.

Congratulations to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers! You were the better team and you played well. Super Bowl Champs final score Buccaneers 31 Chiefs 9. My prediction was off but sometimes that happens.

Play of the game was Tom Brady's pass to Rob Gronkowski for the 17 yard touchdown. It was the Brady and Gronkowski show and Tom Brady hooked up with Gronkowski two times for touchdowns. Tom Brady also had a touchdown to Antonio Brown before the half. Leonard Fournette had a 27 yard rush to the right for a touchdown. Ryan Succop had a couple of field goals as well.

The Chiefs had 3 field goals. No touchdowns.

Patrick Mahomes made a comment after the Super Bowl saying "this was the worst he got defeated during his career" but he is still young! Mahomes has a lot of football left in him.

Mahomes showed good sportsmanship after the game saying, 'I give the Buccaneers credit they played better and were the better team'. You should always be a good sport.

Once again congratulations to the Buccaneers. I'll be rooting for Patrick Mahomes next year.

I'm a New York Giants fan but I like Patrick Mahomes as a player. He has a bright future and I respect both Tom Brady and Patrick Mahomes as people and players.

Hope you all enjoyed the big game.



## PHS Boys & Girls Basketball Teams & Boys Swim Team Season Began in February

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Head coach: Scot Wenzel (1st season)

Last year: 6-14 (missed state tournament)

Key losses: Louis Passaretti

Key returnees: TyShawn Johnson (Sr.), Omarion Miller (Sr.), Alex Couture (Sr.), Dylan Hall (Sr.), A.J. Lestini (Sr.), Brennan Stauble (Sr.), Cam LaMothe (Sr.), Artem Mojica (Sr.).

Outlook: The Blue Devils were a very young team last year and should be much improved this year with all but one player returning. Wenzel brings more than 14 years of coaching experience to his first season in Plainville, which could re-energize the program in a transitional time.

First Game: February 9th-Postponed because of snow

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Head coach: Jessica Neuweller (5th season)

Last year: 7-14 (lost in first round of Class M state tournament)

Key losses: Olivia Wazorko (Guard), Vanessa Xiques (Forward)

Key returnees: Jaida Vasquez (Sr., Guard), Kori Jones (Sr., Forward) Tessa Susco (Sr., Guard), Lilly Wazorko (Sr., Guard).

Outlook: The Blue Devils nearly pulled off the upset against Seymour in last year's state tournament and with a two-time ALL-CCC guard in Vasquez entering her senior year, Plainville will be competitive in their regionalized schedule. The team is bringing back a lot of seniors this year, which will be massive when the teams have had such little practice time.

### BOYS SWIM TEAM

Head coach: Chris Zagorski (9th season)

LAST YEAR: 6-6

KEY losses: Colin Blake, Brady Stevens, Dom Sousa, Wyatt LaCombe.

Key returnees: Nate Lyman (Sr.), Brandon Paznokas (Sr.), Joe Michalic (Sr.), Matt Lagassey (Sr.), Nico Lastrina (Sr.), Spencer Michalek (Sr.).

Outlook: The Blue Devils return a strong senior class filled with state qualifiers from last year. Always a competitive squad, Plainville's swimmers will look to do the best to shorten their times in this shortened season.

"We are returning a strong senior class led by all-conference backstroker Paznokas, Lyman, Michalic and Lagassey," Zagorski said. "All four have competed at Class S finals and qualified last year before the season was cut short. They have a goal as a class to finish their careers on a high note and look to lead this team to a successful season."

The boys swimming and diving season will be much shorter than usual as some teams only have five meets scheduled this year. With most coaches already experienced with competing in the pandemic after going through the fall, the time in the pool will be a valuable experience for all of the student-athletes this year.

