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## Plainville Town Council Thanks Representative Bill Petit For His Service



State Representative William Petit shares thoughts during the November 21st Town Council meeting. He was presented with a proclamation thanking him for his three terms of service at the State Capital

## Santa Claus Parade Returning to Norton Park DEC 7TH



Those who plan to attend the event will be directed to parking places between 5:15 and 5:45 p.m. Spectators are asked to remain in their vehicles for the duration of the event. The festivities will occur on December 7th. See page 7 for full details

## Plainville Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park



Veterans Day remembrance took place at Veteran's Memorial Park November 11th. Local representative from Plainville's Veterans organizations met to reflect on those who served our country. Dave Dudek led the program. Members from the VFW Dan Kulas, Derrick Glaspier, Rene Astolfi, Lisa Jones, Dan Ciesieski, and American Legion member Jim McAuliffe.

## 40th Class Reunion



Fr. Alvin LeBlanc, Pastor of St. Timothy & St. Thomas in West Hartford and Fr. Raymond Smialowski, Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy were the only two students ordained on November 6th, 1982 at the Chapel of St. Thomas in Bloomfield. It was the smallest class in the history of the seminary. Their Class Reunion was celebrated by serving a mass on Office, Radio & Television TV Channel 9.



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**DECEMBER**

**Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day..... Wed. 7th**  
**First Day Hanukkah .....Mon.19th**  
**1ST Day of Winter.....Wed. 21st**  
**Christmas Day.....Sun. 25th**  
**Kwanzaa..... Mon. 25th**  
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**365 Woodford Ave Unit 10:** Caitlin M. Merriman of Plainville to Melissa Uribe, \$170,000 on 10/24/2022

**100 Willow Brook Dr Unit 20:** Newport Willow Brk Partn of Plainville to Karen D. and Thomas L. Mayer, \$384,586 on 10/24/2022

**157 Broad St:** Frank A. and Gidget M. Rosai of Plainville to Sterling M. and Ginette L. Kenny, \$235,000 on 10/20/2022

**96 Linden St:** Francis J. Saucier of Plainville to Joy A. and Cayetano L. Rosario, \$280,000 on 10/31/2022

**N/A Reinwald Ann R. Est and Theresa R. Boains** of Plainville to Alyssa Latko,\$139,900 on 10/25/2022

**25 Lincoln St:** Brian S. Roper of Plainville to Caitlyn E. and Robert L. Aresti, \$220,000 on 10/31/2022

**46 Highland Dr Unit 9:** Corriveau Home LLC of Plainville to Thomas A. and Janice Forcella, \$129,000 on 10/31/2022

**149 Broad St:** Gerald G. and Gail B. Fortin of Plainville to Nicholas A. Cianchetti \$255,000 on 10/31/2022

**1 Oak Ridge Vlg:** Thomas L. and Karen D. Maher of Plainville to Sherri Wells \$265,000 on 10/31/2022

**20 Atwood St:** Christopher M. Szast of Plainville to 1041 Marion LLC, \$140,000 on 11/03/2022

**30 Fleetwood Dr:** Wells Fargo Bank NA of Plainville to Christopher Cianci, \$209,200 on 11/02/2022

**Plainville Wood:** Wanda Oja of Plainville to Shady Mohamed and Maye Hassan, \$118,000 on 11/02/2022

**11 E 4th St:** Valerie Pietrowicz of Plainville to Margaret K, Gurnowski and Jacob G. Hudobenko, \$213,900 on 11/2/2022

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Water Pollution Department: (860)793-0221 Ext. 6518 If a

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# MICHAEL PAULHUS, TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT TO TOWN COUNCIL

## November 21, 2022

### Public Works Facility Evaluation and Conceptual Design

- The original Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document had a deadline of March 10, 2022. Two consultants were short listed from an initial RFQ/interview process to complete a preliminary facility study for a new/renovated Roadway Facility, Weston & Sampson Consulting Engineers and Loureiro Engineering.
- Recently, a follow-up interview was conducted with each consultant. Both consultants had an opportunity to expand upon why they were the most qualified to perform the task of developing a preliminary facility study. Both firms have qualified staff and previous experience to complete the task. Loureiro Engineering having more site-specific knowledge resulting from their ongoing landfill closure work was deemed the best firm for the project.
- The Department of Technical Services requests the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Loureiro Engineering to complete a preliminary facility study for a new/renovated Roadway Facility in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. There is an item under New Business to award the project to Loureiro Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

### Purchasing Ordinance

- The Town of Plainville is required to comply with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) procurement standards (§200.317 – 200.327). A comparison of the CFR to the Town's procurement policies, as enumerated in the Charter and Code of Ordinances, was shared at the last meeting. The final column of the comparison chart summarizes required actions with items in green indicating compliance, and items in red indicating action required.
- Overall, the Town's policies and practices are aligned with the CFR. In most cases, the items in red on the comparison chart are either standards that the Town follows in practice but has not codified or standards that do not apply to the Town. In other words, the incorporation of the CFR procurement standards will not significantly change the Town's existing purchasing practices.
- Upon review by Town Attorney Mastrianni, we recommend amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances to add new language (§106-11, Code of Federal Regulations Procurement Standards) to achieve compliance. There is an item under New Business to set a public hearing date for December 5, 2022.

### White Oak Redevelopment Project

- Tighe & Bond has recently completed a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) for the property located at 1 & 63 West Main Street in Plainville, Connecticut (the Site). In completing this ESA, they have identified additional Areas of Concern (AOCs) that require soil and possibly groundwater assessment beyond those that were included in their existing Agreement dated April 12, 2022.
- The proposal includes additional costs for a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey to cover new locations, 1 additional day of soil borings (observation & subcontractor costs), 1 additional day of test pit observations and associated laboratory analytical costs. Tighe & Bond is quoting \$16,800. Tighe & Bond feels that money spent for clearer delineation on the front end will save the town and state money on the back end with respect to remediation & abatement.
- There is an item under New Business to approve Amendment #2. A full scope of work and rationale is attached.

### Discussion on Accessory Apartments and Parking Requirements

- On October 25, 2022, the Commission opted out

of two (2) requirements within Public Act 21-29 that would require the Town to: (A), Zone for detached accessory apartments in addition to the attached apartment the Town currently allows, and (B), Reduce parking requirements beyond what they felt was practical for the Town of Plainville.

- Opt-out of Section 6 of the Act would otherwise require Plainville to permit detached (stand-alone) accessory apartments on all residential lots in Plainville. In doing so, the PZC noted the unique nature and makeup of Plainville's smaller lot sizes in most of the residential zones. They found that building setback, and coverage requirements would largely restrict this type of unit in Plainville. In addition, they noted that such detached units were not, by virtue of language within the Act itself, considered to be affordable housing units and therefore would not increase the number of affordable housing units in Plainville. In addition, the Commission found that the existing regulations, which already permit attached accessory apartments, have proven to be successful in meeting the needs of our residents
- Opt-out of Section 4 subsection (d), subdivision 9 of the Act in accordance with Section 5 of the same that would otherwise reduce the amount of parking spaces required for certain multi-family dwellings. In doing so, the PZC noted safety concerns and other matters of practicality including the potential for two car households in one bedroom apartment units where the Act would require only one parking space per unit. There is an item under New Business to issue an affirmation of the Commissions' action, and to do so by a 2/3 [minimum] vote. Town Council action must take place before January 1, 2023, or the Act will become law, regardless of prior PZC action.

### Housing Rehabilitation Program

- The Town recently advertised for professional and technical services required to provide administrative and technical support for our Small Cities Program Income Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program. Our previous Agreement for these services expired which is why a Request for Proposal was put together at this time.
- We received one response from A&E Services Group, LLC out of Cheshire, CT. A&E has been the Consultant for our Housing Rehabilitation Program for several years. They hold the certifications required by the State of CT Department of Housing to perform these services. Their fee schedule is in line with what DOH deems acceptable and the Town has been very happy with their services to date.
- Staff is recommending A&E continue performing these services. There is an item under New Business to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with A&E Services Group.

### Utility Restoration Bid

- On November 10, 2022, the Engineering Department received three (3) bid proposals for Utility Restoration. The Engineer's estimate was \$50,000. The lowest bid was \$42,200, submitted from William M. Laydon Construction of North Haven, CT.
- The cost of construction activities will be paid from a permit restoration fee account which such fees are collected when Street Opening Permits are issued.
- The Engineering Department recommends the Town Council authorize the Town manager to execute a contract with William M. Laydon Construction in the amount of \$42,200 to complete the specified construction activities upon the submission of a proper insurance certificate and construction bonds. There is an item under New Business to authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract.

### Technical Services Projects

- In October, Eversource Gas notified the Engineering Department that they have scheduled a repair of their utility trench on Northwest Drive from Route 177 Unionville Avenue to the Americold Building. The Town

had an opportunity to "piggyback" on this repair to address a deteriorated pavement section on Northwest Drive from Unionville Avenue to Cowles Road. The Town would pay Eversource's contractor to repair the pavement surface outside the trench repair limits between Unionville Avenue and Cowles Road. The cost of this repair work would be \$22,790.00. This price was compared to similar work completed under the Bond Program and deemed fair and reasonable. Under the Town's Purchasing Ordinance three price quotes are needed. Securing three price quotes was not practical, thus under the Town's Purchasing Ordinance the Town Council needs to waive the requirement that three price quotes need to be secured. There is an item under new business (#8) to waive the requirement and ratify the decision to award repair work to Laydon Industries of New Haven, CT in the amount of \$22,790.

- CTDOT recently completed the repaving of Route 372. This repaving eliminated the decorative crosswalks in the downtown area. The Engineering Department has been tasked to replace them. The decorative crosswalks are constructed of proprietary materials and installed by an authorized sole provider. The cost of such work is estimated to be approximately \$61,000.00. Under the Town's Purchasing Ordinance, a project of this magnitude needs to solicit sealed bids. The practicality of soliciting sealed bids was impractical, thus, the Town Council would need to consider and approve waiving the requirement of sealed bids. There is an item under new business (#9) to waive the requirement and ratify the decision to award repaving of the crosswalks to Rocco Iadarola General Contracting Co. of Waterbury, CT in the amount of \$61,000.

### High School Boiler Project

- The High School Boiler Project specifications were prepared in July (2022) and was advertised as a "Design Build" project with a budget of \$600,000. Even though this was issued as a bid it likely should have been an RFP as the Town was seeking Design Build Proposals for a boiler system. Unlike a bid where there is typically a unit price and selection is based on the lowest bid, a design build takes some analysis to compare each proposal.
- The "Design Build" strategy created a conflict within our purchasing ordinance with respect to the interpretation of proposal versus bid. Thus, it was determined by staff in consultation with the Town Attorney the best course of action would be to rescind the vote and reject all bids.

### Teachers' Contract -7/1/23-6/30/2026

- The Teachers Contract was submitted to the Town Council for action as required under CT State Statute. There is an item under New Business for your consideration.

### Charter Revision

- The Town Council has sought the interest of residents to serve on the Charter Revision Commission and has since received 14 applicants wishing to serve. In order to assist the council in the process, I have included an outline of the steps required for charter revision along with a timeline should you want to have the referendum question ready for the 2023 regular municipal election cycle.
- As it stands, Step 1 – charter revision must be initiated by a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the Town Council. There is an item under New Business to initiate the formation of a Charter Revision Commission.
- Step 2- (scheduled for the December 5, 2022, meeting), addresses the appointment of members consisting of 5-15 electors, not more than 1/3 of whom may hold other public office, and not more than a bare majority of whom shall be members of any on political party. The appointments must also be approved by 2/3 vote of the entire membership.
- Under Step 2 - The council may also make recommendations to the commission for items to include or amend.

### Emergency Management Performance Grant

- This grant covers a portion of the personnel costs of the Fire Marshall who serves as the Emergency Management Director (EMD). There is an annual application process and the deadline for submission is December 1, 2022. There is an item under New Business to approve and authorize the Town Manager to submit the application for funding.

**Happenings**

**Reported at the Town Council Meeting on November 21, 2022**

**LEAF COLLECTION**

Leaf collection in the Town of Plainville has entered its fourth week. Due to drought conditions this summer, trees are stressed, and leaves are falling in larger volumes than in previous years. The Roadways Department is working diligently to pick up leaves throughout town, logging their 317th load over the weekend. The crew completed their first round of leaf collection in town and started their second round this week. Last year at this time, Roadways was in their fourth round of leaf collection with 252 loads logged. This year, even though the crew is three-days ahead of schedule, they are only in their second round due to the heavy volume of leaves. Roadways will continue to visit and revisit streets from now until early December, weather permitting.

Please be sure to rake your leaves to the curb line. Grass clippings will not be collected, only leaves will be picked up. Bagged leaves will not be collected at curbside; residents can bring them to the Transfer Center on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. During the month of November, the Transfer Center will be opened Monday thru Friday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, for leaves only.

**PLAINVILLE PUMPKINFEST 2022**

Plainville PumpkinFest donated \$10,000 to the Plainville Community Fund for the second year in a row. In total, PumpkinFest has donated a total of \$52,500 to the community fund.

**REVENUE COLLECTOR (TAX):**

The 2023 sewer bills have been mailed to residents. The last day to pay is Thursday, December 1, 2022. Taxpayers have two payment options.

1. Pay the whole amount in December 2022; or
2. Pay in two installments, one in December 2022 and the other in May 2023. Note: The Town does not send out bills in May.

The second installment of Real Estate and Personal Property bills are due in January 2023.

**SENIOR CENTER**

For information on Senior Center programs, call the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728. All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise indicated.

- Veterans' Social Hour

Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 10:00 AM

These monthly information and support meetings are conducted by Sherri Vogt, Veteran's Liaison for Hartford HealthCare Senior Services. For all veterans over 60 and their spouses.

- AARP Smart Driver Class

Thursday, December 15, 2022 from 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Cost Is \$20 – AARP Members, \$25 – Non-AARP Members.

The AARP Smart Driver class teaches valuable defensive driving strategies & provides a refresher for the rules of the road. You may qualify for an auto insurance discount by completing the course.

- COVID-19 Vaccine/Booster Shot Clinic Open to The Public

Monday, December 12, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Griffin Health will conduct a FREE COVID vaccine/booster shot clinic at the Plainville Senior Center. Walk-ins welcome.

- An Empty Seat at The Table: Getting Through the Holidays

Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 10:00 AM

If the holidays are different this year because there will be an empty seat at the table, join Bill Pilkington, Supervisor for Pastoral and Bereavement Services at Hartford HealthCare at Home, as he discusses the challenges that the holidays can bring. Learn ways to provide solace and healing and share ideas for establishing new traditions.

