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## Wojtusik's Nursery Celebrates 65 Years in Business

By: Theodora Antar

Wojtusik's Nursery celebrated 65 years in business this past September. The nursery is both family owned and operated, and has been a staple to the local community for decades. Peter and Phil Wojtusik, the current owners, took over the business from their parents, who started it in 1956. Originally, the nursery was located on Pine st., but was moved to the Terryville ave. location in 1957, where it has been ever since.

Peter's mother and father were always passionate about the nursery, and took a lot of pride in their work. They always worked hard to continuously improve the nursery over the years.

In the early 1980's, Peter's mother opened up their Christmas Shop in the upstairs of the nursery, which was open to the public. The Christmas Shop is absolutely magical, and includes fully decorated trees that can be shopped from, Santa's village, and more.

At Santa's Village, guests can enjoy popcorn, visit with Santa, and shop from the extensive Christmas Shop. They offer a large selection of both real and artificial Christmas Trees available for purchase. Wojtusik's has also kept in the holiday spirit and done their part in giving back to the community by sponsoring an annual Toys for Tots drive.

They have done this toy drive for the last eleven years, and it has always been a huge success. Toy donations will be accepted this year up until December 13th.

This year, Wojtusik's is putting on five special events for the Holiday Season. The first event will take place on Saturday, November 27th from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

There will be a reindeer train as well as popcorn included with the purchase of a ticket.

The second event will take place on November 28th from 12:00PM-3:00PM and will feature a baby goat petting zoo and the reindeer train.

Tickets for the events are available in store or can be purchased by calling (860)583-7279.

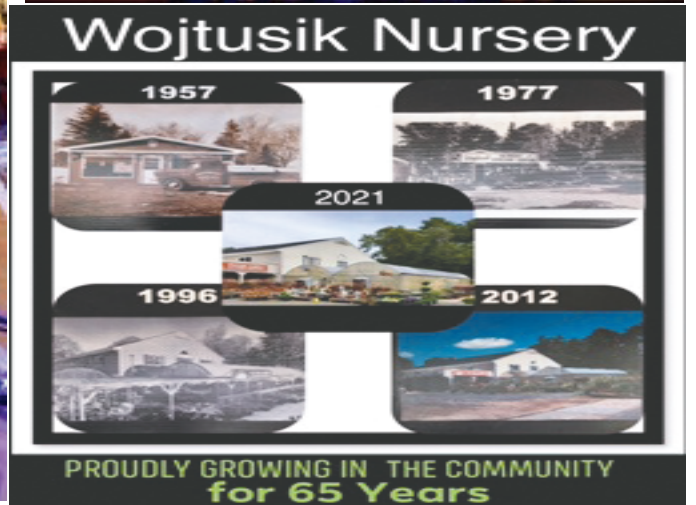
Santa will also return on December 4th from 12:00PM to 4:00 PM along with the reindeer train.

Wojtusik's also has a great selection of holiday and season themed home decor available, and they also do custom work.

All of the wreath decorating is done in house, and all greens are cut locally.

They also do silk flower arrangements by the season, centerpieces, handmade bows/ribbon selections, and more.

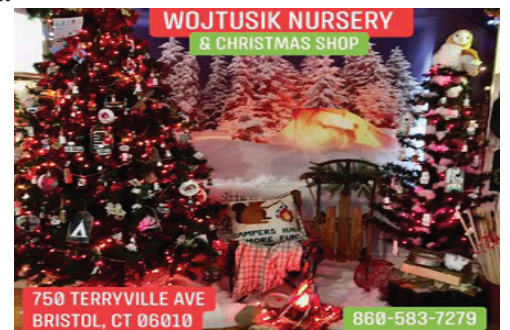
In addition, they offer live planted flowers which are available by the season.



Wojtusik's is also hosting a ladies night on Friday, December 3rd, and a craft night on Friday, December 10th. More information on these events is available on their Facebook page.

Aside from their community events, one of the things that makes Wojtusik's so great is that they have a great selection of handmade and custom made items in their store. All of the wreaths, decorations, and bows are all made by hand on site. They even make all of the wreaths for the City of Bristol. They also sell fresh pine bows, berries, garland, and more. They have many options to choose from, including both artificial and live options. They also carry a large selection of house plants, and they receive weekly deliveries of fresh house plants. House plants have become more popular as a result of the pandemic. Many people started taking care of house plants as a new hobby during COVID-19 lockdowns in an effort to combat anxiety and restlessness, and many continued even after restrictions were lifted.

Now, Wojtusik's offers a growing selection of house plants to choose from. Wojtusik's is also very well known for their cemetery logs, which are custom made by Scott, who has been with them for 40 years this year. During the Holiday season, they also offer a variety of poinsettias, christmas cactus, cyclamen, and many more beautiful options. The hardworking employees at Wojtusik's begin prepping for the Holiday season well before Thanksgiving, and everyone lends a helping hand. The entire staff, including their resident cat Laurel, works hard to make the Holiday season a great success. Thank you for 65 great years!