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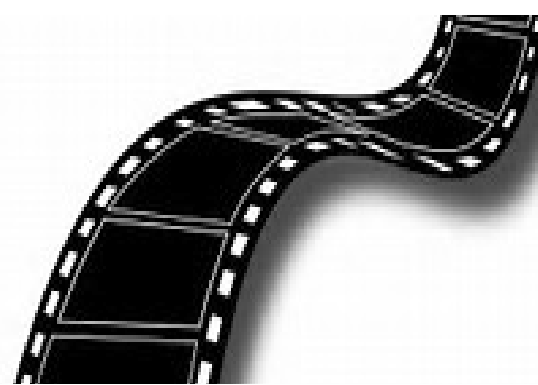




## The Circumspect Critic

by:  
Robert James O'Dell

### One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest



#### One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975)

R | 2h 13min | Drama | 19 November 1975 (USA)

Director: Milos Forman

Writers: Lawrence Hauben (screenplay), Bo Goldman (screenplay) | 2 more credits »

Stars: Jack Nicholson, Louise Fletcher, Michael Berryman

Randall Patrick McMurphy (Jack Nicholson in arguably his greatest performance) is a petty criminal, social reprobate and cultural piranha about to be sentenced for punching out a sixteen year old girl (he claims she told him she was eighteen) pleads mental incapacity to avoid hard labor in prison and is sent to a mental ward for observation and evaluation. There his free wheeling, nonconformist personality clashes with the oppressively controlling Nurse Ratched (Academy Award Winner Louise Fletcher) who uses her position to wield power over the inmates, intimidating, belittling and controlling them.

Don't look for a searing exploration of the implications of mental illness in Milos Foreman's funny and formidable adaptation of Ken Kesey's popular novel. The film isn't about mental illness. It is about the freedom of nonconformity and the boundaries erected when such behavior is shackled by forced containment. As much as it is about RP McMurphy's inability to overcome the constraints, it's about his setting free those around him to defy the limitations foisted upon them. For all the humor (and it comes in abundance) it is a scathing denouement of the life sucking result of forced conformity. It

is a brilliant film filled with life affirming moments foreshadowed by tragedy to come.

Nicholson's McMurphy is a malcontent by all measures who makes snap decisions without ever thinking beyond to possible consequences. Life is a lark to him, even as a committed patient in a mental ward. He rarely contemplates the consequences that he might face or that anyone else might be forced to deal with. This makes him a natural leader, a role he acquires almost immediately upon his introduction to the mental ward. Ratched's frightened victims become his avid followers as he awakens a spirit in them long buried. Ratched does not take kindly to her authority being undermined and she penalizes both McMurphy and those who dare to stand with him. As he pushes them to realize more of their potential to find pleasure in who they are and the life they can experience, McMurphy begins to value friendship over freedom, selflessness over selfishness. This character arc is expertly handled by Nicholson's commanding performance. His easy charm and endless likability help create a believable transition from selfish cad to caring commander to this ragtag band of social outcasts. Truth is, McMurphy sees much of himself in them. And so do we.

Many familiar faces can be found amongst the patients occupying the day room of the mental ward. William Redfield, Michael Berryman, Christopher Lloyd, Will Sampson and Danny Devito are given free reign by director Foreman to create fully rounded, damaged characters from their individual body contortions to their slightly off putting mannerisms.

Then we have one of cinema's most hateful antagonists

in Louise Fletcher's abominably calm, cool, collected and sadistic Nurse Ratched. Fletcher's decidedly dominant demeanor fleshed out by the actress in a low key repose makes her one of the most strikingly terrifying nemesis in cinema history.

A sad yet inspiring final act is emotionally wrought with loss and awakening.

"One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest" is a film classic that retains its power in today's cinematic universe. It's theme of rebellion against the system remains as relevant today as it was in 1975. Its universal themes still spark a familiar beat. It is simply one of the all time best cinema has to offer.

