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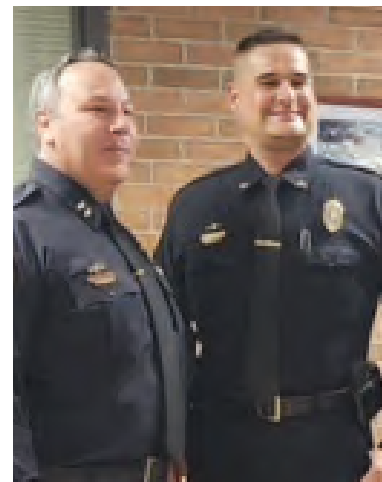
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PARC Receives a Grant



From left to right: Susan Winn of the Women & Girls Fund; Christine Sullivan and Marilyn Badnor of PARC; and Jessica Pieri of the Women & Girls Fund. It was taken at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bristol on January 10. See story on page 10.

John Quilter Promoted to Plainville Police Lieutenant



John grew up in Bristol in a law enforcement family. His father retired as a lieutenant after a long career with the Bristol Police Department. John entered the United States Army right after high school and while serving his country in the Army he attained the rank of Corporal and held a number of training and leadership positions. Only weeks after being honorably discharged from the Army he was hired onto the Plainville Police Department where he has served for the past 23 years. As a Plainville Police Officer he has held the assignments of Patrol Officer, Bicycle Officer, Field Training Officer, Corporal Patrol Sergeant, FTO Coordinator, Honor Guard Member, Drone Pilot and most recently Administrative Sergeant where he has managed the Traffic Division, Training Division, Scheduling, and Grant Writing... as well as anything else that is often thrown on his plate to take care of.

He has been awarded a Life Saving Award, MADD Award and several Letters of Commendation He has volunteered with almost every youth sports league in town, the Special Olympics, he has managed the Plainville Police Athletic League PAL Basketball program, and is a member of the Plainville Rotary Club

Shown in photo: Chief Vanghele and Lt. Quilter

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Non-Profit of the Year: VFW Post 574, Bob Beveridge
Distinguished Family in Business: Northeast Produce, Inc. Lisa and Michael Melnikaitis Joe and Felecia Ruffini
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Plainville Property Transfers

28 Willow Brook Dr Unit 3, Newport Willow Brk Partn of Plainville to Ronald Andre and William Clark, \$379,100 on 11/10/2022

N/A Gregory Stilwell of Plainville to Angelika M. Suidak, \$127,270 on 11/15/2022

29 Cornell St: Aazon Z. Mccarthy of Plainville to Robert Beinke \$336,000 on 11/14/2022

163 W. Main St: Hamida Mehovic of Plainville to Jonathan Gallegos \$220,000 on 11/14/2022

14 Young St: Darlene M. Buckler and Lisa A. Dionne of Plainville to Shanna L. Hargrove, \$279,900 on 11/14/2022

8 Exeter Ave: Boucher Bldg&Renovation of Plainville to Donna Plumer, \$155,000 on 11/16/2022

71 Russell Ave Unit A6: Megan E. Cagno of Plainville to Christina M. Caraballo. \$179,900 on 11/22/2022

69 Northwest Dr Unit 43: Gabrielle E. Remillard of Plainville to Kilie Drony and Jordan W. Rinaldi, \$190,000 on 11/23/2022

99 Willow Brook Dr: Newport Willow Brk Partn of Plainville to Marc S. and Sophie Dynak, \$372,365 on 12/01/2022

3 Butternut Ln: Kerri A. Guglietta of Plainville to DSJL Properties LLC, \$320,000 on 12/02/2022

7 Bradley St Unit 18: Jeanine Martino of Plainville to Edward J. and Lee C. Drag, \$359,000 on 12/01/2022

N/A: Christopher R. and Amylynn Thompson of Plainville to Kyle P. Kumer and Barbara E. Marzi, \$500,000 on 12/01/2022