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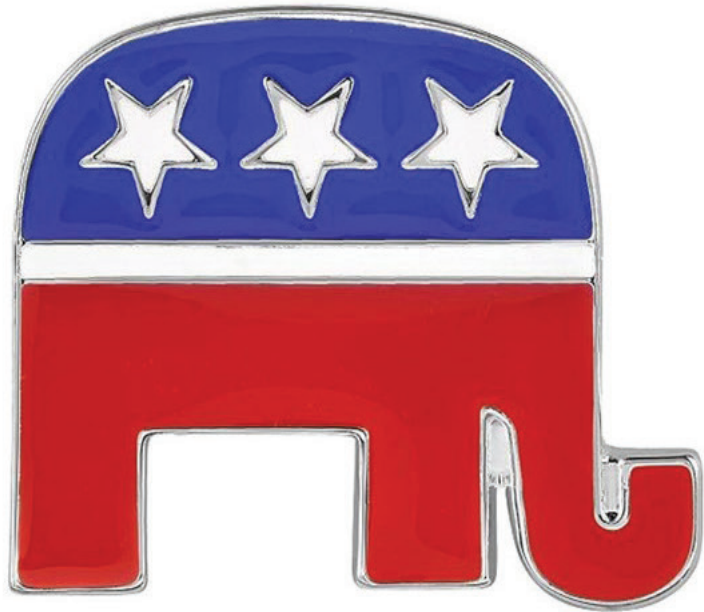


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- The Plymouth RTC -

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# Fire Department News

## Fire Calls

September 30 th –October 27 th

- 09-30-21.....Vehicle accident – Main Street
- 10-01-21.....Dispatched and cancelled en route – Minor Road
- 10-01-21.....Vehicle accident – Main Street
- 10-02-21.....CO activation – Lynn Avenue
- 10-02-21.....Dispatched and cancelled en route – Wilton Road
- 10-02-21.....Smoke investigation – South Main Street
- 10-03-21.....Smoke investigation – Ronald Road
- 10-03-21.....Lift assist – Lake Plymouth
- 10-03-21.....Unauthorized burning – Washington Road
- 10-04-21.....Vehicle accident – Main Street
- 10-05-21.....Vehicle accident – Main Street
- 10-06-21.....Fire alarm activation – Allen Street
- 10-08-21.....Structure fire – Wolcott Road
- 10-11-21.....Gas leak – Kearney Street
- 10-14-21.....Dispatched and cancelled en route – Northfield Road
- 10-18-21.....Vehicle fire – Judd Road
- 10-19-21.....Unauthorized fire – High Street
- 10-19-21.....Vehicle accident – Main Street
- 10-22-21.....Assist Plymouth EMS – Summit View Road
- 10-23-21.....Authorized controlled burning – Lassy Court
- 10-25-21.....Vehicle accident – Poland Brook
- 10-26-21.....Water issue – Burger Road
- 10-26-21.....Lift assist – East Orchard
- 10-27-21.....Power lines down- Greystone Road

Submitted by Chief Mark H. Sekorski

## Adopt-A-Hydrant Program

The Terryville Fire Department is asking residents of the Town of Plymouth to become a participant in our Adopt-A-Hydrant Program. By adopting a fire hydrant close to your home or business and keeping it free of snow during the winter months you are helping to maintain a safer community. In the event of a fire, it is imperative that the fire department gain access to a water supply via a hydrant as quickly as possible so that fire can be extinguished and to prevent loss of property and/or life. You can help the Terryville Fire Department in this quest by adopting a fire hydrant and making sure that it is easily accessible during the winter months.

If a fire hydrant is buried by snow, it is difficult to find and valuable time must be spent digging it out. It may take 4 to 6 or more minutes to dig out a fire hydrant buried by snow. These extra minutes could truly make a difference between life and death.

We are asking that you shovel the area around your adopted fire hydrant after each snowfall. Clear a path approximately three feet around the hydrant as well as a clear path from the street or roadway so that the hydrant is visible and accessible. Please consider clearing snow from a fire hydrant for your neighbors who may have medical conditions, disabilities, or those who are elderly who may be unable to do so themselves. This act of kindness will benefit the entire neighborhood.

Your participation in the Adopt-A-Hydrant Program saves time in the fire department incident response. Remember time is valuable. If you notice that a fire hydrant has been damaged, missing caps, leaking, or if it is blocked please notify the Terryville Fire Department by calling the Plymouth Fire Marshal's office at 860-585-4012. Thank you in advance for your anticipated participation in this Adopt-A-Fire Hydrant Program.

Have a safe winter season.

Captain Tony Orsini,

Terryville Fire Department Health and Safety Officer

## Winter Storm Safety

It doesn't take sub-zero temperatures or blizzard conditions to make winter dangerous. Flurries and cold temperatures can create icy conditions hazardous to your home and the road.

