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~ In Memoriam ~

Alice "Dolly" Chamberlin



The Hometown Connection recently said "Good Bye" to our long time 23 year volunteer, Alice "Dolly" Chamberlin.

Please see obituary on page 39.

David Posadas Retires from Plainville Police Department



Detective David Posadas, center, was recognized with a farewell gathering of co-workers and friends recently. Shown above with Town Manager Robert Lee and Chief Matt Catania, a coffee and cake reception was hosted at which many said farewell to David and commented on his long career with the Plainville Police Department. David has accepted a position with the Connecticut State Police. He thanked those attending and was grateful for the opportunities he had during his career with Plainville.

Congratulations Dave, we wish you the BEST!

Fire Marshall Larry Sutherland Retires



Plainville's first full time Fire Marshall, Larry Sutherland, was honored recently for his upcoming retirement. Larry has been a member of the Plainville Fire Department for over 30 years and served as Fire Marshall for the past 15 years. Shown with wife Barbara, Larry was congratulated by Kathy Pugliese, Deb Tompkins and Rosemary Morante from the Town Council. Congratulations Larry, ENJOY!

Mike Widger Retires from the Roadways Dept.

Mike Widger (right) retired from the Town of Plainville after 34 years of service.



Mike worked as Foreman of the Roadways Department. A Reception was held in Mikes' honor as December 18th where Chef Dom Mochini, Roadways Supervisor, hosted the event. Congratulations Mike, thanks for your service!!



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Pictured: Joe Ruffini, Susie Woerz receiving the check from Michael Melninkaitis, Chairman and Michael Michaud, Co-Chairman

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Sincerely, Michael Melninkaitis-Chair & Michael Michaud-Co-Chair




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Fri, 14th Valentine's Day

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Remember.....Your Anniversary & Spouse's Birthday!

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- 212 Broad St: Jeffrey Chapman of Plainville to Elias and Doreen Castro, \$188,500 on 11/12/2019
21 Condale Ln: Oak Land Developers LLC of Plainville to Scott and Michelle Boulanger, \$440,000 on 11/14/29
309 East St Unit 10: Stacey Lind of Plainville to Elzbieta Chrzanowski, \$102,000 on 11/12/2019
Elm Ct: Michael Henclewski of Plainville to Paul and Samantha Gerke, \$198,000 on 11/14/2019
68 Franklin Ave: Eric A. and Deborah A. Krauch of Plainville to Justin A. Derench, \$248,000 on 11/13/2019
109 Laurel Ct: Doolittle Robert C. Jr Est and C.R. Doolittle of Plainville to Meghan Burdon, \$185,000 on 11/8/2019
43 Lena Ave: John D. and Dawn M. Angelillo of Plainville to Jonathan and Nicole Branciforte, \$220,000 on 11/12/2019
122 Milford St Unit 8: Barbara A. Murphy of Plainville to Inda D. Joiner, \$114,000 on 11/8/2019
13 Overlook Dr: Laurie Niziolek of Plainville to Robert A. Niziolek, \$115,000 on 11/12/2019
116 Pickney Ave: Daniel T. and Sandra A. Butler of Plainville to Zhong Jiang and He Chen, \$250,000 11/13/2019
98 Arcadia Ave: US Bank NA Tr of Plainville to Sophie M. Clapp, \$172,000. 11/19/2019
52 Camp St: Sheila M. Gleifert of Plainville to Jodi L. Jenkins-Lugo, \$189,000 on 11/22/2019
160 Camp St: Gladys Pietrowicz of Plainville to House Ventures LLC, \$105,000 on 11/19/2019
161 Camp St: JNS Development LLC of Plainville to Trumbull Homes LLC, \$2,100,000 on 11/18/2019
10 Cianci Ave Unit 14 Ziegler James E. Est and Jeff Carpenter of Plainville to Richard J. Defelice, \$114,500 on 11/20/2019
10 Cianci Ave Unit 10: Reverse Mortgage Funding of Plainville to Peter J. Cimini, \$79,000 on 11/26/2019
31 Condale Ln: Oak Land Developers LLC of Plainville to Kendra and Marc Przygocki \$415,000 on 11/15/2019
17 Farmington Ave Unit 4: Johnathan Witsil of Plainville to Deverse Solutions LLC, \$50,000 on 11/27/2019
9 Geneva Ave: Joyce M. Fritz of Plainville to Kayla Gittleman and Monika Scheibel \$166,000 on 11/18/2019
7 Gilberte St: Neico LLC of Plainville to Armand S. and Nadine M. Charest, \$172,500 on 11/25/2019
Homestead Ave: Audrey M. Deluca of Plainville to Orlando Lopez, \$182,000 on 11/27/2019
15 Locust St: Brian C. Luddy of Plainville to Evelyn Symolon, \$125,000 on 11/27/2019
14 Maple St: John J. Hubert of Plainville to Evelyn Symolon, \$153,000 on 11/25/2019
6 Martin Dr: Robert J. and Desiree P. Gorske of Plainville to Ramon and Margarita Ortiz, \$264,900 on 11/26/2019
21 Pinecrest Dr: Katarzyna Dudzic of Plainville to Noah N. and Jillian M. Mattson, \$163,000 on 11/19/2019

- 190 Tomlinson Ave. Unit 7e: Anthony J. Switajewski of Plainville to Alana M. Bowman, \$151,000 on 11/19/2019
92 Trumbull Ave: Lindsay A. Barton of Plainville to Lino Rivera \$209,900 on 11/27/2019
51 Welch St: Mary K. Kupstis of Plainville to Mark Narewski \$225,000 on 11/21/2019
108 Westwood Ave: Dean L. Steeves and Deutsche Bk Natl T Co Tr \$149,600 on 11/22/2019
365 Woodford Ave: Unit 7: Michelle Gore of Plainville to George A. and Valerie L. Preli \$110, on 11/22/2019.
39 Farmington Ave Unit D2: Rene Rodriguez of Plainville to Richard Jakubauskas, \$55,500 on 12/5/2019
10 Mountain View Dr: Louis P. Mandeville of Plainville to Jonathan D. Witsil, \$125,000 on 12/2/2019
3 N Gate: Kristen and Jaime Silver of Plainville to Lindsay and Corey Crane, \$405,000 on 12/2/2019
56 Northampton Ln Unit 56: Monica J. Grezlik of Plainville to Jurate Naujalyte, \$128,000 on 12/2/2019
191 Stillwell Dr: Oak Land Developers LLC of Plainville to Katarzyna Dudzic, \$320,000 on 12/5/2019.
9 Bel Aire Drive: Kathy H. Hickey of Plainville to Chon A. Chang, \$160,000 on 12/6/2019
5 Mill rd Unit 5 Felix A. Adeniyana of Plainville to Sara Walder and Almany B. Camara, \$294,000 on 12/10/2019
100 Northampton Ln Unit 9: Chauvy Dolores P. Est and Laura C. Vibert of Plainville to Jodi Apruzzese-Lapreay, \$147,000 on 12/9/2019
144 Red Stone Hi: Maciej Drozdowski of Plainville to Wayne A. Allen and Deon Johnson-Allen, \$348,000 on 12/12/2019
8 Rosewood Dr: Tracy Gary Michael Est and Lilah Tracy of Plainville to Lisa Salek, \$90,000 on 12/6/2019
114 S. Washington St Unit 24: Susan and Michael Delucco of Plainville to Frank J. Fazzino and William J. Furlong, \$60,000 on 12/10/2019
180 Stillwell Dr: David P. and Dawn M. Sargis of Plainville to Paulo Rocco-lannucci and Heather D. Makwinski \$310,000 on 12/9/2019
145 Whiting St: Guevara Realty LLC of Plainville to Advanced Power Ents LLC \$413,000 on 12/11/2019
112 Laurel Ct: Nicholas J. and Katy Manafort of Plainville to 112 Laurel Ct LLC, \$196,000 on 12/16/2019
44 Ledge Rd: Kathryn Y. Veronesi of Plainville to Elliott L. Laden and Katrina M. Schmidt, \$185,000 on 12/19/2019
190 Tomlinson Ave Unit 1d: Ashok R. and Chandrika A. Adhyapak of Plainville to Joseph Salwocki, \$136,500 on 12/17/2019
184 W. Main St: Jemrey T. Foley and Connecticut Housing Fin of Plainville to Connecticut Housing Fin, \$126,360 on 12/13/2019. Continued Page 6

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AIRPORT

Robert E. Lee, Town Manager's Report to Town Council December & January - Town Council Meeting

Town Council December 2, 2019

Plan of Conservation & Development Update

- The Planning & Zoning Commission recently updated the Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD). Their work on this plan started more than one year ago.
- State Law requires Connecticut Municipalities to update the POCD every ten years. Town Planner Garrett Daigle is here this evening to give a presentation of the 2019 Plan of Conservation & Development.
- The Town is preparing to issue \$6M in General Obligation Bonds next May for the final phase of the Wheeler School Project. Before this occurs, the Town will seek a "rating assessment" from Standard & Poor's. (S&P) The Town's current rating, which was done several years ago, is AA+. This is one notch under a AAA rating which is the highest rating a Town can receive.
- S&P evaluates several major factors before determining the assigning a rating. The higher the rating, the more secure the investment for those who want to buy our bonds, the lower the interest rate bid, and the less interest costs to be paid by the Town.
- The major factors are: 1) Management Practices (25%) which is "fiscal discipline and ability to plan, monitor and manage government finances"; 2) Economy & Demographics (30%) which is "unemployment rate, and housing values"; 3) Financial Performance (25%) which is "fund balance levels & budgetary discipline"; 4) Debt Management (10%) which is "debt % of budget, debt % of grand list"; 5) Long-term Liabilities (10%) which is Pension & Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) (retirement health care).
- Our current debt service budgeted for FY20 is \$4,724,233, however, the budget includes the use of Debt Management Funds resulting in a net amount of \$4.4M. This \$4.4M amount has been maintained for several years by the Town.
- According to the latest financial projections, the \$6M borrowing will impact the FY21 budget by \$495K. This assumes a 3.25% interest rate which is very conservative at this time. Additionally, because there is debt that is being retired or paid off this year, the net impact to next year's budget will result in a decrease of \$323K from the current year's budget - just \$30,350 above the \$4.4M goal.
- Additionally, the \$5M Road Bond II, approved last month, is expected to impact the Town Budget in FY22. According to the latest financial projections,

the net impact to the budget will be minus \$87,625 bringing the annual payments below the \$4.4M goal by almost \$60K.

- Further decreases in the debt service line item will occur in FY23 and FY25 allowing for additional debt to be incurred and still stay below the \$4.4M goal. This would allow the Town to consider addressing improvements to the Middle School.

Wheeler School Project Update

- The Wheeler School Renovation Project is currently running ahead of schedule and under budget. Scott Colby is here this evening to give an update on the project.

Land Donation – Oak Land Developers

- Last year Oak Land Developers LLC received approval for a three-lot subdivision on a 2-acre parcel on Stillwell Drive. As part of the approval process, the Planning & Zoning Commission required that 0.94 acres be given to the Town for open space. This land is located adjacent to the Testa Wildlife Area which is owned by the Town.
- There is an item under New Business for the Town Council to accept 0.94 acres of land for open space purposes.

PLAINVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 5:30 P.M.

The Plainville Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 27th Annual Plainville Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Stroll. The event will kickoff at 5:30pm at the Fire House and will have a visit from Santa. There will be downtown horse and buggy rides from 5:30pm -8:00pm and also during that time there will be specials and raffles offered by the area stores.

TOWN HAPPENINGS

Reports By:

Scott William Colby, Jr.

**Assistant to the
Town Manager**

colby@plainville-ct.gov

(Report below)

PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER SILVER SNEAKERS CHAIR AEROBICS

is a chair workout for people 65 and older, that is paid through health insurance. If your health insurance doesn't offer Silver Sneakers you can still attend for \$2 per class. This workout focuses on balance, posture, cardio and strength, and helps keep you active and independent!. The weekly class will start in January. If you're

Town Council December 16, 2019

Memorandum of Understanding – SMA Realty

- At their November 21st meeting the Economic Development Agency unanimously voted to recommend a three-year 30% tax abatement for building renovation and implementation of a manufacturing facility at 10 Sparks Street. The property is owned by SMA Realty LLC. SMA recently renovated a 24K square foot building and the surrounding site.
- SMA has also re-located four small manufacturing companies to Plainville.
- A Memorandum of Understanding has been reviewed by the Town Attorney for Town Council consideration. There is an item under New Business that would "approve and authorize the Town Manager to execute an MOU with SMA Realty LLC as recommended by the Economic Development Agency".

Health District Update

- Plainville joined with the Town of Southington to form a regional health district in 2010. Last year the regional Board of Health accepted the Town of Middlefield as the third member of the district.
- At their meeting held last week, the Board voted to lower the per capita for its member Towns. The per capita fee is the charge used to determine the amount each Town would pay for the Health District services.
- The per capita fee has remained constant since 2011 at \$6.75 per resident. The Board unanimously voted to reduce the per capita fee to \$6.65. Coupled with a slight decrease in the population in Plainville in the last year (-82) the reduction in the assessment for next year's budget is \$1,762. While this is a relatively small amount, the overall budget stability with the Health District is commendable.

Unassigned Fund Balance Policy Discussion

- The Town Council has discussed establishing an "Unassigned Fund Balance Policy". A Fund Balance Policy sets the goals for fund balance that should be retained by a municipality. A policy could also include a strategy for how a fund balance should be used in the event it exceeds the goal.

- Financial institutions and Rating Agencies such as Moody's and Standard & Poor's look favorably on those municipalities that establish a clear and concise fund balance policy. Such a policy also informs Town residents the reasons to maintain a fund balance and the options for how an excess should be used.
- In your meeting information packages are examples of Fund Balance Policies that have been adopted in Farmington, Simsbury, Bloomfield, Watertown and Bethel.
- If desired, Town staff can develop a policy for Town Council discussion and consideration at a future meeting.

Town Council/Board of Education Joint Budget Meeting – 1/7/2020

- The traditional joint meeting between the Town Council and the Board of Education to discuss the budget expectations for the next fiscal year is scheduled for Tuesday January 7th beginning at 6:00 pm in the Peter Chase Auditorium at the Plainville Library.
- The Town Manager and the Superintendent of Schools will preview the anticipated budget challenges for the development of next year's budget. This meeting is open to Town residents as well

Christmas Tree Disposal

- The Town Roadways Department will collect Christmas trees during the week of January 13th – 17th. Please leave the trees at the curb before January 13th as the Roadways Department will only be making one pass through the Town. Residents are asked to make sure that the trees are free of ice and snow and are not placed in the road, blocking sidewalks or driveways.
- Residents can also drop Christmas trees at the Transfer Station beginning on December 26th. The Transfer Station is located at the end of Grainger lane. There will be a designated area to leave the trees. Please remove any transport bags when dropping trees at the Transfer Station.

Financial Dashboard

- The Dashboard through November 2019 has been included in the information package for this evening's meeting and has been posted on the Town website.

not sure if you have Silver Sneakers through your insurance, call the 1-800 number on the back of your insurance card and ask if your plan covers Silver Sneakers. If it does, ask for your Silver Sneakers number, which is 16 digits and starts with 2300. There is no need to sign up in advance.

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INTERGENERATIONAL JEOPARDY!

The 2020 graduating class of the National Honor Society from Plainville High School will host a free Jeopardy team competition for older adults and students at the Senior Center.

Town Council Town Manager's Report January 6, 2020

Report on Clean Earth Fire

- On December 31st at approximately 2:00 pm the police and fire departments responded to a fire at the Clean Earth Facility on North Washington Street. The Fire Marshall and the State Department of Energy & Environmental Protection also responded to this event. The facility had been in a shut down mode since around 9:00 am that morning.
- Clean Earth operates under a permit issued by the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection. Under the permit, they are required to submit a notification within five days of any potential endangerment such as a fire. This notification was received on Friday.
- The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Most of the damage appears to be limited to a wet scrubber, the "continuous emissions monitor" and the stack. This wet scrubber removes any leftover impurities that results from the burning of soil. There were no injuries as a result of this incident.
- Representatives from Clean Earth, the Fire Marshall, the Fire Department and the Health District are here this evening to give a report regarding the fire and to respond to any questions from the Town Council.

Sale/Assignment of Tax Lien

- Section 12-195h of the CT General Statutes allows municipalities, through its Legislative body, to assign any and all liens filed by the tax collector to secure unpaid taxes on real property. The consideration received by the municipality shall be negotiated between the municipality and the assignee. The Legislative body for Plainville is the Town Council.
- Basically, the assignment of a tax lien allows a third party the right to collect any outstanding real estate taxes after paying the municipality the negotiated price. It then becomes the lien holder's responsibility to collect and release the liens.
- The advantage of assigning any tax lien is that the municipality can immediately collect a portion

or all the outstanding amount. Additionally, the Town does not have to go through the arduous and time-consuming process of foreclosing on the property. Finally, there are instances, such as potential contamination of the property, which could cause additional liability to a Town if foreclosure was pursued.

- Recently, the Town Attorney was contacted regarding whether the Town Council would be interested in assigning tax liens on two parcels of land located on Camp Street. These two parcels are owned by A.A. Aiudi & Sons LLC. Outstanding taxes and interest on these two properties total \$288,868.38. The potential assignee has offered to pay 100% of the amount owed.
- Atty. Mike Mastrianni is here this evening to explain the offer and answer any questions regarding same.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the assignment of the tax liens.

Release of a Portion of Open Space on Camp & Bradley Streets

- Last summer JNS Development (now Trumbull Homes) donated a portion of land off Camp and Bradley Streets to the Town as part of their sub-division process. Trumbull Homes is requesting that a portion of this land be released to the Trumbull Home homeowner's association.
- This land is located on the south side of the New Britain Water Company easement. This transfer would allow the Association to landscape a steep slope and relieve the Town from maintaining this area. The land would remain as open space in private ownership prevented from future development.
- Because this land consists of a steep slope that will require attention and resources going forward by whoever owns the land, there are advantages to transferring ownership from the Town to the Association. There is an item under New Business that would refer this matter to the Planning & Zoning Commission under 8-24 of the CT General Statutes. The P&Z would then consider the transfer and make a recommendation back to the Town Council regarding same.

Winter Parking Restrictions

The Plainville Police restrictions for winter overnight parking is in effect until April 1st.

Town of Plainville Forms Complete Count Committee for 2020 Census

The Town of Plainville announces the formation of a Complete Count Committee to prepare for response to the 2020 Census.

Each year, the federal government distributes hundreds of billions of dollars to states and communities based on U.S. Census Bureau data. Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs including new roads, schools, and emergency services. Businesses use census data to help provide more local jobs and places to shop. Census data also determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress.

Plainville's Complete Count Committee is comprised of trusted voices who will bring awareness and assistance to the 2020 Census into the community. It includes members of the Town Council and Board of Education, representatives from the Senior Center, the Plainville Public Library, the Plainville Community Food Pantry, YMCA, and Plainville Early Learning Center.

For the first time in 2020, residents will be able to respond online, by phone, or by mail. In Plainville, the most

common obstacle to self-responding to the 2020 Census will be households which have no computing device and no internet access. To improve residents' ability to self-respond, the Complete Count Committee plans to establish temporary computer kiosks in key locations throughout town.