- "Let It Snow" Painted Lampshade for Decorative Wine Glass Candle Holder – Crafting Class

Friday, December 9 & 16, 2022 from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Cost is \$12 – Senior Center Members, includes all supplies

This is a two-session crafting class, where participants will hand paint a snowman on a paper lampshade that is designed to sit on top of a wine glass candle holder.

**PROCLAMATION STATE REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM A. PETIT, JR.**

WHEREAS, in November 2016, William A. Petit Jr. won the seat for State Representative for the 22nd General Assembly District which encompassed the Town of Plainville and a portion of the City of New Britain; and

WHEREAS, State Representative Petit was officially sworn into office on January 4, 2017 and continued to serve his hometown Plainville community for three consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, he served on several legislative committees and sub-committees such as Appropriations, Education, Energy & Technology and is a Ranking Member of the Public Health Committee; and

WHEREAS, he once again achieved a perfect score for votes taken on the floor of the House of Representatives during the 2022 legislative session, a remarkable accomplishment and testament to his dedication; and

WHEREAS, State Representative Petit has worked continuously for the betterment of our community, proudly serving Plainville, New Britain and the State of Connecticut as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Plainville Town Council, do hereby express our sincere appreciation to the Honorable William A. Petit, Jr. for his dedicated, selfless service to the Citizens of Plainville and wish him much success in future endeavors.

Dated at Plainville, Connecticut this 21st day of November 2022.

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**FROM THE DESK OF.....**

*Michael Ferrara,  
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**Transfer Station Closing**

The Town's Transfer Station on Granger Lane will close for the winter season on Saturday, December 3, 2022

*Christmas Trees* can be brought down after December 25th and placed in the bin marked "Xmas Trees."

We do ask if you could please remove them from the tree bags.

The town will be out starting January 2nd until the end of January to pick up Christmas Trees left at the curb, weather permitting.

If you have any questions; please call Public Works at 860-793-0221 ext. 7176 Monday thru Wednesday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Thursday, 8:00 AM to 7:00PM and Friday, 8:00AM to 12:00 PM.

**Town of Plainville Snow Plowing Bids**

The Town of Plainville Roadway's department is seeking quotes for the snowplowing of town streets for 2022/2023 winter season. Truck size minimum requirement is 25,000 to 54,000 GVW with minimum 9 foot 4 way snowplow. Loaders with snowplows are accepted.

Questions can be referred to Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 Ext. 7176, or you can refer to the Public Works Department page on the Town of Plainville website, www.plainvillect.com.

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## Sights and Sounds

By  
Sally  
Miller



With the holidays almost upon us, I thought back to the sights and sounds of Christmas, as well as other times, that continue to swirl through my mind. When I was younger, there were days when I could smell impending snowfalls. The smell of snow was in the air and I waited in giddy anticipation for the first flake to fall. On those cold and blustery mornings, I remember the sight and smell of Sanka instant coffee swirling around in granddads cup and the smell of Maypo on the stove as I bent to kiss Granddad's Old Spice scented cheek.

The sound of the old screen door groaning as I went outside to bring in the wonderfully fresh smelling stiff sheets from the clothesline on a cold winter day. I loved the sound of those very "stand at attention" sheets snapping in the wind, flapping beautifully on the clothesline. Once inside, they would soften and smell like fields of fresh air and home.

When I think of the music from the ice cream truck in summer, I think of the Good Humor Truck and the all the others that would entice us to run to our parents for dimes.

The comforting sound of the now antique dial phone brings back nostalgic memories along with sound of the static at 11 p.m. when all the TV stations went off the air for the evening.

Closing my eyes, I remember the smell of the freshly cut Christmas tree and the sound of popcorn popping in a saucepan in preparation for wonderful strings of white puffiness to be draped on the tree. I remember Mom at the stove patiently stirring that wonderful combination of brown sugar, butter and cream that would end up as caramel popcorn balls wrapped in waxed paper. The smells and sounds coming from the kitchen were heavenly during the holidays.

Mom and Gram always pierced an orange or tangerine with cloves and placed it on the wood burning stove and the smell permeated the house with the breathtaking perfume.

There was always a dish of ribbon candy and mixed hard Christmas candy on the table. Every time someone would come in or out of the house, the sleigh bells hanging on the door would jingle and it made us think of sleigh rides on cold wintry evenings.

The combination of fruitcakes, cookies, and popcorn balls as well as savory meals coming from the kitchen would make my tummy hurt even though I might have just eaten. *Oh, how I wish I had some now.*

My memories take me back to Christmas morning when I opened a new box of crayons and the awesome smells that popped out of the freshly opened box. I picture the moment mom opened her present of April in Paris perfume that we bought her at the 5 and dime. I thought as a child that I had never smelled anything as lovely.

Another Christmas as a child, brought me the memories of my brand-new puppy and the sound of its whimpering and unforgettable smell of puppy kisses. The smell of the pine tree mixed with the aroma of Granddads Prince Albert tobacco wafting from his pipe brought a sense of peacefulness into the room. Burl Ives and Johnny Mathis sang Christmas songs on the radio which added to the delight of sounds Christmas morning.

I miss the smells of puppy kisses, Prince Albert tobacco, damp pine trees and frozen sheets. What I would give to be a child again laying on the floor near the Christmas tree and being able to smell its freshness for hours as mom read us the Christmas story as we munched on Christmas candy and popcorn balls. Then we would go to bed and envision what our gifts would be and how much we would eat the next day.

*Tonight, as I go to bed, I wish you all a Happy Holiday and a Happy Year. Thanks for all your wonderful*

*Positive feedback during the year.*

*Happy Holidays*

## Tis the Season for Porch Pirates

Dear Fellow Survivalist;

In case you hadn't yet heard, Christmas is right around the corner. Yes, I know that some find it offensive to talk about Christmas in October, but in my house, we get started early. Santa's Workshop is in full swing, churning out gifts for the wife, kids and grandkids. You've got to start early when you do handmade gifts.

Let me tell you who else the Christmas season starts early for... *porch pirates*. Yes, as people start buying gifts, they'll be out there, cruising neighborhoods, seeking out porches with a little extra to catch their eye. They don't care if they make your Christmas a little less jolly; all they care about is making their own jollier. If that has to happen at your expense, they don't mind at all.

*Porch pirates* are opportunists, looking for opportunities and taking it where they find it. Like any other class of burglar, they really don't care what they get, just as long as they can get something for it. In most cases, the items they steal will be sold, often for a fraction of what you paid for them.

There are those who have devised some rather imaginative deterrents against these porch pirates, including the guy who is selling fake boxes with a 12-gauge blank shell in them, that goes off when the box is lifted. That will surely put the fear of God into anyone picking it up. Another guy, who obviously has some engineering in him, has devised a box that shoots off a pound of confetti, while releasing skunk odor in their car. All this, while capturing their reaction on camera.

Maybe that's a bit out of most of our reach. Since this is a crime of opportunity, the key to protecting yourself and your family is to deny the criminals the opportunity. You really don't need to sit on the porch, shotgun across your knees to do that, although I will have to say, that would work as quite a deterrent. Even so, there are simpler ways.

### Grab it Before They Can

The simplest solution, if you can do it, is to grab the packages before anyone else can. That can be tricky for families, when both work outside the home; but if you work from home or are home during the day for whatever other reason, it's not an issue. For those who have Amazon Prime, try and arrange your orders to arrive on the weekends, so that you can be there to receive them.

### Smart Delivery Boxes

Smart delivery boxes are large lockboxes you can put on your porch, which the delivery drivers can then put your packages in. They're not exactly cheap; but still considerably cheaper than losing the stuff you've ordered, especially if you've ordered some expensive gifts. Part of the effectiveness of these boxes is that they are there on your porch all the time. Those drive-by criminals aren't going to want to take the time to stop and check to see if

there's anything inside.

If you're a woodworker, you can probably make your own delivery box, saving yourself money. If you do, it's not going to have the "smart" capability of the fancy, expensive ones. But as long as it works, is it really important that your phone tells you when you've gotten a delivery?

### Hiding Places

Since the main thing that the delivery box does for you is keep the packages out of the eyes of the porch pirates, all you really need is a hidden place for the delivery driver to put your packages. Some porches, especially those with columns, railings or plants in front of them, have naturally occurring places which are out of sight. Packages left there won't be seen by the criminals, so they won't stop to pick them up.

*Putting up a sign*, that says something like "This is a good place to put packages" can help your delivery driver to help you. As long as that sign isn't visible from the street, it shouldn't give your hiding place away.

### Delivery to Alternate Address

A really low-tech solution to the problem is to have the package delivered to an alternate address, where there is someone to receive it. This can be a family member, neighbor, or one of those package shipping places. Most of them also offer post-office boxes and accept deliveries.

### Amazon is offering a service called

*"Amazon hub locker,"* where your packages can be delivered and you can pick them up at your convenience. The locker will send you a message when your package arrives, letting you know that you need to pick it up. You have to sign up for the service, but there is no additional cost.

### Security Cameras and Lights

Finally, many of the things that deter burglars will also deter porch pirates. Adding motion activated lights and cameras to record their visit will keep most off of your porch. They don't want the police to have that evidence of their visit. Just make sure that your cameras are visible, so that they can have that deterrent effect.

Keep in mind that security cameras are not a foolproof solution for anything around your home. Criminals have learned that it's easy to fool such a camera by wearing a hoodie and keeping their head down. Without a visible face to record, the amount of useful evidence that camera can provide is severely limited.

Whatever you choose to do, the idea is to be prepared for the porch pirates. The more prepared you are, the less of an opportunity you offer them. And when all else fails, make sure you keep your powder dry and your survival gear close at hand.

.....Chris Peterson

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## Plainville Lions Roar

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### • Sponsoring of Red Cross Blood Drive

• Also, we still collect used eyeglass (A list of them can be found on our website (i.e. www.plainvillelions.org ) under "Collection Box Locations".

## THE Central Connecticut Tea Party

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**FROM THE DESK OF:**  
*Cal Hauburger*

**2023 EDA Meetings:** Included with this update are the proposed 2023 meeting dates. As is standard, meeting dates are for the third Thursday of each month. Based on the official state holiday closings which the town follows, there are no conflicts. Please review the dates and let me know of any potential conflicts with members in which we may not have a quorum. As a reminder, we are currently down to seven (7) members, and if a meeting is to be held, we must have at least four (4) voting members present. As we've done in the past, we can elevate alternate members, as needed. If I do not hear back with conflicts, I will assume there are none, and will certify dates with the Town Clerk and send out official meeting dates to the group.

**EDA Business Loan Fund:** This month we received the final payment for the outstanding business loan issued to JDA Sprinklers in 2017. A lien release was issued, and the transaction closed. This was the last active traditional business loan issued by the EDA, leaving the available fund balance at full strength. I've met with several businesses over the past few months to review business assistance programs but have yet to receive an application for review. My assumption is with higher interest rates, the funding cap, and amount of support documentation required, it is not advantageous to pursue multiple separate loans versus a singular loan application with a higher cap from a traditional lender. As with all things, I believe this is cyclical, and once rates drop and more businesses are willing to open and/or expand, we will again see an uptick in applications.

**White Oak Update:** In the coming weeks, Tighe & Bond will begin

additional sub-surface investigation work to further delineate contamination and provide an abatement scope of work as to where, and how much, needs to be addressed in coordination with the Manafort-Newport development plan and applicable state and federal standards. The town has been informed that unless there is a heavy snowfall, weather conditions should not be an issue to complete outdoor sampling and drilling. There should be roughly a month turn around from the first day of on-site testing to analytical laboratory work and a report in possession of the town. Once complete, this will allow Tighe & Bond to draft a comprehensive abatement scope of work and bid to contractors, with the hope of work beginning in quarter one of the new year. As was discussed in the initial bid response, spending money on clearer delineation on the front end of the project will save the town money and avoid uncertainty of running into surprise findings during abatement efforts which could potentially skyrocket costs and significantly hamper project advancements.

We will also be coordinating with the Manafort-Newport team to hire a contractor to complete patching and smaller repairs to the existing roof. Doing so will prevent further interior deterioration and damage resulting from water leaks and other environmental factors. An entire roof replacement is likely to be required during the rehabilitation and development stage of the project, however, more immediate improvements are required to secure the site and prevent a potential increase to interior abatement efforts. This service will be covered by grant funding as the town earmarked a portion of grant funds to go towards roof repairs & replacement.

**New Businesses:** New Leaf Florals, has moved into a downtown storefront

location at 10 West Main Street. A florist centered on weddings and special events, New Leaf Florals comes to town with a stellar online reputation and portfolio of high quality, custom offerings.

Please have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and start to the holiday season. *Cal Hauburger*

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**Santa Claus Returning to Plainville's Norton Park  
Plainville residents will once again have the chance  
to wave to Santa Claus on  
Wednesday, December 7th at 6 pm.**

Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and friends will circle Norton Park in fun and festive vehicles. Residents are invited to dress and decorate for the holidays and come to watch Santa's parade from the comfort of their cars. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will also be joined by local police and fire trucks. Santa's friends will be handing out special treats along the parade route.

Tabitha Manafort of Powerhouse Motorsports. and Quinn Christopher of M & T Enterprises, are excited to sponsor this special evening. "We are so excited that Santa will return to our community and help spread holiday cheer", said Christopher.

Those who plan to attend the event will be directed to parking places between 5:15 and 5:45 p.m. Spectators are asked to remain in their vehicles for the duration of the event.

"We heard from the North Pole that Santa and Mrs. Claus loved coming to Plainville to wave to families last year", said Manafort, "Santa and Mrs. Claus enjoyed seeing so many families come out to share their joy and loved all of the excited waves throughout the parade. We hope to see you again this year!"

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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

**Jane Raves:** If you have not been to the Hop Haus Pub in the center of town you should stop in for lunch or dinner. The food is great and Best Happy Hour also! If you are planning a shower, stag party or any event the Banquet room is perfect. Thanks to Mike!!

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## Thinking About Starting A Business In Plainville?

