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## Plainville is Our Town: African-Americans You Should Know

### Cartoonist

The Cartoonists make a difference in lives. Their art provides comfort and an often needed chuckle to the troubled. The images certainly leave a historical legacy of the times. It is with great sadness that the Hometown Connection bids farewell to our volunteer resident cartoonist, Wendell Copeland....

When I was a very little girl, many years ago and the war in Europe was raging, a highlight of my week was reading the "funnies" on Sunday morning with my Dad. First always was Dick Tracy, the handsome policeman with the bright yellow fedora. He was always on the front page. Representing safety, authority and law and order in a scary, chaotic world, Detective Tracy commanded respect and always prevailed against evil. Colorful and confident, I loved him.

Cartoonist, Chester Gould developed this strip, presenting it to the Tribune News in 1931, just as the economy crumbled. Detective Tracy, his temperamental girlfriend Tess Trueheart, his best friend B. O. Plenty and his family, and his associates at the station, brought a stability sorely needed to our week. What bad could happen with Detective Tracy on the job? B.O. had a daughter named Sparkle Plenty who provided smiles and a gentle wave to family life. One Christmas her likeness became the most wished for toy. Dick Tracy used unheard of futuristic equipment. He had a 2-way wrist radio, a ring that could put a stamp on anything, and a host of fancy stuff considered mundane today.

I would sit through Gasoline Alley with my father and then, of course, Dagwood Bumstead, husband to the lady who was supposed to be the main character and Dad, held an office job. He chowed down on giant sandwiches for years while Americans stood in soup lines. "Blondie" was drawn by Steve Young and I thought that my Dad drew it.

.....Janice Young Eisenhower



March 2018  
Thank You!  
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Plainville Historical Society had a great program on "Plainville is Our Town: African-Americans You Should Know." Our member and presenter Gail Williams really made Plainville's African-American legacy come alive as we learned about so many who helped build our community. Joining us were descendants of some of the people who were highlighted. Looking at the photo below from left to right, they are: Carol Beverley: Niece of local businessman, musician, and athlete Bill Beverley, Michael Ardrey: Descendant of Lilly and Prince Livingstone who are believed to be our first African-American residents. Prince was a former slave. They lived on Red Stone Hill. Pat Carillo Beverley and Robert Carillo: Descendants of Plainville native Horatio Homer who was Boston's first black police officer - and the second in the U.S. Gail Williams: Presenter and daughter of local photographer Lutt Johnson and pianist Val Johnson, both of whom were also leaders at Redeemer's Church. Gail is the granddaughter of Clifton and Ceatter Johnson who moved to Plainville in 1909 to provide a good education for their children. In addition, Gail founded the well-known musical group Nzinga's Daughters. Susan Browne Root: Granddaughter of community leaders Herbert and Sophia Browne. Sophia is believed to be the first African-American woman to chair a Board of Education which she did in Plainville during the 1960's. Dayna Snell: Daughter of Gail Williams and granddaughter/great-granddaughter of the Johnsons. With Gail, she is in the musical group Nzinga's Daughters.

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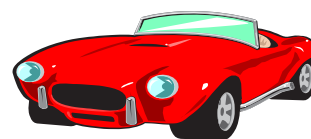


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28 Cornell St: Timothy West of Plainville to Gregorio Loayza, \$240,000 on 1/21/2022

122 E. Main St: Victorian Gdns Realty LLC of Plainville to Manpower LLC \$1,350,000 on 1/19/2022

492 East St Unit 30: Emily A. Fickel of Plainville to Michael N. Maddalena, \$82,500 on 1/24/2022

24 Fairview Ave: Travis K. Rosado of Plainville to Nicholas Daddabbo, \$220,000 on 1/25/2022

17 Farmington Ave Unit 2: Eddie Ellison of Plainville to P2 Properties LLC \$55,000 on 1/19/2022

102 Ledge Rd: Mejr Fincl Consulting LLC of Plainville to Carlos Hernandez, \$295,000 on 1/19/2022

15 Pequot Rd: Shari Pettignano of Plainville to Shady Mohamed \$282,000 on 1/25/2022

3 S. Ridge Rd: Perakos Veronica M. Est and Paul R. Bedard of Plainville to Dean Wysocki, @280,000 on 1/19/2022

3 South Ave: Claudia R. Deangelis of Plainville to Carlos E. Estrella, \$200,000 on 1/19/2022

17 Spruce St: Giovanni Sproviero of Plainville to Jamie Haines, \$187,000 on 1/19/2022

9 Stremiau Ave: Nancy Stefanski or Plainville to Leon J. Stefanski, \$195,000 on 1/24/2022

23 West Broad St: Maureen Cassidy of Plainville to Marvel Mendez, \$214,500 on 1/20/2022

32 Washington St: Stegmaier Tirzah E. Est and Cory Stegmaier of Plainville to Roberto Espinoza \$140,000 on 1/26/2022

8 Bel Aire Dr: Beverly J. Paradis of Plainville to Aftab Rafiq, \$420,000 on 2/3/2022

24 Bradley St: David A. Johnson and Mary Fletcher-Johnson of Plainville to Jared Boucher, \$265,000 on 1/31/2022

59 Burnham St: Joyce G. Witik RET and Joyce C. Witik of Plainville to Garrett Dick, \$290,000 on 1/31/2022

22 Cleveland St: Black Reef T and Tawana Makwell of Plainville to Samantha J. Sabel, \$250,000 on 2/3/2022

236 East St: Christopher J. and Alina Marcello of Plainville to Andrew N. Marcello, \$129,000 on 2/3/2022

466 East St Unit 12: Malgorzata Buden of Plainville to Haley Pecoske, \$157,000 on 1/26/2022

46 Maple St: Eric M. Jansson and Heather L. Pompei of Plainville to CT Acquisition LLC \$320,000 on 2/2/2022

70 Pershing Dr: Tim and Elyse Raymond of Plainville to Jason T. and Anita M. Brown, \$172,000 on 1/31/2022

15-a Stremiau Ave: Pawel Walczak and Sviatlana Halubtsova of Plainville to Miguel and Christina Colon, \$390,000 on 2/1/2022

137-1/2 W Main St: Gene F. Woolverton of Plainville to Andrew Santander, \$218,000 on 2/1/2022

36 Hemington St: Michael Bosco of Plainville to REICM LLC, \$114,000 on 2/8/2022

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

## February 7th & February 22nd, 2022



### Town Council Meeting February 7, 2022

#### Crooked Street Bridge Repairs – State DOT Project

- The State Department of Transportation has notified the Town of their plans to rehabilitate the Crooked Street Bridge over Route 84. Work includes the replacement of deck joints, repairs to steel members, field painting of steel elements, and repairs to spalled and cracked areas in the substructure.
- The work is not anticipated to have a significant impact to traffic, as Crooked Street would remain open to traffic for the duration of the project. The work will involve temporary shoulder and lane closures as needed. It is anticipated that this work will begin in the Spring of 2023.

#### ARPA Planning Committee Recommendation

- The American Rescue Plan passed by Congress has allocated \$5,189,198 to Plainville in response to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Treasury Department has issued rules on how these monies can be spent.
- There are five general categories where these monies can be utilized: 1) Responding to the public health emergency and the negative economic impacts of COVID-19, 2) Replacement of loss revenue, 3) Provide premium pay, 4) Water and sewer infrastructure, and 5) Broadband infrastructure.
- After considerable review of each of these categories, the ARPA Committee is recommending that the Town Council choose to utilize the Replace of Loss Revenue option. This category was chosen because it is simpler and does not require extensive reporting requirements. It also provides for additional latitude in how the monies can be spent.
- The Treasury Department is allowing municipalities to receive our total allocation based upon a "standard allowance". Each municipality is granted a "standard allowance" of \$10M for "loss revenue" calculation. Because Plainville's allocation is less than \$10M, the Town can choose our entire grant under this category.
- Revenues received under the "Replace Loss of Revenue" can be spent on "government services" which is broadly defined as "any service that is traditionally provided by a government to its residents". This can also include capital expenditures.

- The ARPA Committee has also developed a preliminary list of where the monies would be spent if the "Replace of Loss Revenue" option is chosen. This list primarily includes larger capital improvements that have been in the 5-year plan. They include projects for the Fire Department, School Facilities, Public Works, Police Department, and other miscellaneous items.

- Municipalities are required to seek public input on the proposed use of the American Rescue Plan monies. There is an item under New Business to conduct a Public Hearing on the use of the American Rescue Plan monies for Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center. A copy of the proposed list recommended by the ARPA Committee will also be put on the Town website at [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com)

#### White Oak Redevelopment Project Update

- Town staff continues to make progress on this project. In conjunction with the Connecticut Brownfield Land Bank (CTBLB), the Town drafted and published a request for proposal (RFP) on December 8, 2021, to qualified and CT Department of Administrative Services (CTDAS) "pre-approved" firms. These firms were cross referenced with list of finalists from the initial White Oak RFP for a full environmental site assessment in 2017.
- The purpose of the RFP was the following: updating the Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment report as required by Connecticut Statute, finalization of a remedial action plan (RAP) in coordination with the development plan submitted by Manafort-Newport, noting both abatement oversight costs and a timeline to bring the site to a level deemed acceptable by the State for the intended reuse, and a cost estimate for preparation and submission of the Environmental Conditions Assessment Form.
- Following review of submissions, Town Staff has decided to move forward with interviewing BL Companies and Tighe & Bond as the two firms who articulated and established the most complete understanding of the Town's goals, while also providing the most direct, concise, and affordable cost estimates.
- Interviews will take place via Zoom with both Town and CTBLB Staff later this week with a goal to bring a recommendation to the Town Council at the February 22, 2022, meeting.
- With the Town's commitment to ownership during the remediation process, Town staff continues to work with CT DECD staff to adjust the financial assistance agreement

for the previously awarded \$1.17 million in Brownfield Remediation grant funding. The now "direct agreement" will simplify the process, having grant dollars & invoices be managed by the Town, much like the previous Brownfield Assessment grant funding, while allowing CTBLB to remain in their previously approved advisory and guidance role, assisting the Town during the remediation phase of the project.

- Most recently, Town Staff applied to the DECD CT Community Challenge Grant ahead of the January 14, 2022, deadline. Working with representatives from Manafort-Newport, the application was for an additional \$1.2 million in State funding, combined with the required 50% matching funds to be supplied by Manafort-Newport, bringing the potential total of additional funding to ~\$1.8 million. These funds have been identified as a potential way to off-set construction costs related to the realignment and installation of the entrance/exit boulevard, traffic light as deemed necessary by CTDOT, paving, utility installation, site work, a covered CTFAstrak bus stop vestibule on West Main Street, and access to open space on the northside of the property. A decision on the grant application is expected from DECD by April 2022.
- Finally, the proposed Agreement between the Town and Manafort-Newport, based on the previously agreed Term Sheet, has been drafted and sent to the developer. Their response to the proposed language in the Agreement is expected later this week.

#### Honor Heights Sewer Update

- Several developments have recently occurred regarding the possible installation of sewer lines into the Honor Heights neighborhood. The sewers would serve 84 homes that were constructed with septic systems, most of which are 40-50 years old.
- First, natural gas lines are being extended to service the development of the Willow Brooks Estate project located just north of Honor Heights, Town staff has contacted Eversource Gas to see if they would consider installing natural gas lines to Honor Heights in the event that sewers are constructed. Eversource Gas representative indicated that they would study the possibility of extending the gas lines and get back to Plainville in approximately 60 days.
- Second, Town staff's preliminary cost estimate to install sewers is \$1.2M to 1.4M. It is anticipated that beneficial assessments would generate approximately \$840K (\$10K per home) leaving a balance of between \$360K and

\$560K. Plainville currently has over \$600K in State LoCIP Grant monies that could be utilized to cover the remaining balance.

- Finally, if the Town Council desires to consider this expansion, a Public Hearing on the proposed expansion could be held as early as April. If approved, construction would not be expected to occur until next summer.

#### Whiting Street Repaving Project

- Last May, Plainville received preliminary approval from CRCOG to receive a \$2,8M LOTCIP grant for the reconstruction of Whiting Street from Broad Street to Fairview Avenue contingent upon State of Connecticut Department of Transportation final approval.
- The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation has completed their review of the project's conceptual design and has directed the Town to modify the construction methods from total reconstruction to major rehabilitation, milling and repaving. The DOT directive has a reduced the cost per linear foot of roadway repaired, thus, as a byproduct of this modification, CRCOG has agreed to permit the limits of construction to be extended southerly beyond Fairview Avenue.
- The impact of this decision is that the Town will not have to use Road Bond monies for a good portion of the re-paving of Whiting Street from Fairview to East Street (Route 10) as previously planned.
- The Engineering Department is currently revising the conceptual design to reflect the State DOT's directive and will be establishing new limits of construction. A revised Whiting Street design is expected to be completed and resubmitted to the DOT by the end of February.
- Originally, it was believed that construction would occur during the 2022 construction season. As result of the DOT directive, construction will most likely occur in the 2023 construction season.

#### Road Bond Discussion

- Town staff is preparing for the upcoming paving season utilizing Year 2 of the Road Bond II program. Town staff is requesting authorization from the Town Council to utilize the equipment rental rates outlined in State of Connecticut contract for roadway milling of streets to be paved during the 2022 construction season.
- The total amount of the authorization shall not exceed \$150K. The funds used to purchase

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- The total amount of the authorization shall not exceed \$150K. The funds used to purchase these services will be drawn from the Roadway Bond account.
- There is an item under New Business that would authorize Town staff to utilize State Contract Bid equipment rental rates for roadway milling of streets not to exceed \$150K.

**Town Manager's FY2023 Proposed Budget**

- Town staff and I have been working on the FY23 Town Budget. There are still several moving parts to be decided including the Board of Education Budget and the Governor's proposed budget

**Happenings**

Reported By Matthew Daskal  
Assistant Town Manager

**Municipal Broadband Interest Survey**

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

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

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**VINTAGE VALENTINES & CHOCOLATES!**

**MONDAY, FEB. 14, 10:00 A.M. COST: FREE!**

You're invited to an in-person gathering and come enjoy some chocolate too! See and hear about a collection of vintage Valentines which are owned by one of our members, Joyce Goldberg. Join us on Monday, Feb. 14, at 10:00 a.m. To register, call the Senior Center or go online at [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

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**VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNT! WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 4:00 P.M. FREE!**

Join us for a fun virtual scavenger hunt! We all know that there are lots of surprising things hidden in the depths of our homes, purses and wallets ... let's see if you have all that we announce! Prizes will be awarded for those who find and show the most items!

**SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW: CT WEDDINGS THROUGH THE AGES**

**THURSDAY, FEB. 17, 10:00 A.M. PRESENTED BY THE CT HISTORICAL SOCIETY. COST: FREE!** ATTEND IN PERSON OR ZOOM FROM HOME.

All who participate will gets a free piece of "Wedding Cake" to go! If you decide to participate on Zoom, you can pick up your cake on Feb. 17. We will also have a champagne toast at the end of the program. The CT Historical Society will present their extensive collection of wedding clothing, accessories, photographs & prints to explore what makes a "traditional" wedding. To register, call the Senior Center or go online at [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

**PLAINVILLE'S GRAND LIST INCREASED BY 14.9% IN 2021**

Ann Marie Heering, Assessor for the Town of Plainville has filed the 2021 Grand List with the Town Clerk.

The New Taxable Grand List is \$1,642,221,970. This is an increase of \$212,965,587 over the 2020 Net Taxable Grand List of \$1,429,265,383.

The Net Real Estate Grand List increased \$173,160,109 as a result of improvements to real estate and the state mandated revaluation of all real property.

The Net Motor Vehicle Grand List increased \$40,078,790 as a result of an increase in the value of new and used motor vehicles.

The New Personal Property Grand List decreased by \$282,312.as a result of 16 fewer personal property accounts.

\*The Town of Plainville continues to grant exemptions for the enterprise zone development and tax abatements. These exemptions total \$1,943,946.

\*The Town of Plainville's ten largest taxpayers include the following:

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VALLEY WATER.....	\$12,716,730
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CARLING TECHNOLOGIES.....	\$ 7,815,610
COLONIAL OF PLAINVILLE.....	\$ 6,427,360

The mill rate that will be applied to the 2021 Grand List will be set by the Town Council in May. If for some reason taxpayers are not satisfied with their assessment, they may request an appointment for a hearing with the Board of Assessment Appeals. Application for these appointments are available in the Assessor's Office and on the Town of Plainville's website and must be filed in the Assessor's office by 4:00pm on February 22, 2022. All appointments will be held in the month of March.

**MEMORY CAFÉ AT THE SENIOR CENTER THURSDAY, FEB. 17, 2:30 P.M., IN PERSON.**

Memory Cafés are safe and supportive social gatherings for people with changes in their memory along with their care partners. Relax and socialize with other people experiencing similar life challenges. This program is funded in part by Title III of the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. and the Connecticut State Unit on Aging.

**WINTER SNOWSHOEING OR WALKING AT SESSIONS WOODS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 10:00 A.M., COST: \$3.00.**

Please let us know if you would like to borrow a pair of snowshoes (free). We have 5 pairs of snowshoes available. Join Natalie for a 60-90-minute snowshoeing or walking journey through Sessions Woods (depending on snow). This will be an easy pace on a relatively moderate trail. Please wear multiple layers and bring water with you. Meet at Sessions Woods at 10:00 a.m.

**VETERANS' SOCIAL HOUR TUESDAY, FEB. 22, 10:00 A.M. IN PERSON.**

These monthly information and support meetings are conducted by Sherri Vogt, Veteran's Liaison for

Hartford HealthCare at Home. FOR ALL VETERANS OVER 60 AND THEIR SPOUSES. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register or register online.

**BOOK BUDS FEBRUARY BOOK: THE WONDERBOY OF WHISTLE STOP BY FANNIE FLAGG THURSDAY, FEB. 25, 10 A.M. IN PERSON**

**COST: FREE! INSTRUCTOR: KATHLEEN MARSAN**

Readers will be enthralled with this heartwarming sequel to Fannie Flagg's "Fried Green Tomatoes." The book is available at the library. Call the Senior Center or register online.

**"MORNING MEADOWS" CANVAS PAINTING MONDAY, FEB. 28, 1:00 P.M. MUST SIGN UP BY FEB. 18. COST: \$10.00 PER PERSON. IN PERSON OR ON ZOOM.**

**INSTRUCTOR: LINDSEY HOTTIN.**

Lindsey Hottin, of Lindsey's Craft Studio, will teach the class on Zoom. You can watch from the Senior Center or Zoom from home. Supply kits will include the required acrylic paint colors, a small canvas and brushes.

**FITNESS CLASSES:** The Senior Center is offering a variety of in person and virtual fitness classes including Zumba Gold, Gentle Chair Pilates and Balance, Yoga-Lates, Cardio Chair Fitness, Power Burst and more. Call the Senior Center for more information.

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**March Activities for the Plainville Senior Center are on Page 19**

**UNABLE TO ATTEND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS?**

**If you have an issue you would like to discuss with the Council or a Councilor?**

**CALL: 860-793-0221 ext. 8703**

**Leave your name and phone number and ask for a Councilor to contact you.**



## Town Council Meeting February 22, 2022

### Tomlinson Avenue Bridge Construction

- Dayton Construction Company has notified Town staff that they will begin work on the replacement of the Tomlinson Avenue Bridge this week. Their initial work will include clearing & grubbing, test pits, control & removal of invasive vegetation, and the installation of a field office.
- Dayton will implement an alternating one-way traffic pattern when needed during this period. The Plainville Police Department will handle traffic control as well.
- Dayton is not anticipating the closure of the road to vehicular traffic until early April. The plan calls for the existing corrugated metal pipes be replaced with concrete box culverts.
- Pedestrian traffic will be maintained during the duration of the project. Town staff is working with the school administration and DATTCO Bus Company to re-route the busses when the road closes in April.

### Pedestrian Crossing at High School

- Town staff has confirmed that the State Department of Transportation will allow for the installation of a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon at the crosswalk located on Route 10 and Robert Holcomb Way.
- After further review with the D.O.T., the crosswalk will be able to remain in the same location. The project will include some work with the sidewalk to address the ramps leading to the crosswalk so that they conform to State specifications.
- Town staff is preparing a formal plan to the D.O.T. and expect that the work will be completed before the start of school in September. Monies to complete this project will come from the Town Aid Road (TAR) account.