The Census is safe. It is against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release responses in a way that could identify any person or household. Answers cannot be shared with any other government agency. Census data is strictly confidential.

In preparation for the 2020 count, the U.S. Census Bureau is hiring for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. The pay rate for a Census taker is \$21 per hour plus reimbursement for work-related mileage and expenses. To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen. Candidates must complete an online job application. The application includes assessment questions about your education, work, and other experience.

(Click here to learn more about Census Jobs) www.2020Census.gov/jobs

The 2020 Census goal is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

PLAINVILLE VETERANS

MEMORIAL WALL

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

- SGT Robert C. Doolittle – U.S. Air Force
- SGT Walter P. Zarzycki – U.S. Air Force
- SP3 James E. Lathrop, Sr. – U.S. Army

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



TRANSFER STATION CLOSING FOR SEASON

The Town of Plainville's Transfer Station located on Granger Lane is closed for the winter season. Questions can be referred to Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 x208.

Christmas Tree Program

*Dominick Moschini,
Superintendent of Roadways*

The Roadways department had a town wide collection of trees. Trees that were not brought to the Transfer Station. Residents are asked to have trees brought to curbside, free from ice and snow and off the roadway and sidewalk area.

Christmas trees missed during the collection date can call the Public Work's office at 860-793-0221 ext. 208 and have their name put on a list for a later pick-up date.



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11th Annual Tri-Town

(Plainville, Farmington & New Britain)

Lincoln's 221ST Year Birthday Dinner

The Dinner this year is hosted by the Plainville Republican Town Committee. The dinner will be held at the VFW Hall, Northwest Drive on Friday, February 28th. Snow date if necessary will be held on Friday March 6th, Social hour at 6 pm Dinner at 7 pm. B.Y.O.B. plus a Cash Bar will be available.

"All Town Voters are Welcome!"

For Tickets: Call Deb Hardy 860-747-5995, Dinner Chairman: Deb Tompkins 860-995-6481 or any Town Committee member.

Invited guest speakers are: Senator Henri Martin, State Representative William Petit, Jr., New Britain Mayor Erin Stewart, Bob Stefanowski, Businessman and Republican Candidate for Governor in 2018 and Sue Hatfield, Vice Chair of CT Republicans.

More information on Page 24

AAA

Speaks Out:

Electric Vehicle Ownership Cures Most Consumer Concerns

New research from AAA finds that that the experience of owning an electric vehicle eases one of the biggest fears associated with these cars – range anxiety.

According to AAA's survey, prior to owning an electric vehicle, a majority of owners (91%) said that they had at least one concern – things like insufficient range, implications for long-distance travel and finding a place to charge. Post purchase, many of these worries disappeared.

The same survey found that over five years and 75,000 miles of driving, the annual cost of owning a new compact electric vehicle is only slightly more expensive – about \$600 annually – than its gas-powered counterpart.

Previous AAA research has found that the top two reasons why Americans shy away from electric vehicles are not enough places to charge and the

fear that they will run out of charge while driving. But, almost all owners surveyed (95%) report never having run out of a charge while driving and on average, they do three fourths (75%) of their charging at home. Likely as a result, those who were originally concerned about insufficient range said they became less or no longer concerned post-purchase.

"Although 40 million Americans have shown interest in buying electric for their next car, actual adoption is happening at a much slower rate," says Amy Parmenter, spokesperson for AAA in Greater Hartford. "AAA wanted to understand what kind of impact the experience of owning an electric vehicle has on pre-ownership perceptions and expectations".

AAA believes that if consumers have a better understanding of the real cost and experience of owning an electric vehicle, then the gap between expressed interest and adoption will begin to close.

Of the first-time electric vehicle owners surveyed, almost all (96%) say they would buy or lease another EV the next time they were in the market for a new car.

Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New Member KGS Associates LLC Owner Kathryn Shea

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Grant Applications

Main Street Community Foundation is now accepting grant applications from area nonprofit organizations. Visit our Online Grants Center to search the Foundation's various grantmaking programs and apply online.

The following grant cycles are open; the deadlines and basic eligibility criteria are noted as follows:

General Grant Cycle: March 27 deadline; available to nonprofit organizations serving Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

Plainville Community Fund: March 13 deadline; available to nonprofit organizations serving Plainville residents.

Organizations interested in applying to any of the above are asked to contact Kate Kerchaert, Director of Grants and Programs, at 860.583.6363 prior to submitting a proposal.

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7 Black Birch Rd: Linda and Patrick Sisti of Plainville to Malwina and Krzysztof Jodlowski, \$230,000 on 12/23/2019

39 Farmington Ave: Kelly L. Zang of Plainville to Demar D. Fountain, \$131,000 on 12/20/2019

19 Jude Rd: Alan B. Simons and Nationstar Mortgage LLC of Plainville to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, \$195,000 on 12/26/2019

89 Park St: William H. Rich of Plainville to Nicole Jurkiewicz, \$30,000 on 12/23/2019

38 Woodside Ln: Timothy J. Brown and US Bank NA of Plainville to US Bank NA Tr, \$121,091 on 12/24/2019.

19 Ashford Rd: Dennis and Douglas Doughty of Plainville to Robert Voisine, \$127,500 on 12/30/2019

11 Hale Ct: Robert R. and Judith L. Lucier of Plainville to Clement and Alice Brousseau, \$160,000 on 12/31/2019

27 Meriline Ave: Christina B. Adajian of Plainville to Joshua Levesque, \$159,000 on 12/31/2019

Northwest Dr Unit 7: Robert J. Pisko of Plainville to Nohemi Torres, \$127,000 on 12/27/2019

184 Rockwell Ave: Luke M. Tuleja of Plainville to Hayley King and Ari F. Burger, \$209,000 on 1/2/2020

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June 15th-17th Bar Harbor Maine and Perkins Cove ans Acadia National Park Oceanside hotel, Seal watching cruise, lobster bake, visit Cadillac Mountain \$629 pp.

Want the secret to mobility as you age? Ask Tom Brady – it's all about Pliability!

He may be out of the playoffs this season, but Tom Brady has defied the odds, and his age, to become the most venerated quarterback in NFL history. Last year, at age 41, Brady won his sixth Super Bowl title in nine appearances, becoming the oldest quarterback to ever win a championship, and making many of us sitting at home think, "what is this guy's secret?"

While NFL players are known for size and strength, Brady swears by a fitness regimen that focuses on "pliability" – a term he and his fitness guru coined – to keep moving. Pliability is a combination of muscle strength, endurance and, most importantly flexibility. As physical therapists, we could not agree more with Brady's philosophy that muscular flexibility is key to mobility as we age. We often work with patients to educate them on the importance of muscular flexibility and offer exercises and stretches they can take with them following treatment in order to maintain a comfortable level of movement.

What is Muscular Flexibility?

Muscular flexibility is defined as the ability to move a certain joint of the body through its entire range of motion without limitation. Flexibility is important in all aspects of daily life, from seasonal tasks like cleaning out your gutters or dragging your Christmas tree to the curb, to more daunting tasks like, say, escaping a collapsing pocket to throw a 40-yard bomb for a touchdown...

Retaining flexibility in all of the muscle groups throughout our bodies allows us to perform tasks without limitation due to tightness or stiffness, and decreases the likelihood of incurring a musculoskeletal injury such as a muscle strain.

So, why is muscular flexibility so important to movement as we age, and more importantly, how do we maintain it without Tom Brady's resources?

The How and the Why

Recent studies have concluded that the improvements made in range of motion due to stretching are believed to be from an improved "stretch tolerance." This essentially means that, the more we stretch and expose our bodies to the stretching sensation, the more our body adapts to the feeling and allows for additional range of motion. In other words, our bodies and brains can learn that stretching into a wider range of motion is okay – and even normal. With an improved stretch tolerance, we can move further through our full range of motion at a joint with decreased feelings of tightness and pain, which in turn allows us to do more and feel better while doing it.

Maintaining muscular flexibility throughout our lifetime is vital because it allows us to remain active and hopefully pain free. As humans age, we see an average of a 10% decrease in muscular flexibility for every decade of our life. If we were to do nothing to combat that decrease in flexibility, we would find a decreased

tolerance and a decreased ability to perform our daily tasks, and we may find that things that used to be easy are now hard or even painful.

On average, NFL quarterbacks play for about 12 years; Brady has been playing for 20, and he's looking

towards another season in 2020. In various interviews, he's explained that pliability is his attempt to keep his muscles "soft, long and ready to move." By doing that, Brady is able to continually push his body to be better, faster and stronger than in years before, because his body is ready and able to accept those demands.

Muscular Flexibility and Exercise

So, now the \$1 million question: how do we keep our bodies flexible as we age, and how do we ensure that we are capitalizing on the maintained flexibility? While most of us aren't planning on playing a professional football game anytime soon, it's clear that the easiest way to maintain the flexibility to remain active in our daily life is through regular and diverse stretching.

Stretching varies by style and by the task we're hoping to accomplish. Below is a brief overview of the three main styles of stretching.

Types of Stretching

- **Static:** moving a part of your body to the end of its available range of motion and holding that position for a certain amount of time; typically used to improve range of motion.

- **Dynamic:** controlled and active movement of part of your body through its available range without a hold; occurs at either an increasing speed or increasing movement of body part; typically used as a warm up prior to exercise or athletic activity.

- **Proprioceptive Neuromuscular Facilitation (PNF):** passive stretch combined with an active contraction of the targeted muscle; typically used to improve range of motion.

Stretching as part of a healthy lifestyle

Being able to actively engage in physical activity throughout our lifetime is important for overall health and wellbeing, as regular exercise decreases the risk for a variety of health-related diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol. It also preserves muscle mass and bone density, which helps in fall prevention and decreases the likelihood of osteoporosis.

By employing the above stretching techniques on a regular basis, we are preparing our bodies for movement and exercise. Whether that means getting out for a walk, maintaining a strength training regimen, picking up our grandkids or playing in a Super Bowl, pliability and muscular flexibility is the key to strength and endurance as we age, which can lead to a healthy, active and pain-free life.

As Tom Brady says, "It's not one thing, it's everything."



FROM MY BALCONY
By Jeannette Hinkson

As I watched the Democratic debates I wondered how in heck the Democrats expect to beat Donald Trump with the people on that stage. These people continue to bring out each other's shortcomings and admit how long it's been that they had any luck beating a Republican.

Bernie admits he was able to beat a Republican some thirty years ago and in the meantime what has he done?

Warren has some great ideas but at what cost to the people.

Mayor Pete can't seem to run a city let alone a country. Some other guys only priority is climate change and where does that leave us with dealing with the economy, working with world leader, stopping other countries from attaching us or our allies, funding the military or solving the millions of other problems the people face on a daily basis?

On the other hand, Biden can't seem to get his numbers straight and wants to keep returning to Obamacare, still saying it is a great plan even though you would be fined if you couldn't buy health insurance. He seems to side with the rest of the crew that wants free health care for all as well as free education but seems to go whichever way the wind blows or what he feels the people want to hear. Free education, just think of that. Every school board in the U.S. is having a hard enough time funding education in grad K – 12 and these people want to send every kid away to college for free. Just think of four more years of "PARTY TIME" at the expense of the taxpayers. Yes, there are children that

want to learn but perhaps if those that really want to learn, and got top grade were rewarded in some way they could be compensated on graduation, conditional on their grades. That might work but aren't we all tired of the free ride system. Most of those on stage can't fill a classroom of supporters. I had also watched the Trump rally where there were thousand in attendance with standing room only plus with thousands outside watching on TV screens. In the past three years Trump has juggled everything around the world including our economy and with no help from Congress. Can you possibly imagine if the congress had been working with Trump and not against him from the day he took the oath of office? How much could have been done and the millions of taxpayer dollars saved. While all these investigations are going on who has been doing the work the congress is getting paid to do?

Oh, I hope the investigation into the Clinton's and the Biden's will move forward, how you can say Trump pressured the Ukraine government for answers of corruption when Joe Biden sits before cameras and brags how he told the Ukraine's they weren't getting aid unless they followed his instruction and no one in congress or the senate impeached him. I would like to see him before the Senate to explain that one, along with his son. I would like to know why and for what China paid his son over a billion dollars and his son says he is broke in his paternity hearings. *A lot of unanswered questions but it all boils down to just one thing, who can do the best job?*



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Young At Heart Events.....At the Senior Center

What's Your 2020 Vision?

At the start of each year, we get a chance to take stock and set goals for ourselves to improve our lives in some small way going forward. Whether your goals are to get out more, to start and continue a fitness plan, to learn something new, help others, meet and enjoy new friends, find ongoing support or to just have more fun, the Plainville Senior Center can help you on your journey in 2020. If you haven't visited the Senior Center yet, take that first step and stop in! If you're a regular visitor, sign up for something new and different this year, or drop in on a weekly table game just for fun. If you have ideas to help us improve in 2020, please let Shawn or Ronda know. As always, we resolve to provide the highest level of service to our Senior Center members!

*Join us in making
2020*

a happy and healthy year.

NEW! BALANCE SCREENINGS OFFERED MONTHLY

As people grow older, they may realize they are sometimes unsteady on their feet. To assess your abilities, Laurel Whalen, a registered physical therapist with Jerome Home Outpatient Rehabilitation will offer free balance screenings on the third Tuesday of every month, at the Senior Center. The screenings, sponsored by Jerome Home, will run from 10 a.m. to noon. Please sign up for an appointment at the Senior Center by calling 860-747-5728.

NZINGA'S DAUGHTERS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2:00 P.M.
Nzinga's Daughters is an ensemble of women who share their gift of song and prose from the east coast of the US to the west coast of Africa. The Daughters perform for schools, colleges, festivals and major cultural venues across New England and West Africa. Their program includes a variety of African, Caribbean and African-American music, drumming, storytelling and poetry. *Come be entertained, informed and inspired!*

Income Tax Preparation - Sign up for February Appointment

The Plainville Senior Center is pleased to announce that it will once again host AARP Tax-Aide, a free program that provides income tax preparation assistance by certified volunteer tax counselors for low to moderate income taxpayers of all ages with special attention for persons aged 60 and older. The dates for 2020 (tax returns for calendar year 2019) are every Tuesday beginning February 4 and ending Tuesday April 14th.

Volunteer Opportunities!

□ **Bingo Callers:** We are in need of persons willing to call the Bingo numbers at our weekly games each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m! No need to volunteer every Wednesday; with your schedule.

□ **Café:** We are still looking for volunteers who like to be around people and work with food, to be a part of our Café team! Prep workers, servers, cashiers and dishwashers are needed. Training is provided and you can help as often or as seldom as your schedule allows. Hours vary, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If interested, call Ronda or Evelyn at 860-747-5728.

ALL ABOUT ARTHRITIS THURSDAY, FEB. 20th, 1:00 P.M.

Learn how dietary factors, free radicals and trauma can cause arthritis, how arthritis is diagnosed, and what you can do to prevent it. Presented by Maquita Sellers, exercise physiologist, GoodLife Fitness. Call the Plainville Senior Center to register, or sign-up online at www.schedulesplus.com/plainville. Sign-up has begun.

Afternoon Wii Bowling Looking for Players!

Enjoy the thrill of strikes and the challenge of spares and splits — all in the comfort of the Senior Center! Wii Bowling is a fun activity that allows you to play or practice your game using a simulated bowling screen. Compete against others and have fun! Drop in every Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Computer Lab. Afternoon Wii Bowling Looking for Players!

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- 59. ANWAR ___ EGYPTIAN STATESMAN
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- 9. NYC SUBWAY "RESIDENTS"
- 10. ESSENTIAL OIL USED AS PERFUME
- 11. A WAY TO TREAT INJURIES (ABBR.)
- 12. SESSION
- 13. UNITS OF LAND AREAS
- 15. GOES OVER ONCE MORE
- 18. WHERE WRESTLERS WORK
- 21. ITALIAN ISLANDERS
- 24. AVENUE
- 26. ___ ADAMS, U.S. PRESIDENT
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Hartford HealthCare Senior Services

Is offering free blood pressure screenings on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East St., courtesy of Mulberry Gardens of Southington. The blood pressure screenings are offered on the second Wednesday every month at the Plainville Senior Center. Just stop by. Visit www.mulberrygardens.org.

Exercise physiologist presents 'All about Arthritis'

PLAINVILLE – Arthritis has multiple causes including dietary factors, free radicals and trauma. An exercise physiologist will present the free program, "All about Arthritis," on Thursday, Feb. 20, 1 p.m., at Plainville Senior Center, 200 East St.

Maquita Sellers, of GoodLife Fitness at Jerome Home, will present information about triggers, diagnosis and prevention. GoodLife Fitness is sponsoring.

Seating is limited and registration is required. To RSVP, call Plainville Senior Center, at 860.747.5728.

GoodLife Fitness, a program of Hartford HealthCare, is geared toward the older adult to build energy, strength and endurance for an active lifestyle. An exercise physiologist works one-to-one with each person to improve muscular strength, balance, cardiovascular health and self-esteem, while reducing the risk of falls and injuries. For more information and about the eight locations, visit <https://hhcseniorservices.org/health-wellness/goodlife-fitness>

“Ask Sheila”

Q-1 I signed up for a Medicare Advantage Plan during the Oct 15- Dec 7 Annual Enrollment. I have received my plan documents and I am not happy with the Plan. Can I change this Plan, or do I have to keep it for an entire year ?

A-1 From Jan 1st thru March 31; those already enrolled in a Medicare Advantage can make a one time Plan change to a different Advantage Plan or go back to Original Medicare. If you have a Medicare Supplement Plan, you cannot enroll in an Advantage Plan at this time; you will have to wait until next year.

Q-2 I have Medicare and a Medicare Supplement Plan. Many of my friends with Advantage Plans have Silver Sneakers included with their Plans. Can I get this Fitness Benefit without joining an Advantage Plan?

A-2 Yes ! If you are enrolled in an Anthem Supplement Plan, Silver sneakers is Included at no additional cost. UnitedHealthCare Supplement Plans include Renew Active Fitness at no additional cost. Review your benefit information, or call your Supplement carrier for additional information.

Q-3 If my wife and I both enroll in a Supplement Plan from the same Company, do we get a discount on our premiums ?

A-3 Some Insurance Carriers that offer Supplement Policies do offer a discount when more than one household member enrolls in a Medicare supplement Plan. Make sure to ask your carrier if they offer a multi-person discount, some do not give the discount unless you ask. Some Carriers offer a Discount if you pay your monthly Premium by Automatic Bank Draft or EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) Again, ask your Medicare Supplement Carrier about these Discounts

If you have any specific questions, please feel free to give me a call at 860-965-0091

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Deidra Marie James Graduates SCSU

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Deidra received a bachelor's degree in Public Health.

While at SCSU, Deidra was a member of Eta Sigma Gamma.

She plans on finding employment in Public Health and then pursuing her master degree.

Complete Guard Card License Training with Certification in One Day

Plainville Adult and Continuing Education along with Louis Bonito, Owner of LJB Security Training and Consulting, will offer multiple Connecticut Security Officer License Training with Certification opportunities, beginning in February. Upon successful completion, participants will be issued a training certificate, required to accompany the licensure application, to the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Safety.