24 Ivy Rd: Henry G. Slapski and Stephen O. Allaire of Plainville to Raymond P. and Lisa E. Ricker, \$325,000 on 12/08/2022

2 Sandstone Rd Unit 2: Nilay Vadsola of Plainville to Antonio G. and Matteo Curiale, \$480,000 on 12/08/2022

7 Cassidy Dr Unit 7: Linda S. Hill of Plainville to Tanya Maisonet, \$73,000 on 12/08/2022

190 Tomlinson Ave Unit 12E: Lynn Ludwin of Plainville to Joshua Martin \$200,000 on 12/09/2022

32 Chester St: Jesse C. Boudewyns of Plainville to Danielle Reola and Frank Y. Tardie, \$245,000 on 12/02/2022

24 Burnside Ave: Kailyn Biello and Jake Carolan of Plainville to Natalie Haber and Andrew J. Lukeski, \$279,000 on 12/06/2022

46 Sunset Ave: Raymond and Debra Swanson of Plainville to Nicole Swanson \$250,000 on 12/12/2022

124 Trumbull Ave: Nicholas Golden of Plainville to Zachary Voisine, \$270,000 on 12/12/2022

16 Wayne Dr: JSF Properties LLC of Plainville to Roberto and Megan Santiago, \$216,000 on 12/15/2022

112 Willow Brook Dr Unit 23: Newport Willow Brk Partn of Plainville to Susan B. and Keith M. Vitelli, \$435,692 on 12/15/2022

109 Willow Brook Dr Unit 25: Newport Willow Brk Partn of Plainville to Sharon Colburn, \$405,453 on 12/12/2022

Questions Asked? Here are some Answers!

If you have any questions, Email to: plainvillehometown@gmail.com or call 860-747-4119

Town Council Meetings Can be seen on Nutmeg TV- Channel #96 Friday & Sunday Evenings

Steps to Be Taken by Property Owners -- When Sewage Back-up Occurs

If a back-up occurs during business hours call: Normal Business Hours - Monday - Friday 7:00am - 3:00pm
Water Pollution Department: (860)793-0221 Ext. 6518
If a back-up occurs during non-business hours call: Non-Business Hours - Nights, Weekends & Holiday
Plainville Police Non-Emergency Line: (860)747-1616
Once contacted a WPC Maintenance crew will be notified of the situation and will arrive to determine if the backup is from the main sewer line. If it is, they will clear it. If the blockage is not in the main sewer line then the WPC Maintenance crew will direct the property owner to contact a local contractor.

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For Vote Information or Questions Contact:

Susan Abram Democrat

Registrar of Voters 860-793-0221 Ext. 7161

Beth Gasparini Republican

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MICHAEL PAULHUS, TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT TO TOWN COUNCIL

January 3, 2023 & January 17, 2023



January 3, 2023

Town Manager Report

Capital Region Council of Governments

- Matthew Hart, Executive Director will be making a presentation on the benefits of membership. Matt will have a handout for you as well. The following information was taken from their website:

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is a voluntary Council of Governments formed to initiate and implement regional programs of benefit to the towns and the region. It is guided by the chief elected officials of our 38 Metro Hartford municipalities. The mayors, first selectmen, and town council chairmen who make up our governing Policy Board recognize that the future of our individual members is tied to the future of our region. Our members have collaborated for more than 50 years on a wide range of projects to benefit our towns individually and the region as a whole. CRCOG serves the Capitol Region and all our municipalities by:

- Helping members improve governmental efficiency and save tax dollars through shared services and other direct service initiatives;
- Promoting efficient transportation systems, responsible land use and preservation of land and natural resources, and effective economic development;
- Strengthening the capitol city of Hartford as the core of a strong region, and as our economic, social and cultural center;
- Advocating for the region and its towns with the state and federal governments;
- Strengthening our regional community by helping coordinate regional agencies and programs; and
- Assisting local governments and citizens in articulating, advocating, and implementing the vision, needs, and values of their regional community.

