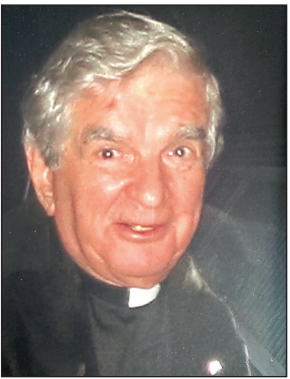




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Reverend Carl G. Vouros

Largest donation in Foundation history honors Vouros

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NEW BRITAIN — In a tribute to a well-known local figure, the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain has received its most substantial gift in its 83-year history.

Inspired by the life and work of the late Reverend Carl G. Vouros, a local organization has donated \$6.5 million to establish a new charitable fund in his honor.

This new fund will continue Vouros' legacy of community service by supporting regional initiatives in the coming years. An advisory board made up of people who knew Vouros personally, family, friends and representatives from the nonprofit organization that established the fund will recommend where these grants will go.

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PHS honored for Unified program

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PLAINVILLE — Special Olympics North American is honoring Plainville High School for its efforts to provide inclusive sports and activities for students with and without intellectual disabilities.

Lynn Davis, director of community relations with Plainville Community Schools, said Special

Olympics North America has announced Plainville High School is receiving "national banner recognition" for its Special Olympics Unified Champion School programming.

Plainville High School plans to present the recognition banner to the Unified team at its school wide Class Competition event in November.

"It is wonderful to see

PHS be acknowledged on a national level," said Superintendent of Schools Brian Reas.

Davis said Plainville High School is receiving this distinguished status as a result of meeting 10 national standards of excellence in the areas of inclusion, advocacy and respect. These standards were developed by a national panel of leaders from the

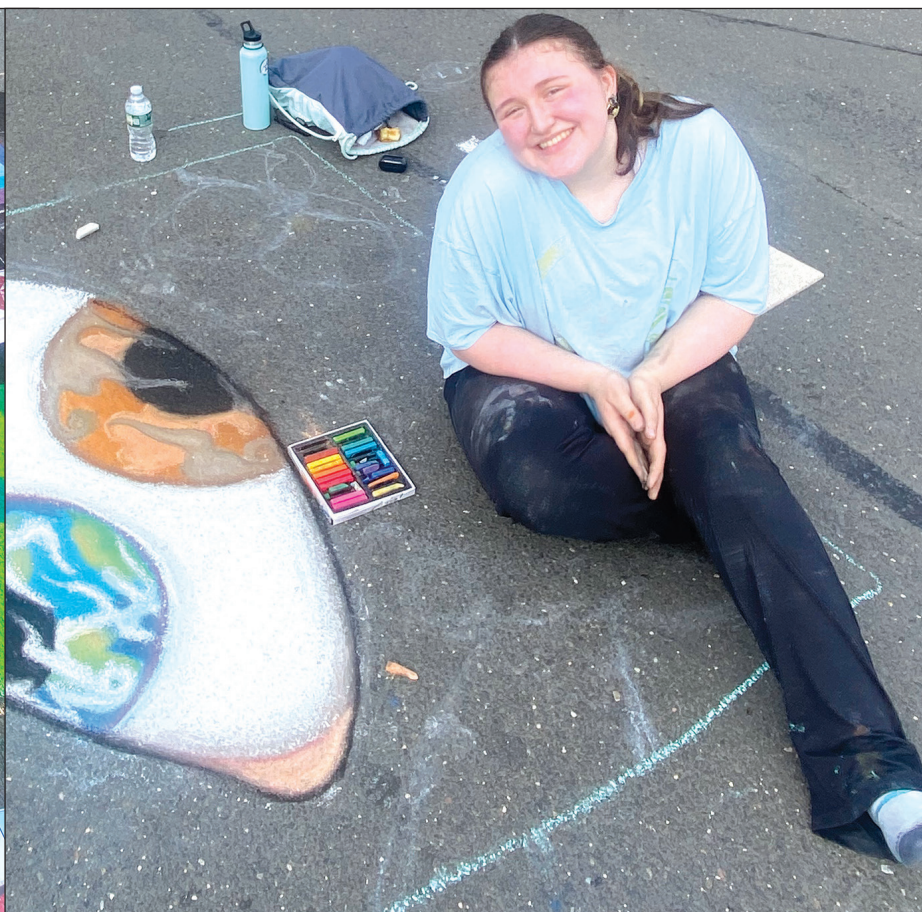
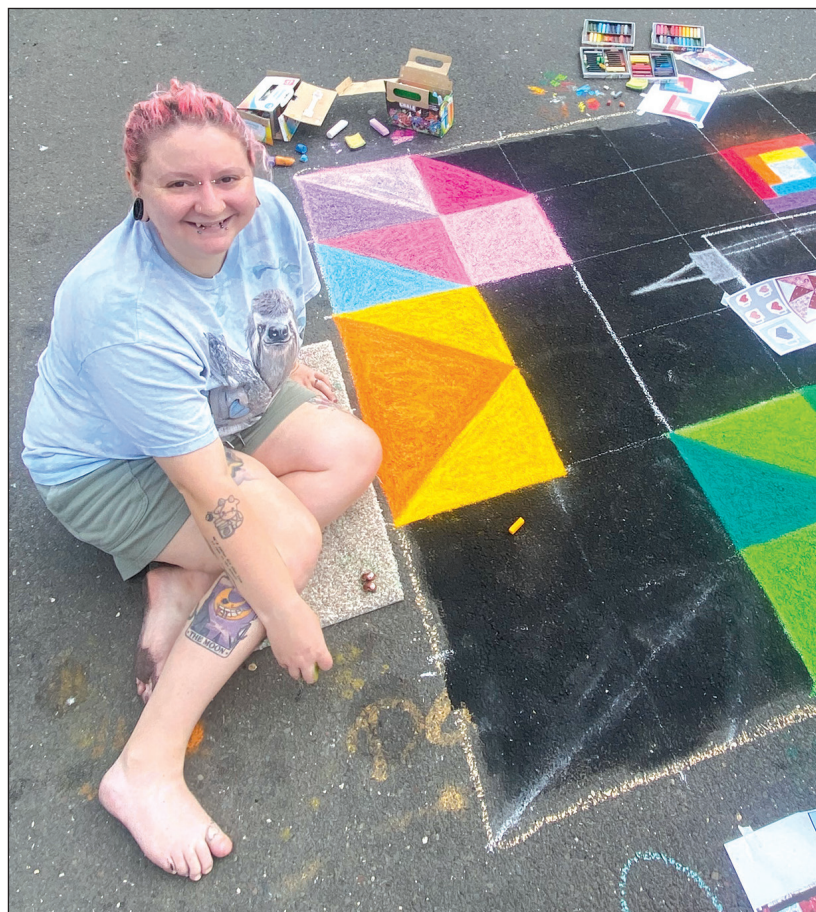
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Lynn Davis