This comprehensive course will cover information about the security industry, how to be a Security Officer, CT Laws, and job exploration.

In addition, trainees can expect to learn about: the use of force continuum, fire safety, and the history of security, work place violence, terrorism, communication skills, and more.

The Connecticut Security Officer's Training Certification Course for the CT "Guard Card," is governed by the CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of State Police Special Licenses & Firearms Unit.

The single session full day training program will be repeated on multiple dates, from 10am-5pm at the Plainville Public Library:

- Session 1- February 21
- Session 2- March 20
- Session 3- April 24
- Session 4- May 22

In addition, a 2-part evening option will be available at Plainville High School from 6pm-10pm on March 24 and 26.

Tuition is \$125 per person. To register, please call the Plainville Adult and Continuing Education Department at (860) 793-3209 --Follow us on Twitter @PlainvilleAE

The Stealing of Signs: A Brief Baseball History

By: Francis Rexford Cooley

Baseball is in the news this off-season as the sports press covers the latest sports scandal with the reason of a hungry pack of wolves feasting on an elk. To read the sports pages or internet the Houston Astros committed the worst offense in the annals of professional baseball with their sign stealing subterfuge during the 2017 season. The scandal has cost the Astros' general manager, Jeff Luhnow, and manager, A.J. Hinch, their jobs and one year suspensions from Major League Baseball as well as former Astros' bench coach Alex Cora and Astros' player, Carlos Beltran, their managerial positions with the Red Sox and Mets respectively. To read social media outlets along with internet discussion boards the punishments handed out by MLB to those involved are not tough enough. In the froth and fury of the twitter-verse little discussion of the history of sign stealing in baseball has occurred. The Astros are not the first team to use technology to their advantage.

Ty Cobb made a sharp distinction between acceptable sign stealing or "gamesmanship" versus unacceptable sign stealing. To Cobb, writing in 1926, the stealing of signs by players on the field was part of the game but the use of outsiders and technology off the field to aid in sign stealing was a violation most foul. The stealing of signs using non-players off the field of play goes back at least to 1876 when the Hartford Dark Blues

of the National League implemented a system of relaying whether an opposing pitcher would throw a curve ball to a Dark Blue batter by hiding an observer in a shack with a clear line of sight of the pitcher's hands as he prepared to pitch and then the observer would make the batter aware if the pitch was a curve by a pre-ordained noise.

Though the Dark Blues used a rather primitive method of relaying the stolen signs by 1897 the Philadelphia Phillies incorporated the use of the telegraph in their sign stealing scheme. The Phillies placed their back-up catcher Morgan Murphy beyond centerfield with a binocular and telegraph to relay what pitches were coming back to the dugout. In 1900 the Phillies instituted a crude electronic coding system to steal and relay signs. In neither case did the sign stealing system lead the Phillies to championships, they finished tenth in the NL in 1897 with a 55-77 record and third in 1900 with a 75-63 record (the Dark Blues finished third in 1876 with a 47-21 record).

In contrast to the Phillies and Dark Blues lack of success, it was argued that the New York Giants owed their 1951 NL pennant to sign stealing. The Giants were adept at sign stealing and used it during their playoff for the pennant against their local NL rivals the Brooklyn Dodgers. Some said it was the edge that allowed Bobby Thomson to hit the "Shot Heard 'Round the World" winning the three-game playoff, an accusation denied by Thomson. The Giants used a buzzer wire to relay the stolen sign from their observer in the centerfield seats. The Cleveland Indians also used a buzzer system to relay stolen signs during the 1959 and

1960 seasons.

Teams have complained about sign stealing publically throughout the years. The Milwaukee Braves went so far as to protest a loss to the Chicago Cubs in Wrigley Field in September 1961 to the National League. At the winter meetings that year the NL banned the use of mechanical devices to steal signs, a decision not adopted by the AL at the time. Kansas City Royals manager Whitey Herzog publically accused the Oakland A's of using binoculars in their bullpen to steal signs during the 1976 season, a season the Royals ended the A's run of five straight AL West titles. Though the A's 1976 sign stealing shenanigans were rather low tech for the time compared to what the Astros have been accused of in 2017 the stealing of signs has a long and rich history in MLB. MLB itself did not rule on sign stealing though it did send a memorandum out in 2001 limiting the use of electronics and banning them from being used to communicate during games though not enforced until recently. Teams have used whatever technologies have existed to relay signs to their hitters throughout baseball's history. What the Astros did was not new, just the technology they used. Whether using modern digital cameras and video feeds and the banging on trashcans as in the Astros' case or telegraphs and crude electronic codes as the Phillies used at the turn of the 19th Century to the 20th Century teams have skirted the bounds of "gamesmanship" to unacceptable sign stealing throughout the history of the national pastime. It is, and has been, a part of the game.

30th Annual Mardi Gras Party

The New England Carousel Museum will be in full New Orleans-style celebration mode during our 30th annual Mardi Gras party on Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 7:30 PM - midnight. Come join us for an evening of fun and frolicking with great music, good food, bourbon, and beads.

The Big Easy evening features music and dancing by Nate Evans of Hartford Ballroom along with a 50/50 raffle and live entertainment that will include facepainters, temporary tattoos, bourbon and wine tastings in the Speakeasy, beads and doubloons, and a catered dinner! This is a BYOB event. Attendees are encouraged to wear an optional mask or come in full costume. Masks are available to purchase in the museum gift shop. The evening's festivities will culminate in the crowning of a king and queen of the ball.

Interested in more information or donating to our Silent Auction? Please call Cassandra Lavoie @ 860-585-5411 x 103 or c.lavoie@thecarouselmuseum.org

THE TEA PARTY PATRIOTS MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN

BY GENE

Who would be first? Who would be the first on the Global scene, China, Russia, Cuba, Mexico, who?

We have a fighter in the White House who apologies for no one and he would keep AMERICA FIRST.

**THEY CALL THEMSELVES
"ANTIFASCISTS"
(ANTIFA FORSHORT).**

They are most notable for wearing masks and dressing all in black (known as Black Bloc) when they engage in violent criminal activity. They claim to be fighting against fascism, racism, sexism, and capitalism. They claim to be fighting against hate-as they scream hateful profanities and beat their targeted opponents. They have attached themselves to the Progressive Groups and to liberal-left activist groups, none of which seem inclined to disassociate themselves from the violent anarchist/communist terrorists masquerading as defenders of the downtrodden. Though it is a violent group that supports the outright communism mob. The likes of the Black Panthers, Black Lives Matter, Muslin Brotherhood and of the Union cronies. All part of an anti-Trump, George Soros and his Alliance Billionaire pals.

The anti-America rhetoric and tone of today's Democrat Party was set by ex-President B.H.O. He was constantly apologetic about America while on overseas trips. He famously described the U.S. constitution as having "deep flaws" and added that

America's Founding Fathers had "an enormous blind spot" when they wrote the Constitution. B.H.O. said our constitution "reflected the fundamental flaw of this country that continues to this day."

So we actually had a President who openly attacked the U.S. even though he took an oath as President to follow and protect the Constitution.

In fact, B.H.O. told us he was out to "fundamentally transform" America. How can you love your country if your goal is to "fundamentally transform" it?

Socialism does not have a good track record.

Hopefully, America will have a good discussion about true socialism, what it is, and how well it has worked elsewhere before the November election.

Cato's appeal to his fellow Romans. Quote: "In heaven's name, men wake up while there is still time and lend a hand to defend the REPUBLIC. It is ...Our Liberty and Lives that are at stake."

Project Graduation

Clothing Drive last Sat of Month
Feb 29th

Time 10am-12pm @ YMCA
Dodgeball Tournament @ PHS
Feb 13, 2020 6pm

Teams will be made up of 6pp
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Plainville's High School Band Shines at Disney World



Long before you saw them, the drums of the Plainville High School Band brought the Main Street of Disney World alive as they broke into a medley of Christmas songs to the delight of the people that lined the area at the beginning of the Christmas parade at The Magic Kingdom.

If you have never attended one of these events you have missed the opportunity to stand proud as the youth of our town strutted their stuff for the thousands that lined the streets of Disney World.

Not only should the People of Plainville and the parents of these children be proud but the entire Plainville School system can be proud of each and every student in the band.

A special salute must be given to Mr. Dominic Talotta who made the appearance of the band at Disney World possible. Each year Mr. Talotta takes the youth of Plainville and forms them into a group of musicians who not only must play their chosen instrument but must march to the beat of the drummers in cadence, a display we can all be proud of.

We have seen the band in our Memorial Day Parade but at Disney World they performed loud and proud wearing their Plainville High School colors and the white plumes on their hats blowing in the warm Florida breeze it made those of us from Plainville that attended that event extra proud to hear persons from other countries remark what a professional looking and sounding group of young people they were.

We don't want to forget the chaperones who accompanied the PHS band to Disney and made sure all were safe, kept track of everyone's belongings and got everyone home safe and sound with memories they will never forget!

By: Jeanette Hinkson





Schools in Review

Inspiring Athlete Visits Wheeler School



Inspirational Athlete Chris Waddell, founder of the One Revolution Foundation, recently visited Plainville Community Schools to share his heroic life story with students. He was a guest speaker at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School, Linden Street School, Louis Toffolon Elementary School, and the Middle School of Plainville, where he shared his story and focus on the belief that “It’s not what happens to you. It’s what you do with what happens to you.” Waddell was the first “nearly unassisted” paraplegic to summit 19,340-foot Mt. Kilimanjaro in a hand cycle. A 13-Time Paralympic medalist, he is also a Hall of Famer for US Ski and Snowboard Association and the Paralympics. He began to ski race at age six and was competing for Middlebury College when his ski popped off in the middle of a turn. The resulting fall left him paralyzed from the waist down, but he started to monoski less than a year later and soon became the fastest in the world. The Dalai Lama honored him as an “Unsung Hero of Compassion,” Skiing Magazine put him on their list of 25 Greatest Skiers in North America and People Magazine named him one of “The 50 Most Beautiful People.” Last month, Chris was inducted into the US Olympic and Paralympic Hall of Fame.

PHS Celebrates “Breakfast of Champions”



The Plainville High School Physical Education Department hosted the "Breakfast of Champions" on December 20th for PHS students who passed all four sections of the Connecticut Fitness Exam. The breakfast was sponsored by Marc Koss of the Great American Donut, Inc. (Dunkin Donuts).

Linden School Students Work at STEM Project



Second graders at Linden Street School recently completed a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) project working in groups!

PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HONORED WITH “STUDENTS ROCK AWARD”



Plainville High School students Kaylie Hall and Luis Arango have been named recipients of the first semester “Students Rock Award” recognizing their outstanding contributions to Plainville High School.

In seeking a way to honor students who “do the right thing every day,” the Plainville High School Mentoring Committee, comprised of high school faculty members and led by fellow faculty member Maria Colangelo, created the Students Rock Award during the 2009-10 school year. According to the nomination guidelines created by the committee, students to be considered for the award must assume responsibility for their behavior, contribute to the school and community, and appreciate the benefits of a physically, emotionally and socially healthy lifestyle. Plainville High School faculty and staff members nominate students and vote to determine those selected for the award. “Kaylie and Luis are so deserving of this award which recognizes students who ‘do the right thing’ every day. As seniors, they leave PHS a better place because of their mere presence. We can’t wait to see where life takes them; they are sure to make a positive difference in the world,” said Colangelo.

Wheeler School Receives Special Flag



At the Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School Holiday Sing A Long event on December 20th, Wheeler School renovation project Superintendent Matt Olshefski from O & G Industries , together with Project Manager Mark Sedensky and Project Engineer Robert Vazquez, surprised Wheeler School Principal Andrew Batchelder with a United States flag that was flown over the United States Capitol building on September 3, 2019 (the first day of school this year.). The flag was secured by Middle School of Plainville faculty member Kim Coyne, who arranged through Congresswoman Jahana Hayes for the flag to be flown over the Capitol. The flag and a certificate were presented to Principal Batchelder in appreciation for all that has been done in the collaborative project for the newly renovated Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School.

Gingerbread Houses Made By TOFFOLON STUDENTS



Superintendent of Schools Steven LePage visited Lea Maglio's third grade classroom at Louis Toffolon Elementary School and Erica Kriscenski's Kindergarten classroom at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School to assist with

gingerbread house making!

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag...



Schools in Review

PHS Hosts "Go Baby Go" Event



Plainville High School once again hosted the "Go Baby Go" event December 6th & 7th, during which toy ride-on cars for children with special needs were modified, refurbished, and presented to local families. The Go Baby Go program was originally founded by the University of Delaware, and has been held at Central Connecticut State University. The two day workshop hosted at Plainville High School included Central Connecticut State University students, working together with Plainville High School and Middle School of Plainville students, under the direction of the Technology Education faculty members from all three schools and Rosie Flammang a physical therapist from the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, to adapt the toy cars for local special needs children. The children were fitted for the cars during the second day of the workshop in the STEM Lab at Plainville High School. Five children received modified cars this year. The Go Baby Go event cars were donated through Central Connecticut State University's partnership with Fisher-Price.

Linden School Sponsors Toy Drive

Linden Street School's fifth grade Community Outreach Group sponsored a toy drive from November 20th - December 13th. Students collected toys to benefit the United Way of West Central Connecticut community.



MSP Students Make Ceramic Snowmen Ornaments



The Art Club members at the Middle School of Plainville recently created a gift basket full of handmade ceramic snowman ornaments. These adorable and festive creations were delivered to the Plainville Senior Center, as gifts for seniors in our community. Art teachers Laura Meehan and Lori Vigue run the MSP Art Club. Throughout the year, the Art Club's main focus is creating community service based art projects that benefit the Plainville schools and the local community.

Everyday Heroes Honored by BOE



District paraprofessional Sherry Daddabbo and Middle / High School Band Director Dominic Talotta were recognized as the district's Everyday Heroes for the month of January. Plainville Board of Education Chair Becky Tyrrell, Kristin Ficaro, Nico Ficaro, Kerry Barger, Sherry Daddabbo and Superintendent of Schools, Steven LePage.



Dominic Talotta, middle and high school student band members, and Superintendent of Schools, Steven LePage.

Toffolon Students Host Hot Cocoa Booth at Holiday Fest



The Louis Toffolon Elementary School's fifth grade student government recently hosted a Hot Cocoa Booth and PTO bake sale at the Toffolon Holiday Fest. Students set up and manned the booth throughout the event. Attendees were able to donate two canned goods for the Plainville Community Food Pantry in exchange for a cup of hot cocoa. The students had a splendid time spreading holiday cheer!

MSP Art Club and the Parent Teacher Club (PTC) Sponsors



Paint Night Fun at Middle School

Students, families and faculty at the Middle School of Plainville came together November 13th for a night of fun and creativity at MSP's first paint night. Middle School Art teacher, Laura Meehan created a live step-by-step painting demonstration for the group of 77 painters, who followed along. The event was sponsored by the MSP Art Club and the Parent Teacher Club (PTC).



Meet Plainville Youth Soccer Board Members



Back row left to right:
Tina Chu, Mike Garand, ZJulie Giano, Marie Clark, Kurt Stephens

Front row left to right:
Jamie Hall, Jen Cooke, Lisa Rinaldini, Paula Cole, Rachel Valentine, Chris Clark

Missing from photo:
Skip Charest, Pete Tomczyk, Matt Patenaude, Jamie Valentine, Don Miller, Chris Ditolla, Brett Cole, Andy Lyman

See page 30 for more Spring 2020 Soccer News

AARP Guest Speaker Visits Plainville



Program Chairperson of Chapter #4146 Olga Callendar introduced Lorraine Stec who presented a slide show about her travels to Poland. Full story on page 17.

Plainville AARP Supports Grandparent Caregivers



Pictured left to right: Marilyn Shorette, Vice President AARP, Donna Albrecht, Sue DesRochers, Stephanie Soucy, Lois Schmidt, Shawn Cohen

The Plainville Chapter of AARP presented a donation to the Grandparents/Relatives Raising Grandchildren program. The money will be used to support the families who are part of the program. The program is run by the Plainville Senior Center. If you are a grandparent/relative raising grandchildren and are interested in learning more about these support groups, please contact the Plainville Senior Center, 860-747-5728.

The Plainville AARP Chapter supports many local organizations including the Food Pantry, Fuel Bank, Homeless Vets, Plainville Historical Society, Dial-A-Ride, Plainville Senior Center, PARC and the Concerts at Norton Park.

If you would like to join the Plainville AARP Chapter and help support various community organizations that focus on our senior citizen needs, please contact Carol Sokolowski, membership chairperson at 860-224-1239.

Mike Widger Gets a Dump Truck Cake in Honor of His Retirement



Mike Widger retired in December from the Town of Plainville Roadways Department. His partner of many years, Dom Mochini, catered a luncheon in his honor with family, friends and co-workers attending. The cake replicated a truck snow plowing - a delicious reminder of Mike's many years of keeping our roads clear. Thanks Mike for all your years of service.

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LOVE

Valentine's Day & Every Day

By: Sally Miller



Love is a warm wonderful feeling. There are also different kinds of love. This year, I enjoyed the love of my family and friends during the Christmas holiday more than I ever had. It was a more personal Christmas than going to the mall and buying something for someone that that person probably didn't need. This year we gave the gift of time and we made personal and homemade gifts to each other.

My family got together this year on Christmas eve day instead of Christmas day. Usually we are all running around to in-laws and families during Christmas day. We spend a couple of hours at each home. This allows for little time with each family. I found having this time the day before gave us all more time to sit and talk to each other. We talked about our ancestors who were no longer with us but had such an impact on how we celebrate our holidays and that makes them become part of each of our celebrations. We talked about what we love about each other as well. It was a gathering of immediate family and my significant other and it was wonderful.

Instead of giving me a bunch of little gifts they thought I would like, my grandchildren asked me what I wanted. My daughter came in with a painting that she had done for me. She had never painted before and the picture was of a red cardinal in a field of white birch trees. I started crying. I explained to my family that birch trees were my moms' favorite tree. She would take us for rides and recite Robert Frost's poem "Birches". She would also take us for rides to forests with birches. My grandchildren did not know the poem. Since we had plenty of time, I read it to them. It was a wonderful moment.

My daughter said that when she was a little girl my mom used to recite that poem to her, among other poems, when she visited and until this moment, she had forgotten all about it. As I read the poem it felt as if Mom were with us. It was a Christmas of Love and memories that will last me way past Valentine's day.

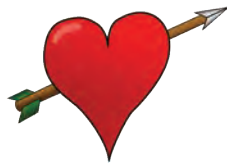
My granddaughters and I have breakfast during Christmas week. They both live out of state. Someone asked me if there a special reason that we do this. I said, yes, we just love each other and they are young women now and I don't know them as I did when they were young children and it is an opportunity for them to tell me who they are as young women, tell me about their dreams and talk about their jobs. The girls started this ritual about 4 years ago.