Awareness, preparedness, and a strong dose of common sense will help keep you safe.

### Start with your home.

When thinking about winter preparedness, start with your home. Blizzards and ice storms can cause power outages and immobilize towns and cities, therefore, delaying emergency response and repair. It is recommended to have the following winter preparedness items on hand:

- Extra blankets
- A battery-powered flashlight and spare batteries
- A portable radio
- Canned or boxed non-perishable food
- A manual can opener
- At least three gallons of water for every person in the family and enough food and water for any family pets.
- A warm coat, gloves, hat and water-resistant boots for every member of the household.
- Make sure you consider and can accommodate any special needs of babies, the elderly and disabled family members, as well as family pets.

If you have a wood or coal stove or a pellet stove or use space heater in the home, be aware of potential fire and/or carbon monoxide hazards; always keep a space heater at least three feet from anything that can burn like bedding, clothing and furniture, and don't drape clothing over a space heater to dry.

### Keep warm and dry in cold temperatures

Think twice before you head outdoors in cold weather conditions. Dressing appropriately and keeping dry can prevent frostbite and hypothermia.

Consider the following:

Wear layers. As wind speed increases, heat is carried away from the body more rapidly.

Wearing multiple layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothes with a layer of tightly woven and water repellent materials will insulate better than one layer of heavy clothing.

Wear a hat, mittens and cover your mouth with a clean scarf to protect your lungs from the cold air.

Wear a pair of water-resistant or water proof boots with good traction.

Slip and fall accidents can easily happen, especially if you're not wearing the correct footwear. If you must wear dressier shoes, bring them along and change out of your boots when you get inside.

Keep your clothes dry. If your clothes get wet, change out of them as soon as possible.

Drink plenty of liquids to help prevent dehydration. When it is cold outside, people don't drink as much because they don't feel thirsty, avoid drinking alcohol or caffeine though.

Alcohol, while it may give a feeling of warmth, actually increases the speed of heat loss in the body and caffeine can also hasten the effects of dehydration and lead to hypothermia.

### Be prepared for outdoor activities

Winter activities like skiing and snowmobiling can be an adventure for the whole family.

Following a few simple rules can help make sure you don't get lost or stuck in the cold.

Don't go out alone. It's more fun and safer when a friend joins your winter weather fun.

Let others know your itinerary. Tell friends and family members where you are going and when they should expect you to return.

Bring along the appropriate supplies.

If you are snowmobiling, make sure you are wearing the proper clothing and gear and bring extra tools and parts, like your owner's manual, extra spark plugs, a tow rope, a small tool kit, a flashlight, a first aid kit, extra parts, a blanket, waterproof matches and a compass.

### Take precautions with your car

Driving in bad weather is a challenge as roads can become slick after an afternoon of snow flurries and freezing temperatures. One accident has a domino affect and can lead to more crashes.

Before the weather gets cold, get your vehicle ready for winter:

Get current with oil changes.

Oil can thicken when it gets colder, and oil that is too thick will not keep your engine properly lubricated.

Be able to clear/clean windows.

Check the quality of your windshield wiper blades, fill-up on windshield washer fluid and keep an ice/snow scraper in your vehicle.

Check your battery. The middle of a parking lot during a snowstorm is the last place you want to discover that your vehicle's battery can not hold a charge.

Check your tire air pressure and tread depth. Properly inflated tires with good tread will help provide the best possible traction, something that is easily jeopardized in wintry conditions.

Submitted by Captain Tony Orsini, Terryville Fire Department Health & Safety Officer

Source: Foremost Insurance Group

## Christmas Tree Safety Tips

The National Fire Protection Association and the Terryville Fire Department both agree that as you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart.

A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

### The following are some Christmas tree safety tips:

When selecting the tree choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

When placing the tree in a stand, cut 2 inches from the base of the tree trunk.

Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, such as a fireplace, radiators, candles, heat vents, or lights.

Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.

Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

When putting lights on the tree use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory such as (UL) Underwriters Laboratories.

Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.

Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read the manufacturer's instructions for the number of strands to connect.

Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.

Always turn off the Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Remove the tree from your home after Christmas or when it is dry.

Dried out Christmas trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage or placed outside against the home.

## FACTS

1. One quarter of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.

2. Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.

3. A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly one in every four of the fires.

### Have a safe holiday season!



Source: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) – Christmas Tree Safety

Submitted by Captain Tony Orsini, Terryville Fire Department Health & Safety Officer

# Library News

## Children's Programs

### Letters to Santa Monday, November 15 through Wednesday, December 15

All ages. Santa is getting ready to make his deliveries and needs to know what you want this year!

Grab a template from the library, in person or online. If you use your own template you must include; child's name, child's age, email and phone number of caregiver and gifts wanted. Drop off your Letters to Santa between Monday, November 15 and Wednesday, December 15 during open hours.

Participants will receive a small gift and a response from Santa himself!