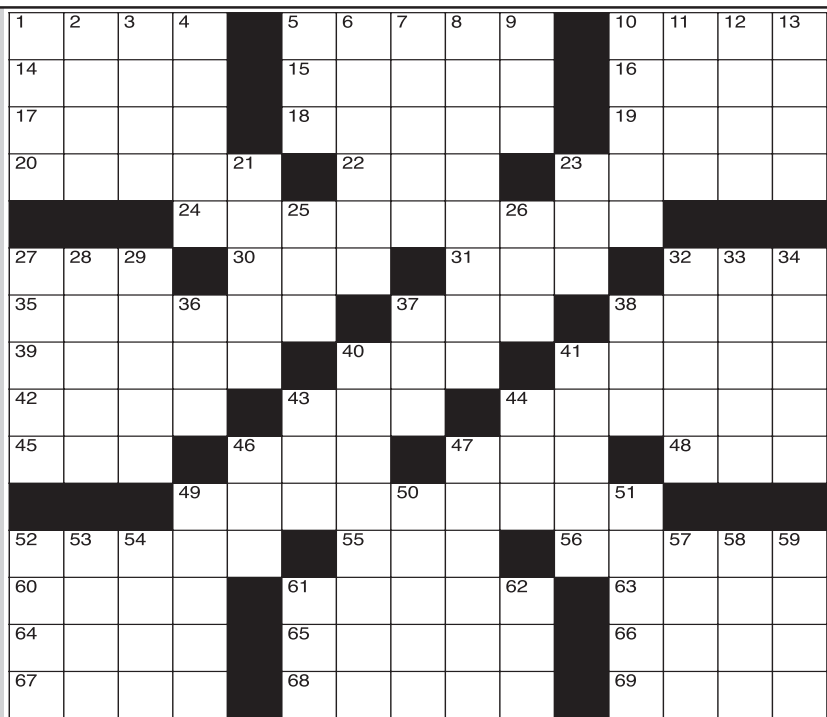
Always check with the Economic Development Commission

For assistance Contact:

Cal Hauburger, Economic Development Director

Call 860-793-0221 Ext.7178

Crossword



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. CHOP UP
- 5. ONES WHO UTILIZE
- 10. SINGS WITH CLOSED LIPS
- 14. SOUTH AMERICAN HUMMING-BIRD
- 15. SERVES AS A COXSWAIN
- 16. LIQUOR DISTILLED FROM COCONUT OR RICE
- 17. SPUR
- 18. SENILE
- 19. TANZANIAN PEOPLE
- 20. CRUEL
- 22. BOXING'S "GOAT"
- 23. YOKELS
- 24. LONDON SOCCER TEAM
- 27. CHINESE CHESS PIECE
- 30. SUPERVISES FLYING
- 31. 007'S CREATOR
- 32. SHAFT HORSEPOWER (ABBR.)
- 35. A SPIDER MAKES ONE
- 37. LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS
- 38. OPAQUE GEM
- 39. BRAZILIAN PALM
- 40. PERIODICAL (SLANG)
- 41. YOU MIGHT STEP ON ONE
- 42. MARVIN AND HORSLEY ARE TWO
- 43. PARTNER TO CHEESE
- 44. UNPLEASANT SMELL
- 45. FIELD FORCE UNIT (ABBR.)
- 46. FASHION ACCESSORY
- 47. COOL!

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. NOT LOW
- 2. SMALL WATER BUFFALO
- 3. A MARK LEFT BEHIND
- 4. ARCHAIC FORM OF HAVE
- 5. FIDDLER CRABS
- 6. POPULAR HYUNDAI SEDAN
- 7. DEPORT
- 8. MAKING OVER
- 9. MIDWAY BETWEEN SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST
- 10. ARABIC MASCULINE NAME
- 11. TYPE OF ACID
- 12. POPULAR 1980S CHER FILM
- 13. OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS' TOOLS
- 21. CHINESE CITY
- 23. "STAR WARS" CHARACTER SOLO

- 25. THE BILL IN A RESTAURANT
- 26. OLD, UGLY WITCH
- 27. BURN WITH A HOT LIQUID
- 28. TO CLAIM OR DEMAND
- 29. "A DOLL'S HOUSE" PLAYWRIGHT
- 32. INVOLUNTARY MUSCULAR CONTRACTION
- 33. PEA STEMS (BRITISH)
- 34. DOUBLE OR MULTIPLE FOLD
- 36. NO LONGER IS
- 37. LAKERS' CROSSTOWN RIVALS (ABBR.)
- 38. S. AMERICAN PLANT CULTIVATED IN PERU
- 40. CLOTH OR FABRIC
- 41. FLANKS
- 43. DISFIGURE
- 44. ANGRY
- 46. BALTIC COAST PENINSULA
- 47. LARGE, FLIGHTLESS BIRDS
- 49. PLANTS OF THE LILY FAMILY
- 50. MIEVEAL NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE
- 51. POLIO VACCINE DEVELOPER
- 52. NOT SOFT
- 53. EXCHANGE RATE
- 54. VOICE (ITALIAN)
- 57. BASEBALL'S RUTH
- 58. FAMED GUITARIST CLAPTON
- 59. TAKE A CHANCE
- 61. WIFE
- 62. ELABORATE HANDSHAKE

Answer on page 16

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# “HAPPY & HEALTHY BIRTHDAY TO ALL” DECEMBER



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ANGELO TOLIS  
TAYLOR FERGUSON
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- 25TH RICHARD ORSI
- 26TH STEPHANIE (HAYES) WILSON
- 27TH BETH GASPARINI
- 29TH JOHN GASPARINI

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## JANUARY

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- 8TH JO ROSINSKI
- 11TH JOYCE HAYES
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Call 860-747-4119 and leave the name of the person, with your message. You may also E-mail your "Make My Day" to: plainvillehometown@gmail.com

"I Know A Guy" Made My Day  
I needed some little jobs done to weather strip my house. I called 3 contractors to get a price for the work. One of them came to give me a price for the work and said he was not sure when he could do the job. I know I am a little late to do this but why did he ever come to give me a price in the first place.

I called "I Know a Guy" and told him what I needed and he said he could do the work if I didn't mind if he did the work on the week ends. He said it may take a little longer if that would be O.K. He not only did all the things I needed done but he also gave me advice on saving heating costs. BOY! Guy really **MADE MY DAY!**

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

**A TOPIC REVISITED**

When perusing through the news this week I couldn't help but notice an unfortunate situation that reminded me of an article I had written some time ago. Due to this most recent incident, I figured it would be as good a time as any to revisit my cautionary article. Let's pick it up near the beginning... Whenever there is a party, the threat of alcohol being present should always be on the minds of parents. Some parents may try to control the consumption of alcohol by allowing their children to drink under their supervision. However, the dangers associated with underage drinking will persist even when adults are present.

Connecticut criminal law penalizes anyone who sells, ships, delivers, or gives alcoholic liquor to a minor, by any means, with a fine not to exceed \$1,500 or imprisoned not more than 18 months or both. The law specifically outlines parents as a person who may be guilty of this crime. If the minor child were ever to be charged with possessing and consuming the alcohol given to them by their parent(s), then the parents could also be charged with a crime. This law extends to any minor, so if you child's friends consume the alcohol you provided, you expose yourself to criminal charges. The application of the law is probably not that shocking for any parent who may be reading this article. The law may not even be enough to deter some from allowing alcohol at a holiday party. Although, after considering the potential civil liability you expose yourself to you may want to reconsider facilitating any underage drinking.

The potential for anyone to

get injured after consuming alcohol is always apparent. When that person is an underage, inexperienced drinker the odds obviously increase exponentially. Therefore, when an adult gives a minor alcohol and that minor injures themselves or others, that adult will be liable for the result. The adult is liable because they set forth the chain of events by supplying the alcohol. Civilly, this opens them up to be sued for the damages they helped create. If the parent or other adult gets a civil judgment ordered against them they may have their wages attached or just about anything they own in order to pay the judgment. Most people would not risk everything they have or may potentially have with someone they trust. So why would anyone risk everything they have to a group of people they may hardly know and have no control over? Regardless of how responsible your children and their friends may be, supplying alcohol to them will always expose you to whatever they do under the influence. Whatever perceived control you may think you have, the reality is that you can never prevent some things. You may end up being liable for something as small as a trip and fall or something as big as a death.

*The holiday season is a time for joy and celebration. The last thing anyone wants to think about is an unfortunate incident when they reflect on the holidays. So don't hesitate to tell your kids "No" when it comes to underage drinking. As always, if any of these situations become a reality in your life, consult with a licensed attorney so that you may better understand and protect your rights.*

**Attorney Thomas A. Wurz**

is an associate of his father Attorney Theodore J. Wurz, LLC in the law office of Attorney Richard Witt at 132 East Street. Attorney Wurz is a graduate of Avon Old Farms School in 2001, Providence College in May 2005 on the Dean's list and Juris Doctor Program at Western New England College School of Law in May 2009. He was admitted to the Connecticut Bar and U.S. Federal Court in 2010. His activities and interests are Secretary of Sports Entertainment Law Club at WNEC and is a Special Olympics Volunteer.

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**"Ask Sheila"**

Q-1) Can I change my Prescription Drug Plan during the Jan 1 to March 31 OEP?

A-1) *The OEP is the Open Enrollment Period for Medicare Advantage Plans. If you already have an Advantage Plan, you can make a one-time change to a different Medicare Advantage Plan, or go back to Original Medicare and join a Drug Plan and Supplement Plan, if you want. This is not the time swap Drug Plans. Drug Plan changes should be done during the AEP Annual Enrollment Perion Oct 15 - Dec 7th.*

Q-2) My spouse recently passed away so my household income has dropped from over \$4,000 a month to \$2,000. I am having a difficult time making ends meet. Can you suggest anything to help ?

A-2) *First, I'm sorry for your loss. And yes, I would suggest that you look into Extra Help from the Medicare Savings Plan. This is an income-based plan offered through every state based only on your Income. In Connecticut, your Assets, such as Home, cars and bank account, are not considered for this help. You can contact your local Senior Center, or me to help you apply, or to obtain more information.*

Q-3) I am looking at a PPO vs HMO Advantage Plan. Does a Doctor have to accept an out-of-network PPO Plan ?

A-3) *No. An out-of-network Doctor is under no obligation to accept your PPO Plan or to treat you, except in an emergency situation. It is always advised to check with an out-of-network Provider before you make an appointment with him/her, or find a Doctor that is in your PPO Network.*

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*Thanking you in advance! .... The Editor*

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# Life With Wanda



This story was submitted by sister June, she writes. Today I was in a shoe store that sells only shoes, nothing else. A young girl with green hair walked over to me and asked, "What brings you in today? I looked at her and said, "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator." She didn't quite know how to respond, had that deer in the headlights look.

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

When people come to my house and see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat?" I just say, "No, it's for company."

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I always put 911.

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

I have found the easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Have you noticed: Roman Numerals for 40 are XL.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he knows when he's really in trouble.

Did you ever notice that when you put the word "the" and "IRS" together it spells "THEIRS."

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers," Not me, I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved.

Ah, being young is exciting but old is comfortable. Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

*May you always have: Love to share, cash to spare, tires with air, and friends who care.*

## Plainville Lions Pancake Breakfast Held on October 16th

The Plainville Lions want to sincerely thank the following High School Students for their help at the recent Pancake Breakfast on October 16th in making it a great community event:

For helping to prepare our raffle baskets:

**Jalix Connell Audra Pearson Brianna Carey Michael Kraus  
Haylee Rodriguez**

For welcoming and serving our patrons, assisting at the raffle and door prizes, and for cleanup:

**Maja Grabowski Tyrell Melendez Tiffany Dennis Haylee Rodriguez  
Maryssa Nieves Emily DeBellis Zuzanna Kordek Arjeta Doroci  
Olivia Carter Lily Gogola Mason Rogers**

For working with our kids with arts, crafts and games:

**Meghan Clark Dojeta Doroci**

For moving our heavy grills that make our pancakes special, and for cleanup: football players:

**Kye McGraw Joe Kennedy Christian Ellis Joe Vasquez Dom Abarno**

We would also like to thank **Debbie Treado** and **Coach Tim Shea** for helping to organize this group of fine students and athletes.

All money raised will go back into our local community.

*Sincerely,*

*Lion Brian, President, Plainville Lions and the Plainville Lions Club*

## What is CRT in Schools??

All over the nation, we are seeing schools begin to teach some rather strange and outright hateful ideas to our children. In most cases, it comes to us in the form of what is known as critical race theory or CRT.

If you haven't heard of the theory, it is basically the idea that all white people, as the human race historically in power, are inherently racist to the core. In fact, the theory teaches that all whites, even the youngest and most innocent of children, are evil for simply having a light skin complexion.

As such, it teaches that white people must constantly check their 'privilege' and seek to undo their whiteness. This results in children coming home from school ashamed to be white and hating their God-given color. It's racism, plain and simple.

But many people think it belongs in our schools to be spread worldwide. Do you agree? Or do you think it should be banned?

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## The Case Against Trump's Campaign

*By Francis Rexford Cooley*

Former President Donald Trump announced he is running for the Office of President of the United States on Tuesday November,



15th. Trump is trying to become only the second President to hold the office in non-consecutive terms.

Much of the reaction to the announcement has been in political terms, will a Trump Presidential run hurt the Republicans? Will it help the Democrats? Little time has been spent on whether or not a second Trump Administration can be successful in implementing policy. In the end the President has a job to do. Job effectiveness in putting in place policies that benefit America is the true crucial point in analyzing whether the current Trump Presidential campaign is worth supporting for Republicans.

Grover Cleveland is the only President to serve two non-consecutive terms. Originally elected President in 1884, defeated by Benjamin Harrison in 1888, Cleveland won the Presidency again in 1892. The swings in political control of the White House had a much smaller impact on public policy than today. Cleveland's Presidency is most known for his honesty and his use of the veto to stymie Congressional bills rather than his own legislative or administrative policy according to historians. Broad, far-reaching, and impactful domestic agendas did not become part of an Administration's legacy until the 20th Century and the development of what has been called the "Imperial Presidency." For a second Trump Administration to be successful it will have to have a robust legislative agenda and a strong Cabinet to implement policy. Both are very unlikely for a second Trump term.

Donald Trump will be 78 years and 7 months old on Inauguration Day in 2025. Older by some five months than President Joe Biden was on his Inauguration Day in 2021. Donald Trump would be 82 years old upon leaving office in January 2029. While President Trump is a very active person for his age, physical and mental decline are a natural part of the aging process none are exempt from. Given the concerns over President Biden's current physical and mental decline along with that of a number of Senators and Representatives (Diane Feinstein of California for example) it would

seem foolhardy to nominate then elect someone of Donald Trump's age to the grueling job of being President. The physical toil the job takes upon the holder of the office is evident in the photographic portraits of Presidents entering office and upon leaving it.

Similar to the physical aging of the President their Administrations age as well. Second Administrations suffer from the loss of staff and Cabinet officers. First Administrations come in fresh with Cabinet officials and White House staff. Over time resignations and staff burnout weaken every Administration by the second term, whether Republican or Democrat. The Obama, Bush, Clinton, and Reagan Administrations all suffered from this. There is no reason to expect a second Trump Administration to escape this phenomena. Given Donald Trump's management style, one would expect a second Trump Administration to have even more problems in this area.

The Constitution also would hamstring a second Trump Administration. Amendment XXII, ratified in 1951, limits a President to two terms, thus upon election to a second term Donald Trump would effectively be a lame-duck President. The loss of political clout would hamper any legislative attempts at fixing the myriad of systemic problems the nation faces. There would be no political "honeymoon" period of a second Trump Administration. Most policy change a President can force or cajole through Congress occurs in the first 100 days of an Administration, the first 100 days of the first Administration. That will not exist for a second Trump term. Likewise finding top-notch Cabinet officials will be problematic for the same reason. Who wants to sign on to a lame duck Administration.