We met at the Cracker Barrel in East Windsor. When we met, we laughed, giggled, and hugged and told each other how much we all were loved. We talked about what was going on in our lives. The waitress came and we ordered. I ordered, 2 eggs over medium toward the hard side, Nicky ordered eggs over medium toward the hard side and Sara ordered 2 eggs over medium toward the hard size. We all looked at each other with love and the understanding that we are so much alike and laughed as we held each other's hands and continued to giggle. I thought, "I know one more thing about these beautiful young women who will help change the world" and I smile and think of them every day, and now especially every time I have eggs.

As we parted, Nicky, my oldest granddaughter said, "Grammy, thanks for raising such a loving family".

As this Valentine's Day approaches, those words are my Valentine gift and my family is my life long gift. I realize that the gift of time and love was the most important gift we gave each other this year. Who knew that taking time with family, even changing traditions could bring such unexpected joy.....

Take time to show and to tell someone you love them every day, not just on Valentine's day.



Happy Valentine's Day!!

Winter 2020 Children & Teen Events at the Plainville Public Library

Art Time

Fridays, Feb. 7- Apr. 24, 10:30 AM: Toddler Art. Ages 2 & Up with Caregiver.

Join us to make some messy process art two Friday mornings every month.

2/7—Collage; 2/21—Fruit & Veggie Printmaking; 3/13—Salt Painting; 3/27—String Painting; 4/24—Spray Art (weather permitting)

Registration for each program begins the day of the previous program.

Great Children's programs all winter long

Drop-in any time between 10:30 AM - Close to decorate a mitten to be displayed all winter in the Youth Department. All supplies will be provided.

No registration required.

Thursday, Feb. 20, 6:00 PM: Family Dinner Theater. All Ages.

Check our website or Facebook page for information on Feb. dates and movie titles.

Bring a blanket and some dinner and come enjoy a movie in our auditorium! (Tables and chairs are provided.)

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6:30 PM: Imag Arena. Grades 2-5

Are you ready for the ultimate imagination experience?

In this extremely hands-on activity, participants engage in energetic building challenges featuring over a dozen building materials.

At the end of the workshop, their creations are posted online to share

with family and friends. Registration begins on 2/3/20.

Saturdays, Feb. 1, Feb. 22 & Mar. 21, 2:00 PM: Slime Saturdays Grades 2 & Up. (Teens welcome!)

Join us to make some slime! We will be making a different type of slime each time.

Make sure to wear something that can get dirty. Registration is required for each class.

Wednesday Feb. 26: Crazy 8's Math Club

5:00 - 6:00 PM Grades K-2; 6:30 - 7:30 PM Grades 3-5.

Kids will put their math skills to the test in fun games, puzzles, and other activities in this relaxed after school club! Registration began 12/16 and is for all 8 classes.

Monday, Feb. 3, 6:30 PM: Magic Mixture. Grades K-2.

We'll make some edible slime and an experiment with chewing gum. Registration began 1/20/20.

Friday, Feb. 14. Candy Making: 10:30 AM Grades K-2; 2:00 PM Grades 3-5.

Join us for a day of candy making! We will be experimenting with different molds and decorations. Registration began 1/27/20 for each session.

Book Clubs

Thursday, Feb. 20, 6:30 PM: Rainbow Magic Book Club. Grades K & Up.

We'll enjoy a book discussion, fairy games, and/or a craft. You can pick up a copy of each book during the previous month at the Youth Desk.

February 20 - Kylie the Carnival Fairy Register separately for each month's discussion.

Monday, Feb. 24, 6:30 PM: Booksterz Graphic Novel Book Club. Grades 3-6.

Read, discuss, and vote for your favorite graphic novels! Booksterz will meet for snacks and conversation one Monday per month. Our first discussion will be about *The Unsinkable Walker Bean* by Aaron Renier. Pick up your copy of the book at the Youth Desk. Registration is required for the month.

Monday, Feb. 10, Mar. 16 & Apr. 13, 6:30 PM: Lit Lit YA Graphic Novel Book Club Ages 12+.

Read, discuss, and vote for your favorite Young Adult Graphic Novels! Lit Lit will meet for snacks and conversation one Monday per month in the PPL Trustees Room.

Our first book will be *Scott Pilgrim's Precious Little Life* by Bryan Lee O'Malley.

Pick up your copy of the book at the Youth Desk. Registration opened 12/16/19.

Great Teen programs all winter long

Wednesday, Feb. 26 & Mar. 25, 1:30-3:30 PM: Drop-In Pizza Lounge Youth in Grades 6 & Up.

Stop by the library for a relaxed hang-out on these special early dismissal Wednesdays. We will have school supplies if you'd like to work on homework or board games and craft supplies if you don't. Most importantly, there will be pizza! First come first served, supplies are limited. No registration required.

Friday, Feb. 14, 4:00 PM: Candy Making. Youth in Grades 6 & Up.

Join us for candy making! We will be experimenting with different molds and decorations. Registration is open
*Alex Klaus, Head of Youth Services
Plainville Public Library*

Plainville Adult and Continuing Education

It's never too late to return to school!

Plainville Adult and Continuing Education will offer evening programming, free of cost, this spring in the following areas: Adult Basic Education (Math and Reading/Writing), Adult High School Credit Diploma Program, Citizenship Preparation, English as a Second Language, GED Preparation, and PARC Adult Basic Education. Most programs are offered mornings too, with cost-free child care provided by professionals from the Plainville Family Resource Network, at Linden Street School.

Plainville Adult and Continuing Education's Spring enrichment course offerings (see class list) are held evenings and moderately priced. Pre-registration is required for all classes. Returning this Spring, is the CT Security Officer License Training with Certification Course. Upon successful completion of this fast track program, students will be issued a training certificate, required to accompany their licensure application to the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Safety.

The Program Guide will be mailed to all Plainville residents, mid-February.

For further information, please call Plainville Adult and Continuing Education: (860)793-3209 or visit www.plainvilleschools.org/departments/adult_ed

Enrichment Class List:

Barn Wood and Silk Floral Display

Bob Ross Joy of Painting: Spring Waterfall, Babbling Brook, Summer Cabin, and Spring Mountain Oval, CT Security Officer License Training with Certification, Day Trips: Boston, on your own and Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC, De-escalation Communication Seminar, Courses - workforce education, Essential Computer Skills for Beginners, Financial Planning Strategy, Foundations of Excel Grammar: Tutoring Sessions for Diploma Holders, How Money Works, Introduction to American Sign Language (ASL)-Beginner, Math: Tutoring Sessions for Diploma Holders, Pediatric First Aid CPR AED Training for Connecticut Child Care Centers, Retirement: The Most Common Mistakes, Surviving Crisis Situations Tai Chi for Health, The Joys & Benefits of Using Essential Oils, The Memory Exchange-a memoir writing and discussion group, The Probate Process Zumba Fitness with Sarah Lynn

Make My Day....

by: Raymond Cormier

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Have you ever had someone do something that made your day? Be it an employee of a business, a police officer, town worker, neighbor or even a co-worker that you would like to thank. Perhaps you would like to thank a neighbor for a kindness and we would like to help you give this person recognition for a job well done. If this person works for a local business we are sure his or her employer would love to hear his or her employee is going that extra few steps to help their customers.

Dear Mr. Cormier,

While shopping at the Big Y store I could not reach the Ice Cream cups on the top shelf of the freezer.

As I was struggling to reach them, two young girls stopped to help me.

They were taller than my five foot body by at least 7 inches. For them it was no problem. I thanked them and said "they made my day." I told them I would put their good deed in the paper. Thanking you in advance for printing my experience. Sophie

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What to Expect When I Seek Treatment for Mental Health Concerns.

Anxiety and depression and other mental health concerns can be difficult to treat and may need multiple interventions to fully treat the issues.

People suffering with mental health issues may start with therapeutic modalities such as seeing a Licensed Professional Therapist.

During these sessions, current symptoms being experienced should be reviewed, along with therapeutic interventions to help in the management of these symptoms. When learning these new techniques and interventions, be patient. It sometimes takes a great deal of practice to learn new coping skills and to master them so they are useful during episodes of distress. Be consistent with appointments and practice these newly learned coping skills.

At times, when patients have been seeing a therapist, they may suggest an additional appointment with a prescriber.

Why do I need medications?

When symptoms progress further than what is manageable with therapy, medication management should be considered. When you meet with a prescriber, provide as many details about how you have been feeling and what symptoms you are experiencing. The more information you can give, the easier it will be to find the right medication for you.

Additionally, ask questions about the medications prescribed, how it should work and what are the side effects you can expect. If you begin a medication and don't feel well, say something. It's okay to be direct and let them know. Sometimes, there are things we as prescribers can do to help if side effects are being experienced. Additionally, there are many different medications available and changing to another medicine might be appropriate.

Be your own advocate!

In most cases, Medication Management and Therapy is the most successful way to treat Mental Health Concerns.

Remember, you have the right to live a life without Anxiety and Depression, so let us help!

A Message From Womenheart Champion



Womenheart Champion is a woman living with heart disease who has attended a consortium involving and focusing on women and heart disease. The title Womenheart Champion and the education provided at the consortium authorizes a woman to conduct support groups for women living with heart disease.

This person may also speak

at engagements regarding women and heart disease. I, **Sharon Wynkoop Corlette**, am a Womenheart Champion. In June of 2015 I had just retired and decided to get into a healthy routine regarding my diet and exercise. I had an appointment with my Internal Medicine Dr. to check on my blood pressure and Cholesterol because they were both slightly elevated. When my doctor asked me overall how was I feeling, I smiled so proudly because I was working out faithfully and told him I was feeling pretty good. Then I thought about the funny sensation I'd feel in my chest, like a hole, when I'd begin my workout. And I thought about how I would sweat profusely through my entire workout. And without any further thinking I was telling him about it. His concern was overwhelming to me and I kept thinking "why did I tell him". He immediately told me to stop exercising and insisted I see a cardiologist as soon as possible. I reluctantly agreed and went to see a Cardiologist. I failed the stress test which surprised me because I was working out so much. Then I had a cardiac catheterization and I believed I could be fixed with stents. But oh no, not me. I was shocked by the doctor's diagnosis and had to try and grasp that I needed open heart surgery to bypass four of my coronary arteries that were blocked. So in August of 2015, I had open heart surgery. Although there were some major complications, I made it through successfully. Following surgery, I felt constantly depressed, especially after my caretakers left me. Yes

I had many visitors, flowers and gifts but although it's hard to explain all I really wanted was peace and quiet. My very favorite visitor was Esmerelda, a retired Fidelco German Shepherd who really felt my aura. She just looked at me like she knew how I felt, let me touch and pet her feeling her warmth and love, and she just laid by my side until she had to leave me. I knew she understood me better than any human being did. At one of my follow up visits with my Cardiac Doctor I told her how sad and depressed I was and that I didn't know what was wrong with me. She suggested I go to the Womenheart support group held at Bradley Memorial Hospital in Southington and that's exactly what I did. I finally was surrounded by women who knew exactly what I had been through and how I was feeling. They are an awesome group of women. They let me cry, hugged me and gave me the support that I so needed. In 2018 I attended the Womenheart Champion Consortium at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota. I wanted to be educated on women and heart disease so I could work to help women learn about signs and symptoms of heart disease. The Womenheart organization educates, advocates and supports women. Our goal is to help women take charge of their heart health. We work at prevention by early and proper diagnosis for proper treatment. And we help support women by connections with other women with heart disease. Heart disease is the number one killer of women. It is responsible for 1 in 4 of all deaths among women in the United States. It affects more women than men each year and women's symptoms may be different than mens. And African American women are at increased risk for heart disease. In my upcoming writings I hope to increase women's attention to this silent and sometimes deadly disease. I want to increase their awareness to healthier eating and how very important physical activity is no matter what age you are. If you are a woman living with heart disease and need a support group, we invite you to come join us. We gather every third Wednesday of each month at 4:45pm at the Bradley Memorial Campus of Hartford Healthcare. Thank you for your interest in heart disease Sharon Wynkoop Corlette Womenheart Champion 2018.

Life With Wanda



My husband got me one of those Roomba vacuum cleaners that you see advertised on TV. The ad said this little device will make your day so much better and make the job of vacuuming a thing of the past. I didn't know if I would like it but by golly my floors have never been this clean. The only problem is my husband has it set to start vacuuming at 8: am and you have to dodge it while getting your morning chores done. Weeks have now gone by and that little sucker has my rugs looking better than they did when they were put in. Having several dogs I figured it might get clogged with pet hair but when it gets enough hair it stops and spits it out in a neat little ball. It not only vacuums but when it's full it goes back to its station and empties itself. Now I never had to worry about dirt and sand on the floors and if get stuck it calls you to tell you it's stuck. Believe me when I tell you it has a mind of its own I'm not kidding. It has a blue light that flashes for one problem and a beep for another and it even tells you when it is going to empty itself. I call her Ursula after a wonderful woman that was my housekeeper many years ago. Last night I had one of the worst nightmares I have ever had. I dreamt I was coming home from the store and here comes my vacuum up the street and the little voice, that usually says it's stuck, was yelling, "I quit." Thinking fast I stopped my car and picked her up and promised her she only had to work every other day and I would have my husband reprogram her to start at ten instead of eight. I said I would even get her a backup vacuum if she would stay. I woke in a cold sweat and then it was music to my ears when I heard the hum of Ursula, my Roomba vacuum. So, do you think robots are taking over?

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Is Estate Planning Dead?

For years traditional estate planning was oriented toward estate tax avoidance and controlling assets for young or inexperienced heirs. Estate tax avoidance is no longer a worry for most Connecticut families because the exemption is \$5.1 million on January 1, 2020, and the federal exemption is \$11.2 million. That means only a tiny percentage of Connecticut residents will ever pay inheritance tax. But taxes are not the only reason to do estate planning.

For a young family, with minor children, or even children well into their twenties or older, it makes great sense to create a revocable trust to receive assets if both parents should die when the children are still too young or inexperienced to handle money. That revocable trust can have a trusted family member, or a professional, invest and use the assets for the children until they get older and wiser.

For years my office served as Trustee for a "child" who was almost 50 when his parents died. When he was in his middle 60's he asked for the rest of the trust money because he said he was getting married. When questioned about the hope for marriage he admitted that he had never met the woman, but only communicated online. Needless to say the funds were kept safe and no more was heard about the marriage.

There are other reasons for estate planning, and that is asset protection for spouses who may need nursing home or in home care. If one spouse qualifies for Medicaid to pay for that care, and the healthy spouse has assets in his or her name, the state will make a claim against those assets if the healthy spouse dies first.

Careful estate planning can save almost all of their assets if a special will is done with a trust inside it. If assets go into that trust, they are essentially protected, even if there is a large amount owing to the state. It is not always possible to protect 100% of the assets, because Connecticut law says a surviving spouse is entitled to get the income from one third of the assets, but not the assets themselves. With careful planning, very little of the assets will have to be repaid to the state.

For people with assets that are below the Connecticut \$5.1 million tax exemption, creating trusts to protect responsible adult children from a potential divorce or other legal liability may be a wise option. For example, a trust can be set up to receive money after the parents are gone, with discretion to pay or not pay funds among several adult children. That way the funds are not subject to creditors and are not counted against any one of those adult children if they or their spouses need long term care. And they can avoid probate.

So estate planning for most people may not be needed for inheritance taxes, but, a power of attorney is absolutely critical to handle assets if someone becomes incapable and assets need to be switched to protect them. Then depending on the family circumstances, trusts and wills may provide critical protection to deal with the costs of long term care. Estate planning is not dead.

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AARP Guest Speaker Lorraine Stec Trip to Poland

Lorraine Stec, now residing in Bristol, gave a presentation regarding her most recent trip to Poland on January 15 at the regional AARP meeting held at the Faith Bible Church in Plainville. She began her talk and slide show by informing the group that she had visited Poland in 1995, 2007, and in 2017, which is the trip she would present. Lorraine, her daughter and three teenage granddaughters went on a 2-week trip to Poland beginning in the farm area in the region of Rzeszow, then visited Warsaw, Krakow and Zakopane.

The slide show began with their landing in Krakow and being greeted by a driver who would drive them to the Rzeszow area, village of Staniszewskie, where Lorraine's father was raised.. The slides showed the beautiful farmland and meadows en route to the farm, as well as the home, gardens and animals on the farm. Lorraine's cousin/hostess prepared a sumptuous Polish dinner for them using everything grown on the farm. They spent their time strolling through meadows, visiting grottoes built by neighbors in the community, enjoying the sound of bees swarming in the fields, and also saw their first storks' nest. They also participated in a procession at a church at which girls in white dresses and veils and boys wearing red capes sprinkled fresh rose petals carried by them in small baskets accompanied by joyous singing.

Their next trip was by rail to Warsaw where they explored the massive restorations and construction done over the years since the end of World War II and the end of communist rulers.

Warsaw was almost completely obliterated by the Germans and the Poles painstakingly restored medieval buildings and built sleek new skyscrapers, merging the contrasting architectures into a beautiful city, as depicted in the slides that were shown. They enjoyed the museums and churches and especially were mesmerized by the wonderful Chopin concert in Lazienki Park.

The next destination was Krakow, which had not suffered the obliterations of Warsaw. The slides depicted the charming city of Krakow, the town market square, the 800-year-old St. Mary's Church and memorial sites. They visited the well-known Wieliczka Salt Mines and Auschwitz-Birkenau, and those areas were shown in many slides.

The final destination was a day-long trip to the Zakopane area in the southern part of Poland where there are mountainous ranges, beautiful ski resorts, and architecture that was more typical of Austria, Prussia and Germany. The sites were all shown on the various slides, including many beautiful storks' nests. They concluded their visit to Zakopane with a two and one-half hour ride on a raft through the mountains and gorges.

Before leaving Poland they went on a boat ride on the Vistula River which runs through the center of Krakow. Lorraine stated that they were all impressed by the perseverance of the Polish people and the hard times endured and hard work exhibited to restore Poland into such a beautiful country.

They enjoyed the music, optimism and joy of the people. Her granddaughters were impressed by the impromptu, spontaneous singing and dancing of the people as we strolled through various sites.

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hmtnn@comcast.net Thank You!

P-l-a-i-n-v-i-l-l-e faves and raves

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

{Dave faves}

In case you are looking to buy that something special for that someone special, may I suggest you visit the DBK Jewelers on East Street. I needed a special Birthstone ring for my someone special and Ted, the owner helped me select just the right one. I know she will love it this Valentine's Day.

{Sally raves}

I am so happy we have an independent Pharmacy in town. Suruchi, the owner is a Pharmacist and gives everyone special attention. She offers FREE delivery of your prescriptions. For me that was a God sent last week, I was unable to pick up my prescriptions because my car was being repaired. Thank you, Suruchi for serving the people of Plainville.

E-mail your "fave or rave" in today to be in the **March** issue. Praise your contractor for doing a good job or tell us about your favorite restaurant, store, or service you received by a professional.

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We're wintering at the Historic Center. Volunteers use this time to refresh and reorganize. You can find someone on site on Monday or Wednesday mornings 9 until noon with the exception of legal holidays. Use the office door to the right of the main entrance.

Since February is Black History Month, our Gail Williams is preparing a program for Saturday, February 15 at 2:00. Please plan to join us.

EARLY SPRING CLEANING?