The Plainville High School Unified Program recognition.

Waterfall Festival



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Kirsten Enloe, left, and Samantha Beaulieu, right, take part in the Waterfall Festival's chalk contest Saturday afternoon in Newington.

Fun and art at Market Square event

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NEWINGTON — Market Square became a one-day festival spot where artists from all generations could create art on the ground with chalk and imagination as their sole motivation.

On Saturday, the Newington Art League participated to the Waterfall Festival, where they each year offer a chalk walk contest. This year, they offered 36 spots. The participants are divided in three categories, the children (8 to 10 years), the juniors (11 to 15 years) and the adult (16

and up.) Pat Tenger, former president of the Art League, was present at the event to manage the materials handed to the participants. According to her, the Waterfall Festival has been going in since 2000. Initially, the library was in charge of the chalk walk

before handing it out to the Newington Art League. As an art lover herself, she believes these events are important for people, no matter how old they are. "I think that it's really fabulous for the kids, especially kids and grownups, to be able to show their art to the pub-

lic," she said. "People walk around and appreciate what they're looking at." The organization of this particular event requires tasks from different members of the community. For instance, to promote the event, the League gets flyers printed

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FILE

A New Britain Fire Department truck. The Red Cross is helping a family from New Britain after a fire on High Street.

Red Cross helping city family after fire on High St.

NEW BRITAIN — The American Red Cross is helping two families — four adults and one child after a fire Sunday on High Street in New Britain.

The Red Cross provided assistance to meet the families' immediate needs. Responders includ-

ed Sheila Elliot, Donna H, Anthony Lockery and Zandra Mureddu.

The Red Cross also provided information helpful to families recovering from a fire, including tips on cleanup, important contacts, dealing with damaged items and more. The

Red Cross is also providing comfort kits.

Those affected will connect with Red Cross caseworkers in the coming days to work on a longer-term recovery plan. The Red Cross is able to provide assistance through donors and volunteers.





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Plainville High gets national honor

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Special Olympics and the education community. Plainville High School Principal Jennifer DeLorenzo said the school is “beyond proud” of the recognition.

“Our Unified program has grown under the leadership of Coach Mikayla Wells and Coach Jennifer Jambard. Their school wide Inclusion campaign involved the entire school community. We are looking forward to celebrating this recognition as a school.”

Davis said the primary activities within these standards include Special Olympics Unified Sports, where students with and without disabilities train and compete as teammates, inclusive youth leadership, and whole school engagement. National banner schools also demonstrate they are self-sustainable or have a plan in place to sustain these activities into the future.

“I am proud of the students at PHS and how they stepped up to celebrate inclusion throughout the building,” Jambard said. “The relationships forged between our athletes and our partners can be seen beyond the field and court.”

The Unified Champion Schools model is a strategy for schools Pre-K through university that “intentionally promotes meaningful social inclusion by bringing together students with and without

‘I am happy to see the team celebrated.’

Coach Mikayla Wells

intellectual disabilities to create accepting school environments.”

The program utilizes three interconnected components — Unified Sports, inclusive youth leadership and whole school engagement.