### Color Code with Ozobots

#### Tuesday, November 30 at 4:30pm

Ages 5-12

Ozobots are small robots that light up, move and make sounds. Join us to learn how to code these robots. Registration is required.

### Outdoor Storytime Wednesdays in November at

10:30am

Ages birth to 6 with a caregiver.

Join us for stories, songs and a craft to take home. This is an in-person, outdoor event. Meet in the overflow parking lot behind the Terryville Library.

Registration is required.



## Story Art

### Tuesday, November 30 at 6:30pm

Join Ms. Jessica for a story and then art projects inspired by the book. Registration is required.

### Take and Make: Wooden Autumn Shapes

#### Tuesday, November 23 through Wednesday, November 24

Almost everything you need to make a Wooden Autumn Shape craft. Grab the take and make kit from Tuesday, November 23 through Wednesday, November 24. While supplies last.

Make geometric shapes using glowsticks. Lay out the sticks to create mystical repeating patterns. Registration is required. These programs are part of the Crazy 8's Club through the Bedtime Math Foundation

### Thanksgiving

The Library will be closed Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving.

### Friends of The Library Annual Holiday Raffle 2021

Friend of the Terryville Library are hosting an Annual Holiday Raffle. The raffle will include centerpieces, wreaths, and gift baskets. The raffle will run from November 20th-December 9th.

Help The Friends support library programs!!!

### Library Services

Our collections and events are just the beginning of what we have to offer. Whether you're the parent of a small child, a business owner, a job seeker, a student, or simply out and about in the community, we're here to help.

## Computers and Equipment

The Library has internet computers with office software, wifi access, printers, digital scanners, a copy machine, a fax machine, and more available for use.

### Fiction, Movies, Music and More

The Library offers print books, DVDs, music CDs and Books on CD, magazines, early learning tablets and read-a-long picture books, themed book kits for children as well as a wide variety of digital resources including streaming and downloadable e-books, e-audiobooks, movies and television series.

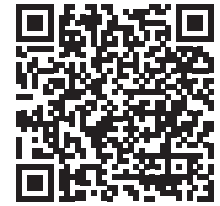
### Plymouth Room

These include the standard histories of the Town such as Francis Atwater's History of the Town of Plymouth, Connecticut; general county and state histories; neighboring town histories; specialized works about specific topics such the Tories of Chippeny Hill, Connecticut; books authored by Plymouth residents; Civil War regimental histories; and a host of others.

There are also many pamphlets, clippings, and other physical items in the Terryville/Plymouth Room's vertical file and a collection of Terryville High School yearbooks from the 1920's to the present.

Just ask at the Circulation Desk, and they will direct you to the Terryville/Plymouth Room.

## Visit our Virtual Children's Department by scanning the QR code below!



### Librarian Services

Contact a Librarian to ask a question, request a book from another library, find out more about genealogy, job seeking, research assistance and state or local resources.

### Study Areas

Areas of the Library are designated for quiet or small group study.

### Mobile Printing Solution – Princh!

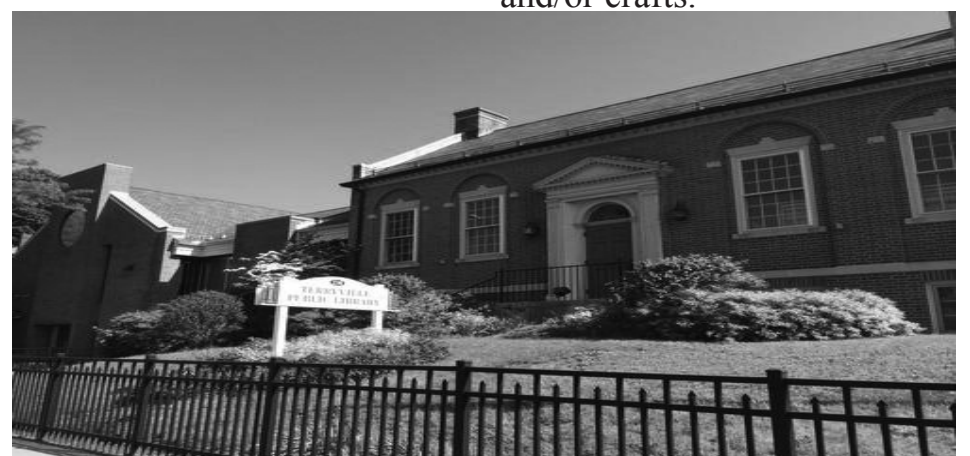
We have installed Princh, a new mobile printing solution at our library. With Princh it's now possible to print from any mobile device, laptop or the library's PCs. It also allows you to pay for your print jobs in advance, so you no longer have to wait in line. Please visit our website for more information.

### CreationStation Makerspace

#### Programming:

#### Nov. 23 @ 6:30 Vinyl Crafts for Cricut

This introductory, small group workshop is a hands-on exploration of the Cricut Maker, Joy and EasyPress to develop confidence using them for individual projects and/or crafts.