Don't discard that interesting object you are tired of dusting. The Historical Society welcomes items with a Plainville connection for permanent archiving, temporary display or on permanent loan. Treasures on permanent loan can be retrieved by family at any time. Contact the office for further information. Be prepared to share a little history of your donation.

THANK YOU TO THE NORTON TRUST FUND

We are grateful to the Elizabeth Norton Trust Fund for the recent grant. These funds are earmarked for purchase of sorely needed materials to keep our continually growing collection safe.

NEW TO THE COLLECTION

We have received some recordings of the Plainville High School band recorded in 1948, when Marshall LaCombe was a participant, donated by Gert LaCombe.

We also have received a Korean War uniform and other interesting apparel of the day.

The Historic Center and the Museum Shop

will be open on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 9 o'clock and noon. Use the office door (on the right).

OUR JANUARY PROGRAM...

was canceled by the weather conditions on January 18.

Gary Gurske's presentation,

"Through a Trainman's Eyes" will now be arriving in the spring.

Please remain on board.

Society accepts new members throughout the year. Bill and Barbara Petit, Membership Chairmen
VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 14



*Cupid, being asked one day,
True beauty to define,
With magic touches,
Produced your portrait,
Valentine!*

PRESIDENT'S DAY *****FEBRUARY 17

Early in the last century, silhouette art became very popular and American artist, Beatrix Sherman was highly acclaimed for her depictions of historic figures, including ten presidents. When she cut a silhouette in person, she secured an autograph and added her signature. Sometimes she made notes on the verso about the sitting.

Her presidential series began with Theodore Roosevelt in 1917, ending with John F. Kennedy in 1961 when she hand cut his silhouette in person after being admitted to a press conference while he spoke. This original is archived at the Kennedy library.

Her first show was held at the Art Institute in Chicago in 1914. She maintained a permanent studio in New York City during the 1950s and then relocated to West Palm Beach. While in New York she did silhouettes of family groups to be used as holiday cards and illustrated a nursery rhyme collection.

Check our web site to view her stunning standing silhouette of Abraham Lincoln.

HISTORY CLOSE TO HOME

Those who enjoyed our Historic Tours during the recent Sesquicentennial celebration will recall Lyman Homer's story and the location of his home in Plainville. ...Janice Eisenhauer

CONNECTICUT'S BLACK GOVERNORS

In a 1750 Connecticut, the eligible voters (that would have been the male landowners) met in Hartford on the first Saturday in May each year to elect a Governor for the colony. For many it was quite a journey on horseback or by carriage and probably required several days. Many traveled with slaves.

It is thought that the slaves who congregated there decided to choose a leader for their own community. This practice grew and soon there were several back governors from the more populated settlements: Hartford, New Haven, New London, Norwich, Farmington, Derby and Seymour among them. These leaders, chosen by their peers were traditionally elected on the second Saturday in May each year.

The black governors served locally as advocates and mediators for their community. They were strong, competent men who commanded respect from all and had substantial official and ceremonial responsibilities. Some had staff. The colonists embraced and supported this arrangement and the African-American community felt that it offered an effective and fair voice for them. Most of the early black governors were enslaved at the time of their service, many to wealthy and influential families.

The first recorded black governor in Connecticut, London, who was elected in 1755 to serve in Hartford, was a slave of Captain Thomas Seymour. Sam Huntington, black governor of Norwich was a servant of Samuel Huntington, who was Governor of Connecticut at the same time. Many served multiple terms. Cuff, who served in Hartford before the American Revolution, held his office for ten years.

The last recorded black governor was Wilson Weston, who served Seymour until 1856.

Plainville is proud to have had Lyman Homer as local black governor around 1830. We know that our town was under the flag of Farmington at that time, but had been granted an independent post office in 1829 under the name Plainville. Lyman Homer lived in the White Oak section of town. He was widely respected and worked for Adna Whiting in his canal warehouse. That would lead us to believe that was a free man at that time.

Few records were kept, but there is historical evidence to suggest these local governors had significant influence on society. It is known that in New Haven, they worked together with reformers toward the integration of the black and white communities.



Illustration By: Alison Johnson

Ask the Brayne...

Q. Could it be true, Joe Biden excepted an invitation to speak at an Alzheimer center but forgot to go?

A. Did you get that information from Fake News? Your question came in a little late, I will reserch it for next month or if someone knows, please call me or Send proof, please!

Q. What is the smallest country in the World?

A. Vatican City, it is in the midst of Rome, Italy, is 0.17 square miles it is the government of the Catholic Church.

Q. What is the F.B.I.?

A. It is the Federal Bureau of Investigation, founded in 1908, a bureau of the U.S. Department of Justice. The Identification Division of the F.B.I. was started in 1924. It started with 810,188 fingerprints and today more than 100,000,000 people. With headquarters in Washington, D.C. The F.B.I. is for the assistance of municipal, county, and state police departments. In 1939 the F.B.I. was responsible to investigate espionage, sabotage, and national defence matters.

To submit questions call 860-747-4119, E-mail hmtnn@comcast.net, write to Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman Street, Plainville, CT 06062 or drop them at the office.

sDeadline for submitting questions is the 15th of each month.

Next Issue of the Hometown will be March!

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

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The Benefits of Using Your Ceiling Fan in Colder Months

By Laura Davis, Owner of the Light Hangar Company

It might seem odd to be thinking of using your ceiling fans in the middle of winter as they are traditionally used to cool your home. However, ceiling fans can be facilitated in heating your home when used properly. Here's how:

LOCATE THE REVERSE SWITCH.

This switch will typically be located on the base of your ceiling fan and controls the direction of the blades. To enhance heating, you will need to have it running in the clockwise position during the winter months.

WHY CLOCKWISE?

In a clockwise position, the blades will push the air up. This is the key to facilitating a more comfortable room in the heating season. When used in the summer months, blades push the air down creating a wind-chill effect and helping to facilitate evaporation. In the heating mode (clockwise) the air is pushed upward, helping to distribute heat throughout the room.

HEAT DISTRIBUTION.

Warm air will always rise and get trapped at the top of a room. Using a ceiling fan will help circulate this warmth around the room. The movement of the blades

draws air from around the room and pushes it up towards the ceiling. The force of the air pushes the air at the top of the room towards the wall and outer edges. Then, the air moves back down to the ground. This gentle circulation makes the entire room feel warmer.

ARE YOU SAVING ENERGY?

Experts report that homeowners can save as much as 15% on heating costs when they run ceiling fans during the colder months. Due to the improved heat distribution in the room, thermostats can be turned down a few degrees while still maintaining that same warm feeling. The less your heat runs, the more you save.

ENERGY EFFICIENT.

To ensure optimal savings and comfort, it's important to choose an energy-efficient fan. Opt for an ENERGY STAR-rated ceiling fan, which uses better motors and innovative blade designs to lower energy consumption. Running an older, less efficient fan will negate any savings you gained from turning down your heat.

HOW NOT TO USE YOUR CEILING FAN IN WINTER.

Unlike your heat, you shouldn't turn ceiling fans on and let them run continuously. Turning on the ceiling fans in every room will not help distribute heat throughout your entire home. In most instances, to benefit from ceiling fan use, you need to be in the room to take advantage of the enhanced heating.

Compassionate Healthy Heart

Compassion for yourself and others, set your intentions, and express gratitude to bring greater harmony and balance into your life. This was the foundation of a Despacho Ceremony that I attended recently.

Sitting in a circle, participating in this ritual as a community, is a wonderful way to approach the new year. The effects are not always felt immediately. Sometimes they show up a few days later when you notice a profound positive change in how you are feeling and thinking.

This is still the time of yearly goal setting. However, while you are considering what you want in the future, perhaps it's also worthwhile to take time to consider how you want to live your life each day.

Compassion for yourself and others. What would it mean if each day you let go of self judgement and reminded yourself of the value of an act of kindness? Do you spend endless hours and sleepless nights agonizing about something you did or didn't do, but would immediately forgive others for this same behavior? Kindness to yourself and others is important to your wellbeing.

Intentions. By setting an intention you articulate how you want to live your life now. Intentions can be grounding when you get thrown off balance. Having a word or phrase, such as "My intention for 2020 is more joy, or more abundance, or more positive connections can help you attract and realize all the ways joy, abundance or connections are available to you each day, and to focus on what you have vs. what you feel is lacking.

Express Gratitude. In the Despacho Ceremony, we expressed gratitude and honored all the things that Mother Earth provides. We also gave thanks our ancestors. If you started to make a list of all that nature provides, I imagine you could go on for hours, from the air we breathe, the sky, the moon, down to the creepy crawlers. By giving thanks, we create a deeper connection, healthy respect, and a profound duty to protect our natural resources for us and for generations.

During February, healthy heart month, think about how you can be more compassion and connect to what nature provides to protect and care for your precious heart.

Let nature guide your food choices:

- Are you like 87% of Americans that don't eat enough vegetables? Eating just 3-5 servings of vegetables and 2-4 servings of fruit/day can lower your risk of heart disease. It's always better to eat seasonal, local food. In winter, frozen vegetables are fine.
- Enjoy light, warm and nutritious meals. Root vegetables and legumes can easily be made into delicious soups. Just start with a base of olive or coconut oil, garlic, onions and go from there. Add water or stock, some spices (turmeric and ginger are especially warming) and vegetables. If you like a creamier soup, put all the cooked ingredients in a blender (a little at a time) and then add some pumpkin seeds to top it off.
- Enjoy herbal teas to warm your heart and your tummy and to reduce stress.
- Reduce reliance on processed, sugary foods.

Get outside and move. Yes, it's cold, but the benefits of bundling up and taking a walk in the fresh crisp air outweigh a sedentary lifestyle. Take time to observe nature and give gratitude for its gifts. According to Harvard Health, researchers found that walking reduced the risk of cardiovascular events by 31% and cut the risk of dying by 32%.

Use compassion, intentions and gratitude to guide your actions.

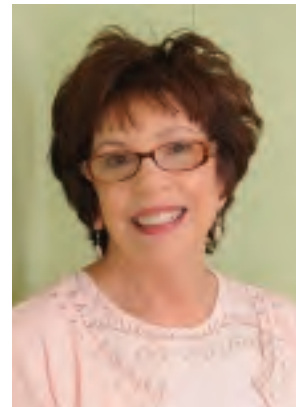
Express more gratitude for what is good in your life and let go of negative self-talk. Studies indicate there is a connection between happiness and lowered risk of cardiovascular disease. A good sense of well-being makes it easier to maintain healthy behaviors such as eating a balanced diet, exercising and getting enough sleep.

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The Importance of a Local Newspaper

By **HARRY N. MAZADOORIAN**

The front page of the January 1, 2020 Herald was devoted to a poignant and thought provoking statement by the publisher of the goals and aspirations of our local newspaper. For those who

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didn't see it, it should be sought out and carefully read. It says a lot about the values in the communities served by The Herald and how genuine hometown paper can promote and preserve those values.

The newspaper business is not for the faint of heart: It is a difficult and challenging enterprise. Each year the headwinds of publishing become stronger and fewer and fewer tailwinds provide needed support. Changing lifestyles and rapidly evolving technology turn readers to other sources for learning about breaking developments in the news.

We sometimes take our newspapers, especially local newspapers, for granted. Some of us have been reading The Herald for decades upon decade.

It has provided a stabilizing presence in midst of turmoil and instability. The paper has a great history and has been a vital part of fabric of Central Connecticut. Its

roots go back to the 1880's. Within its pages are contained the virtual history of Central Connecticut, through wars, worldwide industrial dominance and financial depressions.

Its publishers were people of commitment and foresight: Vance, Weld, Brown are all names indelibly etched in the list of local leaders over the years. Throughout its existence, it has employed numerous prize winning writers, editors, and staff. It is impossible to name them all.

However, the presence of the paper has never been guaranteed and indeed there was a time when its future seemed bleak and the lights flickered. Thanks to the vision and persistence of the current publisher, Michael Schroeder, a major effort was made to breathe new life into The Herald. And it worked! Surely the paper today is not the same paper today is not the same paper started by Mr. Vance as nothing ever stays quite the same. But today's paper is as relevant to the communities if serves as were its predecessors almost a century and a half ago.

According to the Yale Book of Quotations, the great journalist Walter Lippman once wrote "The newspaper is...the bible of democracy, the book out of which a people determines its conduct. It is the only serious book most people read. It is the only book they read every day."

The same source tells us that Thomas Jefferson put even a finer point on the importance of newspapers. "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspaper without government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Our community is blessed with a number of major "pillars" which have supported its people for many years. Among these are several fine hospitals, Connecticut's flagship State University and an unparalleled art museum. So too is our local paper, The Herald, one of our major pillars providing a strong foundation to the entire region.

The pundits tell us that all politics are local and thus our paper allows us to learn the nitty gritty ins and outs of local and statewide politics. But it offers so much more, including well presented news on significant community happenings, incredibly good coverage of local sports and relevant opinions from both civic leaders and ordinary local citizenry. Nor are the contents limited to local issues as the paper contains a wealth of stories on national and international matters as well as up to date and easy to read information on financial markets.

Of course, the paper has its limitations and shortcomings and cannot be all things to all people. The important thing, however, is that the publisher and staff continually seek out suggestions for how to make the paper better, a request that was reiterated in the front page January first issue.

So thank you Mr. Schroeder for the fine front page piece on January 1. You are absolutely correct: The Herald is doing a lot to support the community and to raise awareness of vital issues.

Thanks for keeping the torch of local journalism burning.

In turn, the community should realize how fortunate it is to have The Herald in our midst and do all we can to support it and keep it thriving. Submit a story about a local event, express an opinion in a letter to the editor, write an op ed piece, or simply give a copy of The Herald to a friend who isn't a subscriber so that they can see what they are missing.

While the right to a free press is guaranteed by the Constitution, the continued existence of a free press can only be guaranteed by the readers and subscribers who support it.

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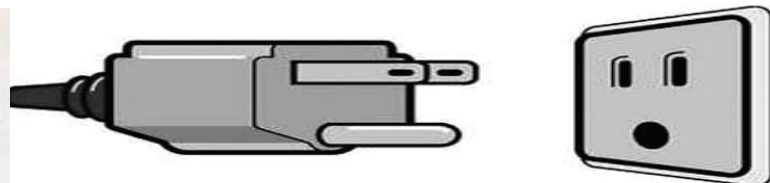
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The Circumspect Critic

by: **Robert James O'Dell**

"1917"



I don't recommend films. I just give you my take on them.

fan of that film didn't prevent me from admiring the precision filmmaking on view that successfully captured the

soldiers tasked with this impossible mission has a brother at the front who would surely be one of the casualties. It is a deeply involving story that offers up fascinating character studies of the desperate young men, the bravery they display and the camaraderie that exists between soldiers in harm's way which humanizes the events and adds pathos to their fates. The film is as moving as it is taut, tension filled and thrilling. And it is an emotional rollercoaster ride that takes your breath away and doesn't want to give it back. It is a harrowing journey filled with deadly encounters, bursts of violence and acts of unexpected humanity.

engaged in their plight.

Yet, there is no denying that the movie's strongest asset is the storytelling technique utilized and pulled off with a pristine precision by director Sam Mendes with the aid of the brilliance of the cinematography by Roger Deakins. Deakins deserves the Oscar for cinematography this year without question. They accomplish what they set out to do with meticulous detail and spectacular skill. They have created a masterful example of cinematic storytelling by complimenting a compassionate story of friendship, loyalty, commitment and heroism with the ultimate approach on how the story should be told. It is a marvel to behold.

Familiar faces pop up to add gravitas to the events unfolding with Mark Strong, Colin Firth, Richard Madden and Benedict Cumberbatch making brief but meaningful contributions.

Sam Mendes based his script which he co-wrote with Krysty Wilson-Cairns on an actual event that occurred during World War I as told to him by his grandfather.

Ratings: Acting: 94% Directing: 100% Script: 97% Cinematography: 100% Editing: 100% Entertainment

Value: 95%

My Rating: 96%



technique of a single shot framework to tell the story. But, whereas, I found Iñárritu's film guilty of this particular reviewer's complaints about "1917" in which he declares that the film is "so obsessed with its particular technique that it doesn't leave room for the other things we also go to the movies for—little things like a strong story, interesting characters, or a reason for existing other than as a feat of technical derring-do."* This is not the case with "1917". The film tells a compelling story of two young British soldiers sent on a suicide mission to try to deliver a message to the front to stop a planned major assault that would inevitably lead the troops into a trap and a massacre. One of the young

Newcomers Dean-Charles Chapman and George MacKay play the two Lance Corporals called on to execute the impossible mission and both fill their characters with a true sense of decency and battlefield bravery despite the natural fear and survival instincts that are the involuntary human response mechanisms inherent in us all. MacKay plays Schoefield who is compelled to accompany his friend Blake (played by Chapman) who has been summoned to carry out the mission and hopefully save his brother. The two have some contentious moments as the stakes grow more dangerous but remain loyal to one another in the spirit of brotherhood in combat. Their performances resonate with authenticity which has us totally

1917 (2019)

R | 1h 59min | Drama, War | 10
January 2020 (USA)

Director: Sam Mendes

Writers: Sam Mendes, Krysty Wilson-Cairns

Stars: Dean-Charles Chapman, George MacKay, Daniel Mays

Two young British soldiers during the First World War are given an impossible mission: deliver a message deep in enemy territory that will stop 1,600 men, and one of the soldiers' brothers, from walking straight into a deadly trap.

I just read a rather interesting though quite wrongheaded review of this film in which the technological achievement it executes with astute skill is singled out as its major flaw. That is as far from an accurate analysis of this film's strength and emotional power as a reviewer could stretch to without touching on the fringe of being totally dishonest. The idea of presenting a cinematic story with the appearance of one long continuous shot has been done before with various levels of success, most recently with Alejandro G. Iñárritu's 2014 Academy Award winning film "Birdman". Not being a

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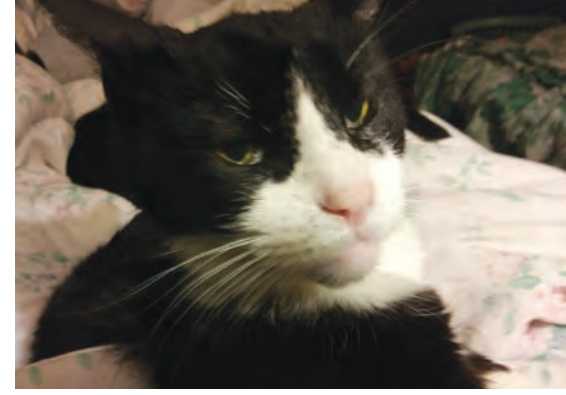


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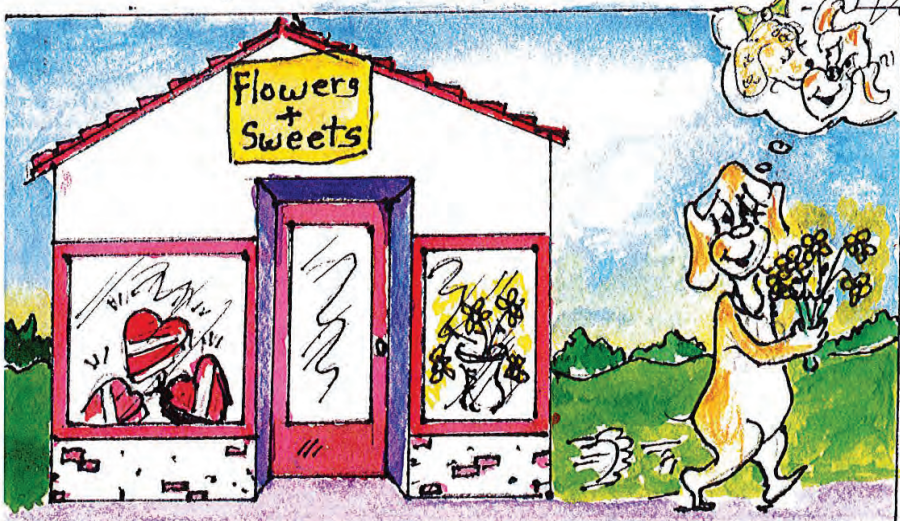
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Thomas's eagle project involved building shelving units for the Queen Ann Nzinga Center located in New Britain and re-organize the storage area for more efficient use of the space. Per the request of the center's director, Dayna Snell, storage unit improvements were needed to make the many activities, events and programs of QANC run more efficiently by making access to the items in storage easier, particularly given the center relies on volunteers who are not familiar with the storage unit.