### White Oak Remediation LEP Request for Proposals

- As reported at the last Town Council meeting, two firms have been interviewed to oversee the environmental clean-up of the White Oak site. Cal Hauburger, Matt Daskal and Mark DeVoe interviewed the two firms.
- It is their unanimous recommendation that the Town Council award this work to Tighe & Bond. This recommendation is based on their strong understanding of the project scope and needs of the community. The Tighe & Bond proposal was the most complete one of the respondents – detailing fully anticipated costs, timelines, and a good understanding of past and future efforts.
- They will serve as the Licensed Environmental Professional (LEP) to oversee remedial contractor bidding, investigation, clean-up, and required documentation.
- There is an item under New Business that would authorize the Town Manager to enter negotiations with Tighe & Bond of Middleton to serve as the LEP firm overseeing remediation efforts of the former White Oak Corporation property and to utilize previously secured State DECD Brownfield Remediation grant to fund said service in the amount of \$143,883.90.
- If approved, Tighe & Bond will immediately begin the planning work with final clean-up expected to be completed in the fall.

### Road Paving Bid

- Town staff continues to plan for the next phase of the Road Bond program which will begin in April. In 2018, the Town received nine proposals to contractors to provide construction, repairs, and adjustments of catch basins on various streets.
- Jones Construction was awarded the contract at that time and the Town Council has extended their contract for the last couple of years with the same payment provisions that were previously

bid. They have performed their work in an exemplary manner for Plainville.

- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council continue to engage Jones Construction to provide similar work this spring at the same unit prices that were bid in 2018. Town staff is also recommending that the purchase of concrete block be awarded to Cromwell Concrete under a State Bid Contract in an amount not to exceed \$50K. Cromwell Concrete has provided this material in previous years.
- There are two items under New Business regarding these recommendations.

### Disposal of Pickup Truck

- Town staff is seeking approval from the Town Council to dispose of a 2003 GMC pick-up truck previously used by both the Roadways and WPC Departments. The truck has extensive structural deterioration, along both frame rails, a disconnected cross member and deteriorated rear shock mounts. These conditions are not deemed repairable, and the vehicle has no trade-in value.
- There is an item under New Business requesting permission to dispose of the 2003 GMC pick-up truck at auction.

### COVID-19 Update

- A recent Hartford Courant article reported that there are different “risk levels” between CT towns based on how many people have been vaccinated. The Chief Medical Officer at Yale New Haven Health stated that the “vaccination rate in the population where you live is one factor that can impact transmissibility and numbers of infections”. Other factors include “how much ventilation, distancing and masking” one encounters.
- As of last Thursday (February 17th), 71% of the Plainville population had been fully vaccinated. This compares to 76% in Southington, 72% in Bristol, 87% in Farmington, and 60% in New Britain.
- With respect to children ages 5-11, 33% of children in Plainville have been fully vaccinated. Surrounding Town percentage vaccinated between 5-11 years of age: Southington (33%), Bristol (25%), Farmington (58%) and New Britain (18%).
- Governor Lamont has lifted the state mask mandate for students in school as of February 28th. It is up to the local school boards to determine whether to continue a mask mandate beyond that date. Absent positive action to require masks in school, the mandate will sunset. Masks will still be required for those students when they travel on the school bus. This is a federal mandate.
- To date, Plainville has had 3,425 confirmed and presumed positive COVID cases since the pandemic started. There have been 51 total deaths reported. Case positivity currently stands at 47.7 per 100K population. Last week Plainville had 45 cases reported – the previous week this number was 72.
- For the week beginning January 22, 2022, unvaccinated persons had a 3.1x greater risk of testing positive for COVID compared to fully vaccinated persons. For the week beginning January 30, 2022, unvaccinated persons had a 15.2x greater risk of dying from COVID compared to fully vaccinated persons.
- The good news is that the hospital rate for COVID continues to decline, suggesting that persons are getting less severe symptoms from COVID.
- Beginning next Monday (2/28) persons entering Town buildings will no longer be required to wear masks. It will be left up to each individual whether to wear a mask. Masks will still be available at the entrances of each Town building.

### Financial Dashboard

- The Dashboard for the period through January 31st was included in the meeting information package for this evening’s meeting and was posted on the Town website as well.

## HAPPENINGS

### Delinquent Tax

Residents and owners are reminded that taxes due January 1, 2022 are now delinquent (after 30 days to pay). Those accounts which are now delinquent should have received notice this month from the Assessment and Revenue Collection Department. Past due balances will incur additional interest on March 1. For questions please contact the Tax Office at: 8607930221.

### Municipal Broadband Interest Survey

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

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

Senior Center:

### SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS

All Drop-In Activities Return to the Senior Center Beginning March 7!

Come enjoy Mahjong, Pinochle, Mexican Train, Scrabble, Setback, Bridge, Women’s & Men’s Brush-Up Pool Lessons, Cribbage, Charlemagne and Pool Tournaments at the Senior Center again. Call the Senior Center for more information.

### BOOK BUDS

**FEBRUARY BOOK: “THE WONDER BOY OF WHISTLE STOP” BY FANNIE FLAGG**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 10:00 A.M.**

VIRTUAL WINTER CLIMBING IN THE ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS: TREKKING WOLFJAW RIDGE

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 11:00 A.M. -12:30 P.M.

COST: FREE! PRESENTED BY JARED SCOVILLE.

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ZOOM FROM HOME OR FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

In this 1.5-hour virtual adventure, Jared shares video footage, gear demonstrations, and stories from one of his favorite winter backpacking & mountaineering trips in the Adirondacks Mountains of New York, including climbing multiple high peaks on top of Wolfjaw Ridge.

ELLIS ISLAND & THE STATUE OF LIBERTY  
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 10:00 A.M. COST: FREE!

**INSTRUCTOR: JOE THE HISTORY GUY.**

**SIGN-UP BEGINS MARCH 3.**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

Joe “the History Guy” returns to the Senior Center to present a special free program about Ellis Island & the Statue of Liberty. The Gateway to America is filled with dreams of a better way of life for millions. Join us in this special tribute to a priceless landmark. Call the Senior Center or register online at: [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

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**Affordable Housing Plan Survey: PAGE 29**

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### Hartford HealthCare Independence at Home Best of Home Care® – Provider of Choice Award

Hartford HealthCare Independence at Home announced today that it has received the 2022 Best of Home Care – Provider of Choice Award from Home Care Pulse. The Provider of Choice Award is granted only to top-ranking home care providers, based on client satisfaction scores gathered by Home Care Pulse, an independent satisfaction research firm for home care. Hartford HealthCare Independence at Home is recognized among a select few home care providers across the country who have proven their ability to provide outstanding care.

“We’re excited to congratulate Hartford HealthCare Independence at Home for their well-deserved achievement on earning the Best of Home Care – Provider of Choice Award,” says Todd Austin, President of Home Care Pulse. “It’s wonderful to see the hard work that Hartford HealthCare Independence at Home is putting in to provide high-quality care and employment – and their effort isn’t going unnoticed. This award allows them to provide proof of quality to potential new clients and caregivers.”

“During these trying times, this recognition is a true testament to the hard work and dedication our colleagues provide each and every day to our loyal clients. I could not be prouder of our teams’ accomplishments and persistence to always striving to do the best thing, kind thing, safe thing and the right thing to achieve Best of Home Care-Provider of Choice award,” says Katie Mauriello, senior director Hartford HealthCare Independence at Home. To find out more about Hartford HealthCare Independence at Home’s commitment to excellence, please visit [hartfordhealthcareathome.org/](http://hartfordhealthcareathome.org/)

### Congress 5th District

The Biden Administration announced a 90-day extension on the pause of student loan repayment, interest, and collections through May 1, 2022. The pause on student loan payments will help 41 million borrowers save \$5 billion per month. This announcement builds on the efforts of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, which was signed into law on March 27, 2020.

I am an original cosponsor of H.Res.100 which calls on President Biden to take executive action to broadly cancel up to \$50,000 in federal student loan debt. The work to make our education system affordable and equitable must remain at the forefront of the federal agenda.

*Examining the Sustainability of the Livestock Sector.* I also joined my colleagues on the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture for a conversation on sustainability practices in the livestock sector. In Connecticut’s Fifth District, sustainable livestock farming has been an area of growing success. During the hearing, I was moved by the local impact of consolidation in the dairy industry. It is imperative the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) finalize and enforce the National Organic Program Origin of Livestock rule to ensure family farms are not susceptible to undue financial hardship.

*Thank you for taking the time to read this update. As always, please continue to share your thoughts and priorities with me. Jahana Hayes,* Follow me on social media for daily updates about my work in Congress! Phone: (202) 225-4476 Waterbury Office or (860)223-8412

### NEW BOOK BY LOCAL CONNECTICUT AUTHOR:

*I Love the Church, I Hate the Church: Paradox or Contradiction?*

Wipf and Stock publishers has recently released a new book written by a Connecticut clergyperson, entitled *I Love the Church, I Hate the Church: Paradox or Contradiction?* According to the author “ This book is an honest exploration of the downside of ‘ organized religion’ and makes the case for a serious examination of what institutional Christianity needs to do (and not do) as it faces its future’.

Rev. Dr. Robert R. LaRoche, the book’s author, most recently has served as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Plainville, CT, from which he retired in October. He has also served churches in both the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This includes churches in Union, Manchester, Wethersfield, Windsor and Plainville, Connecticut. In addition, he had a lengthy career as both a school counselor and coach in Connecticut public schools. From 1989 to 1998, he also served as a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The book is available through Wipf and Stock publishers at [www.wipfandstock.com](http://www.wipfandstock.com) as well as on Amazon.

*Rev. Dr. Robert R. LaRoche* I have served as a pastor in both UCC and ELCA churches. In addition, I have written several books, including *Part Time Pastor, Full Time Church* ( Pilgrim Press).

### YMCA/PHS Project Graduation

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

**UConnMens/Womens Basketball** games at Storrs, concession stand volunteers, times vary. For more info contact Stevie at 860-463-3600.

**Donation Clothing Drive at YMCA,** Accepting used clothing, bedding, linens & shoes. Donation dates: March 26, April 30.

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

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

### Spring Clean-up at West Cemetery

The Annual Spring Clean-up will begin in March 2022 and continuing through April 2022. We will be removing all Christmas decorations around the Monuments and on Flush Markers.

If you plan to pick up, please do so by March 15 as they will be disposed during clean-up. Trimming or removal of bushes/Trees will continue around the monuments.

Reminder, our Cemetery no longer allows the planting of bushes or trees. Flowers only allowed around Upright Monuments.

*Any questions, please contact the Superintendent at 860-747-2314. Thank you, Plainville Cemetery Assn Inc.*

**To submit your pictures or articles, e-mail to: [plainvillehometown@gmail.com](mailto:plainvillehometown@gmail.com)**  
**On or before the 15th of the month**  
**For the next month’s issue. Questions call 860-747-4119**

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### Affordable Housing Plan Survey:

The Town of Plainville received a grant from the State Department of Housing to develop an Affordable Housing Plan. Connecticut is an expensive place to live and the lack of housing affordability in many communities often means that young people can’t afford to live in the towns where they grew up, older residents can’t afford to downsize within their community, and people employed in lower paying jobs can’t afford to live where they work.

In order to create a plan to meet the needs of our community, the Town has partnered with a consultant, and is asking residents to provide their input.

A link to the survey is available on the Town’s website,  
[www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com).  
We encourage everyone to participate – it should only take a few minutes.



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

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

**(Joe Raves)** I had replacement windows installed on my house this last summer. I waited until now to see how they really make a difference with this really cold winter. Now, I can say we are able to heat the house, using less fuel than before the new windows. I am glad I called Bill "The Window Man". He lives in Plainville and I saw his ad in the Hometown Connection.

**(Betty Raves)** It was our daughters' 16th birthday on Valentine's Day. I ordered her cake from the Bolo Bakery in Downtown Plainville. Her school friends were invited to the party. The cake was the hit of the party. It had not only the usual Happy Birthday but it was decorated with all her sport activities. "Thank You, Bolo"

**(Nick Faves)** Doing business with UBI Credit Union was a pleasure. I applied for an auto loan and within an hour I was approved. They checked my credit while I waited.

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

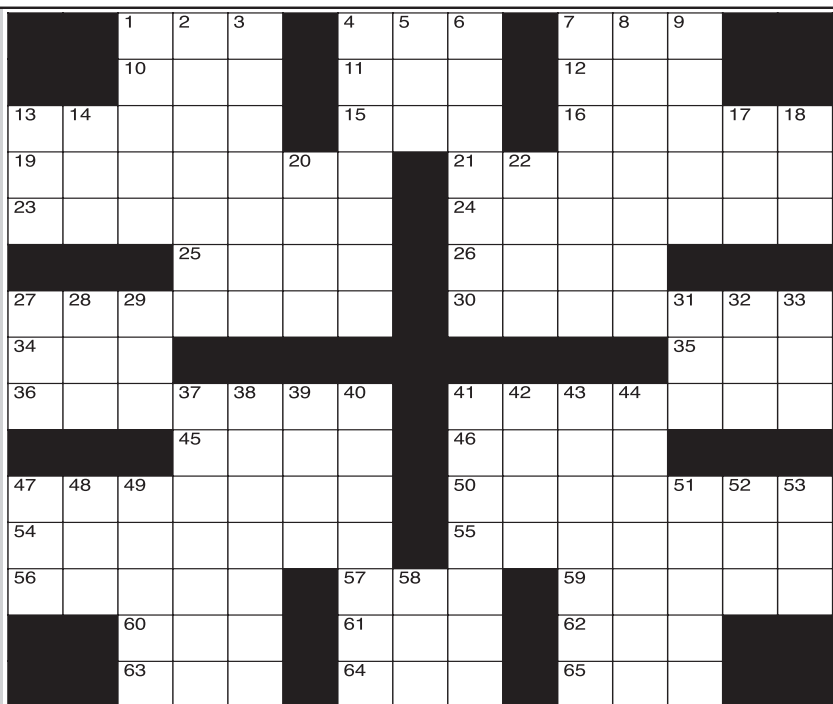
**Email your Faves & Raves to share it with everyone!**

**Let's hear what you have to say, we need your comments!**

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Crossword



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. CENTRAL MAIL BUREAU
- 4. MEMBER OF THE FAMILY
- 7. PARTNER TO FLOW
- 10. \_\_\_ ANGELES
- 11. MILITARY MAILBOX
- 12. PATRIOTIC WOMEN
- 13. SHALLOW LAKE
- 15. TEAR APART
- 16. MIDDLE EASTERNER
- 19. EAT TO EXCESS
- 21. STAINED
- 23. CERTAIN PEOPLES OF EQUATORIAL AFRICA
- 24. 1ST DAY OF MONTH
- 25. SKIN DISEASE
- 26. SKATING FIGURE
- 27. ANNELIDS
- 30. GRACEFULLY SLENDER
- 34. KIDS NEED IT
- 35. SWISS RIVER
- 36. INDENTS
- 41. A SHEER FABRIC OF SILK OR NYLON
- 45. BELGIAN RIVER
- 46. \_\_\_ SPUMANTE (ITALIAN WINE)
- 47. ORIGINATE FROM
- 50. RUGGED MOUNTAIN RANGES

54. MADE LESS CLEAN

- 55. PROFESSIONS
- 56. 3S
- 57. SCARF
- 59. YELLOW LIGHT
- 60. BIRD NOISE
- 61. OPPOSITE OF START
- 62. BAR BILL
- 63. NORTHEASTERN MASS. CAPE
- 64. AMERICAN ROCKER SNIDER
- 65. MIDWAY BETWEEN NORTHEAST AND EAST

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. SCANDINAVIAN DRINK
- 2. WASHINGTON RIVER
- 3. FAST-RUNNING FLIGHTLESS BIRD
- 4. NERVE CONDITIONS
- 5. INDICATES NEAR
- 6. IMMEDIATE RELEVANCE
- 7. THINGS YOU CAN EAT
- 8. RECEPTACLES
- 9. RETIRED BREWERS GREAT
- 13. MONTH
- 14. HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 17. EXCLAMATION TO CONVEY TRUTH
- 18. PASSPORTS AND LICENSES ARE TWO

20. EBERT'S PARTNER SISKEL

- 22. LONG SKIRT
- 27. PART OF COMPANY NAME
- 28. DRUGMAKER \_\_\_ LILLY
- 29. ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES
- 31. KLUTZ
- 32. CHINESE STATESMAN
- 33. STIR WITH EMOTION
- 37. FLAT-BOTTOMED BOAT
- 38. GO-BETWEEN
- 39. THIS (SPANISH)
- 40. A PLOT OF GROUND WHERE SEEDLINGS ARE GROWN BEFORE TRANSPLANTING
- 41. SMALL WATERFALL
- 42. MODERN TECH NECESSITY (ABBR.)
- 43. UTTER REPEATEDLY
- 44. ONE OF THE BRAVEST
- 47. SUN UP IN NEW YORK
- 48. SPACE STATION
- 49. CHILEAN SEAPORT
- 51. HASIDIC SPIRITUAL LEADER
- 52. THEY \_\_\_
- 53. SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
- 58. SINGLE UNIT

## "HAPPY & HEALTHY BIRTHDAY TO ALL" MARCH

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- 2ND DAVE UNDERWOOD
- 3RD TAMMY LOMBARDO
- 4TH DALE NIGHTINGALE  
KEN THERIAULT
- 5TH BRUCE MORRIS
- 6TH PAUL MATTEO
- 8TH RICK STAUBLEY
- 9TH EVELYN STELMA
- 11TH MELINDA ROGERS  
BILL BRAYNE
- 12TH BETTY TURNER ( 74 YEARS OLD)
- 14TH DUNCAN MAY
- 15TH DOREEN CORRIVEAU
- 17TH PATRICK BUDEN, SR.
- 18TH BRIAN GLOWIAK
- 21ST MARK BELANGER
- 22ND JOHN HARDY  
DAN HURLEY
- 23RD NOLAN LOSTOCCO
- 26TH PATRICK BUDEN, JR.
- 29TH DAVID DUDEK
- 31ST DEB HARDY  
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# Plainville Lions Roar

## Senior Services Seeks Applicants for Grant-funded Certified Nursing Assistant Program

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

### LIVING WILLS

A living will, also called an "advance directive", conveys a patient's wishes regarding treatment when those wishes can no longer be personally communicated. A living will must be constructed and authorized before the given individual is incapacitated in any way.

The importance of creating a living will is most evident in two particular forms. First an individual's wishes regarding life-sustaining treatment. Second, it is valuable for a person to identify a surrogate for decisions in time of illness or incapacity. The premise behind a living will is exactly the same as the premise behind a standard "Last Will and Testament", that is to provide instructions for treatment during time of illness or incapacity. The only major difference is an advance directive provides a surrogate decision

maker to convey what they believe the incapacitated person's wishes may be.

A final point on this issue specifically pertaining to our State is that Connecticut law only requires physicians to consider advance when deciding on treatment plans for the patients. However, they do not have to comply with the directive. This section of the law differs greatly from other states, where physicians have far less autonomy when determining a patient's fate.

Now more than ever, we as Americans need to understand our rights and how to preserve them during our lives and beyond. Living wills and our "Last Will and Testament" are ways of ensuring our true desires are carried out in the event that we are unable to communicate them ourselves. At the very least, a "Last Will and Testament" is essential for a well planned estate.

Plainville Lions generally provide donations and service to local concerns such as the Food Pantry, and scholarships for graduates, but most recently has also been involved in a goods donation collection for 315 Kentucky families who fell victim to tornadoes back in December of 2021. It was local Lions Clubs from Kentucky who reached out for our help.

Following are Plainville Lions activities planned for this year. Please refer to our facebook or our website (i.e. [www.plainvilleclions.org](http://www.plainvilleclions.org)) for details and updates:

- **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, March 27th – we will also be offering vision screenings for kids at this time
- **Sponsoring of Red Cross Blood Drive** – tentatively late May
- **New Britain Stadium Bees Event** – to benefit the Lions Low Vision Center – July date tbd
- **KidSight Vision Screening** for Pre-schools – to be held at various times during February and March

Also, we still **collect used eyeglass** (i.e. prescription and non-prescription), sunglasses, eyeglass cases and hearing aids. There are six (6) drop-off locations in town. A list of them can be found on our website (i.e. [www.plainvilleclions.org](http://www.plainvilleclions.org)) under "Collection Box Locations".

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

See you at the  
*Pancake Breakfast*  
Brian Lavigne

Hartford HealthCare Senior Services is accepting applications for a grant-funded six-week program for those seeking a career as a certified nursing assistant. The grant funds tuition, books, scrubs, testing and the Connecticut Certified Nurses Aide Exam. Classes begins Monday, March 28.

This free program is the perfect opportunity for those seeking to start a career in healthcare or change careers. Applicants must have their high school diploma, be 18 or older and have their own transportation. Classroom education is held on zoom, labs are held in Southington and clinical training is held in Newington and Southington.