#### Ratings

Acting: 100%  
Directing: 100% Script: 100%  
Cinematography: 100%  
Entertainment Value: 100%

My Rating: 100%



## Annual Penny Sale

We were not able to have the annual Penny Sale last year due to COVID, so we are going to try to have a social-distance Penny Sale at Robertson Airport in May, and we want to let the community know, so.....**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

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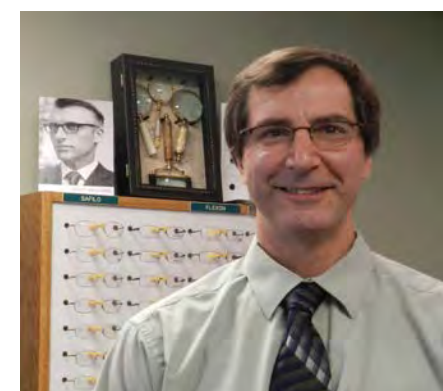
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# The Day Aunt Jemima Came to Plainville

By: Helen Bergenty

It was some 60 or 65 years ago that the Plainville Jr. Woman's Club voted to raise funds to hire a dental hygienist for the grammar schools.

I was the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. We thought maybe a few Bake Sales, a Card Party or Tag Sales. We met to make plans for our new project.

I was working in my brother Joe Brow's grocery store in Bristol at the time. One day, the representative from the Quaker Oats Company was in the store and I told him about our project and he said he had the answer. He could have the real Aunt Jemima come to Plainville for a Pancake Breakfast.

We held our committee meeting that night to discuss the idea of having a Breakfast with Aunt Jemima. The vote was YES we would bring her to Plainville. The representative started working with us for the project.

First, we had to contact the Board of Education to secure a school to hold the event. At that time the High School was brand new and they gave us permission.

Second, now we needed to rent six grills, purchase the paper goods, butter, syrup and etc. That was not too bad, the kicker was we had to purchase cases of Aunt Jemima pancake mix to give everyone that attended the breakfast. Now we were talking a lot of up front money.

We were now getting scared but we could not quit. Tickets were printed

we put articles in the papers, when the radio stations heard about Aunt Jemima coming to Plainville, they announced it on radio several times and then the ticket sales were overwhelming.

Third, how could we man the grills, set the tables and etc. We needed help so we contacted the President of the Lions Club, Winnie Loomis, who was also the owner of the Plainville Lumber Company. Now we had the Jr. Woman's Club members and all the members of the Plainville Lions Club. The men picked up the grills from a caterer in Manchester, set them up and manned the grills the day of the breakfast. The women set up the tables, collected tickets, and handed out the boxes of the Pancke mix

Fourth, the morning of the breakfast Aunt Jemima was flown into Brainard Airport in Hartford. Stan Robertson and my husband flew to Hartford to pick her up. She was beautiful and the real Aunt Jemima from New York. They landed at Plainville's Robertson Airport and a motorcade of convertibles escorted our special guest to the High School. She spent the four hours meeting the attendees and drew the tickets for a raffle of gifts including a bike.

The Pancake Breakfast was a huge success. The Jr. Women's Club held a Breakfast for the next year and raised enough money to hire Mrs. Segal, the first Hygienist. The Board of Education continued the position after the first year.

Now, we planned to continue to hold Pancake Breakfasts but Winnie Loomis said "Wait a minute, ladies we do all the hard work and we should reap some of the funds" *Perfect you can take it for the Lion's Club... and the Club is still hosting the Pancake Breakfasts today, some 60 years later!!*

**That is how the real Aunt Jemima came to Plainville.**

## Current Day End of the Aunt Jemima Brand

By: Emily Heil

June 17, 2020

Washington Post

In 1966, the Aunt Jemima brand launched a new syrup to go along with its popular pancake mix. The slogan, according to the company's timeline, was "Aunt Jemima, what took you so long?"

That's the question many people are asking after the iconic brand announced on Wednesday that it is changing its name and retiring its mascot, a black woman whose character was originally based on the stereotype of the enslaved "mammy" who raised her master's white children.