# School News

## Q1 Honor Roll 2021-2022 Terryville High School

Apicella, Lyla Rose 12 High Honors  
 Bergeron, Isabella Jane 12 High Honors  
 Brazee, Kasey 12 High Honors  
 Cook, Katelyn Marie 12 High Honors  
 Dao, Dominick Minh 12 High Honors  
 Darrell, Grace Ann 12 High Honors  
 Dorsey, Rebecca Lyn 12 High Honors  
 Drake, Allison Nicole 12 High Honors  
 Elwell, Matthew Albert 12 High Honors  
 Foster, Jessica Allen 12 High Honors  
 Fusco, Nicholas Peter 12 High Honors  
 Gauthier, Jared Anthony 12 High Honors  
 Giovacchino, Paul Michael 12 High Honors  
 Harris, Alena Isabella 12 High Honors  
 Hernandez, Tyler Tyjay 12 High Honors  
 Johnpiere, Gabrielle Rose 12 High Honors  
 Latozas, Gavin Patrick 12 High Honors  
 Lowell, Jason T 12 High Honors  
 Mazzettini, Hailey Marie 12 High Honors  
 O'Donnell, Elizabeth Rose 12 High Honors  
 Pelosi, Emma Denise 12 High Honors  
 Rheault, Jared Michael 12 High Honors  
 Robinson-Lawrence, Tyler John 12 High Honors  
 Spino, Dayton Patrick 12 High Honors  
 Valentine, Arthur Jon 12 High Honors  
 Zappone, Zoe Rebecca 12 High Honors  
 Bardhi, Denis Bledar 11 High Honors  
 Benson, Alice Margarete 11 High Honors  
 Clukey, Adriana Mae 11 High Honors  
 Covello, Mason Aaron 11 High Honors  
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 Jones, Savannah Lynn 11 High Honors  
 Kowalczyk, Tessa Marie 11 High Honors  
 McWilliams, Taryn Marie 11 High Honors  
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 Monzon, Chayce Anthony-Albert 11 High Honors  
 Morneault, Ava Irene 11 High Honors  
 Peplau, Elizabeth Marie 11 High Honors  
 Pittman, Maxwell Douglas 11 High Honors  
 Thammathino, Kendra Noy 11 High Honors  
 Tietjen, Nicholas Gabriel 11 High Honors  
 Bilodeau, Tianna Mari 10 High Honors  
 Colon, Giovanni Luis 10 High Honors  
 Darrell, Jacob Michael 10 High Honors  
 Giovacchino, Milani Susan 10 High Honors  
 Laskowski, Ryan James 10 High Honors  
 Lewandoski, Hayden Daniel 10 High Honors  
 Muldong, Micahel Saguil 10 High Honors  
 Owens, Avery Julia 10 High Honors  
 Ricardo, Rylan 10 High Honors  
 Rogers, Charles Manarel 10 High Honors  
 Slevinsky, Morgan Lee 10 High Honors  
 Tirino, Gia Marie 10 High Honors  
 Towill, Elsie Rose 10 High Honors  
 Wheeler, Kevin Joseph 10 High Honors  
 Wildman, Jenna Ann 10 High Honors  
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 Champagne, Morgan Leigh 9 High Honors  
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 Duprey, Aria May 9 High Honors  
 Gandarillas, Hailey Brianna 9 High Honors  
 Lachance, Tyler Jason 9 High Honors  
 Oberndorfer, Kaleigh Hayden 9 High Honors  
 Weisheit, Erik Nicholas 9 High Honors  
 Barnett, Taylor Claire 12 Honors  
 Bukowski, Dylan Robert 12 Honors  
 Cavicchio, Arianna Parise 12 Honors  
 DeForest, Kaitlin Elizabeth 12 Honors  
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 Fulton, Audry Alexis 12 Honors  
 Jiang, Jason Haokai 12 Honors  
 Rinaldi, Michael David 12 Honors  
 Sears, Hailey Joline 12 Honors  
 Zukowski, Mason Henry-Paul 12 Honors  
 Appleby, Jianna Rose 11 Honors  
 Basallo, Carl Marek Aguilar 11 Honors  
 Botto, Jacob Dominico 11 Honors  
 Brazee, Kaitlyn Alise 11 Honors  
 Dumont, Evan Mathew Shin 11 Honors  
 Fernet, Noah Thomas 11 Honors  
 Freimuth, Julia Ann 11 Honors  
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 Iacovella, Sofia Maria 11 Honors  
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 De La Cruz, Jarholl Miguel 10 Honors  
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 Loeffler, Ruby Claire 10 Honors  
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 O'Donnell, Carter Robert 10 Honors  
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 Spellman, Jolie Jasmine 10 Honors  
 Borysewicz, Tayla 9 Honors  
 Cruz, Izaiah Manuel 9 Honors  
 Dmuchowski, Ryan Thomas 9 Honors  
 Fleming, Jacob Driscoll 9 Honors  
 Hudson, Megan Johanne 9 Honors  
 Pronovost, Colby Michael 9 Honors  
 Sanchez, Dayton Stone 9 Honors

## ETJMS Student of the Month winners for October

### Congratulations to the winners of Student of the Month for ETJMS!



From Left to Right is Zoe Powers (gr6), Joseph Poulin (gr6), Kayla Lam (gr8) and Connor Nocera (gr7).