Aviation Commission discussion on Subcommittee

- The Aviation Commission has entertained a discussion around the formation of a joint subcommittee with members of the Town Council to discuss the airport lease agreement and other capital projects.
- A list of Robertson's current and potential Capital Improvement Projects include:

Apron Repair

Runway & Taxiway Extension

T-Hangar Design and Construction

AWOS/PAPI Installation

Building Assessment/Rehabilitation

Safety and Security Assessment [this would include Fencing Installation]

New Wind Cone and Segmented Circle

- There is an item under New Business to establish a sub-committee consisting of seven members: David King and Frank Cawley from Aviation Commission; Chairwoman Pugliese and Vice-Chairman Underwood; Town Manager Paulhus, Assistant Town Manager Cirioli and Robert Lee. The anticipated start date for this sub-committee is January 2023.

Email Notification – Town Website

- The town website provides an opportunity for residents to sign up for email alerts and notices in addition to the Code Red Emergency Notification System and Tax Payment Reminders that are found on our main page at the bottom.
- Using the Email Alert System, residents may opt in to receive one or more messages from four different categories: Urgent Alert, News or Announcements, Meeting Agendas, and Meeting Minutes. All you need to do is submit your email and select which notices you would like to see.

Happenings

Reported at the Town Council Meeting on January 3, 2023

Andy Cirioli, Assistant Town Manager

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Plainville residents may either dispose of their Christmas Trees, at no cost, at the Transfer Station or allow the Roadways Department to collect them curbside.

- Transfer Station: Trees may be disposed of at the Transfer Station located at 23 Granger Lane at any time from Monday, December 26, 2022 until Friday, January 20, 2023. Trees should be placed in the designated collection bin outside the Transfer Station gate. Decorations must be removed from trees. Trees must be removed from any bag they are transported in.
- Curbside Collection: The Roadways Department will also be collecting Christmas Trees from residents at the curbside. Residents are asked to leave their tree at the curb during their trash pick-up day from Monday, January 9, 2023 until Friday, January 20, 2023. Tree must be free of decorations, snow, and ice. Do not place trees on the roadway and do not block any sidewalk or walkway.

Questions can be referred to Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 ext. 7176.

REVENUE (TAX) COLLECTION

Starting January 1, 2023, the Town will be collecting the second installment of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes. Additionally, the Town will be collecting the Motor Vehicle Supplemental bills. All bills are delinquent after February 1, 2023.

SENIOR CENTER

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

Help for Veterans

- Eric Vickers, a Veterans Service Officer from the CT Department of Veterans' Affairs will be at the Senior Center on January 4, 2023, available by appointment only.
- Call Eric Vickers a 203-805-6343 to schedule an appointment.

Caregiving Connections

- Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM
- Individuals providing 24/7 care are invited to join this support group to discuss their experience and challenges.

Telephone Bingo

- Thursdays from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, starting January 12, 2023

Play bingo over the phone or on Zoom without having to leave home. Individuals interested in playing, should register with the Senior Center to receive a bingo card. Prizes are available for winners.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

- Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 10:30 AM
- Grandparents or relatives who are raising a grandchild, niece, or nephew are welcome to join this support group at the Senior Center where resources, ideas, and common joys and challenges are discussed.

Memory Café at the Senior Center

- Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 2:00 PM
- Individuals experiencing changes in their memory and their caregivers are invited to join the Memory Café, a safe and supportive social gathering for people experiencing similar life challenges. Let it Snow and Let us Snowshoe
- Call the Senior Center to join the snowshoe adventure list. If it snows and conditions are good for snowshoeing, the Senior Center will contact individuals on the list and organize an outing. Five pairs of snowshoes are available at the Senior Center for those who need them. This list will be maintained through this winter season.