"We recognize Aunt Jemima's origins are based on a racial stereotype," Kristin Kroepfl, vice president and chief marketing officer of parent company Quaker Foods North America, said in a news release.

After Aunt Jemima was retired, companies are rethinking Uncle Ben, Cream of Wheat and Mrs. Butterworth

In its 130-year history, Aunt Jemima had evolved. In 1989, the company noted that she had debuted a more "contemporary look," with pearl earrings and a lace collar in place of her original headscarf. The brand has been criticized over the years for retaining even the modernized mascot, but in recent weeks, fueled by protests after the death of George Floyd at the hands of police and calls for racial equity in all aspects of American life, attention had shifted to the brand.

In its news release, the company said that packaging without the image of Aunt Jemima would begin to appear in the fourth quarter of the year and that after that, the company would rebrand.

"We are starting by removing the image and changing the name," Kroepfl said in the release. "We will continue the conversation by gathering diverse perspectives from both our organization and the Black community to further evolve the brand and make it one everyone can be proud to have in their pantry."

The Aunt Jemima brand, which is owned by PepsiCo, pledged to donate at least \$5 million over the next five years "to create meaningful, ongoing support and engagement in the Black community," the news release said.

The Jemima code erased the work of black cooks and writers. I had to break it.

After the announcement, journalist and author Toni Tipton-Martin said the move "acknowledges" falsehoods in culinary culture that she has written about extensively, and she connected the announcement to the recent Black Lives Matter protests. In her book "The Jemima Code: Two Centuries of African American Cookbooks," Tipton-Martin described Aunt Jemima as a symbol of the false idea that "black chefs, cooks and cookbook authors — by virtue of their race and gender — are simply born with good kitchen instincts. It diminishes the knowledge, skills and abilities involved in their work and portrays them as passive and ignorant laborers incapable of creative culinary artistry."

Of the company's decision on Wednesday to drop the Aunt Jemima brand, Tipton-Martin tweeted: "This acknowledges that our ancestors' names, proficiencies, and values have been weaponized and monetized, not equalized; exalts elements associated with real black cooks; and validates calls for truth and equity being demanded by young people in the streets."

In a series of tweets, food activist and speaker Devita Davison explained the history and origins of the "mammy" figure. The character was typically overweight and ugly and therefore "de-sexualized" and undesirable, she wrote, which meant "white women & by extension, the white family, was safe."

Davison suggested that the promise of a \$5 million donation was insufficient, tweeting, "Not only has Quaker Oats made billions selling Aunt Jemima but for a century they reinforced the archetype of the portly, asexual & Black woman caretaker; which furthered the absurdity that Black women will bear any burden, not because they have to, but because we live to."

Shortly after the announcement, some had other suggestions for steps the company could make, also suggesting it should go further. "Quaker Oats should compensate the estates of the black women — Nancy Green, Lillian Richard, Anna Robinson, Anna Short Herrington, Ethel Harper — whose likeness was used by the company to make billions of dollars from 130 years of cultural appropriation," CNN commentator Keith Boykin suggested on Twitter.

Others shared a satirical — and perhaps prescient — article from the Onion that imagined the iconic brand rebranding as "Sheila," whose mascot is an "African American woman who wears a suit, carries a briefcase, and isn't an aunt per se, though she is godmother to the child of a dear friend she met as an undergraduate at Dartmouth College."

Some conservatives, including talk show host Wayne Dupree, criticized the move, claiming that the product isn't racist.

Others shared advertising images from the company's history full of racist stereotypes. Noted astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson pointed out one such example in which the character of "Aunt Jemima" appears to help a white family, with a caption that reads "Glory be! How dem golden cakes makes folks sing wid joy!"

"It's not that Aunt Jemima was a symbol of a racist past, she was the very embodiment of a racist past," he wrote. "She will not be missed by anyone who knew that."