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The owner of any residential real property that benefits from an easement or right-of-way, the purpose of which is to provide access to such residential real property, shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining such easement or right-of-way in good repair and the cost of repairing or restoring any damaged portion of such easement or right-of-way. Such maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, the removal of snow from such easement or right-of-way. This is the language directly from the Public Act. The party that needs the easement has to pay for the maintenance. Seems to be pretty fair that the party who needs the easement maintains it.

When multiple parties need an easement or a right-of-way to get to their properties the Act says they split the cost based on the proportion of the benefit they receive. So, if one property only uses 20 feet of the easement and the other property uses 100 feet of say a 120 foot easement the maintenance cost is based on those figures. It would be unfair to split the maintenance 50/50 in that scenario. However, parties are free to contract a different split of the costs and that agreement will be controlling over the Act.

Easements and Rights-Of-Way are going to become more and more commonplace as people multiple and spaces get tighter. Especially in regions like New England where space is already at a premium. *So when buying or selling be sure that you are aware of possible land rights.*

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The Board of Directors of Castle Apartments, Inc. whose members represent the current four partner churches, The Congregational Church of Plainville, Our Lady of Mercy Church, the Plainville United Methodist Church, and the Redeemer's A.M.E. Zion Church, have sold the property.

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The Board has set up with a portion of the proceeds a program with the Plainville Community Fund and Bristol Main Street Foundation that would have grants available for Plainville persons needing assistance to secure housing. The fund will be managed by the Plainville Social Service agency.

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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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Junior Church ages 4- 8 11:00 am

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Bible Study and Prayer

Wednesday 7:00 pm

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FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SERVICES

CHURCH SCHOOL

Pre-K to High School: 9:00 AM

WORSHIP TIME 10:00AM

REGULAR EVENTS

Tuesday Ladies.....Tuesdays, 9:30 AM

AA.....Sundays, & Wednesdays, 7 PM

Al-Anon... ..Mondays, 7 PM

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Saturdays, 9:30 AM

Boys Scouts.....Thursdays, 7 PM

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VALENTINE'S DAY POT LUCK SUPPER:

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Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Liturgy - Church

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Weekday Liturgy

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 8:00 A.M.

Devotions

Rosary- Monday to Saturday before the Morning Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday At Noon

Sacrament of the Sick

Arrangements can be made for any sick person to be anointed. Holy Eucharist is brought to the homebound by our Eucharistic Ministers and the parish clergy.

FEBRUARY

Sunday, Feb. 2nd Children's Mass

Grades 6 & 7 will help with the Mass

Friday, Feb. 7th 8:30 - 9:30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, Feb. 8th

5pm Anointing of the Sick after Mass in the church

Sunday, Feb. 9th

OLM Breakfast

8:00am - 10:30am, 19 S. Canal St. \$4

Sunday, Feb. 16th

OLM Mother/Son & Father/Daughter Dance

5 - 8pm, Parish Center

Friday, Feb. 21st

GIFT Program - Walking Through the Bible

-6 - 7:45pm, Parish Center

Saturday, Feb. 22nd & Sunday, 23rd

Soup Sale after all of the Masses

Sunday, Feb. 23rd

Sundaes on Sunday for Middle School Ages

Parish Center Room 106

Wednesday, Feb. 26th

Ash Wednesday

Masses at 8am & 6pm

with distribution of ashes during the Mass

Thursday, Feb. 27th

Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm, Room 102

Friday, Feb. 28th

Stations of the Cross 7pm in the church

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Praise & Worship 9:45-10:00 a.m.

Church Service 10:00 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY

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

BOARD MEETINGS

Senior Ushers (1st Sat before 1st Sun) 11:00 a.m.

Gladys Floyd Missionary Society

(2nd Sun after service)

Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)

Lay Council (1st & 3rd Sat) 9:30 a.m.

Christian Education (3rd Tues) 7:00 p.m.

Men's Meeting (2nd/4th Sat) 9:30 a.m.

PEP (Every Sat) 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Trustee/Steward (2nd Sat of Aug., Oct., Dec., Feb. &

Apr. at 9:30 a.m. and 2nd Mon. of Sept., Nov., Jan.,

Mar. & May 16 6:30 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Senior (Sat before 1st Sun) 5:00 p.m.

Jubilee (Sat before 2nd/4th Sun) 5:00 p.m.

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According to the US Census Bureau

1. 4000 churches close their doors every year in this country.
2. 2.7 million church members fall in to inactivity.
3. It is predicted that by 2025 only 11% of Americans will be found in church on any Sunday and by 2050 the number is predicted to drop to 8%.
4. Today only 7% of Plainville residents can be found in church on any given

Sunday.

5. Even more frightening is the prediction that by 2050 Europe may have no significant Church presence at all. In January of 2015 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York warned:

*"The Church of England will no longer be able to carry on its
current form unless the downward spiral in its membership is reversed
"as a matter of urgency"*

Letter to the Editor:

January 5th, 2005 was opening day for Donna as she began her business venture of opening Studio 466 salon and spa at 466 East St, Plainville. She started with just 3 employees and herself. Donna and her husband did as many of the renovations themselves as they could. She was "fairly" confident that she could do this, but was also terrified!

We are so grateful that here they are, 15 years later, in new expanded location, with an amazing staff of 9, plus 2 subcontracting massage therapists.

Donna would like to personally thank everyone for helping them reach this milestone. She is extremely thankful for everyone who is a part of Studio 466!

As a token of their appreciation, they are offering 20% off any new service!!

Studio 466 is located at 63 East Main St
860-747-9466

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Lisa Hubina



P.S. When making an appointment tell Donna you saw this letter.

Taste Buzz.....

Submit your recipes to:

Avis Flanders

27 Sherman Street
Plainville, CT 06062 or

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Hawaiian Crab

- 2 egg yolks
- 2 tablespoons Tarragon vinegar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon Tabasco Sauce
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup whipped cream
- 1/2 pound crab meat
- 1 green pepper, finely chopped
- 1 red pepper, finely chopped
- 4 tomatoes, skinned, seeded and chopped
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon chopped garlic
- 4 small avocados
- 1/2 pound bacon, half broiled

First, make a spicy mayonnaise Put in a bowl the egg yolks and vinegar. Beat well. Then slowly beat in the oil, Tabasco sauce and Worcestershire sauce. Mix in the whipped cream, the crab and all the other ingredients except the avocados and bacon. Arrange the mixture in a buttered baking dish. Peel and slice the avocados and arrange the slices on top. Cover with slices of bacon and bake for 25 minutes in a 375 degree oven. Serves 4.

Plainville Youth Soccer Spring 2020 Activity Schedule

- Early registration January 6-February 29th, \$80-\$90.
- In person registration at the Recreation Center - February 19th 6pm-8pm
February 22nd 9am-12 noon
Spring 2020 season April 25-June 7
- Dinos U5 and under (2015-2016) - \$90
- Lil Kickers U6-U7 (2013-2014) - \$100
- Juniors U8-U9 (2011-2012) - \$100
- Seniors U10-U14 (2006-2010) - \$100
- No high school players (middle school only)

Travel teams are also available, please contact Jen if you are interested in starting a team or playing for one of our travel teams at 860-977-1263 for additional information.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

"HAPPY & HEALTHY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!"

- 2ND MARK CHASE
- 3RD RITA SUSCO
- 4TH BRENDA TELLA
- 5TH PAT BEVERLEY
- 6TH MARIA CUTLER
- 7TH JOHN MANGAN
- 8TH PAT MINER
BARBARA WOOD
- 10TH NANCY DEVOE
- 12TH CARL STERNER
- 13TH KRIS DARGENIO
- 15TH DAVID BROW
ROBERT BEVERIDGE
- 16TH DOMENICK D'ONOFRIO
- 17TH LAURIE PETERSON
JOHN BERGENTY
- 18TH KATHY PUGLIESE
STEVEN LIPSKI
- 19TH GARY EISENHAUER
- 21ST GAYLE DENNEHY
KATHY (BROW) STERNER
- 25TH ED (BUNNY) PRIOR
- 28TH LAUREN (GLOWIAK) MADIGAN
SUE DZIURA
- 29TH PEG MATTEO



BELATED BIRTHDAY

JANUARY 11TH

SHARON CHAPMAN

Crossword Answers

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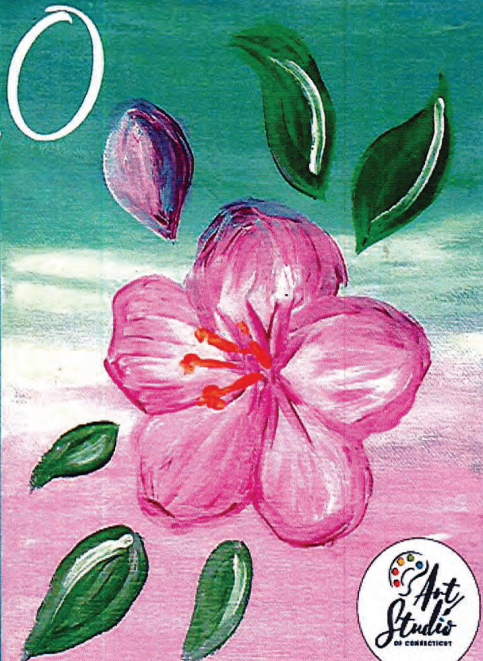


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Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours & Ribbon Cutting



Trenta Tavern

By: Cassandra Clark

A warm inviting atmosphere welcomes you at Trenta Tavern on Whiting Street in Plainville. Trenta is not just the name, which means thirty in Italian, it describes how many taps the tavern offers. Tom



Lorenzetti, co-owner, smiled as he spoke of the inspiration for the venture. "On a trip to brewery I had a couple of flights. I enjoyed that you can have multiple beers without having to buy pints." It is all about the variety and the atmosphere. Lorenzetti went on to explain the large space, equipment needs, cost and the hiring of a brew master made the initial idea of opening a craft brewery out of reach. So he and his partner decide to bring the brewery experience to Plainville.

Trenta has something for everyone. They offer a fine selection of appetizers, burgers, entrees and desserts. They even have a children's menu. "The chicken tenders are my favorite. They're juicy, fresh chicken and large," says Lorenzetti who also enjoys the fish tacos. They have a game room with pool tables, a dart board, basketball game and chess. The jukebox can play your favorites and there is plenty of space to get up and dance. Trenta also has special events, which can be found on their Facebook page. You can enjoy trivia night or live music. When the warm weather rolls around, patrons can look forward to spending time on the private patio. Lorenzetti was sure to mention that they are offering a special menu on Valentine's Day.

Providing a distinct selection of craft beers has its challenges. Lorenzetti explained that each rotating tap is carefully selected according style, quality, alcohol content, season and limited edition recipes. Price varies greatly on the quality of the beer. Like fine wines, Lorenzetti select only the best. A flight of consist of four 5 oz. tap selections for \$10. But at Trenta, you have the unique ability to purchase a partial flight. Lorenzetti gives the patron plenty of choices. The 30 taps always include Guinness, Blue Moon and Miller Light and one white wine. Among the other selections noted were Lawson's Fayston Maple Imperial Stout, Relic's Serpent Hour DIPA, Oskar Blues' Rose for a Daze fruit beer and Shipyard's Straight to the Noggin Winter Ale. So come on into Trenta Tavern for a pint and discover your new favorite brew!

Powerhouse Motorsports Celebrates Opening 151 East Street, Plainville

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Introduction



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Story on
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See Page 23
for more
information

Around Town.....In Case You Missed It!!!

Scott Colby Moving Up!



Scott Colby, assistant to Town Manager, Robert E. Lee is now Assistant Town Manager of Windsor. He started his new career the last week of January.

Scott started as an intern in Plainville and gained the skills needed to become an Assistant Town Manager in the much larger community. He thanked town staff for helping him grow professionally over the past four years.

Colby, first started working with Assistant Town Manager Shirley Osle on the town budget in 2015. Then working with the finance director putting budgets together.

“Plainville has received a Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Officers Association every year since 2000 and I was proud to be able to continue that tradition” said Scott. “I was also glad to be involved in two of the town’s major projects-the Wheeler School renovation and the phosphorus reduction upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant. I walked in not knowing much and ended up fully understanding both projects down to the smallest details.”

Scott and Shirley received a Certificate of Recognition for their work with the budget for 2018. They were honored for it at a Town Council meeting that year.

He was always happy to assist residents who came to the Town Hall. “I was very happy whenever they left with a smile on their faces or knowing more about how the things worked” he said.

*“It was wonderful working with you. Best of Luck with your new career”
The Hometown Staff*



Mizzy Construction 463 East Street--Santa in Decorated Dump Truck



Stan and Lisa Mierzejewski



Stan Mierzejewski (center) with employees Jeffrey Alvarado (left) and Rene Redrigues (right)

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The Brunell Family's Annual Christmas Decorations



Joshua Brunelle of 15 Hillscres Road with his family and friends lite up the neighborhood for the Christmas Holiday. They collected items for the Food Pantry and had a Mail Box for the children to send letters to Santa. Their Christmas spirit was on Facebook and radio station 92.9 FM. We look forward to next Christmas for your Annual Decorations.



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Plainville Firemen Receive Service Awards at Town Council Meeting

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Kevin Toner	30 years
Raymond Moreau	30 years
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Michael Schneider	20 years
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WHEELER YMCA WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Wheeler Regional Family YMCA is excited to announce that Laura Prisco has been named the Executive Director. Prisco began her role in October and has been listening to our members and community. In response to feedback she's received, the YMCA is now open 4.5 hours more per week to better serve the public.

Prisco said, "My hope is that the Wheeler Regional Family YMCA becomes top of mind for both community leaders and local families, as an organization that provides quality, safe programming for people in our service area. If I could tell our community one thing about the Wheeler Y, it's that while we do have a gym and two pools, we are a non-profit charity, and are here to serve those who might think they cannot afford to belong to the Y and we do this through our financial assistance program."

In response to additional feedback she has received since arriving in Plainville, Prisco would like to announce that in 2020, the Wheeler YMCA will expand its footprint in the Plainville community by launching several new family programs and events so that parents and children can explore new adventures together.



Laura has a long history with the YMCA and brings a wealth of knowledge to the Plainville branch. For over 30 years, Laura has worked at YMCAs in the Northeast spending the majority of her career at the South Shore YMCA and YMCA Southcoast both in Massachusetts as well as the Cape Cod YMCA and the Granite YMCA. She has been an Executive Director for the last 15 years focusing on board development, community services, risk management and fundraising to name a few. Prior to working at the executive level Laura supervised many departments including summer camp, after school care, aquatics, sports and youth and teen development.

"My 30 years at the Y have been extremely rewarding. The one thing I would share about working at the Y is that you have to get used to the feeling that your work is never finished. I like helping to make a difference in people's lives and I look forward to doing so in the Greater Plainville area," Prisco said.

In her personal life, Laura played Division 1 Woman's Ice Hockey for the University of New Hampshire, where she led her team as assistant captain to become national champions. She was also an alternate on the 1992 Woman's USA Ice Hockey Team. In addition, Prisco enjoys playing tennis and golf and spending time with her parents and two brothers on Cape Cod, where her parents have retired to. Brian Liss, District Executive Director at the YMCA of Greater Hartford, said, "In her first three months at the Y, Laura has become an integral part of the Plainville community. We are lucky to have such a dedicated Y professional leading Wheeler into a new decade."

Prisco is available at the Wheeler YMCA, 149 Farmington Ave., Plainville and looks forward to meeting more members of the community and partnering with local businesses and organizations. If you would like to get in touch with Prisco she can be reached at 860-793-9631 or laura.prisco@ghymca.org.

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“Parson Building” Has a New Family Owner The Manafort Family

When Tabitha Wazorko and Justin Manafort met in 1978 as first graders at Wheeler School in Plainville neither could have imagined that they'd be married 24 years later. But July 20, 2002 isn't the only fateful date in their shared history. While, yes, there would be the inevitable children's birthdays to add to the list of milestones, there would also be other less predictable turn of events beyond matrimony and raising a family together—rewarding and thriving business partnerships.

Let's step back a few years. Some were surprised when Tabitha Wazorko Manafort, a popular teacher at Renbrook School and private math tutor put aside scholarly pursuits fifteen years ago for a less traditional career—she began to “flip” houses. To date, she has successfully “flipped” over 30 houses in the Plainville area. She has increased the value of these homes by millions of dollars collectively. The increase in property value has increased the town's grand list consistently by her rehab and renovations operations. In addition to the economic increases, Tabitha has revitalized these sometimes run down and uninhabitable homes into beautiful and sustainable homes for local families.. But it comes as no surprise to anyone who knows Tabitha personally or professionally that her newfound calling took on new dimensions beyond the conventional meaning of house flipping. Adding the roles of landlord, real estate investor,, home improvement contractor, furniture rehab specialist and “top producer” real estate agent are just some of the ways that she naturally branched out professionally. Tabitha first became a licensed realtor as a means of handling her own investments, but now even that has turned into much more. Then, all her experiences, gained knowledge and hard work paid off into her biggest professional accomplishment to date: the purchase of commercial property to house her company TWM Development—the company that serves as the umbrella for all of her business endeavors.

So let's step forward to 2018 when Tabitha decided to explore the world of commercial real estate, all the while thinking it'd be nice to have a home for her burgeoning TWM Development. The “Parsons Building” a legend of sorts in central Connecticut, was for sale and fit the bill on many accounts--a Plainville landmark, good street visibility, and potential for many different development possibilities. “Everyone in the area knew or did business with Parsons,” said Manafort. And honoring their legacy by developing another family-oriented business in that very space appealed to her. Rumor had it that the building was

up for sale but that a potential buyer had recently fallen through. While Justin was away on a charity bike ride in 2018, Tabitha took things into her own hands and reached out to Steve Parsons. They met, walking the property, which includes four parcels—two buildings and two lots. Manafort was immediately drawn to the idea of taking a property with an already rich local history and bringing it back to the standards of its glory days, much like she does with her houses. TWM took the leap and bought one building and the adjoining properties, while she and Justin formed a new company, TJS and that entity bought and owns the bigger of the buildings. In addition to a pre-existing jewelry business, Tabitha has already leaded much of the space. Evidence of the pride in her beloved Plainville can be seen by simple drive by in which one can see antique vehicles and other memorabilia in one of the storefronts. But the grandest gem in the lineup on East Street, is Powerhouse Motorsports.