Acceptance into the program will be contingent upon a background check, fingerprinting, interview, physical, reference check and the application.

Grant funding was provided by Jefferson House, located at 1 John H. Stewart Drive in Newington, which offers short-term/outpatient rehabilitation, skilled nursing and palliative care.

*Space for the Certified Nursing Assistant Program is limited. For more information and to receive an application packet, call 860.406.9050 or email [CNAtraining@hhchealth.org](mailto:CNAtraining@hhchealth.org)*

*For more information about Hartford HealthCare Senior Services, visit: [www.hhcseniorservices.org](http://www.hhcseniorservices.org)*

### Attorney Thomas A. Wurz

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Q-2) Supplement Plan, Advantage Plan, Medi-gap Plan? Are these all the same ?

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**180 South Washington Street:** As shared in last month's update, Newport Realty Group has applied to the Planning & Zoning Commission for another aged-restricted development in Town. Located on South Washington Street, this development will feature a total of 12 units over 3 buildings. At the January 25th meeting, the Planning & Zoning Commission approved these plans. Work will begin shortly for site preparation and filing of building permits. The approval signals the ongoing market demand for alternative housing options, and further cements Newport Realty Group's commitment and investment in Plainville.

**White Oak Update:** Progress continues with the White Oak project. Under guidance of the CT Brownfield Land Bank, the Town has solicited proposals from licensed engineering firms to oversee remediation efforts on the property and within existing buildings, coordinating cleanup with the proposed redevelopment plans submitted by Manafort-Newport Realty, LLC. Responses were received from four firms – Loureiro, BL Companies, Arcadis, Tighe & Bond - and reviewed by Town and Brownfield Staff. Interviews will be held to further delve into firms' responses, with a goal of making a recommendation to the Town Council at their February 22nd meeting for who, in the Staffs' mind, would best serve the Town in this role moving forward.

Work also continues to finalize agreements between the Town and both the State & development team. Regarding previously awarded Brownfield Remediation grant funding, the Town is seeking a "Direct Financial Assistance Agreement" with CTDECD. This relationship would be much like what was established under Brownfield Assessment grant funding from 2017, with funds and invoices being processed by the Town.

This would also allow CT Brownfield Land Bank to remain in the previously approved advisory and guidance role, assisting the Town during the remediation phase of the project. Once finalized, additional documents will be filed with the State prior to funds being released.

After finalizing a Term Sheet, outlining general parameters of the development, Town Staff and Manafort-Newport Realty continue work on finalizing a land disposition agreement, which further delves into details and responsibilities of each party throughout the development and beyond. A final version has been drafted by the Town and is currently being reviewed by the developers. A response is expected in the coming weeks.

Finally, Town Staff completed their effort in working with Manafort-Newport Realty to submit a CT Community Challenge Grant application to CTDECD in the amount of \$1.2 million. These funds have been identified as a potential way to off-set construction costs related to the realignment and installation of the entrance/exit boulevard, traffic light as deemed necessary by CTDOT, paving, utility installation, site work, a covered CTFastrak bus stop vestibule on West Main Street, and access to open space on the north side of the property. The program proved attractive, with over 50 applications being received by CTDECD prior to the January 14th deadline. A funding decision from the State is expected this spring.

**Update:** Construction efforts continue at the Americold building on Northwest Drive. Some supply chain delays were experienced at the height of COVID, and as a result, progress is behind what was projected. Site work will continue into early spring with parking lots to be paved. Currently, the goal is to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) by May 1, closing out phase one of the project, and moving into phase two which encompasses fit out and automation of the interior storage and retrieval systems. This is estimated to take roughly a year to finalize prior to official opening.

## Rep. Petit Kicks Off New Session, Highlights Priorities



State Representative William A. Petit Jr. (R-22) joined his fellow Republican and Democrat colleagues on the floor of the house, officially kicking off the 2022 legislative session.

A few of Rep. Petit's legislative priorities for this year include restoring public safety, improving portions of the police accountability bill, and protections for officers getting mental health assessments so they can seek treatment without fear of discipline or losing their jobs.

Additionally, he hopes to pass a comprehensive mental health bill to increase access, licensing reciprocity, and the number of school-based health centers along with providing adequate funding and resources to the Office of Victim Advocate.

"While the legislature will have many issues to consider during this shortened session, one of the most important items on my agenda this year is addressing the mental health issues we face, especially those in children,"

Rep. Petit said. "I am very hopeful that we will be able to shepherd a large multifaceted bill through the Public Health, Children's and Human Services committees to improve and expand mental health services throughout the state.

Rep. Petit also mentioned a goal this session is to try and find ways the legislature can work together to provide tangible tax relief to residents.

In the second year of a two-year legislative cycle, the main goal of the legislature is to make any necessary adjustments to the budget adopted in the previous year. Any new laws or adjustments to previously passed laws must be budgetary related. All bills brought forth in the shorter session must come through the committee that has oversight into the issue being presented.

Rep. Petit can be reached at William.Petit@housegop.ct.gov, or by calling (800) 842-1423. Residents of Plainville and New Britain can follow his legislative activity by visiting his website [www.reppetit.com](http://www.reppetit.com), or by connecting with him on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/reppetit/>.

The 2022 legislative session will adjourn at midnight on Wednesday, May 4.

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**PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HONORED WITH "STUDENT ROCKS AWARD"**



Plainville High School students Peyton Stehle and Nicole Kolc have been named recipients of the first semester "Student Rocks Award" recognizing their outstanding contributions to Plainville High School.

The Student Rocks Award was established by three teachers in 2010 as a way to honor those students who "do the right thing" every day without looking for acknowledgement. Once a semester, teachers nominate and then vote for two students they believe are worthy of this award. The students are honored, along with their family members and guests, at a staff meeting where they are awarded a book and presented with the Student Rocks plaque where their names are engraved. This plaque is displayed in the school's awards showcase. It reads: "awarded to students who assume responsibility for their positive contributions to the school and community." Faculty and staff comments submitted for the winning nominations are also shared during the awards presentation.

Stehle, a senior, was nominated by Plainville High School faculty members Kerry Patterson, Kevin Levesque, Helena Pietri, John Czerwinski and Emily Wasley. Peyton and Nicole are extraordinary students who both bring a positive energy to our school community every day," said PHS faculty member and Student Rocks Program Co-Coordinator Eileen Hebert.

**Middle School of Plainville Students Create Hand Painted Bugs**



Middle School of Plainville students are "spreading love" in the form of cute hand-painted bugs! Students in Middle School Art Teacher / Advisor Laura Meehan's PRISMS Club created dozens of little painted beach rocks, as Valentine's day gifts for the residents of the Apple Rehabilitation Center in Plainville. A basket of these adorable creations will be delivered in time for Valentine's day. The goal of the PRISMS Club is to help improve school climate, encourage kindness to others, and to decrease bullying through community service and kindness activities.



**MSP Students Study Ancient Alphabet**

Middle School of Plainville sixth grade Social Studies Classes were recently introduced to "cuneiform", the world's first alphabet, as part of their unit of study on ancient Mesopotamia. After learning about its

origins and uses, the students had the opportunity to practice writing it. They made clay tablets out of playdoh and each student used a stylus to form the letters.

**Students Honor American Artist Wayne Thiebaud**

Middle School of Plainville sixth graders in Laura Meehan's Art classes recently created oil pastel cake drawings in honor of American artist Wayne Thiebaud, who passed away on December 25th, 2021 at the age of 101. Thiebaud was a painter best known for his colorful works depicting commonplace objects like pies, cakes, paint cans and ice cream cones. The students learned how to create the illusion of light and shadow in their cakes, and how to apply thick oil pastel to look like frosting.

**In photo :** Middle School of Plainville Students: Devin Petrow, Ava Lyles, Elisa Lopez, Ansh Patel, Raman Kasabrukhou)



Elisa Lopez



Devin Petrow

**PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS**



Plainville High School students Garret Millette and Peyton Stehle have been recognized by the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) for excellence in the arts. Each year, CAS honors two Plainville seniors who excel in the performing and/or visual arts through their high school arts awards recognition program.

This year, senior Garret Millette has been selected as the CAS Performing Arts Award recipient. "Garret is an outstanding musician and leader. He has a tremendous work ethic and extremely high standards," shared Plainville High School Band Director Dom Talotta.

Garret is a member of the PHS Concert Band, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, and Chamber Choir. In addition, he has earned seats in the Regional and All-State festivals over multiple years. Garret will be pursuing a career in Music Education after graduation. Senior Peyton Stehle has been selected as the CAS Visual Arts Award recipient. "Peyton is a positive and creative thinker who is engaging to work with and has the ability to offer a welcoming spirit to those around her in life and in the classroom," shared Art Teacher Mario Pires.

Peyton has participated in many art courses and opportunities throughout her high school career. Most recently she was a Golden Key award winner in the national scholastic art and writing awards competition where her work was recognized for originality, technical skill, and emergence of a vision/voice. Peyton will be pursuing a career in Art Education after graduation.

"We are very fortunate in Plainville to have an incredible arts program at PHS." noted Plainville High School Principal, Carl Johnson. "Congratulations to these two accomplished and exceptional artists who represent the pinnacle level of skill and talent, which has been shaped and molded during their years in Plainville Community Schools," said Superintendent of Schools, Steven LePage.

*I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag....*

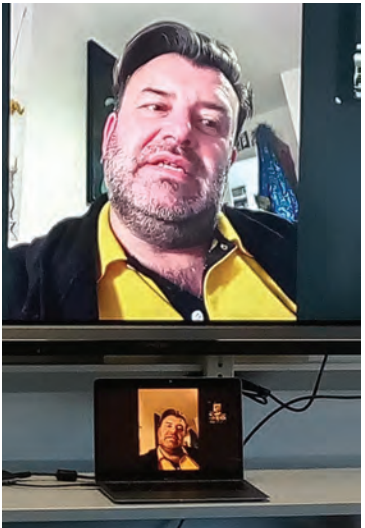


**Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners Announced**



Today I had the pleasure to honor two students from the Plainville School system for their entries into the annual Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Recognition Program. First is Giovanni Evangelista from Linden Street school who is our 4th grade poster contest winner and was selected to advance to the county level for further judging. Second is Alexia Rose Berarducci from Toffolon Middle School who was 5th grade poster contest winner and also selected to advance to the count level. Both students did a great job along with all the other entries that we received. Congratulations to our winners and thanks to the 4th and 5th grade student who participated in this year's poster contest your hard work and efforts are very much appreciated

**PHS Theater Unlimited Students Meet Playwright**



**Tim McArthur, Playwright**



**PHS Cast**

Plainville High School Theater Unlimited actresses Hailey Calder, Lily Feyerabend, Zeyana Thigpen, Janessa Freitas, Marissa Freitas, and Sofia Maksymiw, together with Assistant Director Nikolas Diaz and Advisor / faculty member TJ Riccardo, joined in a virtual meeting with Tim McArthur, author of the play "A Word for Mother." McArthur learned that the Plainville High School theater group will be performing his show in March, and reached out to congratulate the cast. This will be the first time the play has been performed on stage. The playwright and student cast members discussed motivation and characterization, providing a deeper insight into the play which examines family relationships. The play will also be the first performance in the new Plainville High School "Black Box Theater", which was funded and built by the Theater Unlimited Group. The play "A Word For Mother" will be performed Friday, March 18th at 7:30 pm and Saturday March 19th at noon and 7:30 pm. The performances are open to the public, but with limited seating. Tickets are available at the door.

**Is CRT Taught in Plainville Schools??**

1. Find out what your schools teach. Submit a FOIA request to gain access to public documents, including school board and school district materials. If requested, the government is required to hand over the records via "open records laws" and "sunshine laws." Learn more at <https://bit.ly/3zclRtZ>
2. Speak to your child's teacher and principal and share with them Heritage's analysis ([heritage.org/critical-race-theory](https://heritage.org/critical-race-theory)) showing that treating students in the manners described above violates several statutes, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the 14th Amendment.
3. Engage with your local school board. More than 14,000 school boards and 100,000 school board members across the country determine the shape and content of curriculum in their school districts, holding the key to how these various issues are addressed in American classrooms.
  - Identify local school board meetings to attend throughout the year (these typically occur monthly during the school year).
  - Stay abreast of board activities by reading meeting minutes (usually posted online after the meeting).
  - Locate school district budget documents and draft questions about spending on CRT/DEI-related activities, training, and personnel.
  - Look up the local school board's mission statement and become familiar with assigned textbooks.
  - Become involved in the school's Parent Teacher Association/Organization (PTA/PTO).
  - Set up a parent group on Facebook or other social media for families in the local school community.
4. Become a whistleblower. You can submit documentation of CRT training at your school or workplace to Parents Defending Education ([defendinged.org](https://defendinged.org)), activist Christopher Rufo ([christopherrufo.com](https://christopherrufo.com)), or The Daily Signal ([comments@dailysignal.com](mailto:comments@dailysignal.com)).

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With all the government restrictions on what you can do, say or what you can buy, shortages of things you need and even how you live it's no wonder people are so short tempered when they go out in public.

One senior citizen became so frustrated with all the rules she finely got her revenge. It seems this woman went to the store to buy some cat food and as she placed them on the counter the cashier said unless she could prove she actually had a cat she couldn't sell her the cat food as they had learned many seniors were buying and eating cat food. The woman went home, got her cat and returned to the store and purchased the food for her cat. A few days later she went back to the store to purchase some dog food and again the cashier told her unless she could prove she owned a dog and wasn't eating the dog food herself she was unable to ring it up. Again the woman went home got her dog and returned to the store to purchase the dog food. About a week later the woman entered the store carrying a box with a hole in the top and approached the cashier that had given her such a hard time weeks previously. She asked the cashier if she would stick her finger in the hole before she did her shopping. "No, you might have a snake in there," replied the cashier. The woman assured her that there was nothing in the box that would harm her, so the cashier put her finger into the box, quickly pulled it out and exclaimed, "That smells like crap." The woman replied, "It is, I want to buy eight rolls of toilet paper!" When shopping, if you can find the product you need and then be questioned by someone asking if you really need it might push some of us over the edge. It seems everyone wants to run your life and at times you would like to stand up and yell, "**MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.**"

## To Your Health

### Stepping into Spring!

Spring is frequently known as a time of rejuvenation. The longer days, warmer soil and rain provide the right conditions for plants to sprout and for us to get outside.

The Spring harvest is sparse. Planting has just begun, and the winter storage is nearly depleted. This can account for why many religions fast in the Spring.

For some, appetites decrease naturally in Spring as we move away from our Winter hibernation, comfort foods and inactivity. It's the time to bring your body back into balance with more green and bitter foods. Bitter tasting foods help to flush our digestive systems, increase metabolism and reduce sweet tooth cravings.

This is nature's way of helping us to take off our winter weight and put some spring in our step as we, like the animals, shed our winter coats.

#### **The Struggle is Real!**

It can be a struggle to lose a few pounds get back to an exercise routine. While it is not easy to change unhealthy behaviors, the benefits are worth it. Feeling better in your clothes, more energy to do the things you love, a better mood, great results on your next blood test and being a good role model for people in your life are just some of the advantages you can strive for.

#### **Here are a few tips on how you can get started.**

- 1) Write down your health goals. Include why these goals are important to you.
- 2) Take 3 deep breaths before you give in to an unhealthy craving. Make a better choice.
- 3) Eat mindfully and slowly to recognize when you are full.
- 4) Drink water upon waking and throughout the day.
- 5) Incorporate more plant based foods into your diet.
- 6) Reduce sugar consumption.
- 7) Make it easy – replace high sugar, high fat food products in your kitchen with healthier choices.

#### **How to benefit from the Spring Harvest**

1. Align with the season and naturally reduce your portions and add in more bitter vegetables like kale and mustard greens. Dandelion and Nettle tea, while bitter are good choices. Green tea is also beneficial. A little honey to help you enjoy these drinks is okay.
2. A colorful and smaller plate. I personally use a lunch size plate for dinner while also striving to make what's on my plate as colorful as possible. This provides a visual way to know if I'm on track. One of my favorite go to meals is brown rice with onions, garlic, mushrooms, red and green peppers, spinach and perhaps a little chicken to top it off.
3. Read the Ingredient list. Pay attention to calories/serving size and select items with higher levels of fiber and protein and less saturated fat and added sugar.
4. Take your own Spring break and find something fun to do. Try growing microgreens indoors. Baby microgreens are loaded with more nutrients than mature leaves. Organic seeds, soil and a plastic lettuce container are all need to get started. In a few short weeks, for just a few dollars and a small effort, it is possible to enjoy this kitchen crop that you can add to a morning smoothie or to top off a salad. It's easy and fun.

#### **Have Patience!**

A good weight loss program will result in 1-2 lbs. lost/week. It may seem like a lot of effort for little gain but overtime the results will add up. The slower process of change can help you to re-evaluate your food choices, portion sizes and intake of water for the long term. A good program incorporates a healthy balance of good carbs, (think non-starchy veggies) protein and healthy fats. Join an exercise group and get motivated while making friends.

Don't hesitate to get help by engaging with a health professional or coach. There are many apps available for you to track your intake of calories and exercise.

#### **Get Started Today!**

### Happy St. Patrick's Day & Happy Spring!



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## LOGAN CAMPAIGN ACHIEVES 'ON THE RADAR' STATUS WITH NRCC

George Logan, Republican candidate for Congress in Connecticut's 5th Congressional District released the following statement after achieving 'On the Radar' status with the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC):

"I hear it every day how hungry people in the 5th Congressional District are for change in Connecticut and Washington D.C.," said Logan. "Being part of the NRCC Young Guns program signals how important winning this race is to the future of our country, and I'm going to continue to work hard every day to get to Washington and provide the leadership our country needs."

*George Logan is one of twenty-one candidates recognized by the NRCC in the latest round of candidates in the Young Guns program.* <https://www.nrcc.org/2022/02/25/nrcc-announces-21-additional-on-the-radar-candidates-in-young-guns-program/>

## Former Miss Connecticut Helps To Get Her Mother Out of Ukraine

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Like other Ukrainian-Americans, Olga Litvinenko, who represented Connecticut in the Miss USA pageant, has been watching the news of her native land with horror and dread.

Litvinenko, who came to the United States from Kyiv as a child, has been glued to her phone.

"It's been really stressful, we have family there, so we're worried. Our great aunt, she's not picking up the phone. Every minute that goes by, it gets more worrisome," said Litvinenko, who competed in the 2017 Miss USA Pageant as Miss Connecticut. She currently runs a fragrance business.

Litvinenko was planning to visit Ukraine this winter, joining her mother, Tamara, who was already in the eastern European country this month. The plan was to reconnect with family in Ukraine. Their late father, Yuri Litvinenko, died in April

## Memorial Donations Senior Center

The Senior Center has a Memorial Fund for people wishing to make a donation in memory of a friend or relative. Checks may be made out to the Plainville Senior Center. The deceased person's name will be listed in the Memorial Book displayed in our Lounge, along with the donor's name. Memorial donations are used to enhance the operation of the Senior Center.

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of 2021, and he is buried in the capital city of Kyiv.

Then the clouds of war began to form in the east. Her mother was able to leave Ukraine Feb. 14 and return to their home in Greenwich before a Russian attack commenced this week. Tamara Litvinenko also brought back two rescue dogs from Ukraine, which complicated the paperwork for her journey back to the U.S.

"Luckily we were able to get her on a flight," her daughter said.

Litvinenko, a graduate of Greenwich High School and Syracuse University, has been keeping the news on "every minute, every second," the former Miss Connecticut said.

Invading Russian forces closed in on Ukraine's capital Friday. The assault, anticipated for weeks by the West, amounts to Europe's largest ground conflict since World War II.

Litvinenko said she has been disturbed to hear from friends in Ukraine who are running out of food. But, Litvinenko said, she was impressed by the number of volunteers who "are on the ground and ready to fight" and the determination of the Ukrainian people.

The Ukrainians want a peaceful independence, having their own country. It's a devastating time, extremely stressful. And they're fighting on their own."Litvinenko said she was planning to assist in the relief effort herself in coming days. "They could use the help, they certainly need it, but they're not going to back down."

*Material from  
rmarchant@greenwichtime.com*

## I KNOW A GUY

By: Myke Roy

March is finally here and that means winter will soon be just a memory. March 2 is Ash Wednesday and for many it is the first day of Lent. On the 13th Daylight Saving Time begins. So before you go to bed on Saturday the 12th turn the clocks ahead one hour. March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. According to History.com St. Patrick was born in Britain, not Ireland, and is believed to have died on March 17th, 460 A. D. Also, according to History.com, Patrick was never actually canonized by the Catholic Church. If you have a chance to visit History.com, and I recommend you do, the story of St. Patrick is very interesting. (Oh, Happy Birthday Nevaeh.) And finally, March 20th is the first day of spring. That's right, spring...the season right before summer.