The move also prompted more calls for the retirement of other problematic mascots in corporate America. A spokeswoman for Uncle Ben's rice, whose products feature a smiling black man whose name and image evoke Jim Crow-era stereotypes, said the brand was planning changes. "As a global brand, we know we have a responsibility to take a stand in helping to put an end to racial bias and injustices," it read.

## Plainville Lion's Club Update:

***Pancake Breakfasts - Our best estimate is that we have consistently held 2 Pancake Breakfasts a year since 1963, with the exception of one due to weather in 2011, and 2 due to Covid in 2020. This means that we have held 113 Pancakes Breakfasts. We have no estimate on how many pancakes we have flipped, but we are looking forward to getting back to flipping when it is possible!***

***Brian Lavigne, President***



# News of Interest..... In case you missed These!!

## “WASHINGTON D.C. January 6th I Was there.”

By Rachel Buchanan

Now what? That is the question on a lot of minds after this last Presidential election. It has been a long and arduous road over these last few months. Regardless of your political affiliation, I think many of us are feeling pretty beat up. Calls for unity fall on deaf ears as the lines in the sand have been drawn. The mainstream media has saturated the viewers consciousness with so much division, propaganda, and misinformation. These days the major news networks and newspapers seem to be spending more time issuing retractions than on proper investigative journalism.

We are all living in the aftermath of the media's four, long years of beating the 'Orange Man Bad' drum. The mainstream media took that mantra to the next level after the events at the Capital on January 6th. "Orange man bad" became ALL "Trump Supporters" are dangerous. So dangerous in fact that the media comfortably transitioned from referring to Trump supporters as "deplorables", you know, just overall horrible people to straight up "Domestic Terrorists". Wow.

Seven hundred and fifty thousand people were estimated to be at the Capital event on January 6th. I was one of them. I did not bear witness to the breach event. I was on the back side of the Capital and was not even aware that anything had occurred.

It is estimated that up to 300 people are under investigation for the events of January 6th. That leaves seven hundred and forty-nine thousand, seven hundred people who did not participate. Seven hundred and forty-nine thousand, seven hundred people there to "Peacefully and Patriotically" protest and express concern over the election. People came from all over the country to stand in solidarity with one another to declare that we expect free and clear elections in the United States of America.

It was an incredible site to see that many people gathered who love, really, REALLY LOVE this country. It was an endless sea of American flags; patriotic songs were being sung and the crowd was a true representation

of this great nation. Every group you could imagine was represented. I saw "Blacks for Trump", "Asians for Trump", "Hispanics for Trump", "Women for Trump", "LGBTQ for Trump", "College Students for Trump" and even "Drag Queens for Trump". The group that had the most impact on me was the 'Global Service Center for Quitting the Chinese Communist Party'. I watched all day as the group made sure to get a flyer into every hand at the event. They had a relentless desire to spread awareness and truth about the devastating consequences of communism.

My husband and I learned of the breach at the Capital when we returned to our Airbnb. There had been no increased police presence after the breach in the area where I was standing. Those of us on the backside of the building were not even aware that anything had taken place. There was very spotty cell service, so we did not have access to information in real time. When we saw what had taken place, we were stunned.

We had expected a large police and National Guard presence based on what the DC Mayor had announced in the days leading up to the event. I was ok hearing that because in my mind that translated to safety. Especially if there were going to be opposition groups in attendance. Imagine our surprise to only see approximately twenty police officers and not a single Guard member that entire day. It was odd to me in real time and even more so once I realized what was happening just around the building. I am left with more questions than answers regarding the events of January 6th. I denounce the violence, the property destruction and of course the loss of life.

So that brings me full circle and back to my original question...now what? I am happy to see common ground starting to sprout up here and there as we head into spring. Most people seem to agree that free speech is under attack and that violence is not the solution. We can find even more common ground by examining the truth for ourselves and having conversations with friends with differing viewpoints. Also try finding alternative sources to information. Information that you can verify yourself versus taking the MSM or anyone else's word for it. Do your own research and "Speak the truth, even when your voice shakes". -M. Tschanz.