Let's step back once more in time and tie this all together a bit. Her first grade pal turned husband Justin Manafort was busy developing a career of his own at the well-established Plainville mainstay of industry-- Manafort Brothers, Inc., Which recently celebrated 100 years in business. But Justin Manafort was also bitten by the entrepreneurial bug and established a company of his own five years ago with two partners- Powerhouse Motorsports. Along with the 20,000 square foot building. The Parsons Building allowed Powerhouse to move its base from Meriden to Plainville, a move that had long been hoped for, helping with its expansion to become bigger. Justin saw the opportunity for the company's growth—still close to Meriden, but closer to home and work and, a great space to showcase the bikes. Affectionately referred to as “the bike shop”, it's actually a local “powerhouse” in the used motorcycles industry. Justin emphasizes that it's a family-based endeavor—he and his partners, along with 12 employees are hoping to make this 20,000 square foot undertaking the biggest used bike dealership in Connecticut. On any given day, you can see an array of bikes displayed in front of the building, both inside and outside. Archives lines the wall, including collages and motorcycle racing tickets from 1948. And while the business already has a strong online presence and a big used inventory, growth is on the horizon. Powerhouse currently provides sales, service and repair and take cars and motorcycles on consignment.

Renovating the building to where it is today, up to par and beyond, has been an act of labor, for sure, but also an act of love. The family, including their 3 kids Samantha, Justin Jr., and Tommi, does as much of the work as they can, from painting walls and ripping

out old carpets, to repairing old floors and replacing tile. Both Manafort's are pleased with the reception they've received in town and beyond. Well wishes stop by just to congratulate them and the town leaders were very supportive in making sure the transition was a smooth one.

Service to the community in which she was born and raised is nothing new to Manafort. She gives back in countless ways, including political office and volunteering. Her hands-on involvement in the Plainville Food Pantry, a tenure on the Plainville Board of Education, and numerous other visible and behind the scenes efforts to better the place she calls home have earned the respect of other community members and were officially recognized with a Woman of the Year Award and Families in Business Award. As well, Manafort serves on the Board of Trustee of Albertus Magnus College, a position she has held for more than 10 years.

While there may have been some surprises and twists and turns in Tabitha's career trajectory, there have also been some consistencies along the way, constants that truly define who Tabitha is at her very core. Among them, and perhaps greatest, is her unwavering sense of loyalty to her work, people and in particular, to the town of Plainville. Two very intentional nods to her father, Thomas Wazorko, a respected public servant to Plainville life and politics, are consistently evident. One is her signature hoisting of a brand new American flag, in honor of her veteran dad, upon completion of every home renovation. Another is the inclusion of the “W” for Wazorko, her maiden name, in the middle initial of her company. Tabitha swells with pride in her heritage as she acknowledges the ethic of community service that handed down to her multi generations. For Tabitha Wazorko Manafort people come first. This refreshing business model is a winning combination for her and those she serves, When she flips houses, she's doing more than rote contract work—she breathes life into homes, creating a sort of “living museum” in addition to new enhancements.

And while she knows the buildings may continue to be referred as the Parsons Buildings and is happy that due respect is shown to the years of Parsons family innumerable contributions to the Town of Plainville, Tab does hope in time that it might be known as the bike shop and “The TWM” Building in recognition of the exciting possibilities the future holds. As Manafort says, “The possibilities are endless.” And keep your eye out for both Grand Opening announcements. Or, if you're in the area, swing by—they'd love to welcome you to the new neighborhood.

OBITUARIES

~ Holly (Nesci) Wentworth Adamic ~



51, of Plainville, loving mother, wife, sister, grandmother and friend, left this world too soon on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Born on February 7, 1968, she was the daughter of George Nesci of Florida and Karen (Chappo) Nesci of Connecticut, and the late

Ronald E. Wentworth, Sr. Raised in Connecticut, she attended local schools, and proudly served her country for more than ten years in the U.S. Air Force. While serving in Saudi Arabia on Operation Southern Watch, she met her husband Andrew, with whom she shared more than 20 years of marriage and raised two adored daughters. Holly was a devoted mother, overseeing and dedicating her time to their many activities including leading Girl Scouts and teaching Catechism. She enjoyed visiting various places with her therapy dog, Deedee, and was a talented artist, excelling in painting. Holly recently relocated to Plainville, where she was happy to reconnect with the Wentworth family and quickly made many friends. Remembered for her vibrant spirit and smile that could brighten anyone's day, she lived a life of selflessness and love, always putting others first. She is now at peace and will be missed beyond measure by those who were blessed to know her.

In addition to her husband, Andy, she leaves her daughters, Jenna and Jocelyn; and her granddaughter, Adalyn; her siblings, Shelly Michonski and her husband, Keith, Laurie Lozis and her husband, Adam, Scott, Todd and Rhonda Wentworth and Sharon Wentworth Burns, along with many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. She was predeceased by her grandmother, Mary Chappo, her brother, Ronald Wentworth, Jr. and her niece, Olivia Joy Wentworth.

In support of her fellow veterans, Holly may be remembered with contributions to Mission 22, at www.mission22.com

Funeral services in celebration of Holly's life were held at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St. Plainville. She will be laid to rest following the service, with full military honors at the State Veterans Cemetery, Bow Lane, Middletown. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

~ Joan S. (Zettergren) Coburn ~



84, of Bristol passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at Countryside Manor in Bristol.

Joan was born on February 5, 1935 in Plainville, daughter to the late Charles O. and Ruth (Erbe) Zettergren. She attended local schools graduating from Plainville High School in 1953.

Joan loved the beach and simply just being by the shoreline. She enjoyed traveling down to Florida to visit with her daughter and excursions to Nantucket to enjoy all the island had to offer. She was an avid UCONN women's basketball and Boston Red Sox fan. She will be deeply missed by her family.

Joan is survived by her son, Daniel Coburn and his wife, Tracy, of Farmington, her daughters, Susan Marinelli and her husband, Peter, of Plainville, and Marcy Korby, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; her grandchildren, Andrew, Christopher, Alyssa, and Sarah Marinelli and Trevor and Sara Coburn; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Allen, Charles, and Jack Zettergren and Jean Goodreau, Ruth Neils, and Jill Schaffrick.

Family and friends gathered at Bailey Funeral Home, Plainville. A service in celebration of Joan's life was held. Burial will be held privately at a later date. donations in memory of Joan can be made to the Alzheimer's Association CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489.

~ Brian D. Arndt ~



passed away on Monday, January 6, 2020 after a long battle with metastatic prostate cancer. He was the husband of Marcia (Marnel) Arndt of Southington. Brian was born in New Britain, CT on June 8, 1958 to Richard and Raymonde (Deveault) Arndt. He grew up in Plainville and

graduated from Plainville High School. For over 40 years, Brian worked in the auto industry, beginning his career at Scott Oldsmobile in Simsbury and continuing to work for Herb Chambers Oldsmobile & Cadillac, Gengras Motor Cars, New Country Motor Cars, Hoffman Auto Group, Valenti Auto Group, and most recently, for Valenti Audi in Watertown, where he served as General Manager since 2018. He was a multiple time winner of the BMW Profiles of Achievement award and was honored nationally for his product knowledge and sales. Brian married his wife Marcia in 1991 and together they raised two children in Southington: Daniel and Christopher. He was a devoted son, husband, father, uncle, and nephew. He was so proud of his children's accomplishments and cherished his family life. He was also a fiercely loyal friend and was blessed to have so many in his life. Over the years, he and his family also fostered and adopted many dogs.

Brian was an avid fan of snowmobiling, mountain biking, hockey, auto racing, and motorcycling. His favorite weekend activities included riding around New England on his motorcycle with his friends and watching the NASCAR Modifieds at Stafford and Thompson Speedways. He played in an adult hockey league and was proud to be a Slug.

He is survived by his wife, his two sons, Daniel Arndt of Coventry and Christopher Arndt of Reno, NV; his mother of Cromwell; his aunt Lucille Deveault Carlucci of Southington; a special cousin Paul Donaroma and his partner Joan Avery of Hebron; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was predeceased by his father Richard and his cousin Linda Donaroma Thibodeau. Special thanks go to the staff at the Cancer Center at Saint Francis Hospital for their attentive care, most especially Dr. Alessia Donadio and Brian's dedicated nurse, Matt. The family is also grateful to all of Brian's friends and extended family for their long-time support.

He passed away peacefully surrounded by his family.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Brian's at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of remembrance were shared followed by a reception in his honor. For online expressions of sympathy please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

~ Patrick J. Lennon ~



It is with great sadness we announce that Patrick J. Lennon, age 21, of Plainville passed suddenly at his home on January 6, 2020.

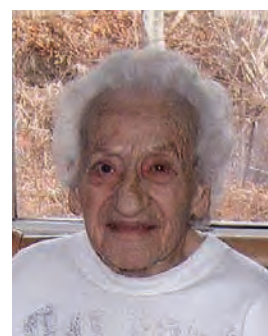
The son of Katherine Lennon, Patrick was born in New Britain on September 4, 1998 and was a lifelong resident of Plainville. He attended local schools, played Little League, worked seasonally on an alpaca shearing crew and had a love of outdoors.

In addition to his mother, Kate, he leaves his sister Hannah, his grandparents and many aunts, uncles and extended family.

Patrick's family will honor his life with private services. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.plainvillefuneralhome.com



~ Sophia (Tsiaparas) Boyiatzis ~



101, of Plainville, formerly of New Britain, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 16, 2019 at Sheriden Woods in Bristol. She was the wife of the late Nicholas Boyiatzis.

Born in Manchester, NH, she was one of seven children to the late Anastasio and Katherine (Sinferis) Tsiaparas. Raised in New Hampshire, she and Nicholas settled in New Britain where they raised their three children. Proud of her Greek heritage, Sophia was a longtime, dedicated member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church, where she worked tirelessly and made many lifelong friends. A member of the choir, the Ladies of Philoptochos, the Daughters of Penelope and the Golden Rascals, she was also a founding member of the Kitchen Club overseeing countless festivals. A senior lab technician, Sophia worked for Heublein, Inc., where she enjoyed many travels and performed research and development for KFC alongside Colonel Sanders of which she was always proud, retiring in 1984. She spent many years enjoying her retirement in Florida, returning to Connecticut in 1990 to continue her devotion to her church and cheer on her favorite team, the Boston Red Sox. A woman of great strength and independence, she is now at peace and reunited with her beloved family members and friends who have gone before her.

She is survived by her devoted daughter, Evelyn Joseph and her husband, Gerald of Plainville; and was the much loved YiaYia to Cynthia Ricco and her husband, Anthony, Christopher Joseph, Scott Almond and his wife, Amy and Stephanie Howard and her husband, Duane. Predeceased by her two brothers and 4 sisters, she leaves many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter Elaine Almond, and her pride and joy, her son Michael Boyiatzis.

In lieu of flowers, Sophia may be remembered with contributions to St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 301 W. Main St, New Britain, CT 06052.

Sophia's family extends their sincerest gratitude to the entire staff at Sheriden Woods for the care and comfort provided to them.

Funeral services in celebration of Sophia's life was held at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, officiated by Reverend Constantine Makrinos. Committal services followed at Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

~ Carmen P. Pecorelli, Jr. ~



64, of Plainville, passed away at his home on Friday, December 13, 2019.

Born in New Britain on February 20, 1955, he was one of five children to the late Carmen P. Pecorelli, Sr. and Lena (Greener) Pecorelli. A lifelong resident of Plainville, Carmen was a graduate of

Plainville High School, and worked as an aerospace electronics specialist for Kaman Corporation until his retirement. A member of the Plainville Senior Center, Carmen was an avid cyclist in his earlier years, finding great joy in riding for miles on his road bike.

He is survived by his three brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Sandra Pecorelli of Bristol, Mark and Ellen Pecorelli of Torrington and Paul and Lisa Pecorelli of S. Glastonbury; six nephews and two nieces. He was predeceased by his sister, Mary Jansson.

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

OBITUARIES

~ John "Jack" Joseph Cassidy ~



84, lifetime resident of Plainville, passed away on Monday, December 2, 2019 at Sheriden Woods Healthcare Center in Bristol. He was the loving and devoted husband to Marie D. (Shea) Cassidy for 58 years.

Jack was born on September 25, 1935 in his childhood

home in Plainville, son to the late Thomas James and Hazel (Conlon) Cassidy. He attended local schools graduating from Plainville High School and was a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church. Jack enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and proudly served our country during the years of 1953 to 1957. He was honorably discharged having earned rank as Sergeant and was recommended for reenlistment. Jack worked for Marlin Rockwell and was the President of the United Auto Workers Union. His love for sports led him to get involved with coaching Plainville Little League and he was the New England's Gartenhaus Café Softball Manager. Jack even created his own "Jack's Backyard" softball team which included Jersey style T-shirts for players to wear during games. He was an avid fan of the New York Yankees, the Boston Celtics, the men and women UCONN basketball teams, and the Washington Redskins. Jack decided to enroll in college in his later years and at the impressive age of 55 was the Valedictorian of his class at CCSU. A wise man full of love and dedication, his family will carry on his legacy as they cherish the times they have shared together over the years.

In addition to his wife, Marie, Jack is survived by his children, John "Jack" Cassidy Jr. (Doreen), Lynn Cassidy, William Cassidy (Bridget), James Cassidy (Cindy); his nine grandchildren, Autumn, Shea, Kayla, Matthew, Paul, Mitchell, Colin, Briana, and Connor; his two great-grandchildren, Liam and Brooke; and his brother, Donald Cassidy (Lillian). He was predeceased by his siblings, Robert Cassidy, Betty Boyels, Ann Parkinson, Leo Cassidy, and William Cassidy.

Funeral services in celebration of Jack's life were from Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville for a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Burial with full military honors followwd in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville..In memory of Jack and his service to our country, donations in his name can be made to any organization dedicated to helping our Veterans.

~ Noella A. (Perron) Paradis ~



91, of Plainville, passed away peacefully surrounded by her beloved family on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. She was the wife of the late Clifford Paradis.

Born in Biddeford, ME on December 23, 1928, she was one of eight children to the late John and Ilexia Perron. She and Clifford were married in 1954, settling in

Plainville in the 1960's where they raised their four children. Their Cooke St. home was always open to friends and neighbors, all who enjoyed her home cooked meals and were the recipients of endless vegetables and delicacies that she canned year after year from their extensive backyard garden. A lifelong Red Sox fan, and avid reader of James Patterson novels, her proudest role was Memere and she loved nothing more than having a house full of people. She will be greatly missed, leaving her family with a legacy of love, stories, and traditions that will forever be remembered. She is survived by her children, Mark (Norina) Paradis, Debra (Paul) Case, Lori (Braden) McCordic, and Dawn (Joseph) Therriault; her 8 adored grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren with one on the way; her brother, Marcel Perron; and many nieces, nephews and extended family. She was predeceased by her 6 siblings.

~ Joseph DeAngelo ~



87, of Forestville, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 27, 2019. He is now reunited with his loving wife of over 58 years, Josephine June (Taricani) DeAngelo, who predeceased him on June 18, 2019. Joseph was predeceased by several brothers and sisters.

Joseph was born on December 10, 1931 in New Britain, son to the late Louis and Susan (Petrucci) DeAngelo. He attended Plainville High School and proudly went on to serve in the United States Army and was honorably discharged. Joseph began his career in restoration and established D & L Painting in 1960. He had a passion for maintaining and overseeing his apartment complex that he built in Plainville and took great pride in his work. In addition to his apartment complex, he built his own homes including his beach house in Old Lyme. Over the years, Joseph, his wife and family created many memories at their beach house. He enjoyed spending time at Mohegan Sun Casino playing the tables, especially Blackjack. Family was the center of his world and he enjoyed the time spent over Sunday dinners, holidays, and any chance he got to be surrounded by his loved ones. He especially adored his only great-grandson, Giovanni.

Joseph leaves his son, David DeAngelo and his wife Karen, his granddaughters, Kristen DeAngelo and her partner Kyle Bolduc and Nicole Gallo and her husband Steve, his great-grandson Giovanni Gallo, his brother Michael DeAngelo and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

A celebration of Joseph's life was held at the Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville. A funeral service at Bailey Funeral Home followed. Burial with full military honors was in Saint Joseph Cemetery, 151 Farmington Ave., Plainville.

~ Adam Foster ~



77, of Plainville, loving Husband, Father and Grandfather passed away on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain.

Born in Savannah, GA on March 15, 1942, he was a son of the late George and Elizabeth (Jones) Adams. Raised in Brooklyn where he attended school, he later

resided in Boston, where he met his wife, Dorothy. Married in 1977, their families joined together creating a family of thirteen, and settled in Plainville in 1983. A man of hard work ethics, he worked in construction, retired from auto sales, and recently retired for the second time from Easter Seals this past April. Adam and Dorothy traveled extensively together, always looking forward to returning home to be surrounded by his adored family. People were drawn to Adam by his infectious smile, quick wit and love of music. He would open his home and his heart to everyone. He was affectionately known as Poppi or the coolest down to earth, Uncle Adam. He will be missed immensely, leaving a legacy of love, laughter and many priceless memories.

In addition to his wife, Dorothy Foster, he leaves his children, Vaneen and her husband, Wendel Anderson, Sr., Kensey Adams and his wife, Angie, Kenneth Adams, Keith Thompson, Alicia Marshall and her husband, Alan, Samuel Jones and his fiancé, Alicia, Lynette Burkhardt and her husband, Rick, Kellye Jones, Nichole Brown and her husband, Garfield, Adam D. Foster, and Crystal Foster and her husband, Rocco. He was the beloved Poppi to over 50 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren, and leaves his brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Emma Adams along with several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sons, Kevin (Jamal) and Jerry Adams, and two grandsons, Kevin and Jahkim.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Adam's life at Plainville Funeral Home,

~ John J. Egri, Sr. ~



92, of Plainville, beloved husband of Kathryn, passed away on Wednesday, December 11, 2019.

Born in New Britain on February 21, 1927, he was the sixth born of seven children to the late Andrew J. and Anna M. (Kohutka) Egri. Raised in New Britain and later, Granby,

John attended local schools, and enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 18. He served his country in Japan during W.W. II, and was honorably discharged in 1947. John married the love of his life, Kathryn, in 1953, and settled in Plainville where they raised their four children and were dedicated communicants of Our Lady of Mercy Church. John was a tool and die maker for many years, working for Union Manufacturing and New England Aircraft, from where he retired. Upon retirement, he went to work for Dattco as both a school and city bus driver. John and his family travelled extensively, taking road trips throughout all of North America and Canada, visiting 49 states by car. While anxiously awaiting a bridge to Hawaii, they took a cruise there in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary. Known as "The Rock Man from CT", he collected rocks from every state, visited the post office in most capital cities, always with his rolled up map in hand. He was also a lifelong NY Yankees fan, a loving husband, devoted father and Pop Pop, he will be remembered for his love of music and adventurous spirit, he created priceless memories for his family that will forever be cherished.