The winners of the October Student of the Month are Zoe Powers, Joseph Poulin, Kayla Lam, and Connor Nocera. Keep up the good work!

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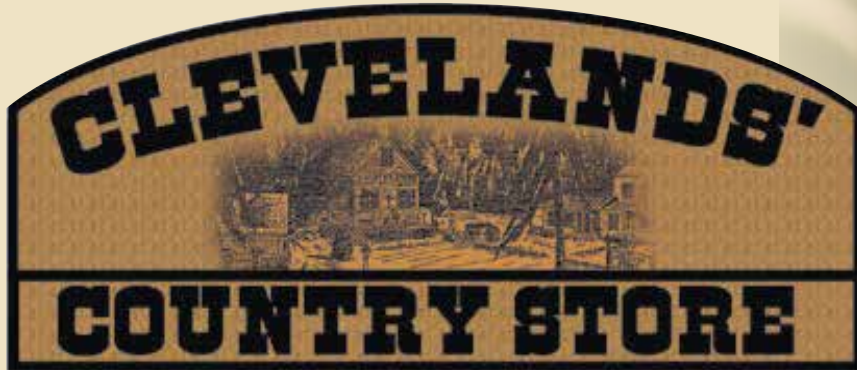
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### Nick's Educational

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- Coastal Carolina University
- Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise and Sports Science

#### Favorite Movie:

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#### Hobbies:

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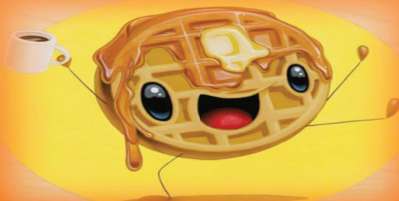
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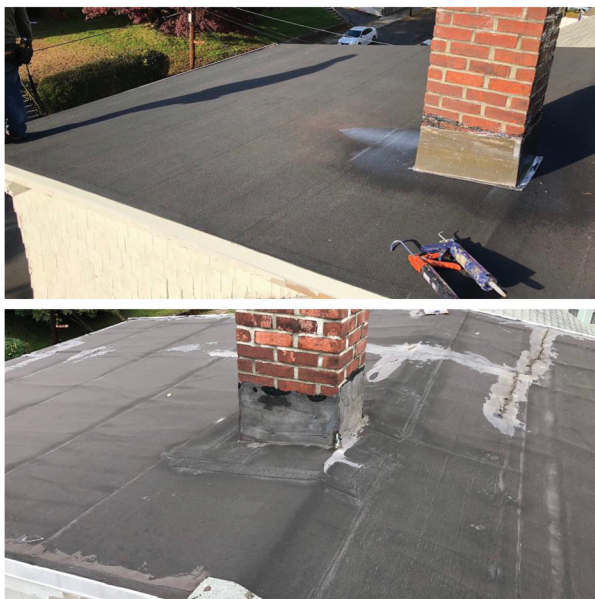
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# Obituaries

## Elaine Buyanoski 1947-2021



Elaine Buyanoski, 74, of Swanzey, NH, former Terryville resident passed away Wednesday October 27, 2021 at her home in Swanzey, NH.

Elaine was born August 17, 1947 in Bristol, CT, daughter of the late Taylor and Helen (Bartkowski) Buyanoski. Prior to her retirement she was employed by Pratt & Whitney, Cheshire. She was a parishioner of St. Casimir Church, Terryville and a member of the Eastern Draft Horse Assoc.

She is survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and a special cousin Duane Hintz of Thomaston. She was predeceased by Duane's wife Carolyn and her foster brother, Arthur Shea.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday 11:00AM at St. Casimir Church, Terryville. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Terryville. Relatives and friends may call at the Scott Funeral Home, 169 Main St., Terryville Tuesday morning from 9AM until leaving for the church.

Memorial donations in Elaine's name may be made to the Plymouth Volunteer Ambulance Corps or [elliemaefarmsanctuary.org](http://elliemaefarmsanctuary.org). [www.scottfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.scottfuneralhomeinc.com)



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# Business and Chamber



## 4 common financial struggles faced by people over 60

By Jay Dorso, Quality Senior Benefits

Life after 60 can become overly complicated in many areas in Insurance and Financial Services.

Many older consumers have problems with Healthcare changes, identity theft, financial fees, death of a spouse etc.

Medicare + Healthcare Updates and Changes.

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Some have difficulty recovering from scams or identity theft.

Seniors frequently filed complaints if they had a hard time correcting errors on their credit report or disputing unauthorized purchases on their credit cards, according to the CFPB report.