Therefore, for practical reasons the current Trump campaign to be President of the United States is problematic to say the least. For those concerned with passing impactful legislation and administrative reforms to deal with the pressing issues of energy independence, education reform, the border crisis, out of control spending, inflation, economic stagflation, and a host of other issues plaguing America it is obvious a second Trump Presidency is not the answer. What is needed is a strong, younger candidate who can serve for two consecutive terms and implement the need reform legislation and administrative steps needed to deal with the long-term problems facing the United States.

Selecting the next President is about policy and job effectiveness in implementing that policy not personality.

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# Schools in Review

## PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY 2022

Plainville Community Schools honored veterans on Veterans Day, November 11th, with a number of school based programs and ceremonies that included guest speakers, musical performances, videos, hand made gifts for visiting veterans, readings, breakfast celebrations, recognitions and more.



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



# PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY 2022

Plainville Community Schools honored veterans on Veteran's Day, November 11th. Various activities occurred at all Plainville schools. Students at Louis Toffolon School were given the opportunity to meet and interview their special guests. Mr. James Mahoney, a retired US Army serviceman spoke with students in the 4th and 5th grades. Mr Mahoney discussed his years in the service and fielded questions from students who wanted to learn about his career in the US Army as well as his work as a police

detective today. Students were enthusiastic and eager listeners as he described his experiences. Students in Daria Sargent's first grade class at Louis Toffolon Elementary School enjoyed a visit with George Musshorn who served in the US Navy. Mr. Musshorn is the grandfather of Toffolon students Livia and Mia Musshorn. Other special visitors included Senior Master Sergeant Christina Galsper of the Connecticut Air National Guard who visited and spoke at the Middle School's Veteran's Day program.

Kindergarten students at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School presented Principal, and veteran Andrew Batchelder with an American Flag that they made for him. Overall, Plainville students learned various lessons from the staff and special visitors about Veteran's Day and the importance of recognizing their contributions through their military service.



*of the United States of America!*



### Plainville BOE Receives CABA Leadership Award



The Plainville Board of Education received the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABA) Leadership Award on November 18th at the annual CABA/ CAPSS (Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents) Convention. The CABA Board Leadership award is designed to recognize boards which work effectively together as teams and meet a number of criteria relative to community relations, board operations, policy, and board member professional development.

In photo:

Board Member Cassandra Clark, Board Member Crystal St. Lawrence, Board Member Becky Tyrrell, Board Chair Lori Consalvo, Connecticut Commissioner of Education Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Superintendent of Plainville Community Schools Steven LePage and Board Member Rachel Buchanan.



Save the Date

## FAFSA & Food

1st of December

From 6:00-8:00pm

FAFSA HELP | FOOD | RAFFLE PRIZES

### FAFSA COMPLETION NIGHT

Plainville High School  
Large Cafeteria

\*Note: Polish and Spanish Translators will be present

### Wheeler Students Create "Thankful Turkey"



Students at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School recently created a beautiful Thanksgiving work of art. Each student wrote what they are thankful for on a feather to create the "Thankful Turkey" on the school's wall.

### Middle School Art Club Create Veterans Gifts



Students in the PRISMS Arts Club at the Middle School of Plainville recently created gifts for Veterans in the Plainville community. Using their fingerprints, the students crafted unique poppy flowers on hand painted ornaments. These gifts were handed out to the veteran guests at the Middle School's annual Veterans Day celebration and to Veterans in the Plainville community. The PRISMS Arts Club Advisor is faculty member Laura Meehan.

### Wheeler First Graders Practice Math Skills



First graders in Emma Bartley's class at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School honed their math skills on Halloween as they practiced counting and grouping pumpkin seeds and predicting how many seeds in all.

### Linden Street School Students Sponsor Food Drive



Linden Street School's fifth grade Community Outreach Group sponsored a food drive from November 1st- 14th. Students collected items to benefit the United Way of West Central Connecticut. With the generosity of Linden's students and families, a large donation of nonperishable food items, paper goods, and cleaning products was made possible. Students helped spread kindness during the month of November and gave back to their community.

### PHS Varsity Baseball Names "Sportsmanship Team of the Year Award"



The Plainville High School Varsity Baseball Team and Coaches Lou Mandeville, Ed Smith, John Bibisi, Matt Gingras and Ryan Raponey were honored at the November 14th Board of Education meeting for receiving the "Sportsmanship Team of the Year Award" from the Hartford Board of Umpires!

**In photo:** Plainville Superintendent of Schools Steven LePage, and Plainville Board of Education Chair Lori Consalvo with the Plainville High School Varsity Baseball Team and coaches.

### PHS Hosts College Fair



The Plainville High School Counseling Department hosted an in-person college fair on October 17th! Over 95 colleges, universities, military reps and trade schools were present in the school's gymnasium.

# Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers of Plainville Holiday Gift Guide 2022

Gift giving is one of the great joys of the holiday season, but finding the right gift for the right person can often be a struggle. While we all know "it's the thought that counts," we still prefer to gift something that won't end up in the back of a closet or – worse – as a regift next year.

Lucky for you, we've put together a list of the top health and fitness gifts to give your friends and family this year! These items, sold at a number of PTSMC clinics, are good for a wide range of people in your life – from weekend warriors, runners, yogis and fitness enthusiasts to anyone dealing with frequent issues like back pain, neck pain and muscle strains. Remember that our experts are here to answer questions and provide assistance on how to use these tools correctly.

### 1. Massage Gun

Massage guns are all the rage in the athletic and fitness communities, and they can be used by almost anyone to loosen tight, sore or knotty muscles in regular day-to-day life as well. These tools are a handy replacement for massage therapy that can be done in one's home for the one-time cost of the equipment.

They work by reducing inflammation, flushing extracellular fluids such as lymph fluid and venous blood out of the muscle tissue and into the circulatory system, which promotes relaxing muscles, breaking up scar tissues, and decreasing muscle soreness and tension. High level massage guns are great for day-to-day recovery and to address recurring muscle tightness and pain.

*We are excited to sell Hyperice's HyperVolt massage gun – one of the top guns on the market – at PTSMC of Plainville. Even better – Hyperice products are on sale right now!*

Here's a description of all the products available at PTSMC of Plainville:

**HyperVolt:** Percussion massage device featuring Quiet Glide Technology

**Vyper 2.0:** High-intensity vibrating fitness roller

**Hypersphere:** High-intensity vibrating fitness ball  
**Venom Back and Knee:** Vibration and heat, providing wearable hands-free relief

### 2. Regular and Vibrating Foam Roller

Foam rollers are an affordable and accessible version of a massage gun. They help to release tension in muscles, relieve muscle soreness, and improve flexibility and range of motion. Foam rollers are often used by runners and weightlifters to target muscles, but regular foam rolling can provide a wealth of benefits for anyone dealing with muscle pain and tightness.

There are various styles of foam rollers, but most of them have the same function. There are also foam rollers available that vibrate at different high frequency speeds to promote even more healing. Rollers can often be found to fit someone's unique style, as there are a wide range of options for color, patterns and sizes.

### 3. Pain Relievers

No, we're not referring to painkillers like Tylenol or Motrin – we're talking about scientifically-proven heating and cooling methods that relieve muscle and joint pain and soreness. Most of us have at one point or another resorted to putting frozen peas on an injury or stiff area, but believe it or not there are products that provide pain relief in a more effective way.

Two of our favorite brands are **Therapearl** and **BioFreeze**. TheraPearl packs a punch by offering a two-in-one heating and cooling pack that's designed for specific parts of the body. Their design makes it much more comfortable to hold the pack on for the recommended 20 minutes.

**BioFreeze** products use menthol to create a cooling sensation on and under your skin to help relieve pain. It's been found to be more effective than ice, and let's be real, ice can be incredibly uncomfortable on the skin. With BioFreeze, you're less likely to experience stiffness, skin irritation, numbness, and the inactivity required to apply ice.

### 4. Fitness Equipment

Even before the pandemic, having a handy set of equipment ensures that, if you can't make it to the gym due to illness, weather, or time constraints, you can still get in a decent workout.

Dumbbells, resistance bands, and physioballs are products that almost all active adults can appreciate. One of our favorite brands is **BodySport**, while **TheraBand** also makes great resistance bands that can provide some additional weight resistance in an at home workout or some additional approaches to stretching.

### 5. A Movement Assessment or Dry Needling Session with a Physical Therapist

It's a common myth that only those with injuries or recovering from surgery should see a physical therapist. The truth is that many people would benefit from seeing a physical therapist, especially athletes or others dealing with frequent muscle or joint pain!

**PTs** are the musculoskeletal experts, and they can evaluate running strides, muscle imbalances and weaknesses, posture, and biomechanics for a wide range of activities.

Someone who has never been evaluated by a professional could be setting themselves up for bigger problems in the future by squatting incorrectly, poor running technique, or just by sitting with poor posture at the work desk.

Those experiencing regular issues like a pulled neck or back, leg pain, shoulder pain, or sore muscles from activity can benefit from a trigger point dry needling session with a PT.

**Dry needling** is a tried and true technique that releases tension in trigger points. It sounds like acupuncture, but it's actually rooted in research-based evidence, scientifically-proven approaches to promote healing in injured muscles, while acupuncture is based on Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Contact us at (860) 517-8885 to purchase an item or schedule an appointment!

Almost all of the products and services mentioned above are sold at **PTSMC of Plainville**, and our experts are in the clinic and ready to answer your questions and offer guidance so your gift recipient (*or you...we won't tell!*) can get the most out of them.

If you have any questions or would like to purchase one of these items, please contact us through our website at

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We will make sure we have the item in stock for you.

*If you'd like to schedule an appointment for an assessment or for Dry Needling, please contact us to make you or a friend or family member feel better for the holiday season!*

## The Women's Club of New Britain

will meet at 2:00 PM on  
Thursday December 1, 2022.

The meeting will be at the First Congregational Church, 830 Corbin Ave. New Britain, CT.

The name of the program is:  
**CHRISTMAS CHEER**

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QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLL  
GRADE 12  
SILVER**

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**PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
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GRADE 11  
GOLD**

Joel Appiah, Ayomikun Ayodele, Sebastian Banas, Lindsay Barbagallo, Cohen Blake, Alex Brzostek, Jacob Casale, Gavin Cooke, Alexis Graff, Valiantsin Kasabrukhou, Jacob Kazimierzak, Eric Kolc, Rambla Marin, Shane McCormick, Jamison McGinnis, Gianna Rodriguez, Liliana Ruffini, Amelia Sarra, Zoe Weimer.

**PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLL  
GRADE 11  
SILVER**

Kai Abate, Bella Apruzzese, Mikayla Ayers, Shayna Bedell, Lucy Callender, Juliana Carlina, Nicole Caruso, Matthew Collado, Diana Czereba, Rachel Diaz, Mikayla Dimock, Michael Fagan, Marissa Freitas, Penley Giola, Lucas Grafton, Brianna Gridley, Victoria Hamel, Gyanni Hayes, Tamra Ibitz, Andrea Jurado, Sydney Kalisz, Eryk Kapusta, Teresa Lopez, Vanessa Maciaszek, Oliwia Marecik, Dylan Matthews, Carlos Mitera, Zeel Patel, Alan Piotrowski, Kaid Piotrowski, Tanisha Rodriguez, Rileigh Ruot, Peter Savage, Samantha Shumbo, Eric Siani, Elisabeth Suchojad, Daniel Szarwacki, Johnathan Tata, Emily Tuczapski, Brayden Unwin, Jeffrey Wasielewski, Destiny Wasilonsky, Nikole Zaniewski.

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GRADE 11  
BRONZE**

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GRADE 10  
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GRADE 9  
GOLD**

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**PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
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GRADE 9  
SILVER**

Chelsea Appiah, Brianna Ballinger, Cyriah Bernard, Emily Blake, Sadie Brann, Max Brzostek, Noah Burnes, Joshua Carlina, Olivia Carter, Angelina Ciriello, Owen Clark, Mekhi Coleman, Sofia Corvello, Tess Couture, McKenzie Coyne, Isabella Daley, Michael Daniel, Arjeta Doroci, Ashlynn Egan, Matthew Galvez, Christian Giuliano, Kassidy Grondin, Jade Gustafson, Dylan Haas, Mia Huppenbauer, Chase Kay, Zuzanna Kordek, Michael Kraus, Emilia Krzysztorefek, Thomas LaPointe, Emma Libby, Jacob Mandeville, Riley Marquez, Maciej Maslak, Braydon McCarthy, Brian Mumford, Mia Palaia, Audra Pearson, Alison Pham, Emma Porteus, Iliyan Sakalou, Jadalyse Serrano, Luke Stevens, Santiago Torres, Nicholas Tuczapski, Paige Weimer, Daniel Zajackowski.

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## Advertising lullaby

Now that the holidays are upon us, we will be seeing many commercials for many different products. Now a lot of these company names are influenced by marketing and advertising people. Now this article is called advertising lullaby. Keep in mind of course that the whole purpose of advertising is to lull you to sleep.

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If you act now, we'll include an extra added free, complementary, bonus gift. A classic, deluxe, custom, designer, luxury, prestige, high quality, premium select, gourmet combination key ring, magnifying glass, and garden hose, in a genuine, imitation, leather-style, carrying case with authentic vinyl trim. Yours for the asking.

No purchase necessary, it's our way of saying thank you.

Actually it's our way of saying "bend over a little bit farther so when can ram that big red, white and blue hose where the sun doesn't shine. That's what they mean by servicing the customer. Hence the phrase, "buyer beware."

**Since this is the Holiday Dec./Jan issue, I like to wish everyone a joyful New Year and Merry Christmas.**

*Food for thought... The Supreme Court has ruled that they can't have a nativity scene in Washington D.C. This wasn't for any religious reasons. They couldn't find three wise men and a virgin.*

*Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!!!*

**John Gasparini**

## I KNOW A GUY

*By Myke Roy*



December is upon us and 2022 will soon be in the rear view mirror. I would like to start by wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas. And to my Jewish friends, may you enjoy a Happy Hanukkah. That being said, here in Connecticut, last months election brought us more of what we have experienced in the past few years. Albert Einstein once said, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." For example, The utility companies conveniently waiting until after the mid-term elections to inform us that the generation rates for electricity will be going up 100% in January. So for those of us who chose to make a change, allow me to try and help us through the upcoming turbulent waters. Here are 7 things we can do that may ease the pain that many Americans will probably be facing in the coming months.