## Like Blaze News? Get the news that matters most!

Former President Donald Trump was acquitted in his second impeachment trial, clearing him of charges of "incitement of insurrection" that stemmed from the deadly riot on Jan. 6 at the U.S. Capitol.

The vote to convict Trump was 57-43, which fell short of the 67-vote threshold needed for a conviction.

Every Democrat voted to convict the former president, and they were joined by seven Republicans.

- Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.)
- Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.)
- Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine)
- Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)
- Sen. Mitt Romney (R-Utah)
- Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb.)
- Sen. Pat Toomey (R-Penn.)

The trial ended after less than one week of arguments, making it the shortest presidential impeachment trial in American history.

No witnesses were called in the trial, despite an initial vote early on Saturday that would have allowed witnesses. The Senate, however, quickly reached a deal to not call witnesses.

### What Did Trump Say?

The former president released a statement immediately after his acquittal, expressing thanks for those members of Congress who defended him.

"My deepest thanks as well to all of the United States Senators and Members of Congress who stood proudly for the Constitution we all revere and for the sacred legal principles at the heart of our country," he said in a statement. "It is a sad commentary on our times that one political party in America is given a free pass to denigrate the rule of law, defame law enforcement, cheer mobs, excuse rioters, and transform justice into a tool of political vengeance, and persecute, blacklist, cancel and suppress all people and viewpoints with whom or which they disagree."

"Our historic, patriotic and beautiful movement to Make America Great Again has only just begun. In the months ahead I have much to share with you, and I look forward to continuing our incredible journey together to achieve American greatness for all of our people," Trump added.

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## FROMMYBALCONY

By: Jeannette Hinkson

I guess if you are really bad at your job President Biden will give you a better one.

Take Suzi Levine that headed the Employment Security Department in the State of Washington. Perhaps it was because Suzi and her husband were major donors to the Biden campaign for President. It seems Suzi paid out some 600 million dollars to Nigerian scammers. Even the dumbest person knows when you get one of those calls from Nigeria it's a scam.

Well Washington State, not to worry Suzi left Washington State and the Employment Security Department in your state last month as President

Biden gave her a job as acting assistant secretary at the Employment and Training Administration within the Labor Department in Washington, DC.

God help us. I wonder how long it will be before those that elected Biden will be joining the Trump supporters.

Perhaps when your jobs are taken over by all those people crossing the border, people will say, "How did that happen?" How many can the town of Plainville support?

Will President Biden be able to stand up to China when for years it's rumored his family has been supported by China?

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## History of St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

### Who Was St. Patrick?

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. In the centuries following Patrick's death

### Growth of St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

Over the next 35 years, Irish patriotism among American immigrants flourished, prompting the rise of so-called "Irish Aid" societies like the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and the Hibernian Society. Each group would hold annual parades featuring bagpipes (which actually first became popular in the Scottish and British armies) and drums.

In 1848, several New York Irish Aid societies decided to unite their parades to form one official New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Today, that parade is the world's oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States, with over 150,000 participants. Each year, nearly 3 million people line

the 1.5-mile parade route to watch the procession, which takes more than five hours. Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and Savannah also celebrate the day with parades involving between 10,000 and 20,000 participants each.

### The Irish in America

Up until the mid-19th century, most Irish immigrants in America were members of the Protestant middle class. When the Great Potato Famine hit Ireland in 1845, close to 1 million poor and uneducated Irish Catholics began pouring into America to escape starvation.

Despised for their alien religious beliefs and unfamiliar accents by the American Protestant majority, the immigrants had trouble finding even menial jobs. When Irish Americans in the country's cities took to the streets on St. Patrick's Day to celebrate their heritage, newspapers portrayed them in cartoons as drunk, violent monkeys.