Now, let's get to the reason you are here.

1. Check around your house and make sure there is adequate drainage so the upcoming spring thaw and rain doesn't go into your basement.
2. Repair or replace damaged window screens. After all, when the warm days come this month you are going to want to open the windows and air out your house.
3. Clear dead plants and shrubs from the house.
4. Check trees for interference with power lines.
5. Run water and flush toilets in unused

## From the Desk of... Dr. Ben Carson

Hello,

I don't believe the majority of the public really knows what is being taught to our children and grandchildren.

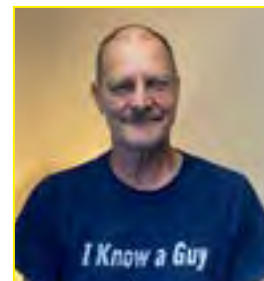
They assume they are taught the same lessons we learned growing up—that America is a land of freedom and opportunity where anyone has a chance at success.

From what I've seen, this isn't always the case. However, I want to know what you've seen.

I believe that children as young as elementary age are being taught to reject our American values.

They are told that our Founding Fathers were massively flawed and that it overshadows the nation they built. They hear that our Constitution is "out of date" and needs to be "modernized."

Progressives are rewriting our nation's history and they are doing it with our youngest and most vulnerable. We cannot let this happen!



spaces such as guest bathrooms and other water sources you don't use regularly. Running water through these systems will help you prevent grime or any other kind of build-up.

6. Last October I recommended everyone should have a fire extinguisher in their kitchen and near their fireplace or wood/pellet stove. What I have to say next should go without saying. If you someone else purchased a fire extinguisher for your home, leaving it in the original box and keeping it in your pantry will do no good if you have a fire. Please mount it on a wall where you can have easy access to it in the event of an emergency.

7. Test your water heater's pressure relief valve. This will not only prevent mineral and corrosion buildup, it will also help your heater run more efficiently. If you do not know how to do it yourself you may want to call a plumber.

As always, I want to thank you for taking the time to read this column.

And when someone asks you where you are getting this information, just tell them, "I know a guy."

Remember...

**"Doing it right costs less than doing it over."**

At the start of 2022, I'm going to be meeting with political leaders and educational "experts" across the country. I'm going to make sure people know what is really happening in our schools.

I want to be able to share with them the thoughts of people who are closest to the issue. Specifically, I would like to include your thoughts.

The American Cornerstone Institute, a nonprofit I recently founded, has created a unique survey. We're trying to gauge the state of America's Educational System by surveying people like you.

*I'd like to ask you to give me 2 minutes of your time so we can better understand the problems that exist in our educational system. You can access the survey on the computer at:*

[www.offers.americancornerstone.org/education\\_survey/](http://www.offers.americancornerstone.org/education_survey/)

*Thank you in advance for your consideration.*

*Regards, Dr. Ben Carson,  
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# A Little Bit of This & That.....



The Tomlinson Avenue bridge in Plainville, which is finally being replaced with work starting today.

## Tomlinson Avenue bridge replacement begins today

### PLAINVILLE

By **BRIAN M. JOHNSON**  
@BRIANJOHNSONBP

The long discussed replacement of the existing Tomlinson Avenue bridge begins today, with construction work continuing through September.

Dayton Construction is expected to complete the replacement of the existing bridge. The project will involve removing the existing corrugated metal twin culverts and replacing them with pre-cast twin box culverts made from concrete. The project will also include channel modifications and pavement repairs.

During certain phases of the construction, the bridge crossing will be closed to traffic. Detour signs will be put into place to redirect motorists. A temporary bridge for pedestrians will be installed during the project duration.

Town Engineer John Bossi said that this project has been in the works for close to 15 years and hit several "regulatory snags" along the way. The replacement is being done because the existing twin metal culverts have deteriorated.

"The bridge was built in the late 1960s," said Bossi. "The new bridge will have precast concrete square culverts, which will have a longer service life."

Town Manager Robert E. Lee said that the project will come to around \$2 million, with 80% of the costs being covered by a state grant.

The years of delays with the project, Lee said, were a result of several required reviews by state and federal agencies. Other designs looked at in the past included creating a protective "sleeve" over the existing tubes or adding a third tube to increase the bridge's flood capacity. However, there were environmental concerns with these plans.

"The bridge travels over the Quinnipiac River and it was determined by the design corps and DEEP (state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) that the original design would not allow fish to travel further upstream. We had to pretty much throw that design out and start over. The review process dragged on and on, but it is now finally actually going forward."

## GOT THE NEWS BLUES?

The morning newspaper news, that is. A daily ritual of the greatest generation ended suddenly when the Hartford Courant left Connecticut recently for Florida. Drastic changes were made. Now we have never ending delivery problems, the frustration of dealing with the telephone tree, the representative you can hardly understand and who can't help you anyway.

Actually, a fan of written words on a page, I feel the Courant has been waving good bye to me for a while now.

When the paper does finally arrive, the content is way too politically blue for me. The editorial page is outsourced. If I wanted to read the Washington Post or the NYT, I would buy them. I find the Letters to the Editor authored locally, chosen for print, now are most often hateful, nasty and downright insulting. It all makes one wonder if we are crawling toward a national newspaper monopoly that will ultimately completely control our information flow.

The good news is that we still have choices and we need to support Connecticut and good solid journalism if we are going to preserve it. The Waterbury Republican-American, digital or delivery, may consider expanding into Plainville, if there is enough interest. The Republican-American is still based here in Connecticut and is staffed here. The content is for-real, patriotic, and well, supports conservative values. It has to be a better start to your day.

**No commitment is implied. It's just a survey.**

**E-mail the Circulation Manager:**

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.....Janice Eisenhower

## Taste Buzz

### Good Taste, Good Health

Try this on a winter's night. It's a tasty pasta salad that comes in at 270 calories per serving.

### Ginger Veggie Brown Rice Pasta

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups uncooked brown rice elbow pasta
- 1 tbsp coconut oil
- 1/2 small sliced red onion
- 2 tsp ginger paste
- 2 tsp garlic paste
- 1-1/2 cups chopped fresh Brussels sprouts
- 1/2 cup chopped red cabbage
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1/2 med chopped sweet red pepper
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground ancho chili pepper
- 1/4 tsp coarsely ground pepper
- 1 rotisserie chicken — skin removed and shredded
- 2 chopped green onions

#### DIRECTIONS:

In Dutch Oven (large pot) cook pasta according to package directions. In large skillet, heat coconut oil over med heat. Add red onion, ginger paste and garlic paste. Saute 2 minutes. Stir in next 7 ingredients. Cook until vegetables are crisp-tender. Add chicken and heat through.

Drain pasta, reserving 1 cup pasta water. Return pasta to Dutch Oven. Add vegetable mixture. Toss to coat, adding enough reserve pasta water to moisten pasta. Sprinkle with green onions before serving. Serves 8 persons **Thank you! Submitted by: Sheila Dow**

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## Protecting the Housatonic River

I joined Senator Chris Murphy, the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA), and community members for a conversation about the importance of protecting the Housatonic River.

The Housatonic River measures approximately 149 miles long - flowing from Massachusetts to Connecticut and has a watershed of about 2,000 square miles. The Housatonic River Valley continues to support the local economy and is home to several species of fish and wildlife.

During the conversation, Senator Murphy and I gathered input for our legislation to provide the Housatonic River with a National Wild & Scenic Designation. Federal funding provided by the designation would support conservation efforts and recreation in the towns along the river. Our work

would not be possible without the help of our community and their dedication to this effort.

This work builds upon the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, signed into law on March 12, 2019. This landmark conservation package added 621 miles to the National Wild and Scenic River System and included a Wild and Scenic Designation for Connecticut's Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook.

Jahana Hayes



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## What's in a Name?

### An Anthropological Perspective

*By Francis Rexford Cooley*

The Washington Redskins are no more, now they are the Commanders. The Cleveland Indians are now the Guardians. The Farmington High School Indians are now the Red Hawks. The old names have been deemed “offensive” and “hurtful.” The debate over team names and mascots has been building for a number of years. Charges of racism have been leveled at the use of some team names and mascots. Emotions often run high during the debate over team names. What is rarely, if ever, discussed is what does it mean to name? What purpose does naming serve in human society? How does the process of naming connect us to the past and why?

Humans invariable love to name. Our parents name us, their children, we name our pets, inanimate objects like our cars, boats, homes. All human societies name. As noted in “The Anthropology of Names and Naming” (2009) “Parents internationally are determined to get their children’s names ‘right’”. Often the names given connect the child to his or her genealogical history. In New England through the 19th and into the 20th century first sons were often given their father’s name while second sons were given their maternal grandfather’s name thus preserving both the paternal and maternal histories of the parents in the naming of the children. For Christian, especially Catholic families the names of Jesus’ apostles are commonly used to connect the child to the faith of their family. Jewish and Muslim families use similar religious naming schemes using the Old Testament and Koran. These naming processes link the child to his or her genealogical and/or religious heritage.

Naming is, from an anthropological position, a type of “sympathetic magic” going back to the days when humans lived in hunter-gatherer societies. The purpose of the name is supernaturally or symbolically gain the positive attributes of what the name represents. The clan of the bear would be named such as to draw the power and strength of the bear to the members of the clan that uses that name. The “spirit” of the animal would enhance those who took that animal’s name for themselves. Warrior societies

often chose an animal to represent themselves. We see this today in the animal representations of nations in the American Eagle, Russian Bear, British Lion, and Chinese Dragon (a mythological animal) as well as sports team names. The purpose of naming is to gain the positive aspects from what the name represents, whether that is speed, strength, courage, etc. as well as link those today to their collective past.

The current debate on team names completely ignores any mention of why we name, to preserve the past through the honoring of those who came before us or the use of “sympathetic magic” to gain the positive attributes of what the name represents. Naming invariably focuses on the positive. A relative or ancestor who besmirches the family name is often left out of a family’s naming schematic. No parent chooses the name of a relative they despise or hold in disdain for their child. Likewise no sports team is named after something that invokes weakness. How many teams are named after possums, “let’s play like we’re a possum, play dead,” or sloths, “we run like sloths, slowly.” Names are chosen to evoke strength, courage, bravery; like a Brave not a coward. So what is fueling the debate on team names?

Much of the criticism of team names and mascots has come from the far political left, Marxist often in orientation, that has fueled perpetual outrage on being offended by most aspects of American culture and society. The slow but steady tilt of academia and education to a revolutionary Marxist mindset that indoctrinates the failings of American history and society without putting such history in a wider comparative perspective best exemplified by Howard Zinn’s “A People’s History of the United States” (1980) has conditioned a populace to blindly accept the argument assuming naming as a negative racial epitaph without questioning as to why anyone would give themselves an offensive name. In the end this process of finding outrage and offense demanding long standings names be discarded for more politically correct names is divorcing Americans from their shared history by ignoring the actual anthropological purpose of naming to gain the positive attributes of what the name represents and its historical and often genealogical ties to the past.

Note: The author ran track (the hurdles) for the Farmington High School Indians some forty plus years ago.

## The Tea Party Patriots Wake Up America

*By Gene*

The mid-term elections are upon us, these are very important times, but this one is for REAL. We elect about four hundred fifty some reps who go to Washington to tell them what we believe and how they should vote. If the elections were held today or this month the Conservatives will come out on top but Socialists will try to never have this happen by any means possible.

Although there are many moves being made against America, the most pressing is the destruction of election integrity. All efforts made by Democrats regarding elections are basically to gain control of elections and control America. This is how one party gains control over a country.

Now they are attempting to move authority over elections away from the states and impose regulations and conditions on the election process. In doing so, they would have the power to grant rights to illegal immigrants and allow mail in ballots from anyone. (much different than absentee ballots, which are always verified). Mail in ballots are important because if an election isn’t going their way they figure out how many votes that they need to win and, suddenly, the poll workers are counting the arriving write-in ballots. This is how one party gains control over our country.

Pay attention in Washington regarding our election, What can you do? Get involved in your local politics, ensure that true patriots are being elected to public office, and vote out those who refuse to stand up and put America first.

The final word is the Supreme Court on the Election steal of 2020. Basically they did not want to be involved. So what’s the purpose of the Supreme Court?

For many, we have been told that a ruling by the Supreme Court is the law of the land, now it wants to step aside. Let’s not have the Supreme Court become another arm of the liberal, socialistic Democratic Party.

Samuel Adams:

“It does not take a majority, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men”.

***Don’t forget to wear green on St. Patrick’s Day March 17. And that’s NOT for the New Green Deal.***

(Some excerpts from New American Volume 38 No.3)

### Friend,

The Remain in Mexico policy is back! After the worst illegal immigration surge in history, the Biden Administration has renegotiated.

We have been fighting to restore this policy since Joe Biden repealed it on the first day of his presidency. This is a major victory!

But we’re not done yet. We have to keep the pressure on the Democrats and force them to bring back the rest of President Trump’s immigration platform.

Joe Biden reinstated the Remain in Mexico policy after red state Democrats began to attack his immigration policy.

This is proof that the administration can be forced to change; but there has to be an incredible amount of pressure.

We are going to keep the heat on and press the Democrats to resume construction of the border wall.

We only need to persuade a few House Democrats to force border wall funding into a spending bill.

Red state Democratic representatives listen when our law enforcement leaders speak out. They know they can’t win reelection if we put a target on their backs.

Join us today and we’ll keep pushing for secure borders together. Thank you for your support,

***Sheriff Mark Lamb*** Founder | Protect America Now

## March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month

***Wheeler’s Bettor Choice Gambling Treatment Program Offers Individualized Treatment, Peer Recovery Support, and More, for Residents of Central Connecticut***

March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month, which underscores the challenges of problem gambling and available resources through programs such as Wheeler’s Bettor Choice Gambling Treatment Program.

Wheeler’s program is one of five gambling-specific treatment programs funded by the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS).

“Problem gambling has long been an issue,” said Katie Kirch, LCSW, ICGC-II, BACC, clinical supervisor, Wheeler’s Bettor Choice Gambling Treatment Program. “With the rollout of legalized online sports betting in Connecticut and the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, residents may need even more support to address emerging or escalating challenges.”

Kirch added that statistically, rates of problem gambling double when people are within a certain proximity of a gambling establishment. With immediate access to cell phones and computers, and the issue of proximity removed, Connecticut residents are at a much greater risk for developing unhealthy behaviors.

Wheeler’s Bettor Choice Gambling Treatment program offers individual, group, marital, and family therapy; financial and peer recovery support; access to medication and linkages to other services; budget counseling for individuals struggling with problem gambling, as well as for their loved ones; and tailored care plans to meet specific needs.

Wheeler’s program serves people in Avon, Berlin, Bristol, Burlington, Farmington, New Britain, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, Glastonbury, East Hartford, Hartford, Manchester, Rockville, South Windsor, and Vernon.

***Wheeler’s Bettor Choice Gambling Treatment Program has operated with support from DMHAS since 1996. Programs are offered through Wheeler’s Family Health & Wellness Centers at 43 Woodland Street, Hartford; 40 Hart Street in New Britain; and 10 North Main Street in Bristol. To learn more about Wheeler’s Bettor Choice Gambling Treatment Program, visit: WheelerHealth.org/BettorChoice or call: 860.692.8857.***

## Las Vegas *By Libby Sanchez*

Las Vegas is the largest city in the U.S. State of Nevada. It was settled in 1905 and was designated a city in 1911. Today, it’s a world-renowned resort town known for gambling, dining, shopping, entertainment and nightlife.

Here are some fun facts about Las Vegas:

### **Geography**

Located in the Mojave Desert, Las Vegas (Spanish for The Meadows) was a grass-filled oasis with abundant natural springs, making the unsettled land a highly desired spot for travelers.

The area around the metropolitan area is surrounded by rocky & arid mountain ranges in all directions.

Las Vegas is classified as a subtropical hot desert climate, with extreme heat in the summer, warm autumn and spring seasons, and short winters. It is an extremely sunny part of the world, averaging over 300 days of sunshine annually.

### **Entertainment**

It is one of the most visited tourist destinations in the world, and as such, is a beacon of the hospitality industry. No other city in the world is home to more AAA Five Diamond Hotels.

The city is well regarded as a leading provider of adult entertainment, so much so that the city is commonly referred to as “Sin City,” and a popular motto is “What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.”

The Las Vegas Strip and the famous “Welcome To Las Vegas” sign are actually located in the unincorporated cities of Paradise and Winchester, adjacent to the city of Las Vegas.

Vegas also provides a number of “family” oriented entertainment options, including amusement parks, museums, golf courses, shopping malls, and several major sports teams.

## Opportunity Knocking.....

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# Plainville Senior Center News.....

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

## Greetings from The Plainville Senior Center!

We wanted to remind members that the Senior Center is OPEN! Visitors to any Town of Plainville building are required to wear a mask and you will need to wear one if you come to the Senior Center. We have masks available at the Greeter station, if you need one. We also have free N95 masks available.

Activities such as Bingo, fitness and craft classes, support groups, Veterans social hour, current events, book club, etc. are meeting and seating has been arranged to maintain social distancing. The nurse is also available by appointment, for foot care, ear wax removal, blood pressure and cholesterol screening.

The PEAK Fitness Center is open daily from 9:00 - 1:00 and you do not need to schedule an appointment to work out.

Due to COVID, and to keep members safe, some of our activities have been suspended. These include activities where we cannot maintain a 6-foot social distance: Setback, bridge, cribbage, Charlemagne, scrabble, Mexican train, pinochle and the ladies and men's billiards brush-up sessions.

We plan to resume these activities once COVID numbers decrease significantly and we don't need to social distance.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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## Share & Get Support at Caregiving Connections on March 8 at the Plainville Senior Center

Join your caring friends for support at the monthly Caregiving Connections program on Tuesday, March 8, at 10 a.m. at the Plainville Senior Center. We recognize the challenges and frustrations of 24/7 caregiving, especially during these trying times. Come share and be nourished as we support one another on our journeys. Registration required. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 or go online at [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

## Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group Meets March 15 at the Plainville Senior Center

If you are a grandparent or relative who is raising a grandchild, niece or nephew, you are not alone. Come to the support group at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, and share resources, ideas, struggles, joys and more with others who are raising their grandchildren. Funding for this program is made possible in part by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging. You must register to attend. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 or go online at [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville) to register.

## Plainville Senior Center Provides St. Patrick's Day Traditional Corned Beef Grab n' Go Dinner

Enjoy a taste of St. Patrick's Day with a traditional Corned Beef Grab n' Go Dinner on Tuesday, March 17, from 11:00-11:30 a.m. at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street. Dinner includes corned beef, cabbage, boiled potatoes and carrots served with a slice of soda bread and a green cookie for dessert. All you need to do is pick it up at the Senior Center that day and reheat in the microwave when you get home. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Sign-up begins March 3. You must register in person by March 15.

## THE PEAK FITNESS CENTER IS OPEN NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED!

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

## Memory Café Offers Support for Those with Memory Loss and Their Caregivers

The Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, will hold its free monthly Memory Café program on Thursday, March 17, at 2:30 p.m. Memory Cafés are safe and supportive social gatherings for people with changes in their memory along with their care partners. Participants are invited to relax and socialize with others experiencing similar life challenges. Sign-up begins March 3. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register or go online at [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville). This program is funded in part by Title III of the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. and the Connecticut State Unit on Aging.

## Veterans' Social Hour Set for March 25 at the Plainville Senior Center

Are you a Veteran over 60 or the spouse of a veteran over 60? Do you have questions about Veteran benefits, entitlements and services? Come join the Veterans' Social Hour at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 25, at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street. Sherri Vogt, Veteran's Liaison for Hartford HealthCare at Home, conducts these free monthly support groups that are usually held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Topics discussed may include: presumptive diseases, aid and attendance, service-connected disabilities, military burial and military honors, and more. As a Veteran, Vogt has a passion for supporting and recognizing those who served in the military, as well as their spouses and families. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register or register online at: [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

## INCOME TAX PREPARATION — SIGN-UP STARTED FOR APPOINTMENTS

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

## Plainville Community Pharmacy COVID-19

The COVID-19 vaccines are available at the pharmacy.

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

Sign up via [healthmartcovidvaccine.com](http://healthmartcovidvaccine.com) (select Plainville Community Pharmacy)

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

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

Please bring a health insurance card and photo ID if you have them, but it is not necessary to have health insurance or ID to receive the vaccine. No one will be turned away for lack of insurance or ID.

For questions of more information, please contact the Church Office at 860-747-1901 or via email at churchoffice@uccplainville.org.