- 1) Contact your energy provider to request a home energy audit. They will send out a team to check your house for any energy improvements that can be made. In most cases, this service is free based on your income.
- 2) Use EnergyStar certified appliances whenever possible
- 3) Don't line your oven racks with aluminum foil as this blocks heat flow and actually makes your oven work harder.
- 4) Keep your refrigerator temperature setting just low enough to chill milk (38-40 degrees fahrenheit) and the freezer just cold enough to keep ice cream hard (around 5 degrees fahrenheit).
- 5) Turn off the tap water when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- 6) Set your hot water heater at 120 degrees fahrenheit. (Many are preset to 140 degrees)
- 7) Install low-flow shower heads and sink aerators.

To learn more visit energizeCT.com or call 1-877-947-3873.

Thank you so much for allowing me to come into your homes and share this information. I will see you again in February.

And remember, when somebody asks you where you are getting all this great information tell them, I Know A Guy!!!

## FROM MY BALCONY

*By Jeannette Hinkson*

As the end of the year 2022 approaches I believe everyone will be more than happy to see it go, like an unwanted relative.

We are hoping the year 2023 will be much brighter. Being kind and helping your fellow man should be at the top of your list for the new year and cherish old friends, when they are no longer there, you will look back and think, I wish I had called them more, it only takes a minute. Sharing Thanksgiving dinner with friends and family made for a special time when those at the table might be alone on that day.

When shopping I find those specials, buy one get one free. I have found getting that extra cake or package of cookies means so much to the shut-in next door. Try it, you'll see how much it's appreciated but of course I have had someone say, "You only do that so people will like you." Those are not the deserving ones.

Let us hope the prices at the grocery stores and gas prices comes down soon because with the winter coming how will people afford to heat their homes this winter?

There is so much hate in the world today and there are those that think they deserve everything and are not bashful to ask for it and if it's not given they feel they have the right to take it.

Someone once said, "A little kindness goes a long way." Our little paper has brought you stories of happy times as well as sad tidings. When we report the opening of a new business it makes us feel like a new addition to our little town but when we have to report the passing of a friend, resident or former resident we do so with a heavy heart.

The Plainville Hometown Connections welcomes new residents and most of all we thank the many businesses that have advertised in our paper from the very beginning, twenty-eight years ago which allowed us to print the things we, as well as our readers, enjoy learning about, free of charge. Most of the other printed press has fallen by the wayside but we will continue, as we have, for many years to come.

*Many thanks to everyone and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

**Thank You  
for Supporting Local  
Business Owners**

## Ask the Brayne...

Q. Someone told me that our President Joe Biden is keeping the Southern border open because his son has a deal with the Cartel and China. If that is the case then the President & Vice President are perhaps also getting a cut.

A. *I never heard that. I will start checking that out. It could be the reason why he and the Vice President are doing nothing about the border problem. I believe this Republican Congress will be investigating them. I will keep checking it out also.*

Q. Is it really true, that the Classified page ads are FREE?

A. *It is FREE for you because Stan Mizzy pays for the page! He is the owner of Mizzy Construction Company on East Street. In fact the entire paper is FREE for you and every household and business in town because of the businesses that advertise pays for the printing and mailing each month. The paper is produced by all volunteers.*

**To submit questions call 860-747-4119**

**E-mail: plainvillehometown@gmail.com or write to:**

**Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman Street,  
Plainville, CT 06062**

**Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of the month**

**Thank you for this issue questions.**

**Please keep them coming!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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**For Sale Bees and honey harvesting equipment**  
**Call 860-747-1485 for information**

**For sale:**  
 Large double deck Matco tool box  
 Craftsman tool box  
 both boxes are with or without tools  
 28 cu. ft. black Maytag refrigerator with freezer on bottom  
 In good working order  
**Call 860-747-5649 - Leave a message**

I have a piano that I'd like to give out... Kindly get back to me if you're interested or do refer someone you know might be.  
 Best, Haron. haronny234@gmail.com

**For sale:**  
 Large double deck Matco tool box Craftsman tool box  
 both boxes are with or without tools  
 28 cu. ft. black Maytag refrigerator with freezer on bottom In good working order  
**Call 860-747-5649 - Leave a message**

**FOR SALE:**  
 Set of Betty Crocker Dishes (cups, dinner plates, dessert dishes.)  
 Rooster Middle of Checkers on plates \$175.00  
**Call 860-589-6502**

**FOR SALE 5 piece Bedroom Set**  
 Late 40's or 50's Excellent Condition  
**Only \$600.00 Call 860-576-0306**

To Change Your Ad Please Call Hometown Connection @ 860-747-4119

**For Sale**  
 Mahogany High Boy Dresser & Bed Rails \$400.00  
**Call Sally 860-517-5020**

**For Sale**  
 21 M & M Characters Like New Condition  
 Any Reasonable Offer is fine!  
**Call 860-747-3274**  
 "Leave a message if no answer, for a return call"

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**2006 Chev-Silverado Truck**  
 "A" CREAM-PUFF Good Shape  
 "Extra-Extra" Low Milage  
**ONLY SERIOUS OFFERS CONSIDERED**  
 Call for Appointment  
**860-628-7535**  
 Leave call back number

**This offer of FREE ads by Mizzy Construction, Inc. are just for you!**  
 So, this is an opportunity to sell items you no longer need and/or an opportunity to buy items that you wanted but didn't think you could afford. All other newspaper's Classified Ads are mostly for out-of-town ads.  
 Now, you can advertise your excess items and/or shop right here in Plainville.  
**Call (860) 747-4119**

**Pick Your Own: Christmas Trees**  
 Nothing makes the holidays feel more like the holidays than cutting down your own Christmas tree! Throughout November and December, many Connecticut farms even offer additional activities to make the experience even more memorable — from wagon rides to the fields and tree-trimming shops to hot chocolate and visits from Santa's helpers. So dress warm, bring your kids and your dog (on a leash, of course)

*Want to Make a Weekend of It? and visit a few of Connecticut Christmas tree farms.*

**Cut-Your-Own Christmas Tree Tips**  
**Dress for Success.** Wear layers depending on the weather, and consider that you may be outside for some time, so wear good boots. Bring gloves that are for warmth and heavy enough to handle a tree's prickly needles.  
**Measure Your Space.** (Don't forget to bring the tape measure with you to the farm!)  
**Pack a Few Supplies.** Pack twine and/or rope, plus an old blanket or plastic tarp.  
**Bring Your Pooch.** Be sure to bring a leash, waste bags and maybe a small water dish for your four-legged friend. **Find Your Farm!** You'll find great, locally-run cut-your-own Christmas tree farms all over the state of Connecticut. Visit the Department of Agriculture's Christmas Tree Farm listings to find one near you.

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# Young at Heart.....Plainville Seniors

## PAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Maxine Kollar  
Editor/Office Assistant

### THE SENIOR CENTER LE PETIT CAFÉ – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Café is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Enjoy a new special every week in addition to a regular menu which features grilled cheese sandwiches, BLT's, salads, paninis, and delicious homemade soups! Fresh baked cookies available also!

(The Café will be closed on December 27 and December 28.)

### COVID VACCINE/BOOSTER SHOT CLINIC - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Griffin Health will conduct a FREE COVID vaccine/booster shot clinic at the Plainville Senior Center on Monday, December 12 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. This clinic is open to the public 12 years of age and up. Moderna and Pfizer available. All shots including 1st and 2nd vaccines and all boosters. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, to make an appointment. Bring your photo ID, insurance card and COVID vaccine card. Walk-ins welcome!

### CAREGIVING CONNECTIONS

Connect with other caregiving friends and families on Tuesday, December 13, at 10:00 AM at the Senior Center. Support one another's journeys and recognize the challenges and frustrations of this 24/7 labor of love. Call the Senior Center to register at 860-747-5728.

### PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER CHOIR

The Plainville High School Chamber Choir has been invited to sing at a variety of community events and is honored to be presenting a 25-minute caroling concert at the Plainville Senior Center on Tuesday, December 13, at 3:00 PM. This concert will feature a combination of traditional carols, classic holiday songs, and traditional winter choral music. This auditioned ensemble is comprised of 26 of the best student singers at PHS and is sure to delight audiences of all ages. The concert is followed by a reception. Call the Senior Center to register at 860-747-5728.

### MEMORY CAFÉ AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Memory Cafés are safe and supportive social gatherings for people with changes in their memory along with their care partners. Relax and socialize with others experiencing similar life challenges on Thursday, December 15, at 2:00 P.M. at the Senior Center. This program is funded in part by Title III of the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. & the CT State Unit on Aging. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, to register.

### AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

The AARP Smart Driver course teaches valuable defensive driving strategies & provides a refresher for the rules of the road. It will be presented at the Senior Center on Thursday, December 15, 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM. The cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-AARP member. You may qualify for an auto insurance discount by completing the course (check with your auto insurance agent for details). Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, to register.

### GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

If you are a grandparent or relative who is raising a grandchild, niece or nephew, you are not alone. Come to the support group on Tuesday, December 20, at 10:30 AM, at the Senior Center 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, 860-747-5728, to register.

### HEALTHY BRAIN SERIES

Dementia Specialist, Hartford Healthcare Center for Healthy Aging will be presenting a FREE series at the Senior Center on Thursdays, January 19 - February 16, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

\*Participants are encouraged to attend all five sessions

Session 1: Activities to challenge your mind  
Session 2: Importance of diet and nutrition  
Session 3: Finding meaningful engagement as you age  
Session 4: Importance of sleep and your brain  
Session 5: Lessons for living longer from people who lived the longest

Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, to register.

### DENTAL CLINIC RETURNS AGAIN

The Community Health Center Mobile Dental Clinic will be offering preventative dental services by appointment on December 28 & 29 at the Senior Center. To schedule an appointment, call Monica Caseley at (475)471-5011. Services include x-rays, cleaning, fluoride & oral health education. For

### 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. PEAK Center hours are: Monday-Friday, 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

### QUICK TRIP GUIDELINES

Senior Center Quick Trips are curb-to curb services. Plainville residents who do not drive can be picked up and dropped off at home. Those who drive will be picked up at the Senior Center. We use our Dial-A-Ride Bus or school buses that are handicapped accessible with wheelchair lifts. Passengers must be able to get to and from the bus on their own. If you need a wheelchair lift, tell us at sign-up.

No phone reservations are accepted. Refunds are given only if we are able to fill your spot from the Wait List. If we cancel the trip, re-funds will be given. If you are ill and cannot attend, please call the Senior Center when it is open. After hours, you may call Angela at (860)839-7346. Please be at the departure point at least 15 minutes before departure. We leave on time. Non-members may sign up one week after the trip

**If you are 60 Years or older  
Come & Join the  
Most Active Senior Center in the  
State!  
Plainville Senior Center  
Call for listing of activities:  
860-747-5728**

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

DO YOU SPEAK SPANISH, POLISH,  
FRENCH OR RUSSIAN?

Once in a while, someone comes to us for help or calls and we cannot communicate because of language. Would you help us understand and translate? Call Shawn or Ronda at the Senior Center.

### FOOD SHARE PROGRAM - 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!

### PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

We are  
Looking  
for Cafe  
Volunteers!

Do you like to work around food?

**FOOD PREP & SERVERS  
NEEDED!**



**CALL RONDA AT THE SENIOR CENTER IF  
INTERESTED, 860-747-5728**

## Chanukah

*By Rabbi Alana Wasserman*

On the evening of December 18, 2022 (corresponding to the Hebrew calendar date of 25 Kislev 5783), Jewish people around the world will celebrate the first night of Chanukah. We will light the first candle of our Chanukiah (a 9-branched candelabra, also known as a Chanukah menorah), play dreidel, and eat latkes (potato pancakes fried in oil). Most importantly, we will retell the story of Chanukah.

While the holiday of Chanukah is a fun, lighthearted celebration, the story of Chanukah is much more serious. It is about fighting for religious freedom in the face of persecution. It is a story whose message rings true for us today.

In the second century BCE, Israel was ruled by King Antiochus, leader of the Seleucids. It was their mission to force all the Jewish people to Hellenize, thereby renouncing their own faith. If they did not convert, they faced death.

The Seleucid army was large, with massive weaponry. Yet, that did not stop a small band of Jews from forming their own army. Led by Judah the Maccabee (which means "hammer"), the tiny Maccabee army, with its limited amount of weapons and manpower, miraculously defeated the Seleucid army. After they won the Maccabean Revolt, the Jewish people returned to the Temple, only to find that it had been defiled by the Seleucid army. While cleaning the Temple, they discovered that there was not enough oil to light the menorah (the 7-branched candelabra). There was only enough oil to last for one day, but another miracle happened - the oil lasted for eight days. That is why, at Chanukah, we light a 9-branched menorah (one helper candle, called a "shamash," and 8 candles to represent the eight days).

While the Maccabees were able to defeat the Seleucids, they were not able to eradicate anti-Semitism. Hate and prejudice have continued to pervade our world. That is why the story of Chanukah is still so important. It is a reminder for all of us to keep fighting against hate, no matter the odds. Whenever we witness prejudice, we must stand up and speak out, even if no one else does.

One of the best ways to fight anti-Semitism is not with heated words and weapons, but with things like latkes, dreidels, candles, and prayers. Celebrating our holidays is the best way to combat hate. By participating in Jewish life, we are not allowing fear and hate to dictate our future. Teaching others about our holidays and traditions will help as well.

Gishrei Shalom Jewish Congregation invites you to join us as we celebrate the first night of Chanukah on Sunday, December 18 at 5PM at the home of one of our members. For more information, please contact me at [rabbii@gsjc.org](mailto:rabbii@gsjc.org).

*This year may the light of the Chanukah extinguish the darkness of hate. Happy Chanukah!*

# OBITUARIES

## ~Janice Whiteley ~



84, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Wednesday November 23, 2022 at LiveWell in Plantsville.

Born in Providence, RI on January 9, 1938, she was one of two children to the late Arnold and Abina (Boyd) Whiteley. Raised and educated in Pawtucket,

R.I., she was an active and involved member of the Pawtucket West High School, Class of 1955, having been class secretary, a majorette (head twirler) and on several planning committees for many class reunions including their 50th.

A woman of strong will and determination, she put herself through nursing school while raising her two small children. She had a successful and enjoyable career caring for others at the former Farmington Convalescent Home where her coworkers became a second family to her. Three dear friends; Pat Gannon, Linda Demma and Darlene Wielechowski were with her on her last day.

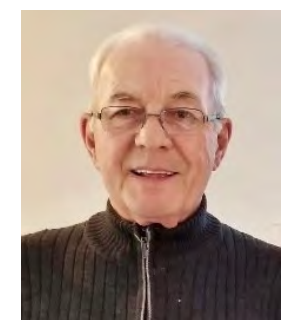
Jan loved to travel and was able to fulfill her adventurous spirit with many world travels in her retirement. She also never met a pair of shoes that she could pass up. A loving mother and "Gran" to many, she is now at peace and will be missed dearly by her family and many friends.