January 17, 2023

Town Manager Report

Spring Bike Races – Matthew Stuart

- Matt Stuart is from the Greater Hartford Cycling Club and has requested an opportunity to discuss the return of the Spring Races to Plainville for 2023. Matt used to run a bike race in town a couple of years ago but had to move due to the building of Americold off of Northwest Drive. For the last two years the race was run in Farmington, but with Trumpf doing some construction he would like to return to a modified course in Plainville.
- The new course would be slightly different and will require coverage from the Plainville Police Department. The race series would be held on the 4 Sundays in March from 8 am-12 noon.
- Matt Stuart will be here in person to answer any questions.

ARPA Projects Update

- The original project list recommended by the committee and approved by the Town Council included a combination of approximately 20 projects, programs, and/or upgrades for consideration. To date, the Town Council has moved forward with a public hearing and appropriation for 13 of the 20 items.
- All in all, the items were estimated to come in under the total allocation for the town of \$5,189,198.
- The most recent item to be approved was the replacement of the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Fire Department. An update outlining the remaining seven (7) items is included in your agenda packet.

Valley Water Systems Open Space and Watershed Land Purchase Update

- It was brought to my attention that 48.8 acres of former watershed land adjacent to Southington's Crescent Lake Recreation Area was acquired in 2021. However, the grant seeking reimbursement for the acquisition was denied by DEEP, but the town prevailed in getting that decision reversed a year later. Mark DeVoe, the Town Planner has worked behind the scenes with CT DEEP to correct deficiencies in the initial grant application. Having done so, we are pleased to report that the grant request was recently preliminarily approved by DEEP.
- Mark has provided a detailed memo and map outlining the location, and components of the property that was acquired by the Town. Some of the highlights of his memo include:

1. The new open space is entirely in Plainville and has a suite of wonderful hiking trails that are maintained by groups of volunteers who have historically kept the Metacomet Trail and its many spurs clean and "above water."

2. The open space has been named the "Bradley Mountain Recreational Area" in deference to its location along the flanks of Bradley Mountain – some of the views from lookout points in Plainville include ridgelines as distant as Cheshire and Hamden.

3. The acquisition furthers goals set by Plainville's Open Space Land Acquisition subcommittee as well as meeting several recommendations found in the Plainville Plan of Conservation and Development.

Town Council/BOE Joint FY24 Budget Meeting -1/25/23

- The Town Council and the Board of
- (CONTINUE ON PAGE 5)

(FROM PAGE 4) Education will be conducting a Joint Virtual Meeting to hear a presentation from the Superintendent of Schools and the Town Manager for the Fiscal Year 24 Budget Outlook.

- The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25th beginning at 6:00 pm in the Library Auditorium. Residents are encouraged to attend.
- The Joint Meeting Agenda can be found on the Town website at www.plainvillect.com

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ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Program

- Elderly and Disabled Homeowners are reminded that it is time to file for elderly and disabled homeowner benefits for the 2022 Grand List Year.

- The income limit for a Single Person is not to exceed \$40,300 and for a Married Couple it is not to exceed \$49,100.

- Applications must be filed by May 15, 2023.

- Applications will be taken at the Town of Plainville Municipal Center, by appointment only. Please call the Assessor's Office for an appointment at 860-793-0221 ext. 7136.

Other Tax Relief Programs for Qualified Residents

The Town of Plainville also offers a local option tax abatement program and a local freeze program. Anyone interested in finding out more about these programs should contact the Assessor's Office at 860-793-0221 ext. 7136.

TAX / REVENUE COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

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Zumba Class

- Wednesday, January 18, 2023 from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
- Try a free Zumba class demo with the Senior Center's new Zumba Gold Instructor.
- The full, 8-week session begins on Wednesday, January 25th and ends on March 15th.
- Please call the Senior Center to register.