## REDEEMER'S AME ZION CHURCH

110 Whiting Stree, Plainville  
Phone: 860-747-1808

**Worship Services -**  
**Rev. Dr. Shelley D. Best**

Sunday School.....9:00-9:40 a.m.  
Praise & Worship.....9:45-10:00  
Church Service....10:00 a.m.  
**Bible Study**  
Wednesday..11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
**Board Meetings**

Senior Ushers (1st Sat before 1st Sun) 11a.m.  
Gladys Floyds Missionary Society (2nd Sun)  
Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)  
Lay Council (1st & 3rd Sat) 9:30 a.m.  
Christian Education (3rd Tues) 7:00 p.m.  
Men's Meeting (2nd/4th Sat) 9:30 a.m.  
PEP (Every Sat) 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Trustee/Steward (9:30 a.m. & 2nd Mon. of May)

**Choir Practice**  
Senior (Sat before 1st Sun) 5:00 pm  
Jubilee (Sat before 2nd/4th Sun) 5:00 pm  
Mass/Youth choirs (Mon after 1st/2nd Sun) 7:00 pm

## THE TABERNACLE

**A Contemporary Christian Church**  
Sunday Church Services at 10:00 a.m.  
**"Come As You Are"**  
Worship & Healing Night  
the last Friday of Every month at 7 p.m.  
**All are Welcome, of course!**  
Visit our website at:  
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1445 West Street (Route 229)  
Southington, CT  
**860-276-0400**

## Faith Bible Church

168 Unionville Ave  
P.O. Box 72 Plainville, 06062  
860-747-5209

Fax/Prayer Line 860-747-5011  
Email: fbc1902@yahoo.com  
Web: www.faithbiblect.com  
Rev. Dr. Jim Caron, Pastor

**Purpose:**  
• To Know/Glorify/Worship God  
• To follow Jesus Christ as LORD  
• To Grow in GRACE  
• To Understand the BIBLE/  
Apply it to our lives

• To reach others for JESUS  
• To be committed to the GOSPEL:  
Jesus died, was buried and rose again on the 3rd day. (He LIVES)

**Sunday Service: 10 am**  
**(JOIN US: LIVE OR FACEBOOK)**  
Bible Study: Tuesday  
**@ 7 pm by Zoom/in person**  
**Every Tues. morning at 9am we have a Scripture Study Class**

## PLAINVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

56 Red Stone Hill, Plainville  
Rev. Stephen Volpe, Pastor  
Church (860)747-2328  
Parsonage (860)747-2592  
Cell 1-203-232-2752

Email: plainvillunited@sbcglobal.net  
Website: www.plainvilleumc.org  
**MARCH SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
**WORSHIP TIME 10:00AM**

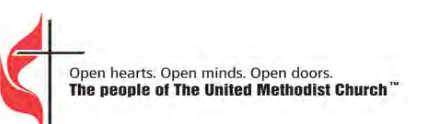
**REGULAR EVENTS:**  
Tuesday Ladies ..... Tues., 9:30 AM  
AA.....Sun., 7 PM  
Single Purpose Women's Group,.....  
Sat. 9:30 AM  
Boys Scouts.....Thur. 7 PM

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
Sunday, MARCH 6, 10 AM

WE ARE OPEN for in-person worship. Everyone is required to wear a mask. We will continue to offer the worship experience virtually on Facebook via this link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Plainville-United-Methodist-Church-CT-Live-108293257471508>

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**  
March Cancelled by Red Cross  
Call 1-800-733-2767

Ash Wednesday is late this year – March 2 For the first time since the pandemic, the Rev. Stephen Volpe (Pastor Steve), of the Plainville United Methodist Church, will be making himself available in the entryway of Gnazzo's to impose ashes on all who desire them. This is offered freely and without question. Ash Wednesday begins the Christian season of Lent. This particular season is a time of self-reflection, repentance and charitable giving. To help get people started, Pastor Steve will be collecting non-perishables, and taking donations for the Plainville Food Pantry.



## OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

94 Broad Street, Plainville  
**Rev. Raymond Smialowski, Pastor**  
**Robert Berube, Senior Deacon**  
**Parish/Cemetery Office**  
**19 S. Canal Street**

Office Hours: Mon.to Fri. 9 am to 4 pm  
Phone 860-747-6825

**Face Masks & Distancing From Others**  
**Everyone Look for Regulations**

**Liturgy Schedule**  
Saturday 4:00 P.M.  
**Sunday**  
**8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.**  
**Weekday Liturgy**  
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat 8:00 A.M.

**Devotions**  
Rosary-Monday-Saturday before Morning Mass  
**Sacrament of the Sick**

Call the office for any sick person to receive the Holy Eucharist or to be anointed.  
**The Ash Wednesday Masses** are at 8am, Noon, & 6pm. Imposition of ashes will be during the Mass.

**Every Friday Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at 6:30pm in the church. All are welcome.

**An ongoing Scripture Study** is being held at the Parish Center, 19 S. Canal St. every Tuesday at 9am. All are welcome.  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place every Friday after the 8am Mass with Benediction at 9:30am.

**Teen Night** will be held March 12 at 5:30 - 8pm and is open to all teens of Plainville. Dinner and open gym will be offered.

**March 13 the Knights of Columbus** will hold their monthly breakfast from 8:30 10:30 for a nominal fee at 19 S. CanalSt.

**Please use the door on the side of the parking lot.**

OLM will be sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on March 25 from 9am to 1:30pm in the Parish Center. Please use the side door entrance.

**A Fair Trade Sale will be held on April 2 & 3 in the Gathering Space of the church before and after all Masses.**

## NEW COVENANT APOSTOLIC CHURCH

139 New Britain Ave, Plainville  
P.O. Box 551 Plainville, CT 06062  
**Suffragan Bishop George Knight,**

**Pastor**  
**Elder Joseph Green,**  
**Associate Minister**  
**Phone 860-747-3128**  
Residence & FAX 860-224-9409  
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304 Main Street, Farmington  
Each Sunday offers Lectures, healings, and spirit messages followed by coffee, light snacks and conversation with like-minded people. All are welcome. Mediums Days and special events listed on our website as they are planned.  
**For info please contact Pastor Andrea Osborn at (860) 919-7470 ozzyunk@gmail.com**  
Visit our website:  
wwwspiritualistloveandlight.org  
also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CongregationSCLL/>

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Wednesday Evening Service-7:00 PM  
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**Brad Brandon- Senior Pastor**

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97 Broad Street, Plainville  
**Church Phone 860-747-5867**  
**Pastor 1-646-522-3471**

E-mail: plainvillesda@gmail.com  
jacksonsg5@sbcglobal.net  
**Pastor Franklin Jackson**  
**Saturday Morning**  
Bible School @ 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service @ 11:00 am.  
FREE lunch after service  
**Wednesday Evening ~**  
Family Prayer Meeting @ 6:30 p.m  
**The Lord Jesus Christ loves you**  
**John 3:16**

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An Independent Fundamental Bible Church  
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Phone: 860-747-1691  
**Peter A. Stonis, Pastor**

## WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Nursery Care is provided for all Sunday Services  
Sunday 10:00 am  
Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 am  
Morning Worship Service 11:00 am  
Junior Church Ages 4-8 11:00 am  
Evening Worship Service 6:30 pm  
Bible Study & Prayer Wednesday 7:00 pm  
**For information about the church visit our website @cobplainville.org**

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

222 Farmington Ave., Plainville  
Phone 860-747-5191  
**Rev. Chris Dion, Pastor**  
Worship: Sunday at 9:00 a.m.  
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**The WELL**  
**A Spirit-Filled Church**  
**1 Northwest Drive**  
**Plainville**  
**Join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 am for Worship and the Word of God**  
**Tuesdays at 7:00 pm for Bible Study**

## OBITUARIES

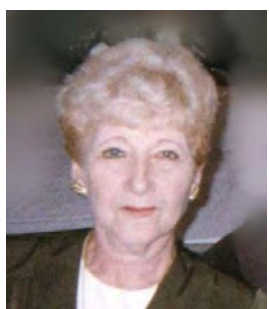
### ~ Alfred Joseph Bourque ~



86, passed away on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at home. He was the loving husband of the late Judith (Mosher) Bourque for 57 years. Al was born on April 17, 1935 in Stafford Springs, CT to the late Albert J. and Elda M. (Melanson) Bourque. Al graduated

from Springfield Technical High School and went on to earn a Bachelors Degree in Pharmacy from Hampden College of Pharmacy. After many years as a pharmacist he accepted a position with Hamilton Standard. After retiring from Hamilton Standard he worked as a groundskeeper and maintenance worker for Bristol Commons, retiring from there in September 2021. Al served honorably and proudly in the Army National Guard for many years, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His hobbies included stamp collecting, N Gauge trains, model airplanes, and camping. He also loved music and played steel and folk guitar. He served as Eucharistic Minister for Our Lady of Mercy Church for over 25 years. Al is survived by daughter Victoria Bourque Sklar and her husband Steven of West Hartford, his sons Robert J. Bourque and his wife Agnes of Westfield MA, Donald R. Bourque and his wife Jana of Hudson Falls NY, and David A. Bourque of Simsbury, his sister-in-law Diane M. Cellilli and her husband Lawrence of Westfield MA, his grandchildren Dana, Joseph, Craig, Brigid, Hope, Madeline, Alexander, and two great grandchildren Craig Jr. and Maya. Family and friends attended a visitation at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St. in Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 19 South Canal St. in Plainville. Interment with military honors followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made in Al's name to Our Lady of Mercy Church, 19 South Canal Street Plainville, CT 06062 or The Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute at The Hospital of Central Connecticut, 100 Grand St., P.O. Box. 100, New Britain, CT 06050.. The Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville has been entrusted with the arrangements. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit [www.bailey-funeralhome.com](http://www.bailey-funeralhome.com).

### ~ Edwina "Dina" (Damiano) Faraci ~



of Plainville, passed away on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at the Pines in Bristol. She was the wife and best friend of Joseph L. Faraci, with whom she shared 64 years of love and life adventures.

Born in Bristol on October 14, 1933, she was the daughter of the late Michael Sr. and Theresa (Sansone) Damiano. She graduated from Plainville High School in 1951 and married the love of her life, Joseph, on May 18, 1957. A devout Catholic, Edwina was a longtime member of Our Lady of Mercy Church. She enjoyed traveling and going to the casinos.

Besides her husband, Joseph, she is survived by her brother, Michael Damiano Jr. and his wife, Pat along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her sisters, Evelyn DiMauro and her husband, Joseph, of Plainville, Rita Bleau and her husband, Robert, of Southington and her brother, Stephen Damiano, of Bristol.

Funeral services in celebration of Dina's life were held at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Committal followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. Family and friends gathered one hour prior to the prayer service at the funeral home. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit Dina's tribute page at [www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com).

### ~ Clifford A. Carlson ~



85, passed away on February 13, 2022, at Apple Rehab. Clifford was born on April 17, 1936 in New Britain, CT to the late Roger and Louise (Thiede) Carlson.

Clifford graduated from Plainville high school in 1954. Clifford started his career at Fafnir Bearing in

New Britain and went on to be the Senior Industrial Engineer. He also served many churches as organist and choir director primarily 1st and 2nd Churches of Christ Scientist in Hartford, and at Our Lady of Mercy in Plainville, and Plainville Congregational Church.

Clifford is survived by his sister Joyce Ouellette of Pinellas Park Florida, and his cousins Ann Campbell and Fred Campbell of Plainville and his long time friend Edwin Mason.

Family and friends attended a visitation at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St. in Plainville. A funeral service was held at the funeral home. Interment followed at West Cemetery in Bristol.

Memorial donations can be made in Clifford name to the Book of Remembrance of Plainville Congregation Church.

The Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville has been entrusted with the arrangements. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit [www.bailey-funeralhome.com](http://www.bailey-funeralhome.com).

### ~ Monique (Dumais) Cyr ~



79, longtime resident of Southington, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Sunday, February 6, 2022. She is now reunited with her beloved husband, Ivan "June" Cyr, Jr. who predeceased her in November of 2019.

Born and raised in Frenchville, ME, she was the oldest of five children to the late Leonard and Jeanne (Lagasse) Dumais. She married her high school sweetheart, June, in 1963, and together they settled in Southington where they raised their two daughters and were dedicated parishioners of St. Dominic Church. Monique worked in the banking industry for over 25 years, starting at the former Southington Savings Bank and retired as a branch operations manager from Bank of America. Monique loved shopping and was very fashionable, always nicely dressed with jewelry to compliment the outfit. Full of life, she had a great sense of humor and an outgoing personality, which made others befriend her quickly. She was part of the "Golden Girls," a group of ladies she formerly worked with that regularly got together socially. Above all, family was the center of her world and she absolutely adored her grandchildren, spoiling them every chance she got and supporting them through life achievements, never missing an important event. Monique's family will miss her dearly as they cherish the many memories they have shared over the years.

She leaves her daughters and sons-in-law, Maureen and Jason Cardone and Lisa and Sid Dalke; her adored granddaughters, Callyn and Cheyenne Dalke and Victoria and Elizabeth Cardone; her brothers, Robert and Kevin Dumais; her sister, Irma Sirois; along with many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Roger Dumais.

Funeral services in celebration of Monique's life were held at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Dominic Church, Flanders Rd, Southington. She will be laid to rest privately. Family and friends may gather on Friday evening from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Monique may be remembered with contributions to the Alzheimer's Association CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd S #4b, Southington, CT 06489. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com).

### ~ Wendell "Scotty" Winthrop Copeland ~



90, of Plainville, CT passed away peacefully on February 8, 2022. Wendell was born on September 6, 1931. He was raised in Canton, CT by his beloved grandparents Gertrude and Winthrop Dunbar. The son of Elizabeth Dunbar Clayton and Wendell Copeland Sr.

he loved to share stories of his life in the country riding in his donkey cart pulled by Chiquita, or on his horse Pal, and fishing in the local pond. Wendell joined the Army in 1948 and was stationed in Garmisch, Germany where he worked as company photographer. Upon his return to Connecticut, he began work at Wallace Barnes in Bristol, where he met his wife Louise. They married in 1953 and started a family. He then worked for Pratt and Whitney for 38 years before enjoying a retirement playing golf, gardening, traveling, drawing, spending time with his grandkids and riding his bicycle around town.

Wendell was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Louise (Urso) Copeland, his sister Betty Claire Copeland, his brother, Earl E. "Chubby" Clayton Jr, his son-in-law John Rypysc, and several nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his beloved partner Sally Miller of Plainville, his daughter Brenda Copeland-Rypysc of Bristol, daughter Noreen (Copeland) Wolf and husband Steven of Bristol, son James Copeland and wife Karin (Albert) of Burlington; grandchildren Christopher Wolf and wife Crystal, Christina (Wolf) Carlson and husband Jeremy, Taylor Copeland, Garrett Copeland; great-grandchildren Alexis, Jenna, Brooke and Lilah; sister Bonnie (Clayton) Adler and husband Dennis of Roseville, MI and several nieces and nephews. Wendell was also a proud foster dad to Tara Thompson.

Wendell was well known in the Plainville community and was an active and engaging member of the Plainville senior center, often entertaining family and friends with his guitar playing and singing. He acted as Historian for Chapter 4146 of AARP, was a member of Altrusa Poetry group of Berlin and is listed in the Who's Who for American Poetry. He was a contributing musician in the both the Bristol and Plainville Ukulele groups; and member of the "snappy seniors" photography group.

An award winning photographer and illustrator, Wendell's work was featured in numerous gallery & talent shows and after he retired, he became the resident illustrator for the Plainville Hometown Connection newspaper. His monthly cartoon strip "Pooch" demonstrated both his illustration talent and keen sense of humor. Wendell has designed holiday cards and has a Christmas Stamp at the Bethlehem CT Post Office that you can still use to stamp your Holiday cards with.

Wendell will be honored at a graveside service with Military Honors on Wednesday February 16, 2022 at 9:00 AM at St. Joseph Cemetery at 522 Terryville Avenue, Bristol. A repast will follow at Pequabuck Golf Course at 56 School St, Terryville. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Plainville Food Pantry.

The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Copeland family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

### NOTICE: SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY

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

Thank you.

# OBITUARIES

## ~ Tobie Lynn (Grenier) Racine ~



57, of Bristol, loving wife, mother and friend, passed away on February 8, 2022 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain after a brief illness. She was the devoted wife of Richard "Ric" Racine and together they shared 15 wonderful years of love, laughter, and adventures.

Tobie was born on January 13, 1965 in Hartford, CT daughter to Robert and Judith "Judi" (Sullivan) Grenier. She worked at ESPN for more than 20 years, building lasting friendships. Tobie's willingness to lend a listening ear and offer worthy advice created bonds that went beyond the workplace. She was committed to volunteering and giving back to others, an ESPN Champion and facilitated numerous American Red Cross Blood Drives, herself a proud active donor. She enjoyed relaxing evenings by the fire, a glass of wine in hand and her favorite music playing. Tobie had a spark for life, always up to try new restaurants or take a weekend drive to some of her and Ric's favorite places. Her travels created memories of vineyards and breweries, trips to Maine, Hawaii and the Caribbean. Her favorite destination was Walt Disney World, and these trips with her children, family and friends were definitely "magical". Tobie prioritized family, cherishing her time with them, forever leaving an impact on each and every one of their lives. Tobie will forever be remembered for the love and generosity she showed towards those close to her.

In addition to her husband, Ric, Tobie is survived by her children, Danielle Reola and her significant other, Franky Tardif, of Plainville, and Richard Reola of Burlington; her mother Judi (Sullivan) Grenier; her sisters, Terri Herman and her husband Paul, Tracey Coyne and her husband Steve, and Tami Giarratana and her husband Rosario; along with several nieces, nephews, and extended family members. She also leaves behind a large circle of friends who will miss her dearly.

Family and friends gathered on Sunday, February 13, 2022 from 2 to 4 PM at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, February 14 at 10 AM at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Burial was held privately. In lieu of flowers, plants are appreciated, or in memory of Tobie and her generosity for giving to others, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or the Lung Cancer Foundation of America at <https://lcfamerica.org/>. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com).

## Firefighters Prayer

*When I am called to duty, God wherever flames may rage, give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age.*

*Help me to embrace a little child before it's too late, or save an older person from the horror of that fate.*

*Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shout, and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.*

*I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me, to guard my neighbor and protect his property.*

*And if according to your will I have to lose my life, bless with your protecting hand my loving family from strife.*



## ~ Scott Philip Saucier ~



39, of Fort Lauderdale, FL., formerly of Plainville, left us unexpectedly and too soon on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Born in New Britain on November 10, 1982, he was the son of the late Philip Saucier and Janice Soper of Florida. Raised and educated in Plainville, Scott was a 2001 graduate of Plainville High School, and attended school for plumbing in Waterbury, a trade he was currently practicing. Scott moved to Florida in 2019, where he fulfilled his love for fishing, the beach, camping, and many other outdoor adventures. A naturally talented musician, Scott's greatest passion was music. A self-taught guitar player, he could pick up any instrument, played most songs by ear after one listen, and attended as many concerts and music festivals as possible. A loving son, brother, uncle and friend, Scott's memory will live on in his music, his love for his family and the many cherished memories he leaves behind.

In addition to his mother, Janice and his Step-Father, Lee, he leaves his sister, Michelle Fangiullo and her husband James; his niece and goddaughter Kali, his niece Chloe and nephew Cael.

Scottie was known to have a soft side when it came to animals, and can be remembered with contributions to Fur-Gotten Tails Animal Rescue, PO Box 778, Plainville, CT 06062.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Scott's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of remembrance were shared. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit Scott's tribute page at [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## ~ R. Malcolm Sewell ~



born on a potato farm on October 7, 1923 in Rosedale, New Brunswick Canada, passed away on February 18, 2022 after 98 years of helping all who needed him!

As a young man growing up, he worked with his dad on the family farm, watching and figuring out how to get the job done! At nineteen, with a wife, Gwendolyn, and newborn son, he got on the train with twenty dollars to start a better life in Connecticut, working any and every job he could to secure a better way of life for his family of four boys, always helping friends and family during a 40 year plus marriage. In 1962 he started Washington Concrete Products in Plainville. He built it from the ground up with his bare hands and 60 years later the business proudly remains in the hands of his family. Malcolm enjoyed his team, the Red Sox, and his summer "camp" near the Mohawk trail. After meeting the next love of his life, he and Blanche (McCarthy) Sewell traveled though the U.S., with unselfish involvement in the Lions Club, both locally and nationally. This gentle man will truly be missed by all who was graced to have ever meet him.