She is survived by her daughter Lorri Goldsmith, her husband Ed and their daughters, Jill (Andrew) and Abby (Ryan); her son, John "Chip" Orzechowski and his daughters, Rachel and Nicole. She was predeceased by her only brother, Russell Whiteley, with whom she shared a special bond, and leaves her sister-in-law, Carole Whiteley, their son Todd and his family.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of LiveWell for their kindness and compassion during her final years.

In lieu of flowers, Janice may be remembered with contributions to the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd, #4b, Southington, CT 06489. Family and friends gathered in celebration of Janice's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of Remembrance were shared. Please bring a favorite Jan/Gran story to share. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## ~Denis Jean Vidal ~



beloved husband of Jadwiga Barbara (Wroczyński) Vidal, passed away hours before his 77th birthday on Wednesday, November 23, 2022, following a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Born in Richmond, Quebec, Canada on November 24, 1945, he was one of seven children to the late Lionel

and Simone Vidal. Raised and educated in Canada, he moved to the U.S. at the age of 19 when he began working in the aerospace and engineering profession. He retired from MTU Aero Engines after 46 years of hard work and dedication, during which time he proudly served his country in the US Army for two years, having been honorably discharged in 1970. It was love at first sight when he met Barbara, with whom he would share 43 of the best years of his life. They settled in Plainville where they raised their two children, were longtime faithful communicants of Our Lady of Mercy Church, and Denis, if he wasn't lending a hand or sharing a beer with a neighbor or friend, could be found most days tending to his home and garden. He had a love for travel, especially the beaches of Wildwood with his wife, cruising, frequent visits to Canada to spend time with family, and more recently visiting his wife's homestead in Poland. He loved attending air shows, volunteering with hot-air ballooning for years, and reliving his hockey- playing youth by watching NHL games.

## ~Aurelie "Lee" Winifred Derosier ~



72, beloved wife of 53 years to Donald Derosier, Sr., entered the gates of heaven on November 19, 2022 after a short illness. She was born on July 20, 1950 to the late Thomas & Joan Talley Jr.

Lee was known for her great sense of humor and her many facial expressions.

In her free time Lee enjoyed painting and anything crafty. One of her favorite things to do was crafts with her grandchildren who were the light of her life - she talked about them often. In her early years she enjoyed camping with her husband and children at Acorn Acres in Colchester, CT. She retired from TLC Oil Company in East Hartford after working in the oil industry her entire career. Lee was an amazing wife, mother, sister, and Mimi. Lee will be immensely missed by all of her friends and family.

In addition to her husband, Lee is survived by her two sons Donald Derosier, Jr. and wife Kimberly of Vernon, CT, Doug Derosier and wife Kelly of Plainville, CT; her siblings Vera Johnson and husband Peter Johnson, Sr. of Plainville, CT, Teena Gravel-Shoemaker of Bristol, CT, Gregory Talley and wife Nicole of Des Moines, IA, Jim Talley and wife Meda of Plainville, CT and her sister-in-law Cathy Talley of Plainville, CT; her six grandchildren Shea (fiancé Travis), Colby, Grace, Faith, Hope and Nolan; several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her youngest brother, John Talley, her brother-in-law John Gravel and a special sister-in-law Marie Hodza.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Apple Rehab in Plainville, CT for taking such good care of Lee aka "Lee the Queen Bee" these past eight years. Lee will be greatly missed by all.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. Words of remembrance were shared. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Lee can be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023 or by going to [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org). The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Derosier family for their trust.

Affectionately known as "Vasko", "Misku" (bear) or, his favorite, "Pop Pop" by his adored grandchildren, he will be remembered fondly for his kindness to everyone, the mischievous stories of his youth, his charisma, hard work ethic, his faith and love for his family.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his son, Christopher Vidal, his wife Janet and their daughters, Halina and Carolina Vidal; his daughter, Ela Cole, her husband Shawn and their children, Tyler and Maxwell Lagasse and Kaitlin and Michael Cole; his sisters, Monique Fontaine and her husband Rejean, Lise Richard and her husband Andre, Johanne Vidal and her partner Yvon Normandin, Ginette Vidal and Claudette Vidal; his brother, Robert Vidal and his wife, Donna; and many cherished nieces and nephews including his Goddaughter, Tiffany Vidal and Godson John Valenta. He also leaves a much loved extended family including Alicia and Ted Skrzypek and Irena and Paul Valenta along with their children, and a wide circle of friends, all who will miss him dearly. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his grandson, Regan Vidal and his mother and father-in-law, Halina and John Wroczyński.

Denis may be remembered with contributions to Our Lady of Mercy Church, 19 S. Canal St, Plainville, CT 06062.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## Eltha Louise (Vaughan) Cole



On November 24, 2022 Eltha Louise (Vaughan) Cole, affectionately known as "Cherry," 79, of Plainville, was lost to us in death.

Cherry was born on August 14, 1943 in Kingston, Jamaica daughter to the late

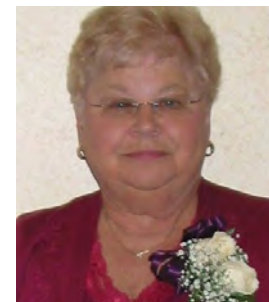
James Vaughan and Esmie Birthwright. Cherry was, by trade a talented seamstress, she plied her craft for many years in Jamaica creating many beautiful pieces. She emigrated to Connecticut in 1976, eventually settling in Plainville. Cherry began working for various companies, including Bristol Spring and Stanley Works, from where she retired. During her retirement she enjoyed working at Gnazzo's in the deli department, where she assisted many customers over the years, always with a friendly smile and a kind word.

Though diminutive of stature and modest of means, she was a titan of heart, this was evident in the selfless way in which she helped others. She viewed life and people in such a way that no one that meet her stayed a stranger for long. Her hospitality was legendary, it seemed that she could provide a meal for a large gathering of family and friends as easily as she would for a single dinner guest. The warmth-heartedness that she extended, made those who knew her feel as though she was a never-ending source of love and encouragement. A true gem, Eltha leaves behind many special memories for her family and friends to cherish and remember her by.

Eltha leaves behind her beloved daughters, Michelle Walsh Macko and Shelley Cole; her dear grandchildren, Tye, Chloe, Noah, and Izzy; her sister, Barbara Willis and her husband, Hubert; her nieces, Nadine Vaughan and her daughter Ashley, Lisa Richardson and her husband Mark, a nephew, Peter Willis and his wife, Vivian, and their children, Barbara, Preston, Jasmine, and Isabella. She also leaves behind her feline companions, Sam and Suzette. Cherry was predeceased by her son, Andrew Mark Cole and her brother, James Vaughan.

Family and friends are welcome to gather on Friday, December 9 from 11 to 12 PM at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A service in celebration of Cherry's life will begin at 12 PM. Burial will follow in West Cemetery, Plainville. Donations in memory of Eltha can be made to 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or by going to [stjude.org](http://stjude.org). For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com).

## ~Elaine Stawski Rich~



passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 6th surrounded by her family.

She leaves behind three sons, Christopher Rich (Montse) from Harwinton, Scott Rich (Steph) from Wells, Maine, and Eric Rich (Nescid) from Wisconsin. She also had six grandchildren that she loved

and adored, Matt, Krysten, Marc, Alan, Hannah and Connor.

Born in New Britain on April 28th, 1939, Elaine was the daughter of the late Frank and Jessie Stawski, also from New Britain. She leaves behind three siblings, Frank Stawski (Marilyn), Lois Jablonski (Ronald), and Stanley Stawski (Penny Farrington).

Friends and family celebrated her life at a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville, CT There was a gathering prior to mass at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates donations to the charity of your choice. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., extends their gratitude to the Rich family for their trust. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com).

## OBITUARIES

### ~ Francis R. Andros~



A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Francis R. Andros, of Plainville, passed away peacefully at his home with his family by his side on Monday, November 14, 2022.

Francis was born in New Britain on August 12, 1948 to the late Lea and Joseph

Andros. He grew up in Berlin graduating from BHS in 1966. Shortly after he was drafted into the US Army where he served two years with an honorable discharge. He then worked for UPS, retiring after 36 years of loyal service. A faithful communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church for 47 years, his Catholic faith was a big part of his life never forgetting to say his daily rosary.

A constant joy and entertainer to his six granddaughters, he could be found painting their nails or telling them his endless corny jokes. He loved making people laugh and was the happiest around all the children he came in contact with.

Francis is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 50 years, Francine, his two sons, John and his wife, Mandy, and their four daughters, Emma, Bridget, Torie, and Audrey, and James and his wife, Stephanie, and their two daughters, Rae and Madison. He also leaves his six sisters, Marie-Louise Morin, Aline Raphaels and her husband, Irving, Annette Akers, Claire Lemanski and her husband, Kenny, and Lea-Anne Richard and her husband, Vinny, his two brothers, Joseph C. Andros and his wife, Janice, and Patrick Andros, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was also predeceased by his brother, Jude.

Fran's family especially wants to thank the Franciscan Hospice team in Meriden for their wonderful care of Fran during his final weeks.

Family and friends gathered at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. Funeral services in celebration of Fran's life were from the funeral home for a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Full military honors will be accorded following Mass. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, please have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul or a memorial donation may be made to Franciscan Home and Hospice Care, 267 Finch Ave., Meriden, CT 06451. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com).

### ~ Raymond J. "Ray" DiFrancesco ~



63, loving husband, father and son, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, November 18, 2022. A longtime resident of Plainville, he married his high school sweetheart, France (Bouchard) DiFrancesco in 1985.

Ray was a dedicated employee of the city of New Britain for twenty-eight years until his well-deserved retirement seven years ago. He loved NASCAR, football (Go Pack!) and especially loved playing fantasy football with his kids, who he reminded frequently that he was the fantasy king. He was a devoted dog dad to Chloe and Pebbles, who we're sure he's now met over the rainbow bridge.

He leaves his beloved wife, France; his three adored children, Raymond W. DiFrancesco, Eric J.

### ~Lawrence J. Amara~



77, of Bristol, formerly of Plainville, passed away on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, following a brief, hard fought battle with cancer.

Born in New Britain on July 25, 1945, he was one of two sons to the late Joseph and Rose (Santacroce) Amara.

Raised and educated in Plainville, Larry, as he was known to many, was a longtime educator, having served 23 of his 35 years as Principal for the Plymouth/Terryville School system. He married his childhood sweetheart, Laura (Arcari) and settled in Bristol where they raised three loving and successful children and nine grandchildren, all to whom he was entirely devoted. A man of many talents, including carpentry, construction and mechanics, he was a lifelong car enthusiast who spent many days in his garage restoring antique vehicles, attending car shows, inspecting homes, or, in true Larry fashion, simply lending a hand and sharing his knowledge, expertise, smile and sense of humor with those around him. Humble and kind, he lived a life of selflessness and love, and will be missed beyond words by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

In addition to his wife of 53 years, Laura, he leaves his sons, Peter Amara (Marisa), and David Amara (Diana Mejia); his daughter, Alexandra Kiniry (Patrick); his nine grandchildren, Dominic, Griffin, Ava, Francesca, Quincy, Cami, Amelia, Mason, and Anthony; his former daughter-in-law, Sheri Amara; his brother, Frank Amara (Margaret); and his brother-in-law, Tom Arcari (Margaret); along with many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends that he considered family.

In lieu of flowers, Larry may be remembered with contributions to the educational support for the vascular team under Dr. Gifford that took such great care of him; Division of Vascular Surgery, c/o Henry Low Heart Center, Hartford Hospital Department of Philanthropy, 80 Seymour St, Hartford, CT 06102.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Funeral services were held at the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Gregory the Great Parish, 235 Maltby St, Bristol. Committal will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

DiFrancesco, and Alice A. DiFrancesco; his sisters, Carol Sisti and Donna Dickerson and her husband, Mike; his sister-in-law, Donna (Sisson) DiFrancesco; and his father, Raymond R. DiFrancesco. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family, along with his lifelong best friend, Brian West. He is reunited with his mother, Elizabeth Ann (Vick) DiFrancesco and his brother, Alan DiFrancesco.

In lieu of flowers, Ray's love for animals may be remembered with contributions to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd, Newington, CT 06111 or <http://www.cthumane.org>, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention at <http://www.afsp.org> or the National Alliance on Mental Illness at <http://www.nami.org>

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Patrick Church, 110 Main St, Farmington. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit <http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com>

### ~ Virginia C. Giroux~



of Plainville, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Monday, November 14, 2022 at Midstate Medical Center in Meriden. She is now reunited with her loving husband, Robert L. Giroux, who predeceased her in 2014.

Virginia was born on February 4, 1934 in

Waterville, Maine, daughter to the late Harold and Albia (Richard) Landry. She grew up in Maine and attended local schools, marrying her sweetheart in 1954. Virginia and Robert left Maine, ventured to California for a year and traveled back across the U.S., settling in Plainville, establishing their forever home. She was a hard-worker, not afraid to get her hands dirty, continuously putting in her all when working at Stanley Works for many years. Virginia looked forward to flea market trips with her friends, sewing, drawing, crocheting, gardening and cooking. She had a treasured collection of hundreds of cookbooks! Virginia was a classy lady, always well put together and dressed to her best. She had a welcoming, kind-hearted personality and all who met her quickly befriended her. There were never any negative comments said of Virginia, as she was well-liked and respected. Virginia enjoyed entertaining, telling silly jokes and doing anything she could to help out whoever needed her. She had a love for camping and she loved visiting beaches throughout CT, RI, ME and wherever else she could swim. It didn't matter how cold the water was, she went in! Virginia and Robert would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2014 and their family takes comfort in knowing they are happily together again leaving a legacy of love and fond memories.

Virginia is survived by her two daughters, Linda Carpenter, of Vernon, and Jane Baylock and her husband, George, of Bristol; her grandchildren, Cindy Pasiakos and her husband, George, Cheryl Fox and her husband, Craig, Stephanie Sastri, and Russell Baylock; her great-grandchildren, Anna and Alexander Pasiakos, Emmy Patnoe, and Riley and Tyler Fox. She also leaves behind her sister-in-law, Lorraine Adams and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her grandson, Brian Carpenter.

Family and friends gathered at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Virginia can be made to the Alzheimer's Association CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd S #4b, Southington, CT 06489 or by going to <http://alz.org/ct>. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com).

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# OBITUARIES

## ~Jane Anne Fayle Mercure ~



91, of Plainville, returned home to the “good Lord” and the loving arms of the Blessed Mother bravely and beautifully on November 18th, 2022, surrounded by the love and profound gratitude of her family and in the comfort of her treasured home.

Jane made the journey just in time to reunite with her husband, Joseph “Bob” Mercure, in heavenly celebration of their 67th wedding anniversary; November 19th, 1955. She also joins her beloved son, Edward Robert Mercure, who predeceased her in 2010.