Healthy Brain Series

- Every Thursday from January 19, 2023 – February 16, 2023 from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- Learn tips and best practices for improving brain health by participating in the Healthy Brain Series. This series includes five sessions. Participants are encouraged to attend all five.
- Session 1: Activities to challenge your mind
- Session 2: Importance of diet and nutrition
- Session 3: Finding meaningful engagement as you age
- Session 4: Importance of sleep and your brain
- Session 5: Lessons for living longer from people who lived the longest
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Pet Therapy with Porkchop the Pig

- Monday, January 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM
- Come and meet Porkchop, a pet therapy pig. Porkchop will happily sit on laps, accept hugs, and perform tricks. Join the Senior Center in relaxing and enjoying this adorable pet therapy animal.

Memory Screening

- Tuesday, Jan 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM

- Individuals with concerns about their short-term memory are welcome to a 10 minute Memory Screening from the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. This is a simple and safe "healthy brain check-up" to test memory and other mental skills. This is not a diagnosis of any particular illness and results are completely confidential.

Veterans' Social Hour

- Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM
- Veterans over the age of 60 and their spouses are invited to join this monthly information and support meeting, which is facilitated by Sherri Vogt, Veteran's Liaison for Hartford HealthCare Senior Services.
- Please call the Senior Center to register.
- COVID-19 Vaccine/Booster Shot Clinic (Open to The Public)
- Monday, January 30, 2023 from 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM
- Griffin Health will conduct a FREE COVID vaccine/booster shot clinic at the Plainville Senior Center. Walk-ins are welcome.
- Help for Veterans
- Eric Vickers, a Veterans Service Officer from the CT Department of Veterans' Affairs will be at the Senior Center on February 1, 2023, available by appointment only.
- Call Eric Vickers a 203-805-6343 to schedule an appointment.
- Trip Meeting for National Parks Trip and Island Hopping Trip
- Join the Senior Center on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 2:30 PM to discuss two upcoming trips:
- National Parks Trip: Arizona Adventure and Las Vegas Trip planned for 10/06/2023—10/13/2023
- Island Hopping Trip: Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard Trip planned for 08/18/2023 – 08/20/2023

Town of Plainville Snow Plowing Bids

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

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From the Desk Of:

Cal Hauburger,

Economic Development & Special Projects Coordinator

White Oak – We have received approvals from DECD & DEEP for both Manafort Newport's acceptance into the Abandoned Brownfield Cleanup (ABC) Program, along with a one-year extension of the Town's acceptance and enrollment into the program. This program significantly reduces both the Town and MNR's future liability in the eyes of the State and is a paramount step in the process of the Town's purchase, and subsequent sale, of the White Oak property. The Town is proceeding with aggressive hopes of being able to purchase and sell the White Oak property within the first quarter of 2023. In the meantime, the Town's Access & Option Agreement with the Toffolon Estate has been extended to the end of May 2023.

Tighe & Bond are finishing the expanded scope of work under Contract Amendment #2 which includes additional soil and ground water sampling to allow for further delineation of contamination that was not provided to the necessary extent under our previous LEP. All work is to be paid under grant funding. Results and reporting should be available in the coming weeks and allow for collaboration between Tighe & Bond and MNR to develop a proper remedial action plan to address contamination and dovetail efforts into redevelopment design.

Under grant funding, we have completed roof patching at White Oak to prevent further interior deterioration and possible need for an expanded scope of interior testing and abatement efforts. Eventually a full roof repair will be completed by MNR as part of redevelopment efforts. Additionally, in partnership with the Town, MNR has completed a full clean out of all buildings on site to deter further invasion and vandalism.

Project stakeholders continue to meet on a bi-weekly basis. The group is close to completing a state-required title search to release grant funding, allowing us to move towards purchase and sale of the property.