Malcolm leaves his sons, Richard and his wife Nancy, and Scott (Kelly); his grandchildren, Jason (Amy), Jamie, who cared for his grandfather in his time of need the last three years, Michael, Lawson, and Paisley; his great-grandson, Tyler and great-granddaughters, Olivia and Natalia. He was predeceased by his sons, Gordon and Glenn. He is also survived by Debra Ciriello and her husband Tim Grohowski, Vincent and Dorothy Ciriello and Christine Schick.

A wake was held at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. Funeral services were held at the funeral home. Burial will be held privately. Contributions in memory of Malcolm can be made to the American Cancer Society by visiting [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). [PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com).

## ~ Margaret E. (Kordek) Grabeck ~



85, longtime resident of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at Apple Rehab of Farmington Valley. She was the loving wife of Bernard Grabeck and together they shared 61 years of marriage.

Margaret was born at home in New Britain, CT on November 17, 1936 daughter to the late Bill and Jean T. (Prachniak) Kordek. She attended Goodwin Technical School where she focused her studies on the art of sewing. Margaret was a very talented seamstress, creating many beautiful pieces of clothing that she shared with her loved ones. She mastered needlepoint stitch and in her free time would spend hours crafting. She worked at Lord and Taylor for 6 years, where she enjoyed using her artistic skills as a profession. Margaret was a devout Catholic and was a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy Church, the church she and Bernard were married in. She loved listening to music, especially her favorite artist, Elvis, and was a lover of cats. The matriarch of her family, Margaret will be missed but her family takes comfort in knowing that she is now at peace.

In addition to her husband, Bernard, Margaret is survived by her children, James Grabeck, Maria Grabeck, and Elizabeth Grabeck; her brother, Carl Kordek and his wife, Kathleen; her sisters, Sandra Hayes and Anita Kordek; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville has been entrusted with care. In memory of Margaret, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd S #4b, Southington, CT 06489. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com). [PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com).



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(RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2022)

**DRIVE-IN OPENS @ 3:00 PM**

**RAFFLE BEGINS @ 4:00 PM**

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# Jake's Sport Talk



**Bengals Kicker Evan McPherson** 29 yard field goal good 7-3 Rams with 31 seconds left in the 1st Quarter.

**Matthew Stafford** pass to Cooper Kupp 13-3 Rams with twelve minutes and fifty six seconds left in the 2nd quarter extra point no good.

Joe Mixon pass for 6 Yard touchdown to Tee Higgins E.McPherson extra point is GOOD with 13-10 Rams with 5:47 left in the 1st half.

**2nd half scoring plays** Joe Burrow pass to Tee Higgins for 75 Yard Touchdown E.McPherson extra point is GOOD. 17-13 Rams with fourteen minutes and forty four seconds left in the 3rd Quarter. Evan McPherson 38 yard field goal attempt is good. 20-13 Bengals with 10:15 left in the 3rd Quarter.

**Matthew Stafford pass to Cooper Kupp** for a 1 yard touchdown and Matt Gay Extra Point is Good. 23-20 Rams with one minute twenty five seconds left in the Game. Final Score: Rams 23 Bengals 20

**Congratulations to the Rams** on being Super Bowl Fifty Six Champions and winning the Super Bowl.

Hope you all enjoyed my monthly article and enjoyed the Super Bowl.

*Jake, your Hometown Connection*

## Youth Wrestler Travels to Estonia to Compete for USA World Wrestling Tour Team

11 year old Plainville resident, Jaxsen Bailey, who wrestles out of Ascension Athletic Wrestling Club in Bristol, will be 1 of 50 youth wrestlers to go represent America in Estonia at the Tallinn Open on March 24th-26th, 2022. Jaxsen will be on Coach Jared Lewis's premier United State Wrestling World Tour Travel Teams. Jaxsen will compete in two divisions, Roman Greco and Freestyle Wrestling, at the 35 kilo (77 lbs) position. This is Europe's largest youth wrestling tournament, that attracts about 2250 wrestlers from 270 teams from 30 countries.



## St. Patrick's Day History

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 (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

Hi Welcome to my monthly article this is my Super Super Bowl Article!



Thank you Tom Brady for 7 superbowl wins and being the greatest of all time! Thank you for the memories! Wish you best of luck with your retirement from the NFL! The Sports world will miss you and the Football world!

## Super Bowl 56 scoring plays

Matthew Stafford 17 yard TD pass to Odell Becham Jr 7-0 Rams with six minutes and twenty two seconds left in the first quarter.

## Stay Heart Healthy

Did you miss that February was Heart Health Month? If you did its not too late to start thinking about it now. There are many types of heart disease, including hypertension (high blood pressure), coronary heart disease (heart attack), and cerebrovascular disease (stroke), but the most important number is 610,000 – the number of Americans who die of heart disease every year. That's 1 out of every 4 deaths.

The good news is that most forms of heart disease are preventable by making lifestyle changes, including quitting smoking, practicing good nutrition habits and reducing stress in your everyday life.

Still, one of the easiest and most effective ways to reduce your risk of heart disease is by getting active.

Strengthen Your Heart with Cardio While the word "cardio" might invoke horror in some, cardiovascular or aerobic activity is important for (surprise, surprise) cardiovascular health. Here are a few important things to know about your cardio health:

The American Heart Association recommends five 30-minute moderate

exercise sessions each week.

The benefits of regular cardio include strengthening your heart and blood vessels, improving the flow of oxygen throughout your body, lowering your blood pressure and cholesterol, and reducing your risk of heart disease, as well as diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, stroke, and even some kinds of cancer. If you're not sure where to start, don't feel overwhelmed – cardiovascular activity includes a wide range of activities that get your heart pumping, such as walking, jogging, biking, swimming, and dancing.

**Strength Training: The Secret Weapon** Along with cardio, strength training can decrease the risk of heart disease and improve your overall health – here's how:

Strength training can speed up the body's metabolic rate, which can decrease fatty tissue on the body.

It can also decrease the amount of visceral fat, or belly fat that sits around vital organs, including the heart. Storing excess visceral fat can cause a lot of health problems, including heart disease.

Studies have shown that strength training twice a week, especially

combined with regular cardiovascular activity, can have profoundly positive effects on heart health and overall health.

## Physical Therapy Can Get You Moving Again – And Keep You Moving for Good

Most of us know that exercising regularly is good for our health, but getting started (or restarted) can often be intimidating, and even more so if you're experiencing pain or recurring injury. It's not uncommon that pain in the back, neck, knee, shoulder, or other joints and muscles sidelines a person for an extended period of time – and in many cases that periodic injury can slip into permanent inactivity.

Physical therapists are musculoskeletal experts who are trained to get your body healthy enough to start exercising or get back into a routine without pain, as well as create and support an appropriate exercise program for people of all ability levels. PTs can help get you moving again by:

Assessing and diagnosing the root causes of pain and injury

Treating problem areas with customized plans of care that can include a wide range of modern clinical approaches,

including manual (hand-on) therapy, exercises and stretches, dry-needling and more.

Teaching correct form and posture to ensure that you're performing exercises correctly to prevent future injuries.

Whatever your goals are, don't let pain stop you from achieving them, especially when it comes to your heart health. Getting back into a routine of cardio and strength training can be a vital part of preventing heart disease down the road, and physical therapy can get you back into action and keep you moving.

If you're decreasing or avoiding activity because of pain, know that in most cases you can see a physical therapist without a doctor's referral. We can assess your symptoms and let you know if PT is right for you, or if there are other avenues to moving pain-free again.

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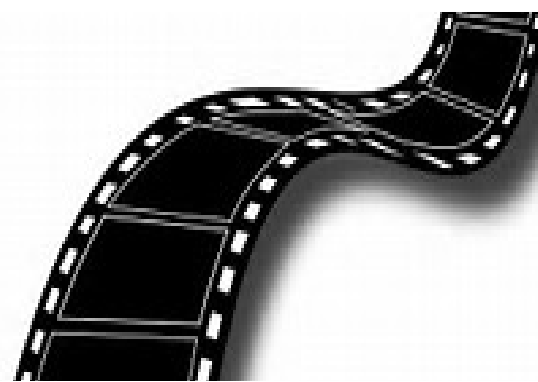




# The Circumspect Critic

by:  
Robert James O'Dell

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**Spencer**

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Director

Pablo Larrain

Writer

Steven Knight

Stars

Kristen Stewart Timothy Spall Jack Nielen



her desire to live up to the expectations others have become more difficult for her to fulfill.

Director Pablo Larrain (Jackie) has made an impressionistic film with surreal elements in order to dramatize a traumatic period in the life of Princess Diana. This is not a factual account as the film reveals at the very beginning with the words "A fable from a true tragedy". He has made a gorgeous film with stunning cinematography by Claire Mathon and an appropriate morose soundtrack from Jonny Greenwood. The screenplay by Steven Knight can be a bit strident at times but realistically captures the descent into madness of a troubled young woman. That the young woman is Princess Diana makes the film that much more compelling.

Diana sees the three day holiday weekend as a chore considering the circumstances. It is now no longer a well kept secret that Charles is having an affair. For weeks now she has had to avoid the scandal hungry press and keep up a loyal front for Charles. Battling the sting of betrayal as well as an eating disorder, Diana is struggling. She is, by no means in a celebratory mood.

To call "Spencer" a unique film is to sell it short. It is uniquely different in all the best ways. We experience all the events through Diana, are guided by her perspective. And it is the perspective of someone who is losing their grip on the bitter realities of their situation. Feeling like the outsider, Diana is finding it more difficult to internalize the emotional conflict she is experiencing. She is hurt by Charles' betrayal and fed up with the royal rules she is expected to adhere to. The weekend is all mapped out for her including what to wear at each meal, at each special event (church, Quail hunt, opening Christmas presents) and for any audience with the Queen (Stella Gonet). The cool reception she received from the royal family has her wondering what her future will be. Luckily, her sons William (Jack Nielen) and Harry (Freddie Spry) are there to distract her.

Diana is defiant as she can be. She mixes up the wardrobe that has been laid out for her and wears what she chooses instead of what was chosen for her. She consistently shows up late for meals and ventures outside without accompaniment. She

confides in her personal dresser Maggie (Sally Hawkins) whom she considers a friend but remains secretive with the royals. But the royals aren't to be undone as they keep close tabs on her with Major Gregory showing up at each of her missteps to offer to steer her right and Prince Charles chastising her unacceptable behavior.

Diana's attempts to shake up the royals doesn't have the desired effect and her behavior becomes increasingly erratic. Finding a novel about Anne Boleyn, the second wife of Henry the VIII who had her beheaded when he decided to move on to his third wife, she begins to see her ghost walking the halls late at night.

Trying to escape the stifling demands of the royal family is a difficult task, especially when it also means swallowing one's pride as the once doting Prince dallies with another woman. Diana finds herself teetering on the point of being suicidal.

This brings me to the key element in the film. That is the performance of Kristen Stewart as Princess Diana. She is absolutely spectacular. She perfectly embodies her from an authentic duplication not just of her accent but of the nuances and inflections of her speech pattern. She has mastered her mannerisms so that you no longer see Stewart but are watching Princess Diana. It is a measured, magical, magnificent display of acting. She is on screen every minute of this film and you can't turn your eyes away from her. She is captivating and colossally charismatic. With award season upon us, Oscar should come calling. Spall, Hawkins, Nielen, Spry and Farthing all provide solid support.

This is an extraordinary film with a superlative lead performance. It's one of the year's very best films.

### Ratings

Acting: 100%

Directing: 100%

Script: 94%

Cinematography: 100%

Entertainment Value: 88%

My Rating: 100%

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## Winter Parking Ban

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

## Plainville Food Pantry

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

## Plainville Chamber of Commerce

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

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

## Red Cross Blood Drive

**Red Cross** If unable to make any local Blood Drives to donate to make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 / 1-800-RED CROSS Or go to: redcross-blood.org

## Memorial Wall

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

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

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

## House of Heroes

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

Volunteers perform minor repairs and make improvements to the homes of veterans and their spouses at no cost to the veteran through the generosity of individuals, civic organizations and corporations.

For more information, visit [hohct.org](http://hohct.org) or email : [info@houseofherosct.org](mailto:info@houseofherosct.org)

## Queen Ann Nzinga Center

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

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

For more information, visit [QANC.org](http://QANC.org)

## To: All Civic & Religious Organization

We would like to invite everyone: to share your activities with our readers Please forward all news and pictures to:

**Email:** [plainvillehometown@gmail.com](mailto:plainvillehometown@gmail.com) or **Phone:** 860-747-4119

*Thanking you in advance! The Editor*

## PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL QUARTER 2 HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 GOLD

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### GRADE 12 SILVER

Alivia Bialko, Dylan Bucci, Victoria Charnetskaya, Dakota-Marie Dinielli, Jack Dube, Emily Fagan, Wiktoria Galazyn, Nathan Garand, Katherine Gibson, Antonio Gohar, Kaylee Gridley, Parker Hite, Katy Jeney, Xaidan Joiner, Nicholas Kafka, Konrad Koc, Nicole Kolc, Madison Levesque, Keegan Mullan, Justin Niziolek, Audrey Pace, Avery Palma, James Parsons, Aidan Flourde, Janessa Rames, Jordan Rediker, Dakota Reed, Isabella Rosati, Brandon Roy, Katelyn Royce, Jacob Stanczykiewicz, Zeyana Thigpen, Samantha Thompson, Katelyn Torres, Macayle Wells, Ava White, Jane Winkleman, Maya Winkleman.

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### GRADE 9 SILVER

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It's truly devastating to see how far American education has fallen since then.

We can't surrender America's schools to the radical Left. It's time for Real Americans like you to stand together and tell the U.S. Secretary of Education this has gone far enough — and we DEMAND reform!

America's classrooms are under attack from radical Left propagandists.

Students — our kids and grandkids! — are indoctrinated daily with anti-American, radical, hateful, immoral, and racist teachings in their school districts, including Critical Race Theory, sexual/gender ideology, and much more.

The Marxist Left is using our schools to teach young people to HATE America, to despise our freedom, and to embrace the socialist destruction of our country.

But we can stop them — we can stop the indoctrination of the radical Left and teach kids to love America again — if we work together right now.

Turning Point USA's School Board Watchlist actively identifies school

districts across the country that are abusing their power to push harmful anti-American propaganda and abusive policies — and to continue our important work, we need your support today.

Please sign our petition to the U.S. Secretary of Education to let him know We The People have had enough of the Left-wing invasion of American education and we demand change, now!

The battle to save America's schools — and our country — is happening NOW.

In Illinois, there's an after-school "Satan Club" for students ages six to eleven being offered by The Satanic Temple. Many parents are reportedly furious, and we are too.

And in Arizona, the president of the Scottsdale Unified School District governing board resigned after a Google Drive was uncovered with a "dossier" of information on parents, with reportedly everything from photos to mortgages and property records.

Friend, I bet this is happening in your school district, too, because Leftists have spent YEARS quietly taking over our kids' schools ... and patriotic organizations like Turning Point USA are now exposing them!

Will you add your name to Turning Point USA's urgent petition to the U.S. Secretary of Education? We must let him know that Real Americans reject Left-wing indoctrination and demand our schools stop brainwashing kids

now.

Turning Point USA's latest initiative, the School Board Watchlist, works to fight the corruption and blatant indoctrination of our children occurring in our K-12 public education system, but we need your support to continue our important work.

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To: U.S. Secretary of Education

Miguel Cardona

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I stand with Turning Point USA and their School Board Watchlist as they work tirelessly to fight the corruption and blatant indoctrination of our children occurring in our K-12 public education system.

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## Affordable Housing Plan Survey:

The Town of Plainville received a grant from the State Department of Housing to develop an Affordable Housing Plan. Connecticut is an expensive place to live and the lack of housing affordability in many communities often means that young people can't afford to live in the towns where they grew up, older residents can't afford to downsize within their community, and people employed in lower paying jobs can't afford to live where they work. In order to create a plan to meet the needs of our community, the Town has partnered with a consultant, and is asking residents to provide their input.

A link to the survey is available on the Town's website,

[www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com).

*I encourage each of you to participate – it should only take a few minutes.*

*If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.*

**Thank you,**

**Cal Hauburger**

**Economic Development & Special Projects Coordinator**

**Phone 860-793-0221**

**Ext. 7178**

## The Professional Parent...

Every generation is always trying to improve the quality of their children's childhood.

That's great, no problem if it works. But are the parents really helping their children. Let's take a look. It's called child worship. It's this excessive devotion to children. I'm talking about today's professional parents, these obsessive parents who are over-scheduling and over managing their children and robbing them of their childhoods. Even the simple act of playing has been taken away from children and put on mommy's schedule in the form of play dates. Something that should be spontaneous and free is now being rigidly planned. When does a kid ever get to sit in the yard with a stick anymore? You know, just sit there with a stick. Do today's kids even know what a stick is? You sit in the yard with the stick and you dig a hole. You look at the hole, and you look at the stick, and you have a little fun. They use their imagination that their digging for lost treasure. But kids don't have sticks anymore. Do today's kids even know what a stick is? I don't think there are any sticks left. I think they've all been recalled because of lead paint.

Who would have thought that one day the manufacturing of sticks would have been outsourced to China? But a kid shouldn't be wasting his time with sticks anyway. If he's 4 years old, he should be home studying for his kindergarten exams. Do you know about this? Oh, they have them now. There are places that have kindergarten entrance exams. The poor little tyke. He can barely locate his wee-wee, and already he's being

pressured to succeed. Pressure to succeed for the sake of the parents. Isn't this really just a sophisticated form of child abuse. Speaking of child abuse, next stop grade school. Grade school where he won't be allowed to play tag because it encourages victimization. He won't be allowed to play dodge ball because it's exclusionary, and it promotes aggression. Standing around is still OK. Standing around is still permitted, but it won't be for long because sooner or later some kid is going to be standing around, and his foot will fall asleep, and his parents will sue the school, and it'll be goodbye standing around.

Now fortunately, all is not lost. All is not lost because at least we know that whatever games he is allowed to play, the child will never lose. We know he will never lose because in today's America no child ever loses. There are no losers anymore. Everyone's a winner, no matter what the game or sport or competition, everybody wins. Everybody gets a trophy.

When I was a kid, you know who got a trophy? FIRST PLACE! No child these days ever gets to hear those all important character building words, "You lost, Bobby. You lost. You're a loser, Bobby." They miss out on that. You know what they tell a kid who lost these days? "You were the last winner." A lot of these kids never get to hear the truth about themselves until they're in their 20's when the boss calls them in and says, Bobby, clean out your desk and get out of here. You're a loser, just get out." Of course, Bobby's parents can't understand why he can't hold a job. In school, he was always on the honor roll. Well, what they don't understand of course, is that in today's

schools, everyone is on the honor roll. Everyone is on the honor roll because in order to be on the honor roll, all you really need to do is maintain a body temperature somewhere in the 90's. But we shouldn't be worrying about how he's doing in school because you know, come summertime, he'll be off to camp while mommy and daddy go to Aruba to work on their skin cancer. Yes, little Bobby will be off to camp, but not to swim and hike and play baseball. No, no, no. Today's child will be sent away to lose weight,. He'll be sent to fat camp or violin camp or ceramics camp or computer camp, or leadership camp, whatever the hell that is.

Leadership camp, isn't that where Hitler went? You know... Specialized, structured summer camps. Got to keep little Bobby busy. Wouldn't want him to sneak in a little unstructured time in the woods. That wouldn't be any good. God knows he might find mother nature.

Now, all this stupid BS that children have been crippled by has grown out of something called the self-esteem movement. The self-esteem movement began in the 70's. and I'm happy to say it has been a complete failure because studies have repeatedly shown that having high self-esteem does not improve grades, nor improve career achievement, it does not even lower the use of alcohol, and it most certainly does not reduce the incidence of violence of any sort because as it turns out, extremely aggressive, violent people think very highly of themselves.

Imagine that, sociopath's have high self-esteem. Who would've thought of that. I love when this kind of thing happens. I love when these politically

correct ideas crash and burn and wind up in the crap house.

Here's another one that bit the dust. The practice of playing Mozart during pregnancy, remember that one baby boomers? They would play Mozart so the fetus can hear it. It was supposed to increase intelligence. It didn't work. All it did was sell a lot of CDs and piss off a lot of fetuses. The self-esteem movement revolved around a single notion, the idea, that every child is special. They said it over and over as to convince themselves.

Every child is not special. Did you ever look at anyone of them. They're goofy looking. They're more or less incomplete work. Now maybe PT Barnum might think they're special, but not me. But let's say it's true. Let's say it's true as somehow all...every child is special.

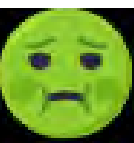
What about every adult? Isn't every adult special, too? And if not, if not then at what age do you go from being special to being not so special. and if every adult is special then that means we're all special, and the whole idea loses all it's meaning.