Her greatest joy in life was her cherished family, including ten grandchildren of whom she was immensely proud, and we will all dearly miss basking in her devoted and unending love; Sharon Elizabeth and Glenn Washburn of Saint Augustine, FL, and children, Benjamin and Joshua and his wife, Kelly Bachman; Maureen Anne, her adored and precious princess to whom she doted on for 61 special years; Colleen Marie and Mark Brochu, of Plainville, CT, and their children, Erin and Taegan; Gail Theresa Mercure of Burlington and her children, Grace, Sam, Harrison, and Mason; Ed’s children, Matthew Mercure (Lauren O’Connor), and Kevin and his wife, Brooklyn Mercure, and their mother, Jeanette Francini Howes. She also sadly leaves behind her sisters-in-law, Jackie Fayle, Joyce Griffin and Carol Fields; there was a deepest love and connection with her many cousins, nieces and nephews, and the next generation of “greats;” and her ENTIRE Wishart crew! Her biggest delight was to be honored by her namesake—Jane Cassidy Johnson—daughter of her great-niece Annie.

Born to Anthony and Ethyl (Wishart) Fayle in The Bronx, New York, Jane delighted in sharing her April 11th birthday with her father (and nephew, Bill Fayle). She rejoices in seeing again those who predeceased her; brothers Orin Fayle and Alton and his wife, Dottie Fayle; her sister, Ada and her husband Bill Totten; and an infant sister, Helen Fayle; and brothers-in-law Donald Griffin and Edward Mercure. She spent freshman year at Plainville High School and graduated from the Holy Family Academy, Baltic, CT, Class of ’50. After a few years working at a bank on Wall Street, she then worked at Pratt & Whitney in Southington where she met her future husband, Bob. Six months after a date where nerves prevented her from eating her filet mignon, they were engaged and six months later were married with guests braving an early snowstorm to celebrate the happy couple. Finding their little corner of the world on the outskirts of Paderewski Park, they found HOME and love there for 65 years; sharing a driveway and many cups of sugar (to this day!) with the Herman and Yvonne Masse family which is now “Jimmy Jimmy” and Joyce Masse who she loved like her own—she even drove Mrs. Masse to the hospital when she gave birth to Jim!

With Maureen’s arrival, PARC became a lifeline and integral part of Jane’s life and she and Bob worked tirelessly on behalf of the organization. She nurtured countless deep connections from the Coughlin family to the Kraut Family to Fran Rose to her loyal and cherished friend and visitor right to the end, Frank Robinson, and so many others. In 2009, Jane and her husband were honored with the Celebrate Plainville! Award for outstanding community service based on their years of selfless contribution and dedication to their good causes and beloved town. She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy church and an active participant and spent much time supporting the Junior High School in its day.

Jane’s true chosen profession was that of “Mom” which she fully devoted herself to until also working as a secretary for CREC in the Plainville School sys-

## Mercure continued...

tem where she impacted the lives of many children with special needs for 42 years and was honored as their longest standing employee. It is an understatement to say that she deeply loved the people she gathered through her workplace, too many to count but all so valuable including Charlotte Emery; her monthly brunch buddies Cathy, Betsy, and Pat; and Carol, Nicole, Dawn, Terry, Georgette, John Z, Greg Z, Ed D, Dean E and the list goes on.

Her greatest honor and most important role was that of “World’s Greatest Grandmother” and her door was always open—literally! with three grands taking up separate residencies with her over the last decade. That and having the Brochu Bunch right across the street for a quarter century of fun and backyard glider talks reveals how much people enjoyed being in and staying in her world of warmth.

A quick rundown of her favorites include more recently Vlasic zesty dill pickles, Russell Stover Mint Patties, Chip and Johanna Gaines (also loving the new cooking show and will really miss not seeing more about The Castle!), her beloved Property Brothers and Maine Cabin Masters! With all she learned she became an expert and could have turned to renovating and rebuilding! Prior years were joyfully filled with UConn Women’s Basketball, movies with Lorraine, card nights with Gertha and Mimi, sewing nights out with neighborhood moms, her crocheting and Cathedral quilts, many trips to Catnip Mouse in Riverton, and always and forever steak and potatoes in all forms, enjoying the continual entertainment of the Choral Society shows and the many youth theater shows, and summers spent “down home” in Tabusintac, N.B., Canada. She was grateful for the unending laughs during annual weekend getaways with the girls – Joyce, Carol, and Rita. She loved her weekly/daily visits to see her favorite grocer, Kenny Gnazzo, and the friendship and support received from him and his staff over the years as well as time spent with her adored her hairdressers, sisters Becky and Cheryl, over the decades. She treasured her eucharist visits from Brenda, Pauline, and Leona. In her yearbook, she was quoted as always seen “talking” and the topic of conversation was “my nieces and nephews” and that was prophetic and continued forever.

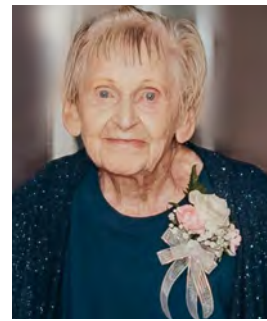
She would want to note her appreciation and love for Maureen’s Marilyn’s (Stitham and Badner), to Kathleen for always making her life beautiful through flowers, gifts and goodies and her “Pidge” MaryBeth with husband Apps for their friendship and visits. She and her family extend sincerest appreciation to the Hartford HealthCare at Home team including Melanie, Susan, and Irene for their support, guidance, and loving care over these past weeks.

Consider a donation to PARC of Plainville to carry on Jane’s legacy of caring. As she kept reminding us in her final days, be sure to love each other and be happy. In the end, it’s all that matters.

Family and friends may gather in celebration of Jane’s life on Friday, November 25, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church, with committal at St. Joseph Cemetery. It is suggested to wear shades of blue to the services as an outward expression of our connectedness to Jane – she said it was the color of her beloved Blessed Mother, and it has always been the favorite color of our very own blessed mother. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com) Family and friends gathered together to remember Dave at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A service of remembrance was held at the Black Rock Church, 3685 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield, CT.



## ~ Rosemarie June Miller ~




90, of Plainville, affectionately known as “Girlie,” passed away peacefully on October 31, 2022 surrounded by her family. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard Miller.

Rosemarie was born February 8, 1932 in New

Britain, CT daughter to the late Anton and Elise (Hafner) Hartz. She grew up in New Britain and attended local schools. Later in life, she went on to earn her associate’s degree. She was very proud to be the “oldest” one in the graduating class. Above all jobs or titles held, Girlie was a devoted mother and homemaker, always supporting her family. She was very artistic and crafting came naturally to her. When Rosemarie wasn’t in her own element crafting, basket weaving, or sewing, she was sharing her passion with others while attending craft fairs. She was a member of the Plainville Senior Center and always looked forward to the social events that were held or a game of setback with her friends or family. Rosemarie loved gardening, especially bountiful flowers. She spent many years at her home away from home, the family cottage where she hosted many gatherings and picnics where all were welcome. Rosemarie was a snowbird for many years, traveling to Florida or North Carolina for the winters and returning back to the summers in New England. A woman with a great sense of humor, who was always ready to crack a joke, she leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter.

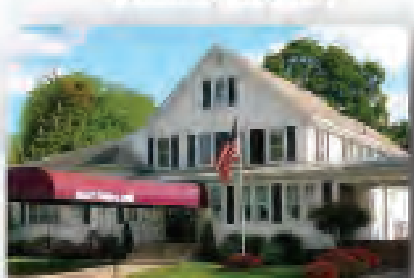
Rosemarie is survived by her daughters, Debbie George and her husband, Gary, and Barbra Luebeck; her son, Rob Miller and his wife, Marcy; her grandchildren, Becca George, Keri Connell and her husband, Luke, Mike and Keith Luebeck, and RJ, Krystyna, and Marissa Miller; and her great-grandchildren, Gabby George and Casey Connell. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her sons, David and Ricky Miller and her grandson, Chris Luebeck.

A graveside service in celebration of Rosemarie’s life was at Fairview Cemetery, 120 Smalley Street, New Britain. There are no calling hours. Following Rosemarie’s wishes, in lieu of flowers, please consider donating to your local Salvation Army by going to <https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/>. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville sends their gratitude to the Miller family for their trust. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com).



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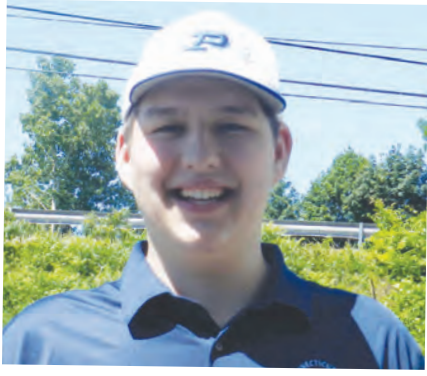
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Dr. Chambers is an active member of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and the American Academy of Otolaryngology Allergy. He has won awards for his teaching and research.

# Jake's Sport Talk



*Hi! Welcome to this months article of Jake's Sports Talk Hope you enjoy it.*

**Wednesday November 2nd** boys soccer Senior night  
 Plainville lost 1-0 to Granby Memorial  
**Friday 10/7** Plainville Football vs RHAM game notes  
 #1 Dom Abarno Touchdown pass to #6 Brandon Buckingham. #1 Dom Abarno touchdown pass to #7 Joe Vasquez RHAM Touchdown 14-7 Plainville RHAM Touchdown 14-13 after a missed field goal with 54:3 left in the 1st half. #1 Dom Abarno Touchdown pass to #7 Joe Vasquez 21-13 Plainville #7 Joe Vasquez interception returned for a touchdown.  
 RHAM scored a Touchdown Plainville led 27-20 with 3:20 left in the game. RHAM Touchdown and two point conversion successful 28-27 RHAM with 3:00 minutes left in the game.  
 RHAM Touchdown 34-27 RHAM with 1:50 left in the game.  
 Final score RHAM 34 Plainville 27  
 Plainville losses to RHAM  
**Friday 10/21** Plainville vs Fordham  
 Plainville lost 42-20  
**Thursday 11/10** Plainville vs Berlin  
 Plainville lost 55-7  
 Plainville falls to  
 0 wins and 9 losses on the season



**Tuesday 10/19** Plainville Girls soccer vs Maloney Maloney scored 6 times and Plainville lost 6-0  
**Tuesday 11/1** Girls soccer Senior Night vs Berlin  
 Plainville lost 4-0  
**Thursday 10/27** Boys soccer vs Tolland game notes  
 Tolland Goal 1-0 Tolland with 26:23 left in the 1st half  
 Goal Tolland 2-0 Tolland with 7:35 left on the 1st half  
 Plainville goal by #10 Adren Tran 2-1 Tolland with 30:55 left in the game.  
 Goal Tolland Tolland wins the game and Plainville loses 3-1

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Residents are expected to maintain their mailbox in such a manner that it will withstand a New England winter and the weight/impact of snow, slush, and ice being discharged by the snow removal equipment. Mailboxes should not be rotted or deteriorated and should be installed according to the U.S. Postal Service's guidelines.

The Mailbox Replacement Policy states that in the event a mailbox is physically struck by the Town's snow removal equipment during snow plowing and removal operations, the Town will either replace the mailbox or reimburse a resident for the cost of materials to replace their mailbox at an amount not to exceed \$80.00.

The town will not replace nor provide a reimbursement to a resident for a mailbox that is (1) noncompliant with the Mailbox Replacement Policy, (2) damaged by private contractors or other non-town entities, and/or (3) damaged by the weight/impact of snow, slush, or ice being discharged by the town's snow removal equipment.

**Residents must report any damage to their mailbox within 72 hours from when damage has occurred. Residents can report a damaged mailbox and request a replacement or reimbursement by calling the Public Works Department at (860) 793-0221 ext. 7176.**

**For further information and to access the Town of Plainville's Mailbox Replacement Policy, visit <https://www.plainvillect.com/public-works>.**

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The sections of the General Code pertaining to snow and ice removal requires owners and tenants of any property adjacent to a sidewalk to remove any snow from the sidewalk, to make the same safe for use by the public, within 24 hours of snowfall. Owners and tenants should also remove any ice or fully cover any ice with sand, ashes, or similar substance within 24 hours of formation.

The General Code also prohibits owners, tenants, or contractors from plowing, throwing, and putting snow or ice from any sidewalk or private property into any public highway, street, or roadway.

Violations of these sections of the General Code are punishable by a fine.

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## Winter Fun For the Family

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Adventure Quest  
South Windsor, CT

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### NOVEMBER PROGRAM

The Plainville Historical Society hosted Kevin Johnson for a well-attended reenactment of Jordan Freeman, Revolutionary War patriot, manservant to Col. Ledyard of the Lyme area. He perished in the battle defending Fort Griswold. Kevin's dynamic presentation of Freeman's life and death was stunning. Kevin, who resides in Plainville, pursues a career in the History and Genealogy Department at the CT State Library on Capitol Ave., in Hartford. His personal investment in this mission is apparent in his performance.



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### Mid-Winter Movie Memories

*By Gertrude LaCombe*

The movie "Frozen" comes to mind as we endure the boredom winter brings each year but we all still seem to be able keep ourselves entertained. Some stay at home and watch TV, while others go out, face the elements and find entertainment elsewhere.

Today's local entertainment is often found at Plainville's own AMC 20 Theater. Our town is fortunate to have the most up to date, state of the art theater in the area now as well as in the past.

Plainville's first theater was located on Whiting St. and was known as the Community Theater. It was originally built as a show room for our finest industry "Plainville Carriages". As the automobile became more popular it was turned into a Vaudeville Theater called Newton's Hall and became a center for local entertainment and dances. When the new born film industry arrived, the proprietor of the Bristol theater decided to expand his business. The building was ideal for a moving picture house. The hall was purchased and in 1922 the film industry came to Plainville.

While the building was being converted, informal dances were held until the 300 seats could be installed.

Upon completion, the owner of the Community theater petitioned for a permit to run movies on Sunday nights. At that time there was much controversy from the area churches and local women, but when a favorable vote was taken, the movies were permitted to be shown.

Many building improvements were made to our town as the population grew. The most progressive year for Plainville was in 1926 when John Trumbull was elected Governor. During this time ground was broken for a much welcomed new high school. Before this time students went to either Bristol or New Britain for a high school education. Local roads were improved and new buildings were being built in the center of town one of which became the "Plainville Strand" movie theater. In February of 1927 the finishing touches were completed when a \$10,000 Estey pipe organ arrived for installation just after a blizzard. The organ had been especially designed for this theater and had particular acoustic properties which made it unique for its time.

The opening day, Friday the 25th, was a grand event with town officials and businessmen attending by invitation only. A Pathe News camera man was on hand to film the guests as they arrived. Governor Trumbull was called upon to congratulate the owners for their successful efforts in building such a fine theater and said that he looked forward to the time when Plainville would be a full-fledged city.