The American Irish soon began to realize, however, that their large and growing numbers endowed them with a political power that had yet to be exploited. They started to organize, and their voting block, known as the "green machine," became an important swing vote for political hopefuls. Suddenly, annual St. Patrick's Day parades became a show of strength for Irish Americans, as well as a must-attend event for a slew of political candidates.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman attended New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade, a proud moment for the many Irish Americans whose ancestors had to fight stereotypes and racial prejudice to find acceptance in the New World.

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Some activities for which parents should be on the alert are trips to mosques (which never seem to be balanced out by trips to churches or synagogues), and a relatively new event, World Hijab Day, held on February 1. Interesting, isn't it, that U.S. schools put girls in hijabs while in many Islamic countries, women are killed for taking them off!

For contrast, in What Islam is All About by Yahiya Emerick, a 7th grade text for Islamic schools in America, you'll find this bit of truth: "Once we become educated in the authentic system of Islam, we must try to establish it somewhere." The goal of Islam is a global caliphate, and schools are an important step towards that goal.

On the bright side, there are at least four critical works to help a school system judge the level of bias in many textbooks:

- 1) ACT for America:  
www.actforamerica.org/issues/textbookreform
- 2) American Textbook Council:  
historytextbooks.net/islam.htm
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## The System is Rigged!

I usually write a humorous article. But what transpired in the last election, I want to share a monologue by the late comedian/actor George Carlin. Mr. Carlin was a comedian who had insight thoughts on various topics. He definitely hits the nail on the head. Who would have thought that the US election would be like a third world election in front of our very own eyes. 73 million+ votes certainly didn't count in this election. It certainly was a conspiracy, corrupt, and fraudulent election.

Our judiciary system is a scam for not one court willing to listen to evidence of this fraud. This is what Carlin had to say about the system.

Forget the politicians. The politicians are put there to give you the idea that you have freedom of choice. You don't. You have no choice. You have OWNERS. They own you. They own everything. They own the important land. They own, and control the corporations. They've long since bought, and paid for the Senate, the Congress, the state houses, the city halls, they got the judges in their back pockets and they own all the big media companies, so they control just about all of the news you get to hear. They got you by the nuts. They spend billions of dollars every year lobbying. Lobbying, to get what they want.

Well, we know what they want. They want more for themselves and less for everybody else. But I'll tell what they don't want. They don't want a population of citizens capable of critical thinking. They don't want well informed, well educated people capable of critical thinking. They're not interested in that. That doesn't help them. That's against their interest. They don't want people who are smart enough to sit around the kitchen table and think about how badly they're getting screwed by a system that threw them overboard 50 years ago.

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### Irish Bread

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| 5 cups Flour         | 1/2 box raisins          |
| 7 tsp. baking powder | 1/2 box currants         |
| 1 cup sugar          | 3 or 4 tbsp caraway seed |
| 1 1/2 teaspoon salt  | 2 eggs, well beaten      |
| 1 stick margarine    | 3 cups milk              |

Pour boiling water over currants and raisins, let drain on paper towels before using. Mix dry ingredients in a very large bowl. Cut in margarine, blend well with your hands.(wear latex gloves) Add currenats, raisins and caraway seeds. Add 2 beaten eggs which has been mixed with milk. Mix well, put into well greased 10 inch tube pan. Bake 1 hour or so until brown in 400' oven (test with a toothpick) cool slightly, remove from pan & cool completely on rack. Wrap in plastic wrap & aluminum foil. Keeps fresh for over a week, wrapped & in refrigerator. Also it freezes well. Enjoy!!

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The table has tilted, folks. The game is rigged. And nobody seems to notice. Nobody seems to care.

Good honest hard-working people- white collar, blue collar, it doesn't matter what color shirt you have on. Good honest hard working people continue- these are people of modest means- Continue to elect these rich bastards who don't care a crap about you. They don't care about you at all. At all. And nobody seems to notice. Nobody seems to care. That's what the owners count on.