Here's another platitude they jam down our throat: Children are our future. Children are not our future, and I can prove it with my usual flawless logic. Children can't be our future because by the time the future arrives they won't be children anymore. Just more BS folks!

*Food for thought... "as you slide down the bannister of life, may the splinters never point in the wrong direction.*

**HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY!!!**

*John Gasparini*



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**Bob Stefanowski**



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**Brock Weber**

Bob Stefanowski grew up in a family like many of us are blessed to have.

His roots are on Dixwell Avenue in New Haven, where his family lived in a three-family home. Having his grandparents on the first floor meant lots of stories about how his family came to America through Ellis Island from Poland. Bob's great grandmother shucked oysters in Fair Haven, he's always been proud to have a family history in some of the world's finest oysters!

Eventually, Bob's parents saved up enough to move his family to North Haven. Bob's dad worked his way up from the mailroom at SNET (Southern New England Telephone) and ended up working in management, while his mom worked as a unionized clerk. She took time away when he and his sisters were little, only to go back into the office to help put them through college.

Bob attended Fairfield University and after graduation started a job as an auditor at Price Waterhouse Cooper, working at the Gold Building in Hartford, where he met the love of his life, Amy. Since then, Bob has built a career rooted in accountability, leadership and humility; and a family grounded in faith, honesty and respect.

Bob is both a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Financial Analyst. He received his Master's in Business Administration from Cornell University, and served as a Wharton Business School Fellow, taught as an adjunct faculty at NYU Stern Business School, London Business School, Cambridge University and as a visiting professor of management practice at Oxford University.

Bob's financial expertise is exactly what Connecticut needs to root out waste, fraud and abuse, and make sure every dollar that is paid by taxpayers is spent with respect for the hard work that went into earning it.

Bob is going to get Connecticut working for the people again, not political insiders. In 2020, Bob and Amy co-founded and launched "Masks for Heroes" day!

The Masks for CT initiatives earned Bob and Amy an NAACP Award from the Waterbury NAACP Youth Council and a Citation from the City of Torrington in appreciation of their efforts.

Bob is a proud dad to his three daughters who are a daily reminder of what's most important in life.

**Candidate for  
Governor of Connecticut**

As your state representative, I've focused my energies on tax policy, mental & behavioral health issues, special education and the environment & preservation of our open space. The decisions I make, as your elected legislator, spring from both my diverse experience in the business, non-profit and community advocacy sectors, as well as from a good bit of common sense. I'm innately curious, a good listener, and excel at bringing good people together to solve tough problems. And, I enjoy the challenge.

#### **Why Serve?**

Many of the people I meet are curious about what it's like serving in political office. It's a question I love answering. We are so lucky to live in a democracy where all voices are heard. As your state representative, I've seen firsthand how important it is to engage in and protect our democracy. All have a voice and an equal vote. Hearing these many voices and points of view are a vital part of our democracy. And, how lucky we are to have the freedom to speak out on issues we care about. In Hartford, I hear the spectrum of voices, respect the varied points of view, and love the richness they all add to the debate on public policy. I feel that enthusiasm every day I head to Hartford on your behalf.

As a kid, it was enthralling for me to read about our country's beginnings. I read piles of books from my elementary school library on the Revolutionary War and biographies particularly of the women of that time period. The message I absorbed was all the good that can happen when people band together with intelligence, passion and common purpose.

#### **Why Connecticut?**

I was born and bred as a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and settled in Darien after marrying a guy I met in college. He'd grown up here in Darien and Rowayton. From day one, it felt like home...all the history, and all the positives that Connecticut represented – a vibrant and diverse population, good schools, a well-educated workforce, abundant cultural opportunities, an historic coastline and scenic landscapes. We've lived right here ever since, four years in Rowayton and thirty-seven in Darien.

#### **Why Run for State Representative?**

Being a history buff, I was seriously intrigued because, for me, the pleasure, honor and privilege of serving had a two-fold attraction. One, I felt a profound responsibility and passion to our great state to help right the ship. Two, I looked to genuinely enjoy working with a diverse group of people. Today, I wake up in the morning with fire in my belly to help turn our difficult fiscal situation around and push back against the arrogance of *One Party Rule*.

Dominic Rapini is a lifelong resident of New Haven County, where he lives with his wife Susan and their three grown children and their adopted family. A Neuroscience major as well as a football and track star, Dominic graduated from Trinity College in 1983 and for 32 years, has coached more than 1,000 young men in Pop Warner football.

Now in his 25th year in Apple, Inc.'s Consumer Electronics Division, Dominic has enjoyed a successful career and has twice been named Salesperson of the Year.

In 2018, Dominic ran unsuccessfully for US Senate as a first time candidate. On election night Dominic was dismayed by stories of wet ballots, missing ballots, magically appearing ballots, and late floods of election day registrations pushing poll closings far past the state mandated 8:00pm deadline, followed by very late reporting of results from our major cities. All of which fueled suspicion and mistrust of the results.

For the past 3 years Dominic has been engaged as a grassroots organizer focused on election integrity issues as the board chair of Fight Voter Fraud, Inc. In this capacity, he has helped lead the fight for election issues and used that experience to engage voters and lawmakers on the issues while developing a network of election professionals, advisors and experts in Connecticut and nationwide.

In 2020, Dominic graduated from the highly regarded Charter Oak Leadership Program. He is a member of the Connecticut Republican Assembly (CTRA), the Branford Republican Town Committee and is a board member of Grass Roots East, a Federal PAC for the Second Congressional District.

#### **Dominic's Personal Story**

Dominic Rapini was born in New Haven, CT and his family moved to Hamden in 1963. His father Thomas Rapini was a WWII veteran and a self-employed tile-man His mother, Norma Rapini, worked at Pratt & Whitney and Yale University while raising three sons: Michael, Dominic and Allen.

Dominic graduated from Hamden High School in 1979 Dominic was accepted to Trinity College as a Biology and Psychology. He graduated in 1983 from Trinity College. In 1997, Dominic joined Apple in the Consumer Retail division working with US retailers. Currently Dominic lives in Branford, CT with his wife Susan, their children Katlyn, Thomas, and Annie.

Brock Weber was born and raised in Bristol, Connecticut. A political activist at a young age, Brock has been involved in countless political endeavors and began to work in the political field professionally when he was seventeen years old. Brock has worked on Republican campaigns ranging from local board of education races to Presidential races, and has a vast experience in a wide range of campaign related operations/specialties.

While in college, Brock served as the Chairman of the Saint Anselm College Republicans and the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Federation of College Republicans; additionally, he served as the New Hampshire youth liaison/coordinator to Texas Governor Rick Perry, a candidate for President of the United States at the time. Brock holds a B.A. in Politics with a concentration in campaign management from Saint Anselm College.

After graduating college, Brock went to work for a variety of US Congressional and US Senate campaigns where he specialized in political operations, field operations, inner-city operations, absentee ballot operations, and grassroots activism.

In 2013, Brock advanced to a career in professional campaign management and political consulting; over the years, Brock has overseen several competitive local, state and statewide races and advised on countless others. Additionally, Brock served as a Legislative Aide to Connecticut Senate Republican Caucus and Strategist to the Senate Republican Campaign Committee and as a Political/Corporate Communications Specialist for Spectrum Marketing Companies, Inc. based in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Brock is a former member of the New Britain Republican Town Committee and a former member of the Bristol Republican Town Committee. Brock is currently employed with the City of New Britain, Connecticut as the Executive Aide to Republican Mayor Erin Stewart.

Brock Weber resides in Wolcott, Connecticut with his wife Jessica, their son J.R., and their dog Ari.

**Candidates For  
Sec'y of State  
Terri Wood  
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## Connecticut Women and the Right to Vote

Our Women's History Month program will be held Saturday March 19th at 2 PM in the Plainville Library, East Main Street. Rosemary Morante will present "Connecticut Women and the Right to Vote" featuring not only the overall story of suffrage in the state but also the story of suffrage as experienced here in Plainville.

Come learn about the role of Katherine Hepburn's mother in the suffrage movement, the two local women who traveled to Hartford for the 1869 founding of the Connecticut Woman's Suffrage Association, Susan B. Anthony's visit to Plainville - and many more interesting facts. Other local highlights will include some of the individual women here who registered and voted here in 1920 (with a number of surnames still quite familiar to us).

Registration must be done in advance due to continued COVID concerns. Register by emailing plvhistorical@gmail.com and include your name, phone number, email, and number of people in your party who wish to sit together. Attendees are asked to wear a mask at all times.

*The program will be in the Chase Auditorium  
Elevator access is available.*

## Remembering...

### PERROTTI'S MARKET

On East Street, across from DBK Jewelers, where the Starling building is today, was the best meat market that you could imagine. The building at the back which faces toward the road was Perrotti's. It was a dream, designed by Mike Perrotti, butcher extraordinaire. The entire meat area was refrigerated and freezing cold. A rack of white coats were offered for your comfort before the giant doors opened to welcome you. Even in July you had to wear a coat to go in to choose supper or a week's worth of main courses. They had everything from store made fat sausages for Saturday supper to a side of beef and it was all first quality. The best fresh ground hamburger was \$.89 a pound in 1962.



Image: Postcard. Votes for women. Connecticut Historical Society. 1961.111.4. Used with permission.

As winter blows itself away, let's welcome spring. You remember Spring. The Crocus, daffodils, Robins and yes, spring cleaning. We naturally turn our focus to the seed catalog and the refreshing of our rooms for a new season. So it is here at the Historic Center. We are challenged to clean up and out and begin fresh. 2022, the even-calendar year, heralds the Plainville Historical Society's full membership business meeting and Election of Officers. It promises new leadership, new friends and new ideas.

We have finally had our antique landline problems resolved, with professional help, and you can call and reach someone here on Monday and Wednesday mornings, or you can leave a voice message anytime.

Rosemary Morante, Presenter, is preparing the March program. This presentation was originally planned for 2019 just as the pandemic shut us down. Rosemary has continued to do research for it and has discovered some additional interesting information about Plainville women and their participation. The program is open to all. Reserve your seat on our e-mail.

We are in need of volunteers to help us clean out our closets. If you can spare some time, come in any Monday or Wednesday morning and lend a hand. We can use supervisors, too. We would appreciate it if you let us know ahead, if you plan to come, on the land line or the e-mail. Drop in and meet us, we're awesome.

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THE PLAINVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## To Members and Friends

Come learn about Plainville's African-American history on Saturday February, 19th at 2:00 PM at the Historic Center. Our African-American history expert Gail Williams will present "*Plainville is Our Town: African-Americans You Should Know*" which will highlight the stories of local men and women who helped shape our history over the years.

Some names may be familiar such as Sophia Browne who chaired the Board of Education in the 1960's. However, many may not be familiar with other individuals such as James Halsted, an active community member who was believed to be Plainville's last living Civil War veteran when he died in 1930. The program will be a great opportunity to enrich our knowledge and appreciation of Plainville's African-American heritage.

Advance registration is required and it is necessary to wear a mask at all times. Please go to our website for more information and for directions on how to register: [www.plainvillehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.plainvillehistoricalsociety.com)

From Rosemary Morante, Publicity *Chairperson*

## MARCHING FORWARD...

Let's make a date

APRIL 9th 12:30 – 3:00 P.M.

**OPEN HOUSE AT  
THE HISTORIC CENTER**

JUNE 4th

**ANNUAL ALL-MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
OF THE  
PLAINVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
and the  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

First meeting as we emerge from the pandemic. Your attendance and input is crucial and respectfully requested.

## MAYBE YOU DIDN'T KNOW

The Plainville Historical Society welcomes small elderly unique items such as pictures, old postcards and greeting cards, small business advertising, etc. with a Plainville connection.

We have a registry of homes before 1930 with pictures. You might like to add yours. Think of us when you do your spring cleaning.

It is not necessary to be a member of the Historical Society to be a volunteer.

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# Black History Month / Historical Society Program



**FEBRUARY PROGRAM**

Black History Month was celebrated Saturday, February 19 with a presentation by Gail Williams on "Plainville is our Town: African Americans You Should Know." The program was well attended despite the snow squalls that blew through town at the same time. Gail presented the history of the families who built our community from Canal days to present day and the valuable contributions they have made to our town.

*....Gert LaCombe*



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### West Central CT Triad Health & Wellness Events

**2 Dates - 2 Locations - Free admission**

<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 27, 2022</p> <p><b>Bristol Senior Center</b>                      OR                      <b>Plainville Senior Center</b>        240 Stafford Avenue, Bristol                      200 East Street, Plainville        9:00 am - 11:30 pm                      9:30 am - 12:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, June 7, 2022</p>
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Pre-registration required for a reserved 45-minute exhibitor viewing time.  
 Walk through and speak with over 20 senior provider professionals, health screenings, raffle prizes, receive a File of Life packet and more!

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9:30 - noon

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Join us for this in person event with pre-registration required.  
 Masks required and CDC guidelines will be followed.

### MS CONNECTICUT SENIOR AMERICA PAGEANT 2022

#### Seeking contestants

The Ms Connecticut Senior America Club is seeking contestants for its 2022 pageant, to be held May 14 and 15, 2022 at the R.D. Scinto Auditorium (6 Corporate Drive, Shelton, CT). Contestants must be at least 60 years of age, citizens of the United States, and residents of Connecticut. The woman who is crowned will go on to participate in the Ms Senior America Pageant which will take place in Hershey, PA in September 2022.

The Ms Senior America Pageant began in 1979 with the belief that seniors are the foundation of America and our most valuable treasure. Ms Senior America gives honor to women who have reached the "Age of Elegance". It is a search for the gracious lady who best exemplifies the dignity, maturity, and inner beauty of all senior Americans. This is not a beauty pageant in the traditional sense, but one that looks to inner beauty and strength.

Contestants participate in four areas: **interview, evening gown, philosophy of life, and talent.** Each contestant shares her philosophy of life with the audience so that the judges may develop insight into each contestant's inner beauty. Whether it is music, dance, comedy, drama, poetry, sewing, or any other special skill, the contestant's talent should demonstrate the ongoing gifts of today's senior women.

For more information and to request a contestant application contact:

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# Mulberry Gardens Celebrates Six Couples on their Everlasting Love

Six couples who reside at Mulberry Gardens of Southington assisted living, adult day and memory care community, were celebrated on Valentine's Day. The couples were recognized for their everlasting love of 60-76 years, they renewed their vows.

"They've been through so much over the last two years, it is nice to celebrate something happy. It is also nice to learn from the couples about love, it is something we all need," said Jacquelyn Gaulin, executive director at Mulberry Gardens.

Accompanied by friends, family and residents the lobby was decorated to perfection allowing the couples to boast in their moment as they say "I do" once more. Rev. Victoria Triano, pastoral care at Hartford HealthCare Senior Services, facilitated the ceremony.

Each of the wives were given colorful bouquets and each couple were given a Southington proclamation certificate by Vice Chairman of the Southington Town Council, Paul Chaplinski.

"It is my privilege to be a part of six couples renewing their vows. It is great to see so many people in attendance," said Paul Chaplinski.

**Rita and Bob Van Epps** married in 1962 will celebrate their 60 years of love this month. Their passion includes camping. Their advice? "Make it work. The path is not an easy one, it's up to you to make it work." *Southington*

**Mary and Tom Kline** married in 1959 will celebrate 63 years of life as one in August. The two enjoy all Mother Nature has to offer, camping and hiking with family. Their advice? "Compromise." *Plantsville*

**Paula and John Lutkus** married in 1958 will celebrate 64 years of unity in November. The couple enjoys vacationing with family members. Their advice? "Compromise with your loved one." *Marion*

**Margo and Roland Veillette** married in 1957 will celebrate 65 years of love in June. They are avid travelers from Florida in the winter to Canada in the summer. Their advice? "People say marriage is 50/50 but it should be 100/100. You need to give your all to your loved one." *Plantsville*

**Iva and Brewster Yates** married in 1956 will celebrate 66 years of life as one in September. They are also passionate campers. Their advice? "Love each other." *Cheshire*

**Edith and Peter Procko** married in 1946 will celebrate 76 years of unity in October. They also enjoy traveling to Florida. Their advice? People say it's a 50/50 operation, you need to give 100% to your spouse. *Plainville*



"This is all very exciting and a great way to celebrate love, marriage and life," said Activities Director, Mulberry Gardens of Southington, Donna Johnson.

For more information contact Leaja Johnson at 860.406.6864.



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## Letters & Emails to the Editor

### Friend,

Common wisdom today says college students are a bunch of woke communists.

While I don't dispute there ARE college students like that... you'd be surprised how many students are fed up with the socialist control of college.

#### Here's the truth:

Like with national politics, most students are apathetic. Politics is a game that is decided by whatever group can be the most organized. And I want to share with you Young Americans for Liberty's plans to defeat the radicals on campus.

Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) is hosting Grassroots Activism Trainings in 2022.

Our plans are to train over 600 students in 22 locations to be political campus leaders and defeat the radicals on their campus.

To accomplish this goal, I am looking to raise \$150,000 online from conservatives, libertarians, and pro-liberty patriots.

#### Here's the plan.

YAL has a network of over 100,000 students across universities in the United States. We will recruit the top 600 students to attend these trainings.

The students will be trained in the top political and grassroots strategies for both affecting change on campus and in their states.

The 600 students return to their campus to fight for free speech, against COVID mandates, and against the woke radicals.

I have attached a full schedule of our Grassroots Activism Trainings for your review:

This isn't our first time training students. Here are some of our recent successes of YAL student leaders bringing freedom to their campus.

**The Montclair State University** YAL Chapter challenged campus administrators after the admin silenced a "Criminals for Gun-Free Zones" 2nd Amendment event. After 2 years of litigation, the state forced the school to change its unconstitutional "Free Speech Zones" and "Prior Permission Needed to Organize" policies.

**The University of Nebraska** pulled back on their decision to force all of their students to download a phone app tracking their Covid vaccination and weekly testing results after YAL students rose up and organized events across campus in defiance of the order.

After passage of new legislation in Ohio to protect free speech on campuses, YAL members at Youngstown State contacted the school regarding their policy that still required prior permission to speak and assemble. By putting pressure on the administration to be compliant with the new law, they were able to get the policy eliminated.

#### Friend, YAL is leading the fight on campus.

But we are not supported by government tax-dollars. We don't have woke billionaires on our side.

My team relies 100% on freedom-loving Americans who are fed up with the woke and corrupt nonsense. This isn't money going to line politicians' campaigns. Your support goes directly to getting students recruited, trained, and protesting on their campus.

### Thank you, Sean Themea, Chief of Staff Young Americans for Liberty

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## Handful of Hints

Drop 2 Alka Seltzers into the toilet--wait 20 minutes--brush and flush--it's the citric acid that does the trick.

**If you wrap celery in aluminum foil before putting it in the fridge, it will keep fresh much longer.**

When you send a get well card to someone in the hospital, put their address in the upper left front (instead of yours). If they go home in the meantime, your card will be returned to that address (theirs)

*"A helpful hint is like a good piece of chocolate."*

*If you have any helpful hints and wish to share them with the readers of The Hometown Connection. Email to plainvillehometown@gmail.com or mail to:*

*27 Sherman Street, Plainville CT 06062*

## Plainville School Masks Now Optional

Superintendent of schools Steve LePage said the decision has been made to make mask-wearing optional in the Plainville schools.

"Other than that, we will be mask optional and truly welcome anyone who wants to wear a mask to do so, but will not be requiring them" LePage said. Masks will continue to be worn in the school nurses' offices in order to protect nurses and students who are often in the nurses's office that could be medically compromised.

## Cloth Masks Don't Work! CNN Finally Admits

CNN's Dr. Leana Wein stated that "Cloth masks do not work for this pandemic."

She continued, "It's inappropriate for omicron." It was also not appropriate for an alpha, delta, or any other variants because it's dealing with an airborne product.

The CNN host and the other man — I don't watch cable news — looked incredulous.

This is not a complete turnaround for Wen who was President of Planned Parenthood and also wrote for the Washington Post.

She tweeted that, last year, she said "Cloth Masks are little more than facial decorations and should never be considered an acceptable form for face covering."

Instead, she urged the government to "require and distribute medical-grade surgical masks for indoor use in crowded spaces."

Have you ever worn an N95 mask to a concert, a football game, or a restaurant? Even in the best circumstances, those things can be a hassle, even if you're not trying to eat, have fun or have a pleasant conversation.

However, Wen actually promoted cloth masks back in July 2020 on Twitter. She warned that cloth masks are much more comfortable than dialysis lines and ventilators.

Because the internet is forever, you can read Wen's "evolution" via the magic of screencaps

For some reason, what worked in July 2020 doesn't work in February 2022.

It is possible that the reason is political.