“Unified is truly for everyone and has helped provide all students a wonderful example of inclusion in our building,” Wells said. “I am happy to see the team celebrated. We are grateful to the special education and athletic departments for supporting the growth of this program over the past three years.”

According to information provided by Davis, 16 million young people are taking part in inclusive experiences through the Special Olympics. The Unified Champion Schools model is supported by the Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education.

“This model has been proven, through research, to be an effective and replicable means to providing students with and without disabilities the opportunity to form positive social relationships and promote a socially inclusive school climate,” she said.

Waterfall Festival

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from the Transition Academy, a “community-based program which serves students with intellectual and other disabilities” that teaches its student life and work skills so they can become independent.

But they also receive outdated carpet samples from McBride Carpet so contestant can kneel on a softer surface. The Newington Cub Scout troop 347 provides a hand-washing station.

“We got a lot of help. It’s a really nice community event,” Tenger said.

Samantha Beaulieu, a 15 years-old participant, was competing for the first time. She discovered the event through her friends and art teacher. As far as she can remember, she always drew, encouraged by her mom.

“I wanted to try something new. I haven’t used chalk in a really long time and I kind of missed it. So, I’m glad to be here,” she said.

Something she loves about drawing and art in general is that it is fun.

“It gives me something to look forward to through long days at school. It’s nice to come home, decompress and just doodle, because it could be anything,” Beaulieu said.

For the chalk walk contest, she drew an eye with two irises. One represents the earth, the other, the earth dying. She started drawing at 8 a.m. and had until 2 p.m. to finish her piece.

“I think when people do look at art, either they can see something deeper, or they can just see something like ‘oh, that’s nice.’ And I think it can change mindsets,” she said. “People who are really

into art or very connected to certain, I guess, pieces, might change their mind based on art. Art can convey a lot, and I think it’s important to, I guess, look at it at a deeper sense.”

Beaulieu was a self-taught artist until she started high school, where she started taking classes to improve her skills. But she believes there is no need for classes to start learning to draw and to appreciate practicing it.

Competing against Beaulieu was Kirsten Enloe. She participated four or five times but took a two-year break. Like Beaulieu, what makes her excited about this whole event is the fun of it, and this is one of the reasons she keeps doing it.

She got into drawing her sophomore year of high school when she took drawing and painting classes there. She fell in love with art because of her teacher.

“The way that he let us have free will of what we drew. And he helped pull out our personality into the piece. He was a really good at pulling that out,” she said.

This experience has convinced her art can be one of the biggest ways for people to express themselves without using words.

This year, she decided to recreate a sewing machine made out of quilt blocks. Sewing and quilting are two of her strongest passions. She also started early in the morning, at 8:15 a.m. Seeing all the people participating, she thinks people are getting more interested in art.

“There are a lot of younger people competing here or working here today. I think

social media is probably helping with that because you can see what other people have done,” Enloe said.

Cally, a 10-year-old girl, is part of the younger generation involved in the Chalk Walk this year. She started drawing recently, when she was eight or nine. She came to this event to show off her work thinking it is a good step up towards becoming famous.

It was her first time using chalk walk and she really liked using it. She thinks it’s “easier than regular drawing because it’s easier to blend.”

For this competition, she presented a colorful dragon inspired from Chinese dragon and regular firefly dragon. She thought about this beforehand and drew a sketch for the competition but decided to modify some aspects of it while drawing it.

The chalk walk artwork is judged by three art members of the League, which will designate four winners per categories. The criteria for the judges are based on creativity, use of the space and the medium used. The prize for the juniors and adults is gift cards given out by Jerry’s Artarama, an art supply store. The children get a ribbon.

Tenger said it’s to help young ones to “work their way up to get a gift card.” Her advice for next year participants would be to look at the tips posted on the Art League website. She hopes this type of event will push people of all ages to join the League.

“We do have a couple of new members who have joined because they saw that we’re doing this and want to be part of it,” she said.

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Honoring leader's legacy

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president and CEO of the Community Foundation, the donation is not just about the number.

“The Community Foundation is incredibly grateful to this organization for trusting us as a partner to manage their new charitable fund, a fund that will make a tremendous impact in our communities for generations,” Obedzinski said. “While more about this fund and the grant process that will be in place is to be revealed in the coming months, we appreciate

the work that has been done here with us over the last year to preserve these assets, give them an opportunity to grow with our other charitable funds, and memorialize a man who had, and will continue to have, a lasting impact on the community he served.”

Vouros was a well-loved and respected figure in New Britain. He served at St. George Greek Orthodox Church for over three decades, where he helped create a Cultural Center to serve the community. He was also Chaplain of the New

Britain Fire Department for 15 years, Fire Commissioner for eight, and Chaplain of the Connecticut State Police for 14. He spent much of his life helping others and his legacy lives on in the many local organizations he supported until his passing, the organization said.

With the addition of this new fund, the Community Foundation, now managing over 300 charitable funds and scholarships, has seen significant growth, with an endowment nearing \$66 million.

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