By January 19th of 1930 new RCA talkie equipment had arrived at the Strand to forever change the theater experience in Plainville. This equipment was one of the first ten sound systems of its kind to be made by RCA and we now would be on par with the best theaters in the state.

The Strand was enjoyed by Plainville as well as the surrounding area residents. When it first opened special events were held there to raise funds for the Plainville Library. Later on sets of dishes were given out every Tuesday and Wednesday to the ladies of the community.

One special event held that I will never forget was during WWII. Free entry could be obtained if you brought scrap metal to support the National Scrap Metal Drive. Filled with patriotism my friend and I wanted to help the war effort. We put together as much scrap metal as would fit into a half bushel peach basket and started to carry the basket down the street to watch free cartoons for the Saturday afternoon matinee. That was the longest walk ever. We had to stop every few minutes to change sides to get the circulation back into our pinched fingers. I think that we were the first to arrive at the theater. With growing excitement we made our donation and entered the theater thrilled that we were able to get front row seats. Little did we know that a front row seat in a movie theater is not the best seat in the house until the huge screen lit up. We sat there with bent necks unable to move to a back row and a theater filled with an excited young audience it was not the most comfortable experience but a wonderful memory.

With movie competition growing from local and other towns, the Community Theater was turned into a furniture store. After the war when TV was introduced and affordable for homeowners, our beloved Strand Theater had to close and was sold to the White Oak Industries which converted the theater into an industrial building.

Today the building stands empty waiting to be evaluated by the town for redevelopment. Perhaps it can one day be used again to bring new life back into our Central Square.



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Things have been bustling here at the Historic Center. We are delighted to welcome new volunteers bursting with new ideas and energy. Early planning is progressing for a family-friendly Saturday afternoon on January 14 (snow day January 21) to help you escape cabin fever. It will be interesting and entertaining for all age groups. Pencil it in on your brand new calendar and plan to stop in. Watch for more information on our website and facebook page.

## TRINKETS AND TREASURES

We will open our gift shop on Saturday, December 10 between 1 and 3 o'clock. We still have some Norma Francini wood miniatures of old Plainville buildings. When they are gone, there will be no more. Check out the ceramic floral painted desk clocks for your lady's desk, you might like to add one to your gift list. We always have postcards, vintage maps of our area, Plainville history books and affordable stocking stuffers for children.

## WINTER HOURS

The building will be closed for the holidays from December 22 until Monday, January 4, 2023. During January we will be open on Monday and Wednesday mornings after 10 until 1 pm. We will be closed on January 16, Martin Luther King Day and any snow day. You can check our website for updated information.

## CAROLING WITH US – HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Two tag sales AND  
A great plan for the new year.

## HOLIDAY DOORMAT

People bringing tidings of joy, kindly step behind those bearing presents.

...Fanny Flagg

**P.S. Plainville Historical Pages are in Black & White, we are starting to research when color photo's were started. Anyone that should know please contact us at 860-747-6577.**

Thank you,  
*Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!!*

## PLAINVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MISSION

Keeping Local History Alive Through Preservation, Inspiration, and Education

Established in 1968 under the leadership of the legendary Ruth Hummel, the Plainville Historical Society has been keeping local history alive for over 50 years. Our goal is to accomplish this through:

- Collecting and preserving resources including documents, photographs, memorabilia, or other objects related to Plainville or considered to be relevant Americana.
- Providing public accessibility to the Plainville Historic Center which the Society maintains as a research center, museum, offices, and store.
- Promoting interest in local history through programs, media, education, and personalized assistance with research and genealogy.

## REMEMBERING....

### PETIT'S GENERAL STORE



Remembering.... Petit's General Store When I moved to Plainville with three small children, Petit's anchored the downtown area. Our first Christmas here, it was where I purchased a collection of aluminum cookie cutters in classic, simple shapes. Some had round red wooden handles perfect for little hands. We still have them. The "knobs" fit another generation of little fingers. Nothing like them is available today. We still enjoy the boxes of Shiny Brite ornaments I got there and the ugly plastic retro star they chose for 69cents and insisted on having. Even in its present sad condition we place it on the top of our tree every year, to insure a happy new one.

The family atmosphere, the warmth inside when snow fell outside the big windows, the toy area and the budget boosting treasures surrounded the smiling ladies who worked there for years, Ruth Riera and Florence Addesio. My children thought that they lived there and I guess they did.

Let's not forget the well-worn wood floor, the metal ceiling and the elevated open air office area toward the back where the management worked. My tiniest person once pointed it out and asked if that was heaven. Maybe it was.

*Merry Christmas to you and yours.*

*...Janice Eisenhower*

## A time for peace.....Ecclesiastes 3:8

It's Christmas time for sure when you spot a 28" tall Barbie dressed for the holidays in red velvet. You can grab one for about \$30.

Over the years there has been a succession of holiday dolls who, in retrospect, reflected the signs of the times. During the late 1930's the fascination with the live birth of the Dionne quintuplets in a village in Canada, prompted a set of dolls that were wildly popular. Later, paper dolls of the quintuplets appeared during the war, when toys were scarce. You could find toy soldiers though, made from the new material called plastic. It was during the war years when Sparkle Plenty was born to B.O. Plenty and his wife in the comic strip, Dick Tracy, and her likeness appeared on shelves one Christmas.

When the war was over and the soldiers came home to marry their sweetheart and start a family, glamour returned to the toy shelves as Bride dolls appeared. They came in showcase boxes. They were collected by teenage girls, displayed to be admired and not "played with." When the baby boomers began to arrive, dolls began to mimic real life: Betsy Wetsy, Chatty Cathy and Tiny Tears. You can buy a bona fide Tiny Tears online for \$205 today. Let's not forget the Cupie doll.

Time marched on and along came the Cabbage Patch Kids. Rag dolls, each came with a Birth Certificate with its name, birthplace and date of birth. They commanded a lot of attention one Christmas Eve and I can report from personal experience that there were none left on the toy shelves that year.

*\* We have a nice collection of vintage dolls in the Children's Room of the Historic Center.*

## WINTER SOLSTICE – DECEMBER 21

In the American Indian tradition the winter solstice brings wisdom and strength.

## PLAINVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Participation and membership are encouraged. Society members are all volunteers. We love to have new people involved! Please see Membership and Support for more information. Call at 860-747-6577

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**THANK YOU** to the 7th Annual Plainville PumpkinFest Committee. Your very generous donation to our organization is very much appreciated and everyone had such a great time at the event once again.

Sincerely, The Plainville Community Fund

So amazing!!! Huge Congrats and thanks to the entire PumpkinFest Committee. Your efforts provide the funds that directly benefit Plainville residents through grants to local nonprofits (free concerts, life skills training, youth development, services for seniors and disabled residents, access to arts and culture opportunities and so much more).

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### Plainville Police Department Promotes Officer to Sergeant



Sergeant Roman Blajerski's son pins a Sergeant shield on his Dad

Join us in congratulating Officer Roman Blajerski to the promotion of Sergeant.

His family, friends and coworkers watched as his son Cole pinned on his badge.

Sgt Blajerski is a 17 year member of the department. He was a member of Central Region, (ERT/SWAT), field training officer, and still is a member of the department PEER support team and accident investigation team.

He will make a great addition to the already excellent group of Sgts the department has.

Congratulations Sgt Blajerski!!!!!!!!!!

### November Community All Stars Recognized



The November Plainville Community Schools "All-Star" award winners were recognized at the November 14th Plainville Board of Education meeting. They include: Community All-Stars, Mark Belanger and Stephen Martino, Student All-Star, Isabella Taylor, and PCS Staff All-Stars, Sue Bradley, Deb Pikiell and Lynn Davis. In photos:

1. Superintendent of Plainville Community Schools, Steven LePage, Mark Belanger, Stephen Martino, and Plainville Board of Education Chair, Lori Consalvo
2. Superintendent of Plainville Community Schools, Steven LePage, Deb Pikiell, Bella Taylor, Sue Bradley, Lynn Davis and Plainville Board of Education Chair, Lori Consalvo

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Volunteers are still needed to 'ring the bells' for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive. This is held at Gnazzo's front entrance on Thursday (Dec. 8), Friday (Dec. 9) and Saturday (Dec. 10th). Please give Stephanie a call at the Senior Center (860-747-5728) if you can spare an hour or two.

Kara Keyworth, EMT and Senior Center intern, will be available on Wednesday, Dec. 7th, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to distribute free **File of Life** packets and to answer any questions you may have about health emergencies.

Tuesday, Dec. 6th – 2:00 p.m. Decorate the Senior Center Christmas Tree and join our Choral Group with sing-along carols

Tuesday, Dec. 13th – 3:00 p.m. Come to the Senior Center to enjoy a 25-minute caroling concert by the Plainville High School Chamber Choir.

Wednesday, Dec. 21st – 10:45 a.m. Toffolon School Choir Holiday Concert at the Senior Center

COVID Vaccine/Booster Shot Clinic on Monday, December 12th (10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

Medicare Open Enrollment ends December 7th.

*We look forward to seeing you at the Plainville Senior Center during the holiday season!*

## CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE SENIOR CENTER!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

### DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM-LUNCH SERVED AT 12 PM

This special meal is for Senior Center members and any Plainville resident who is 60 years of age or older and who will be alone on Christmas Day. Join us for a deli-cious, homemade, traditional Christmas dinner with all of the trimmings. Please register by Tuesday, Dec. 20. Volunteers will provide transportation for those who need a ride to the Senior Center. Let us know when you register if you will need a ride. We do not provide "meals to go". However, if you are homebound and would like dinner delivered to your home, call us to let us know. **There is no charge, but donations are greatly appreciated.**

### NEW YEAR'S PARTY REWIND

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28, 1:00 P.M.**

**FREE! SIGN UP NOW!**

Join us as we celebrate the end of 2022 and say hello to 2023! We will dance the afternoon away with vocalist Jose Paulo who will get everyone singing and dancing with up beat songs to keep the party going. We'll have a glittery photo station, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, "champagne" toast and dessert.

### SHOWCASE YOUR COLLECTION OR HOBBY

If you have a collection or hobby that you'd like to display in our showcase, please call us at the Senior Center to let us know. Displays are typically in the locked showcase for a month at a time.

#### December Display by Joseph Ouellette

Joseph will be putting together a festive winter scene for everyone to enjoy. Most of this quarter century collection belonged to his mother who loved Christmas.

## Taste Buzz

### Glazed Roast Leg of Lamb

4 to 5 pound leg of lamb  
1 teaspoon crumbled dried basil  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1/4 cup Dijon or German-style mustard  
1/4 cup honey  
2 tablespoon soft butter  
1 cup canned condensed beef consomm'e undiluted

Rub the leg of lamb with basil, salt and pepper.

Place on rack in a shallow roasting pan. Roast medium rare, using the Third Method, or until thermometer registers 150 F. (approximately 15 to 20 minutes per pound), or cook until well done. If that is your preference.

Combine the mustard, honey and soft butter. Spread on the meat about 20 minutes before it is done. Raise heat to 400 F. and continue to roast until the meat is nicely glazed, basting a few times. It should take 15 to 20 minutes.

To make the sauce, remove the meat to a platter and place the roasting pan over direct heat. Add the cold consomm'e to the drippings and stir, scraping the bottom of the pan. \*Bring just to a boil and pour into a hot sauceboat.

Serve with baked potatoes, cooked while roasting the lamb. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

### SNOWBALL COOKIES

4 sticks margarine  
2 cups flour  
1/2 cup nuts  
1/2 cup conf. sugar  
1 or 2 tsp. vanilla  
Mix all ingredients together. Roll into small balls, and drop on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 F. for 12 minutes.

Roll in additional conf. sugar when warm, and then again when cooled.

Makes 40 cookies or 60 small cookies

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

## Natural Serum That Naturally Eliminates Moles & Skin Tags In 8

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After buying a staggering 25% share in the sister's company, the panel have personally mentored the pair, helping them undergo re-branding and re-packing of their miracle product.

Touting their discovery as "a great step forward in skin care history," the judges were quick to offer up their hard earned cash to back the entrepreneurial pair. "We were shocked. The most we were hoping for was some advice... we weren't even sure that we would manage to get any investors," explained Samantha. After outstanding offers from each panel member, the sisters burst into tears.

The judges were amazed that one product was able eliminate all of the following:

- Skin Tags
- Dark Moles
- Light Moles
- Small Warts
- Big Warts
- Made From 100% All Natural and Organic Ingredients

"It didn't feel real. The fact that all these successful, business-minded people wanted to be apart of Bliss Skin and what we were doing was very emotional!" explained Anna.

The pair are the first contestants in the show's long duration to ever receive a standing ovation and offers of investment from all five panel members. The sisters said they celebrated the success with champagne and cake when the episode wrapped.

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# Pet Page

## FROM THE DESK OF PLAINVILLE ANIMAL CONTROL

The big winds blew through Plainville on a few occasions in October. We survived. They left our oak trees pretty much stripped of the tiny branches where the acorn crop was still green and left them littered on our lawns. We raked them up. What most of us didn't grasp was that this was a catastrophic event for our wildlife creatures. It will now be much more difficult for the animals who store up acorns for the winter to survive. The animals cannot use them green, the acorns needed to ripen on the tree and turn brown before they can be used for food. The squirrels are obvious victims, but other animals also depend on the acorn crop; bears, wild rabbits and foxes for a few.

The good news is that you can help. Now that the season is over, don't throw out your fall pumpkins or decorative gourds in the trash. Pumpkins will provide food for these animals. You will need to make a hole in it or slice one end off so that they can get to the seeds and the flesh. You can discard them discreetly in any wooded area. There are lots of places around town. It is not considered littering; the animals will take care of cleaning it up and it is good for the environment. Think compost.

Be careful not to infringe on anyone's private property.

### BOBCATS

We have bobcats in Plainville. They are present all around the state and that includes us. Should you encounter one, resist the natural reaction to turn and run. These cats are highly prey-driven and like to chase. Back away slowly, make a lot of noise, clap, keep your eye on the animal. Make an issue of your larger size. Throw your arms around.

Should one bite you, seek medical attention immediately.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

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"Some of my best leading men have been dogs and horses." Elizabeth Taylor

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Santa, is that you up there? It's me Linda. I've been very good but I moved to my new house so don't forget me.

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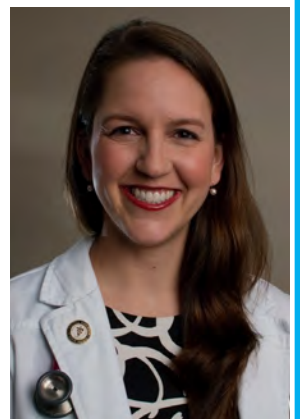
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