It is very important to have coverage to protect you against identity theft especially for people over the age

of 60. Statistically this age group is the prime target for these scams. If you

don't have a policy currently please let me know so I can give you some

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There's confusion over financial products and fees.

Many of the complaints filed by older consumers were related to confusing charges on their financial products.

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Also is the return worth the price of your fee.

There are challenges managing finances after the death of a spouse.

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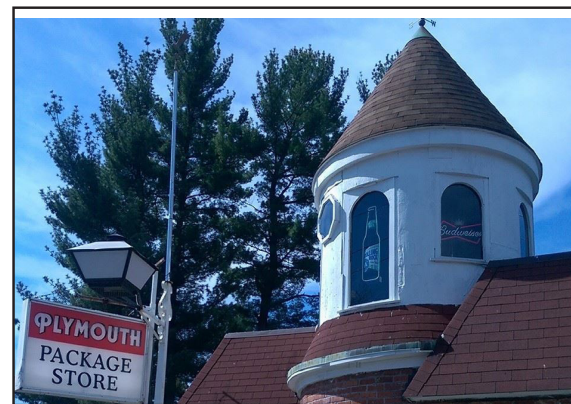
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### All applicants are subject to income and eligibility verification.

Please be advised that while we are building our waiting list, we are not accepting new residents due to our upcoming \$4mil renovation.

Units allocated upon vacancy availability, which may vary daily. The units are available on a non-discriminatory basis. Waitlist placement shall be determined through an electronic random lottery and policies and procedures.

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## **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL LEGAL NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID**

### **Re-bid for Renovations and ADA Upgrades for Gosinski Park**

The Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth is publicly publishing the Request for Proposal (RFP) and will receive completed, signed, and sealed bids no later than **2:00pm on Friday, December 17, 2021** at the office of the Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth. Said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the office of the Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth immediately thereafter at **2:00 pm on December 17, 2021**. Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided and in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the appropriate title. Bidders are required to attend the walkthrough on **Friday, November 19th, 2021 at 10:00am** of the property or the bid will automatically be rejected. Face masks and social distance rules will apply to all visitors and a maximum of two (2) representatives will be allowed for each contractor to view the conditions. Bids will be received for furnishing all labor, materials, tools, services and equipment necessary to complete “Renovations for Gosinski Park” and “ADA Upgrades for Gosinski Park”. There are two (2) sets of drawings, titled and dated “CDBG Bid Set November 15, 2021” and “SSHP Bid Set November 15, 2021”, and three (3) volumes of specifications for the project; Volume 1: Front End and Bidding Documents, Volume 2: CDBG Bid Specifications, and Volume 3: SSHP Bid Specifications. The two portions of the project will be awarded together as one package to one contractor based on one combined bid. The two portions of the project will be executed concurrently. The final selection will be based upon the lowest responsible bid written response on the Bid Form. The award of the combined project is dependent on funding by DOH/Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, HUD/CDBG, and other funding resources. The lowest response of bid will be included as part of the finance applications, with expected results in mid-January 2022 or shortly thereafter. A “Selection Letter” will be sent via USPO Certified mail to the successful lowest responsible bidder from the Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth within 30 days after all bids are evaluated and the lowest responsible selected by the Authority. A “Letter to Proceed” will be transmitted via the USPO Certified mail within 60 days thereafter. The project scope includes: Gut renovations and additions of (6) units to create ADA compliant layouts. Bathroom renovations, kitchen renovations, painting, and flooring overlay at 54 units. Parking lot re-milling and minor expansion. Tree removal. Community building kitchenette expansions, bathroom renovations, and interior finishes upgrades. Community building addition. Electrical panel replacements, CCTV security system and emergency generator installation. Proposed forms of Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications dated November 15, 2021, as prepared by Quisenberry Arcari Malik, LLC will be on file at the Gosinski Park Community Room, Terryville, CT and available to contractors for viewing upon request. Contract Documents including plans & specifications can be viewed online and purchased from Advanced Reprographics beginning November 17. Visit <http://www.advancedplanroom.com>, select “Public Jobs” and select “ADA Upgrades and Renovations for Gosinski Park Re-bid” or call 860-410-1020. Note: Addenda to this bid will be issued via email. Contractors intending to bid must be registered on the Advanced Reprographics Planholder’s list in order to receive direct email copy of any and all addenda. No interpretation of the meaning of the plans, specifications or other pre-bid documents will be made to any bidder orally. Every Request for Interpretation (RFI) should be in writing addressed to Erin Benken, [ebenken@qamarch.com](mailto:ebenken@qamarch.com). To be given consideration, RFI’s must be received by 5:00pm, Monday, December 6th 2021. Any and all such interpretations and any supplemental instruction will be in the form of written addenda to the specifications which, if issued, will be furnished by electronic mail to all prospective bidders (at the respective email addresses furnished for such purposes), not later than five days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids. Attention of bidders, contractors, sub-contractors, and all employees, is directed to certain requirements of this contract which require payment of Davis Bacon Wages and compliance with certain local and state requirements. All bidders, contractors, and workers are to comply with the specified background checks, are not to be excluded on the US Office of Inspector General Exclusions Database, are to be fully licensed in Connecticut, and are not to be excluded of the CT DAS Debarment List. This contract is subject to state set-aside and contract compliance requirements. A satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified check, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid, shall be submitted with each bid. The Bid Bond shall be made payable to the Plymouth Housing Authority and shall be properly executed by the bidder. The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for 100% Performance and Payment Bond or Bonds, in the forms included in the Specifications. All bonds must be from sureties listed on the most recent IRS circular 570. Bids, to receive consideration, must be in the hands of the authorized representative, The Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth, 43 Ronald Rd., Gosinski Park Unit 31, Business office/community room, Terryville, CT 06786, no later than 2:00pm, Friday, December 17, 2021. No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of bids, without the consent of the above Housing Authority. The Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all bids; to waive any diminutive informality, or; to accept any bid deemed in the best interests of the Housing Authority. AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER, MBE’s, WBE’s, and SBE’s and Section 3 Designated Enterprises ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY. Davis Bacon Wages will apply.