The fact that Americans will probably remain willfully ignorant of the big red, white and blue bulls--t that's being jammed up their butts everyday, because the owners of this country know the truth: it's called the American Dream because you have to be asleep to believe it.

*Have a safe and Happy St. Paddy's Day!*  
**John Gasparini**

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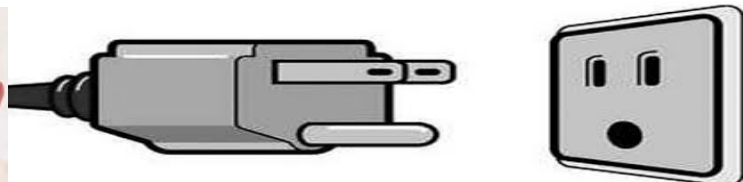
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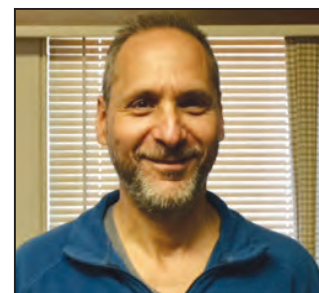
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A. *It was invented by a man named James A. Naismith in 1891. He devised a game by which the ball is passed from player to player and shot into a goal, not using a stick as in lacrosse, or kicking a ball with the foot like in soccer. When he first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

Q. How do I submit questions to you?

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

Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of the month's next issue.

Next issue of the Hometown Connection will be in April.

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

Bill Brayne

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## ~ Business of the Month ~

# Good Vibes Gifts & Flowers



**Melody Santos, Owner**  
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my customers are looking for, what message they are trying to convey with the arrangement and how they want it personalized," she said. "I put a lot of time and energy into little details. A lot of people who have come to me in the past were attracted to the name... they knew they were going to get something cheerful. Even with funerals, I create 'tribute arrangements' which encompass something personal about the person who has passed."

Santos said, as an example, she incorporated a Navy medallion and rope into an arrangement of red, white and blue flowers in tribute to a customer's relative who served in the U.S.Navy.

Good Vibes' logo used to feature a daisy symbol and Santos said her new one will feature a sunflower.

"Even through sunflowers are the toughest to work with, they were everyone's favorite," she said. "We want customers to know that they will be getting something full, beautiful, special and happy."

People can purchase arrangements and other products from Good Vibes Gifts & Flowers online store. They also offer free deliveries for Plainville residents.

In addition to floral arrangements, Santos said we carry "refreshingly

different" items including handmade crafts from local artisans, environmentally conscious products and handmade international fair trade merchandise.

"Good Vibes has uplifting plaques, all natural candles, creams and lotions, purses and bags, baby gifts, hostess gifts, greeting cards, growth mindset children's books and even incense and garden gifts," she said. "We have gift ideas for all occasions and ages."

Santos said she also aims to build relationships with other local businesses and nonprofit organizations. She said she plans to network with Rosie' Royal Chocolates in Southington and the "The Li'l Plant Shop" located across the street. In the past, she said she has also worked with local nonprofits, schools, and daycares to create craft activities for kids.

"It is our hope to network and work together to form alliances that help other small businesses in the area as well," Santos said. "We are a very community-centered store and we always like to help keep everyone positive."

Santos said she met "some wonderful people" at her previous location.

It will be a very comfortable place." "People just enjoyed coming in to see us. We are extremely friendly and take the time to work with you. People always comment that they 'felt good vibes'. I'm glad that we were able to achieve that in Southington and we're

looking forward to being a part of the Plainville community." *Parking lot in rear of the building.*

*For more information, call 860-846-6948 or visit [givinggoodvibes.com](http://givinggoodvibes.com).*

## NEW..... BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

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*Please call 860-747-4119 if you have any questions and/or suggestions about our Business of the Month page. Ask for Helen Bergenty*

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