In addition to his wife, Kathryn, he leaves his son, John J. Egri, Jr. and his wife, Rose Marie of Bristol, his daughters, Joyce D. Wollenberg of Plainville and Sharon A. Egri and his "pretend son-in-law" Paul Boutote of Plainville; his grandchildren, Katrina Radil, Todd Wollenberg, Glenn and Jacy Wollenberg, and Sean Wollenberg and Briana Cedergren; and 4 great-grandchildren. He also leaves his sister, Johanna Egri Terlesky and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Andrew W. Egri and his 5 siblings.

In lieu of flowers, John's may be remembered with contributions to Our Lady of Mercy Church, 19 S. Canal St, Plainville, CT 06062.

~ Therese L. Sevigny ~



94, of Plainville passed away in the comfort of her daughter's home in Southington on December 10, 2019. She is now reunited with her loving husband, the late Jean Marie Sevigny.

Therese was born on May 18, 1925 daughter to the late Napoleon and Zelia (Lapierre) Quirion. She was a devout Jehovah's Witness and was a

member of the Kingdom Hall in Southington. From a young age helping to raise her siblings, Therese naturally acquired the skills of being a good mother and carried that on while raising her own children. She loved flowers and was a good gardener, planting a mix of flowers and vegetables. Therese also enjoyed many different arts and crafts and was very talented with all that she did. She found joy in crocheting and knitting, and quickly became the knitting "teacher" for all of her colleagues willing to learn while working at General Electric, up until her retirement in 1985. She was also a member of the Plainville Senior Center.

Therese is survived by her sons, Jean Marie Sevigny Jr., Maurice Sevigny (Elayne), Yves Sevigny, Gilles Sevigny (Jeaninne), Robert Sevigny (Sylvia), and Andre Sevigny (Lorie), her daughters, Johanne Gilmour and Lucie Spielman, her sisters, Colombe Adams and Marie-Paule Boucher, and her brother, Beniot Quirion, and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was predeceased by her sister, Yvette Lavern and her brother, Bertrand Quirion.

OBITUARIES

~ Cherie Ann Klewicki ~



I completed my final chrysalis and transformation on December 25, 2019. I was first diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 41. I did great for six years and then was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer at the age of 47. I did my best to live my journey with breast cancer the way I lived my life, with as much grace, humor and authenticity as I could manage.

I came into this life on May 28, 1969. I was a lifelong resident of Plainville, CT. I had a thirst for knowledge and have been a lifelong learner. I pursued my formal education by graduating from Plainville High School, Briarwood College, Connecticut Center for Massage Therapy, Charter Oak State College and Central Connecticut State University. I am survived by my parents Joseph and Anita Klewicki of Warrensburg, NY as well as my brothers, J. Kenneth Klewicki and his wife Lisa of Herndon, VA and Jason E. Klewicki and his wife Nichole of Rochester, NY. My nieces and nephews: Rebekah, Isabella, Elijah, Kyler, and Aubree; as well as many wonderful extended family.

If you wish to honor my memory, be kind and compassionate to yourself and others. If you'd like to make a donation in my name please consider the CT Breast Health Initiative, the American Cancer Society or an organization that is meaningful to you.

~ William Alexander Neill Jr. ~



91, of New Britain passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. He is now reunited with his loving wife of 62 years, Jeanne (Gabes) Neill who predeceased him in 2013. Bill was a devoted husband and father of five children who never stopped caring

and doing things for his family until the day he died.

William was born on December 2, 1928 in New Britain, CT son to the late William Alexander Neill, Sr. and Elizabeth Jane (MacIndoe) Neill. He attended schools in New Britain, graduating from New Britain High School 1946. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Army and was honorably discharged as a veteran of WWII. He then attended the Teachers College of New Britain which later became CCSC, Central Connecticut State College. In Bills younger years he enjoyed skiing, was an avid golfer and an accomplished artist and fisherman, especially fly fishing. Bill enjoyed his weekly card game with Eleanor and Michael Payton and son Paul and playing his Play three lottery tickets, and his occasional scratch tickets. He shared a passion, for many years, with his wife Jeanne, collecting, refinishing and selling antiques at shows up and down the east coast. He enjoyed traveling as a family to Cape Cod summers buying and selling antiques and eating lobster!

William worked in sales the majority of his life, working for Tuttle&Baily, Morin Building Products, NESP and H.G.Bass Co. selling structures and steel siding. He was most proud of his buildings at the Bradley International airport. During the 1950's-60's William was involved in local politics as Plainville's Town Treasurer and Treasurer of the Plainville Democratic Town Committee. William was a member of the Our Lady of Mercy Church and choir.

William is survived by his children, Valerie Neill-Nietsch and her husband, Barry, of Colfax, CA, Sandra Neill and her partner, Ben Buller, of Plainville, William J. Neill, of West Newton, MA, Mary Hoffnagle and her husband, Davis, of New Hartford, and Paul Neill, of New Britain; his grandchildren, Brianna, Laurel, and Brittney; his sisters, Mary Ames and Margaret Cunningham; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, John and Thomas Neill.

~ Donald Eric Liljedahl ~



83, of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain. He was the husband of the late Marie (Drouin) Liljedahl.

Born in Hartford on March 15, 1936, he was the son of the late Eric R. and Edme (Anderson) Liljedahl. Don

proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, 3rd Armored Div. in Germany, receiving an honorable discharge in 1958. He and Marie shared 51 years of marriage, settling in Plainville where they raised their family. A skilled woodworker and metal fabricator, Donald was a longtime pattern maker and member of the Pattern Makers League of North America. He eventually co-owned West Hartford Pattern Works where he began as an apprentice. A man of many interests and talents, he belonged to the Plainville Senior Center and the Southington Calendar House where he attended art and poetry classes, and belonged to the photography group. He travelled extensively alongside his companion and best friend, Doris Rudnicki, from whom he was inseparable since they first met. Don was an accomplished member of the Boy Scouts of America, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. He found much joy in being a ScoutMaster for Troop 425 in Bristol for more than ten years. Donald loved the outdoors and the beauty of nature as a camping, hiking, fishing, and photography enthusiast. Remembered for his kindness, love of the arts and sense of humor, he will be missed by his family and many friends.

In addition to Doris, he leaves his son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Sonja Liljedahl; his daughter, Karen Liljedahl-Perry and her husband, Joe; eight grandchildren, and eleven nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Joan Darrach.

In lieu of flowers, Donald may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East St., Plainville, CT 06062.

Family and friends may gather in celebration of Don's life on Thursday, January 2, 2020, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Committal services with military honors will follow at West Cemetery. For online expressions of sympathy please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

~ Thomas Michael Soucie ~



57, of Plainville, passed away peacefully following a brief illness on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain.

Born on June 10, 1962 and raised in New Britain, he was one of two children to Roger Soucie of Plainville and the late Rose (Moccio) Soucie.

Tommy was a 1981 graduate of Plainville High School, where he excelled in wrestling and enlisted in the US Army shortly after graduation, proudly serving his country. He returned to his hometown upon being honorably discharged, where he raised his family and was a dedicated coach and volunteer for the Plainville Little League. A motorcycle enthusiast, Tommy found great joy in riding his Harley, and participating in countless charity rides throughout the state. He enjoyed antiquing later in life, and was happiest when he was surrounded by his adored family. He will be missed beyond words, and remembered for his passion for life, sense of humor and love for his family.

In addition to his father, Roger, he leaves his children, Chase Soucie and Alicia Marquis, and their mother, Kim Soucie; his sister, Christine Soucie and her children, Justin, Jacqueline, and Stephanie Green and their families; along with many dear friends.

~ Stephen R. Wood ~



65, of Wallingford, passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at Midstate Medical Center in Meriden. He was the loving and devoted husband of 25 years to Cheryl (Canney) Wood. Stephen is now reunited with his father, Peter Wood, who

predeceased him in March of 2018.

Stephen was born on July 2, 1954 in Warwick, Virginia son to Barbara (Robinson) Wood and the late Peter Wood, of Plainville. He was a highly skilled mechanic who was able to fix anything and there was never a task too difficult for Stephen to overcome. He dedicated a lot of his time to his career in order to provide for himself and his wife and simply because he had a true passion for being a mechanic. Stephen was a very hard worker and took great pride in what he did. He enjoyed teaching others the trade and passing on his knowledge. He was a selfless, caring man always willing to help others. He especially cherished his wife, his mother and all of his fur babies. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends as they cherish the many fond memories they have with Stephen.

In addition to his wife and mother, Stephen leaves behind his siblings, Thomas Wood and his wife, Erika, of Southington, Edward Wood and his wife, Gerrie, of NH, Mary Wood, of Plainville, Timothy Wood and his wife, Leslie, of SC, Catherine Wood, of NH, Barbara Laliberte and her husband, Bob, of SC, and Daniel Wood and his wife, Tracy, of Southington; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

~ John Patrick Sullivan ~



76, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 3, 2020 following a long battle with Parkinson's disease that he endured with much strength and optimism. John was born in County Kerry, Ireland on June 17, 1943, and came to



the United States at the age of 10. He was the first of many generations of Sullivans to settle on Dogwood Rd, and was a 1963 graduate of Plainville High School. Excelling at track and cross country, he broke many records and was instrumental in leading the team to the state championship in 1961, for which he was inducted into the Plainville High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2011. Eager to serve his country, John became a citizen just days before leaving for duty with the US Army during the Vietnam War. Honorably discharged as a Sergeant, he returned to his hometown where he raised his son and became a much loved "Pop". Known to give his heart and soul into every endeavor, John worked for Philip Morris until his retirement, where he was consistently recognized as a top sales executive. In addition to being a long time coach within the Plainville Little League, John was an active volunteer of PARC alongside his lifelong best friend, Frank Robinson, and worked tirelessly setting fundraising records for the organization. He was honored with an award in his name, given to individuals and organizations that share in his principles, and was the recipient of the Plainville Citizen Volunteer of the Year award in 2005. His work is now done, but will forever be remembered by his family, friends and community. John leaves his mother, Eileen of Plainville; his devoted son, Sean, his wife, Catherine, and their daughter, Isabel, who brought him much joy. He also leaves his former wife and longtime friend Christine Sullivan of Plainville and longtime companion Chris Howland who stood by him through thick and thin; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Margaret and Cliff Czellec of Plainville, Ann-Marie and John Rossley of Farmington and Irene and James Herrera of Stonington; and his sister-in-law, Jean Sullivan of Enfield. He was the proud uncle to Joseph Sullivan, Craig Czellec, John Rossley, Kevin Czellec, Daniel Rossley, Michael Rossley, Maureen Herrera, Kara Virello and Michael Ouchakof and their families. He was predeceased by his father George and his brother George Declan Sullivan.

OBITUARIES

Alice E. "Dolly" ~ (Eaton) Chamberlin ~



91, of Plainville, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, January 18, 2020. She joins her husband of 65 years, William B. Chamberlin, Jr., who predeceased her in 2014.

Born in Bristol on December 7, 1928, she was one of three daughters to the late William

and Mary (Seery) Eaton. A lifelong Plainville resident and dedicated advocate for her community, Dolly was a 1946 graduate of Plainville High School and member of the Blue Angels basketball team, proudly attending their induction into the Plainville Sports Hall of Fame in 2018. As Executive Director for the Plainville Chamber of Commerce for more than 20 years, Dolly was instrumental in helping her hometown thrive. A golf enthusiast, she founded the Chamber's annual "Get Acquainted" golf outing, forming relationships amongst local businesses, and went on to assist other local chambers and organizations host successful tournaments for many years. She was a member of the Tourism Committee for the Central CT Chamber of Commerce, worked part time for the Southington Chamber of Commerce upon her retirement from Plainville, and was on the Board of Directors and Supervisory Committee for the United Business and Industry Credit Union. A member and Past President of the Plainville Rotary Club for more than 30 years, she and Bill were both honored with the prestigious Paul Harris Award for their commitment to the club and their community. A volunteer for the Plainville Hometown Connection alongside her friend of nearly 80 years, Helen Bergenty, she was also a founding member of the Plainville Community Fund in 2006, enhancing the lives of local residents and funding worthwhile projects. Her many accolades include the Executive of the Year award from the New England Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, the Distinguished Service Award from the Plainville DECA, and was one of several women recognized by the New Britain YWCA as a Woman of the Year. Remembered for her philanthropy, no nonsense personality and leadership, she will continue to be an inspiration to the many lives she touched.

She leaves her devoted daughters, Sande and Pamela Chamberlin both of Plainville; her sister and brother-in-law, Theresa and Wayne Fuller of Bristol, her sisters-in-law, Ruth Kershner and Dot Smith; along with many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Elizabeth Munson.

In lieu of flowers, Dolly may be remembered with contributions to Plainville Community Fund, PO Box 156, Plainville, CT 06062.

Funeral services in celebration of Dolly's life were at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Committal followed at West Cemetery. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ John Anthony "Jack" Susco ~



92, of Plainville, beloved husband of Rita (Simone) Susco, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

Born on August 29, 1927, he was a son of the late John and Christine (Santy) Susco. A lifelong resident, he was a 1945 graduate of Plainville High School, and continued to be an instrumental part of their reunions. He enlisted in the US Navy as a minor during WW II, was discharged in 1946, and drafted into the US Marine Corps in 1952. He proudly served his country during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in 1954. Jack and Rita were married shortly after, and they settled in his childhood home that he helped his father build, where they shared 62 years of marriage and life adventures, raising a loving family of four with a dedicated routine of working hard and playing hard. He was a heavy equipment sales representative for TB Holmes, and, after attending the Hartford Institute of Accounting, assisted with tax accounting for many local businesses, and retired from Ideal Forging as their Treasurer. He was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Church, the Knights of Columbus, and AARP, and enjoyed his daily ritual of walking the same 3 mile loop around town for many years. The original "Jack" of all trades, he put 100% effort into all of his jobs and hobbies, spending many days in his backyard machine shop, working on cars, painting, and gardening; and weekends fulfilling two of his favorite pastimes, going to the beach with his family and making wine with his friends. Family vacations consisted of road trips and ranches, making lifelong friends along the way. Remembered for his smile that could brighten any room, his eclectic love for music, his consistency and passion for life, he will be greatly missed leaving his family with many cherished memories.

In addition to his wife, Rita, he leaves his children Diane Lebel and her husband, Robert of Bristol, John and his wife, Marie of Southington, Lorna Donofrio of Rocky Hill and Rhonda Conte and her husband, Paul of Plainville; his grandchildren, Dustin Lebel and his wife, Stephanie, Tyler Lebel, Jennifer Roffer and her husband, Mark, Ryan Lebel, Austin and Rianna Susco, Justin, Jason, and Teresa Donofrio, and Jillian, Samantha, and Jake Conte; and his great-grandson, Jack Christopher Lebel. He also leaves his brother, John Walonoski, and sister Mary Jane Malespini and her husband, Sebastian; along with many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Vincent Susco.

Honoring Jack and his fellow veterans, he may be remembered with contributions to the House of Heroes CT, 3000 Whitney Ave, Suite 233, Hamden CT 06518 or www.hohct.org

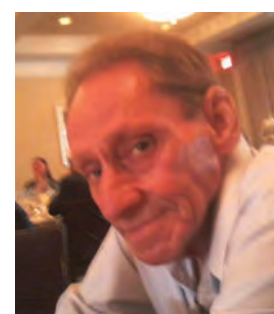
Funeral services in celebration of Jack's life were from Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, with a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal services with military honors followed at St. Thomas Cemetery, Southington. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

Heaven Needed Mom

*A beautiful garden now stands alone,
missing the one who nurtured it
But now she is gone, her flowers still
bloom, and the sun it still shines,
But the rain is like tear drops,
for the ones left behind.*

~ Miss you Mom ~

~ Russell Martin ~



69, of New Britain, CT, husband of Kimberly (Fowler) Martin, passed away on Monday, December 2, 2019.

Born in St. Agatha, ME on April 4, 1950, he was one of four sons to Loretta (Collin) Martin of Plainville and the late Charles Martin. Russell

graduated from Plainville High School. He enlisted and proudly served his country by serving with the United States Marine Corps. He and Kimberly lived in New Britain where they shared 31 years of marriage. Russell worked for M & P Pipe Jacking Corporation, until his retirement in 2005. He was a devoted fan of the New York Yankees and Green Bay Packers. Russell enjoyed a competitive game of pool with his family and friends once every week.

In addition to his wife and mother, Russell leaves his brothers, Dennis Martin and Peter Martin and his wife, Denise, along with many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews whom he treated like his children. He was predeceased by his father Charles Martin and his brother John Martin.

To honor his fellow veterans, Russell may be remembered with contributions to the House of Heroes CT, 3000 Whitney Ave, Suite 233, Hamden, CT 06518 or at www.hohct.org

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Russell's life was held. at Our Lady of Mercy Church 19 South Canal Street Plainville, Ct. Committal services with full military honors followed at St. Joseph Cemetery 151 Farmington Avenue Plainville, Ct. Plainville Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Katherine M. (Raymond) Swanson ~



90, lifelong resident of Plainville passed away peacefully on Monday, December 16, 2019 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain.

Katherine was born in her childhood home in Plainville on March 4, 1929 daughter to the late Allen M. and Leonora (Jennings)

Raymond. She grew up in Plainville graduating from Plainville High School in 1947. She was employed by the CT Children's Medical Center as a bookkeeper for many years. At the age of 50, Katherine went on to attend classes at Tunxis Community College and graduated at the impressive age of 60 earning her associates degree in accounting. She was very passionate about numbers and enjoyed her role as a tax aid for AARP, where she helped the elders with filing taxes. Katherine was also highly involved with the American Red Cross and was a volunteer for over ten years. She loved to travel; from her summers at the family camp in Barkhamstead (Ampy's Camp), to her excursions to Hawaii, Alaska, Germany at the age of 80 and Yellowstone National Park at the age of 81, she was always willing and ready for the next adventure. Katherine was a very simple woman, who enjoyed life to the fullest with an abundance of love and kindness to share.

Katherine is survived by her children, John Swanson and his wife, Barbara of Leland, NC, Karen Swanson of Southington, Raymond Swanson and his wife, Debra of Plainville, and Debra Swanson of Bristol; her grandchildren, Eric Santos and his wife, Dorothy, Andrea Santos, Michele Swanson, Nicole Swanson, Katherine Huber and her husband, Jon, Andrew Swanson, and Steffani Franek and her husband, George; her 7 great-grandchildren with 2 on the way; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family. She was predeceased by her siblings, Allen Raymond, Frances "Peggy" Masiuk, Robert Raymond, Kenneth Raymond, and John Raymond.

In memory of Katherine, donations can be made to the American Red Cross, PO Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839, or to the Plainville Food Pantry, 54 S. Canal Street, Plainville, CT 06062.



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