Joseph T. Kilduff, Mayor, Town of Plymouth

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# Local News



## Monthly Musings

### Bring on The Holidays- The Junk Room is Clean by Jane M. Bailey

Some people have a junk drawer. Not me. I have a junk room! Magnify everything in a junk drawer, stick it in a closet big enough to be a room and there you go. More and bigger junk. Whenever I can't find something, I know where it is. Where precisely in the junk room is another story. I open the door, wince at the mess, and promptly close the door. I know I must clean it; I just can't face it.

It's especially distressing during the holidays.

Like Easter Eve when I need the Easter baskets, buried somewhere in the J.R. "Oh, there they are, with the jumbo plastic eggs ready to be filled," I happily exclaim. Until I open the eggs and find chocolate wrappers and the dregs of uneaten candy. Oh yuck! October is the start of junk digging to find the skeleton in the closet. This year I opened the door and a musty odor attacked me. The M&Ms of mold and mildew seemed to have moved in. Two small dressers filled with stuff had a white powdery coating. That's a problem. I Netflixed a Marie Kondo video and watched her honor junk with joy to decide what can be chucked and what is okay to stay. Then I took a deep breath and plunged. Wearing a mask seemed appropriate for more than COVID protection. I emptied ornaments, snowmen, wreaths, baskets, flags, wine bags, old yearbooks, and tax returns into the civilized part of the basement.

It was time to face the M&M's. I had to read the fine print on all my cleaning supplies to discover what tackles mold and mildew on wood. Isn't that a porous surface? Why are all the cleaning supplies made for non-porous surfaces? I closed my eyes and picked an all-purpose cleaner from my aspirational cleaning products.

I scrubbed those M&M's until mold and mildew ran screaming from the room. Fresh air did the drying and I was ready to re-load the junk room. Halloween stuff seemed a good way to start so I loaded my arms with a skeleton, plastic pumpkin, and a box of orange lights, walked into the closet and stopped short.

What was I going to put these on, or in? I had thrown away the two cabinets that hosted not only lots of junk, but much of that mold and mildew. There's nothing like finally attacking a project

and being thwarted by the enemy of organization: where to put the stuff you're organizing!

I grabbed my grandson and made a run to Job Lot. I love that store. It's like my junk room. There's everything but a kitchen sink in there, only it's organized. Kind of. I found some shelving and asked my grandson to bring me a ruler from the school supply section. He was mortified when I



used the ruler to measure the floor samples and asked him to take pictures of how the shelves were put together. "Could we please just leave?" he asked.

As we put a box of shelving into the trunk, Rhys groaned, "Does this mean we have to put the shelves together

ourselves?"

"Yes indeed. And you're going to read the size 4 font directions to me and make sense of them."

Is there some reason directions for shelving are like those for putting together a bicycle on Christmas Eve? The directions neglected several key points making it impossible to understand how the parts fit together. Fortunately, a ten-year-old brain seems to make sense of

nonsense easier than an older brain does. Once the wall of shelving was up, I could feel the joy that Marie Kondo assured me I should feel when organizing.

The skeleton has his own shelf with all his Halloween friends. The Easter baskets are on the next shelf next to the bunny flowerpot. The Christmas stuff gets two shelves. I smiled at three snowmen smiling back at me.

Amazing what a clean junk room does for the psyche, and for the thrift shop where I took a trunk load of basically good stuff we simply don't need. I'm ready for the holidays. Bring on Halloween, and I'll show you the skeleton in my closet. All it took was a little mold and mildew to make me move.

Jane Bailey enjoys living in Litchfield and writing about matters of the heart. For more of her work, see [JaneMBailey.com](http://JaneMBailey.com), or her *Likin'* Litchfield column at [www.Litchfield.bz](http://www.Litchfield.bz).

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