It might be that we finally are allowed to admit that our masks don't work, as Jack Posobiec tweeted: "We have in the turn."

This is the exit from the COVID safety theatre. The Dems are panicking about the 2022 midterms. They are so desperate they will do anything to get the truth about COVID.

*You might be wondering what we are supposed to believe. The answer is still "nothing".*

## Self-driving trucks make headway...

Autonomous driving company TuSimple just hit a major milestone. One of its self-driving semi-trucks drove itself 80 miles from Tucson to Phoenix, AZ.

Regular readers may recognize the name of this company. We last checked in on TuSimple back in December 2020 after a major \$350 million venture capital (VC) round.

To bring new readers up to speed, TuSimple is focused on fully self-driving semi-trucks that can ship goods across the country – no driver necessary. And its technology will allow "pods" of trucks to drive closely in line with each other on the highway, taking advantage of the air stream to reduce fuel consumption. Racing fans will know this as "drafting."

Pair this with the fact that self-driving trucks can operate 24 hours a day, and the economic benefits are stunning. TuSimple's trucks could reduce shipping costs by a whopping 40%.

And, of course, TuSimple's mission is more important than ever given the ongoing labor shortages we are dealing with. There simply aren't enough truck drivers to handle all the freight that needs to be distributed right now. That's why goods are piling up at American ports.

So I'm incredibly excited about TuSimple's big milestone. And here's the key – the truck navigated the entire journey from Tucson to Phoenix autonomously.

We will certainly be tracking this company and the overall self-driving trend closely going forward.

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## Punster alert-

1. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
2. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
3. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationary.
4. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
5. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said, "Keep off the Grass"
6. The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
7. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, "you stay here, I'll go on a-head"
8. In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
9. Don't join dangerous cults, practice safe sects!
10. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

*\*Please e-mail your Punsters to:*

*plainvillehometown@gmail.com*

*or Mail to: Plainville Hometown*

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*to share a little fun with your neighbors*

## Grant Applications Now Available!

In addition, Main Street Community Foundation is accepting grant applications for the Plainville Community Fund. Either the organization or the program for which funding is requested must be located in Plainville and be of benefit to Plainville residents. Applications are due March 11, 2022.

Organizations must apply using the Online Grants Center, which can be accessed through the Foundation's website and includes the applications for each grant cycle, the full guidelines and the eligibility criteria.

*Next Steps...More details on Page 16*

### Join AARP Chapter Leader Call –

#### Election Guidelines for AARP Chapters

Please join a special AARP Chapter leader call on Thursday, March 3rd at 3:00 p.m. AARP guest speakers will be Michelle Becote-Jackson, VP for the Office of Volunteer Engagement and Khelan Bhatia, Voter Engagement Campaign Director. To prepare for the 2022 election cycle, AARP will provide you with key information needed to remain compliant with AARP's non-partisan policy. The call will provide key information to help Chapters understand AARP's non-partisan, non-endorsing stance with respect to political candidates, incumbents, political parties, social media, and public events.

**Here's how to join the call: Date: Thursday,**

**March 3, 2022 Time: 3pm ET**

**(2pm CT/1pm MT/noon PT)**

**Call-in Number: 1-877-209-3531**

**(toll-free and no PIN required)**

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

## INCOME TAX PREPARATION

AARP Tax-Aide appointments will be by appointment only every Tuesday beginning now and ending Tuesday, April 12, at the Plainville Senior Center. To schedule your Tax Preparation ap-ointment, please call (860)747-5728.

For other free income tax prep appointments through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), call: 1) United Way of West Cen-tral CT at (860)356-2000 or 2) Human Resources Agency (HRA) in New Britain and Bristol at (860)356-2000 or (860)826-2278.

Dial-a-Ride can also bring you to the United Way or HRA if you need a ride.

IT'S A SNAP TO INCREASE YOUR FOOD

## NEW! UKULELE DROP-IN CLUB

Every Wednesday 10:00-11:00 A.M.

Bring your ukulele and come strum along with us! Peggy Grant is going to lead the group. This is not a group for lessons. Sign up in advance. Call the Senior Center or register online at: [www.schedulesplus.com/](http://www.schedulesplus.com/)

## ATTENTION, GRANDPARENTS, RELATIVES...LET YOUR FAMILIES KNOW ABOUT... DADDY BOOT CAMP

A Workshop Designed for Expectant & New Dads. Schedule a single session that fits your schedule: Thurs-day, April 28 (register by April 14), or Thursday, June 2 (register by May 19). Both sessions will meet from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Plainville High School, Room 123, with Coach Smith. Tuition: \$8. Full scholarships for those in need are available upon request. Please call (860)793-3209. Go to [http://www.plainvilleschools.org/departments/adult ed](http://www.plainvilleschools.org/departments/adult%20ed). Participants will also get the book: "Crash Course for Dads-to-Be." Note to New Dads: Please bring your baby! For more infor-mation, call Plainville Adult Education at (860)793-3209. Topics include: Baby Blues, Calm-ing a Crying Baby, Dealing with Pets, Dealing with Stress, Developing One's Own Style, Diapering, Safety, Schedules, Q & A.

## DIAL-A-RIDE DRIVERS NEEDED!

The Plainville Senior Center is looking for on-call drivers for our Dial-a-Ride Program. Drivers must have a CDL or F-endorsement in order to drive our wheelchair lift-equipped bus. Training and hourly wage pro-vided. Hourly range between \$15.50—\$16.61. Hours are on-call to as-sist when regularly scheduled drivers are out or when the schedule is busy and more drivers are required to assist with rides. F-endorsement is now easier to obtain and can be done without going to DMV and can be completed in two weeks. Contact Shawn or Ronda at the Senior Center for more information or visit [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com) for an appli-cation.

Be sure to check us out and "Like Us"! Our Facebook page has a big letter "P" in a blue circle and logo is "cover page."

## THE PEAK FITNESS CENTER IS OPEN

### NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED!

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

## SENIOR CENTER SEEKING YARN DONATIONS & VOLUNTEER KNITTERS

The Senior Center is looking for donations of yarn and seeking volunteers who might like to knit lap robes, afghans, hats, mittens and scarves. Please call us at (860)747-5728 for more information.

## GET HELP PAYING YOUR WATER BILLS

The Connecticut Low Income Water Assistance Program is now open. Get help paying your waterbills. Households with one person who have a maximum annual income of \$39,027 and a two-person household maximum income of \$51,035 can qualify for this one-time benefit. There is no asset limit. Help is available for both drinking water and wastewater bills. To apply online, go to: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DSS/Highlights/Water-Assistance/CT-Energy-and-Water-Assistance-Application-rev-Nov-2021.pdf> or contact

The Human Resources Agency of New Britain (HRA) at (860)356-2000. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie at (860)747-5728.

## MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM (MSP) INCOME LIMITS:

Singles Range From: \$2,265 to \$2,641

Couples Range From: \$3,064 to \$3,572

There is No Asset Limit nor Estate Recovery The State of CT offers financial assistance to eligible Medicare enrollees. Department of Social Services will pay the Medicare Part B and Medicare Part D premiums for qualifying enrollees. Some enrollees will also be covered for the Medicare deductibles and co-insurance. Additionally, qualifying enrollees are automatically enrolled in the Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy (LIS). Stephanie can review your eligibility for MSP. Contact her at the Senior Center.

## THE FOOD SHARE PROGRAM AT THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

This program is offered Wednesdays for Plainville residents needing assistance with food. For more information about eligibility and hours.

Contact: Laurie at (860) 747-5867. Drive up, and a volunteer will put the groceries in your car!

## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS CERAMICS

**THURSDAYS, 9:30 —11:30 A.M.**

**INSTRUCTOR: GLORIA CERNIGLIA**  
Cost includes instruction, glazes and firing. Students select and pay for their own green-ware. Learn how to choose a piece of green-ware, clean it, paint it and glaze it. Beginners welcome! Students are re-sponsible for their own greenware, brushes and specialty glazes supplies.

You can always register for a class, even if the session has begun. We are able to pro-rate classes for late sign-ups only. We cannot pro-rate or discount for missed classes due to vacations, trips, doctor's appointments, etc.

## KNITTING/CROCHET

**THURSDAYS, 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTOR: EVELYN MORIN**

Here's your opportunity to enjoy the company of others while getting some help if you need it! Finish an old project that's been hanging around in your closet or start something new.

## FREE VIRTUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE MARCH 4-5 FOR INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA AND THEIR FAMILIES

The State Unit on Aging, as a Community Partner of the Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, is happy to announce that The Alzheimer's Association will host a free virtual educational conference for individuals living with Alzheimer's and dementia, their caregivers and their families on March 4-5. Hear from a panel of individuals living with Alzheimer's, as well as a panel of caregivers who will share firsthand experiences in their journey with the disease and life after a diagnosis. Experts in the field of care and support will share practical and concrete recommendations, resources, and guidance in the care and support for those living a life with dementia. For more information and to register for the event, visit [alzfamilyconference.org](http://alzfamilyconference.org).

## Dial-A-Ride

If you need a ride to a doctor's appointment, grocery store, pharmacy or bank, call HRA at (860)589-6968 to schedule a ride.

Our Dial-A-Ride operates on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Friday 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. You must wear a mask on the bus and we cannot transport anyone who is feeling ill. We ask that you be ready on time for your ride. Plainville Dial-a-Ride can bring persons to medical appointments in Plainville, Bristol, Southington, New Britain, the Newington VA Hospital and some locations in Farmington. All other destinations are limited to Plainville only.

## ANOTHER OPTION FOR RIDES TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Senior Transportation Services, Inc. (STS) is available to provide affordable transportation to medical ap-ointments for Plainville residents age 55 and over. STS relies on trained volunteer drivers to take riders to medical appointments as far as 20 miles from Plainville, starting as early as 6:00 a.m. There is an annual membership fee and cost (based on mileage) to use the service. Financial assistance is available for individuals who cannot afford the fees. For help in paying for the service call Stephanie or Ronda at (860)747-5728

## Where are They Now?

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

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# Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging

**Registration is required:** Call 1.855.HHC.HERE (1.855.442.4373) or go to [HartfordHealthCare.org/VirtualClasses](http://HartfordHealthCare.org/VirtualClasses). After you register, you'll receive an email with easy instructions on joining the virtual class.

## Virtual Dementia Caregiver Series

The Dementia Caregiver Series occurs Wednesdays: March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Participants should select one series and are encouraged to attend all five sessions. Presented by a Certified Dementia Specialist from Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: *See instruction above*

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## Call-In Support Group

Looking for a safe space? Talk to a professional about the question and or concerns you may have regarding dementia. Every Friday from 2 to 3 p.m. starting Friday, March 4, there will be a call-in support group facilitated by Kristine Johnson. Join the call at: 860.972.6338 - Meeting Room: 19623#.

## Virtual Class: Healthy Brain Series

The Healthy Brain Series occurs every Mondays: March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 from 6 to 7 p.m. Participants should select one series and are encouraged to attend all five sessions. Topics include: Session 1: Challenge Your Mind Daily: Activities to Keep Your Mind Sharp; Session 2: Feeding the Brain: The Importance of Diet and Hydration; Session 3: Benefits of a Purposeful Life: Finding Meaningful Engagement as You Age; Session 4: Good Sleep and Brain Power: The Importance of Sleep and Your Brain and Session 5: The Blue Zones: Lessons for Living Longer from the People Who've Lived the Longest.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

## Understanding Lymphedema

The World Health Organization estimates that over 250 million people worldwide live with Lymphedema or chronic swelling. It is a disease that can cause pain, limit our mobility and cause us to be insecure about ourselves. Join a Certified Lymphedema Therapist from Hartford HealthCare Rehabilitation Network, on Wednesday, March 9 from 11 a.m. to noon to learn more about the causes and effects of swelling, ways to manage it and how participation in skilled occupational and physical therapy can help.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: After you register, you'll receive an email with easy instructions on joining the virtual class.

## Virtual Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Do you care for someone diagnosed with dementia? A support group provides emotional, educational and social support. Join the call on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. starting on March 9. Facilitated by Patty O'Brian, CDP, dementia specialist,

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

## Virtual Class: Building Better Bones & Joints

Keeping the body moving is essential for healthy bones and joints. This informational session will cover bone and joint health, benefits of moving and best exercise practices. Presented by Julie Sopchack, exercise physiologist, Hartford HealthCare GoodLife Fitness on Wednesday, March 16 from 11 a.m. to noon.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

## Virtual Class: Focused Awareness Meditation

Time to unwind. Take a step into interactive class presented by Christine Solimini-Swift, exercise physiologist, Hartford HealthCare GoodLife Fitness on Wednesday, March 16 from noon to 12:30 p.m. Discover the scientifically based practice of meditation, how to feel more relaxed, focused and calm, with a simple five-step technique.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

## Virtual Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Caregivers far and wide are welcome. Chat with those who come from the same walk of life. Join the call every third Monday, March, 21 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

## Virtual Class: What is Dementia? Not all Dementia is Alzheimer's disease

Learn more about the different types of dementia, identify different symptoms and the importance of knowing the diagnosis. Presented by Patty O'Brian, CDP, dementia specialist, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging. Join the class on Thursday, March 24 from 2 to 3 p.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

## Virtual Class: Dementia Caregivers Support Group

Do you care for someone diagnosed with dementia? A support group provides emotional, educational and social support. Join the class every last Monday of the month, on March 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Topics include: communication techniques, caregiver support, benefits of activities, and stages of the disease, family dynamics and safety issues. Facilitated by Michelle Wyman, dementia specialist, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

*Stay Healthy, Stay Safe,  
& Stay Warm!!*

# Lake Compounce Job Fair

The job fair will be held Wednesday, March 9th, though intrigued individuals may get started now by applying online today. Seasonal jobs are available for teens as young as 16 years old, and also offer great opportunities for professionals and retirees looking for flexible part time job. Employees who complete the application and hiring process by April 1st will receive four Bronze Season Passes to use themselves and to share with family and friends.

America's Oldest Amusement Park has ramped up pay and perks to attract the region's best and brightest for roles including Lifeguards, Ride Operators, Food & Beverage, Security and more, with pay rates up to \$18 per hour for seasonal team member positions. For more information on the 2022 season, jobs and more, Visit: [lakecompounce.com](http://lakecompounce.com)

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**INDOOR & OUTDOOR BOOTHS**

## According to the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Secretary of Education, Connecticut's own Miguel Cardona, REQUESTED the now infamous letter labeling parents as DOMESTIC TERRORISTS.

Parents deserve to have a voice in their child's education, not to be tagged as a terrorist. But the Left doesn't care about the consequences of their actions – they will say anything to get their radical agenda passed.

This is what happens when one party has too much control – **ABUSE OF POWER!**

I can't take it anymore. I've had enough of the stronghold that Democrats have on the American people. The liberal mob must be broken up, and I need your help to do so. I can help break up the one-party rule?

I know it's essential for parents to be involved in their children's education and speaking up at school board meetings is their First Amendment right to free speech. I will never infringe on an individual's rights or freedoms.

*Sincerely, George S. Logan  
Congress Candidate for the 5th District*

### INCREMENTAL ISLAM 23

Under Islam, non-Muslims, also (derogatorily) called Kafirs, become a distinct under-class, sometimes referred to as najis, meaning filth. In fact, non-Muslims, no matter your religion, gender, age, or the catalogue of good deeds you may have accrued, are destined for Hell (ROTT w4.3). Unbelievers, in fact, are to be hated by Muslims for Allah's sake (ROTT w59.2) and are never to be taken by Muslims as friends (Quran 5:51). This last command to Muslims is so strong that it is mentioned multiple times in the Quran: 1:5-7; 3:10; 3:28; 3:85; 3:118; 5:80; 7:44; 9:23; and 53:29!

Here are a few examples of stark differences in how non-Muslims may be treated by Muslims as compared to their treatment of fellow Muslims. Non-Muslims may be killed, whereas killing another Muslim is a crime: (Quran 4:93): "For those who intentionally kill another Muslim, Hell will be their punishment, where they will live forever. The wrath of Allah will be on them, He will curse them, and they will receive terrible torture." Similarly, non-Muslims may be cheated, raped, enslaved, may not own weapons, and on and on.

The Pact of Umar made an exception for protection of non-Muslims provided that those non-Muslims paid the jizya, a tax which kept their heads attached to their necks. Living under these conditions, however, was exceedingly stressful for the non-Muslims since, if even one of them broke a rule under that pact, the Muslims had a right to retaliate against all those unbelievers!

Of course, Quranic pronouncements on treatment of non-Muslims will vary according to whether those rules were stated in the Meccan (early) Quran or the Medinan (post-hijra) Quran. The Medinan sections, however, are far more unforgiving and, unfortunately, are the authoritative rulings.

Viewed against this background, the Americans left in Afghanistan are in great danger! **Jane Bate**

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## Letter to the Editor & Friends,

*I'm just going to come out and say it...*

"...What the H--- is happening to our country?"

Illegal aliens are marching across our wide-open border, petty tyrants in our nation's capital are demanding a vaccine passport to eat in a restaurant, and federal officials refuse to answer basic questions about January 6th.

And with inflation raising the prices of even the most essential items, you may soon need a wheelbarrow of cash to buy a loaf of bread.

As I trust you know, I have stayed true to my word to rein in big government, stop inflationary spending, secure the border, and fight for your freedom.

But my pro-freedom record has led the Swamp to put a target on my back – which is why I'm asking for your urgent support. Help me push back against the radical Left's attacks as I fight for our freedoms.

If you want to know where America is headed, just flip on the TV, and take a look around the world.

Australia is forcing otherwise healthy adults into "quarantine facilities" (translation: government internment camps) for 14 days.

In Amsterdam, where public gatherings of more than two people are illegal, riot police used batons to stop citizens from protesting extreme lockdown measures and vaccine mandates. Now, I'm sure a few of you are thinking, 'this could never happen in America, the land of the free.'

But, I want you to take a serious look at this poll published by Breitbart: "48 percent of Democrat voters think federal and state governments 'should be able to fine or imprison individuals who publicly question the efficacy of the existing COVID-19 vaccines on social media, television, radio, or in online or digital publications.'"

If we don't wise up to this insanity, we're not going to be in a free country much longer.

There's not going to be an America left to save. You have my word that I will keep fighting the madness every step of the way, but I can't oppose the leviathan of big government all on my own...

...I'm going to need the help of grassroots supporters like you. So please, help me push back against the Left's attacks as I fight for our freedoms.

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## Pet Insurance in Connecticut



Do you need a Connecticut pet insurance plan that will protect your pets at a price you can afford?

Learn more about your options so you can make the right decision for you and your furry family member!

### What Does Pet Insurance Cover?

Most pet insurance policies in Connecticut help pay for unexpected illnesses and accidents. The coverage that you get will depend on the policy you choose, though. As you explore your options, you will find plans for:

- *Accident-only coverage*
- *Accident and illness coverage*
- *Wellness coverage for exams, medications, dental care, and other preventative services*
- *Add-ons for extra services offered by the insurance company*

Your pet insurance policy will pay for a percentage of your vet bill. Most Connecticut pet insurance policies pay 70% to 90% of covered costs.

Make sure you read pet insurance policies carefully so you can choose one that meets your expectations.

**“What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog.” ...Dwight D. Eisenhower**

# Pet Page



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## FROM THE ANIMAL CONTROL DESK

The Board members of Plainville PAWS, along with Plainville Animal Control, are delighted to report that Princess did fantastic at her Consultation with Dr. Leshem at Leshem Veterinary Surgery in Canton. A Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon, he will schedule her hip surgery for early April. Then she will be treated as an out-patient at the Wizard of Paws Physical Rehabilitation Center for dogs in Colchester. Her prognosis is excellent for complete recovery.

We are humbled and grateful for all of the support we have received from our community and the surrounding towns for Princess. She models for you here, her princess dress, a gift from an admirer. She is acquiring quite an impressive hope chest while we search for the royal family.

The quest continues for the right 4-ever family, foster family, or probably a combination of both; to bring Princess to the happily ever after that she deserves.

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# ~ Profession of the Month ~

## Celebrating 13th Anniversary



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Of course, news isn't always good, but you can expect to see as many positive stories as negative. In my few weeks here, I've seen a community that is proud of its history and hopeful for its future, with leaders that are working diligently to bring growth and renewal. They believe in the town, so do we.

Our plan will only work if you are part of it. We ask that you read the paper, either by subscribing or picking up a copy regularly. If you have something to sell or promote, we ask that you advertise—we'll make sure you have as

audience that is ready to buy. But most importantly, we ask that you talk to us. We'll only serve you effectively if you tell us feedback, including as in-paper survey, town meetings and telephone call ins.

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Sincerely,  
Michael Schroeder, Publisher

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

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