North Mountain Road Development – Discussions between the Town and Tomasso Group focusing on the potential medical campus development surrounding the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Institute on North Mountain Road have resumed after being paused by COVID. During that time, the Tomasso Group has purchased the remaining available property and now can market 105 contiguous acres of land properly zoned as "Technology Park" as a significant build to suit opportunity. Given the property's size and location, the Tomasso Group has been able to work with significant stakeholders across the state including DECD, AdvanceCT (formerly CERC), UConn Health, Jackson Labs, and others to properly market the property. Depending on parking configurations, the property has the ability to accommodate between 500,000 square feet (uncovered parking in open lots)

to 2,000,000 square feet (multi-level covered garages) of new development. Being located within a state designated Bioscience Zone is an added advantage in recruitment, and even with the program mandated tax breaks, would prove to be a significant development for the town in one of the few areas of open land not encumbered by floodplains or designated as an aquifer protection area.

EDA Membership - During 2022, Robert Berube officially resigned from the EDA bringing voting members down to seven. The town has been advertising the opening but has not yet received any applications to participate. At the January 3, 2023 Town Council meeting, the following appointments were made and approved:

a. Councilman Rocco motioned to reappoint Mark Chase (U), 36 Pequot Rd. as a regular member to the Economic Development Agency for the term November 9, 2022 – November 9, 2024.

b. Councilman Rocco motioned to reappoint Timothy Maynard (U), 141 Hollyberry Lane, as an alternate member to the Economic Development Agency for the new term August 7, 2022 – August 7, 2024.

c. Councilman Rocco motioned to reappoint Marc Romanow, (U), 147 Hollyberry Lane, as an alternate member to the Economic Development Agency for the new term August 7, 2022 – August 7, 2024

General Items -

D'Marie's Pizza has leased another storefront on Whiting to use as additional

seating and banquet room. This fully leases out the core downtown area.

Tag's Tackle purchased the old Bank of America building on Whiting Street and has relocated.

Kiki's Kitchen has opened on Farmington Avenue in former Papa Pizza location.

Mangiafico's has been sold and is under new management of a family run business known as Nonnie's. Currently still have signs showing Mangiafico's but will switch over after Planning & Zoning Approvals.

Work continues at Americold who have experienced additional delays. Originally were looking to open and operate Spring of 2023, that will be pushed back as they continue to complete exterior finishings to code and site plans. A temporary CO has been issued to allow for IT and operational coordination to begin, and the building has begun to be cooled. No official timeline at this point for a new goal opening date, but will likely be summer/fall.

Thanks

Cal Hauburger
Economic Development & Special Projects Coordinator

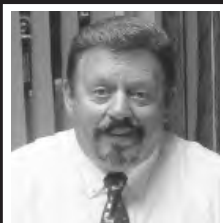
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'Abnormally warm' weather ushers in CT ski season

Mount Southington in Plantsville. January is typically an optimal month for ski resort activities such as snowboarding and tubing due to the month's often frigid temperatures. However, recent temperatures that have seldom dipped below freezing have created a challenging beginning for Connecticut's ski season.

According Mark Dixon, chief meteorologist at WFSB Channel 3, the first week of January 2023 was the state's eighth warmest in its recorded history. A number of factors such as a jet stream over the Pacific Ocean carrying mild air to the East Coast and a strong polar vortex are attributed to the warmer weather in 2023, according to the meteorologist.

So far, it's been an "abnormally warm January" according to Jay Dougherty, General Manager of Mountain Southington Ski Area. Dougherty said that interest in mountain sports this winter has remained consistent with the Christmas holiday week being among the resort's busiest in recent years. However, the resort doesn't expect huge crowds when the weather becomes unseasonably warm. Despite this, it is not all "doom and gloom" for the resort as warmer weather means that "you don't have to be so bundled up and you don't need to keep running inside for hot chocolate."

Skiers enjoying the snow at the Mount Southington Ski Area in Plantsville, Conn. Peter Hvizdak / Hearst Connecticut Media

"In Connecticut, we've never really relied on natural snowfall. It's always been about the temperatures. Yes, the warm temperatures affect us but most of us have built our snowmaking systems around that so that when it gets very cold, we can capitalize in just a few days and cover our mountain," Dougherty said. "It is southern New England and we've had this situation before."

Dougherty explained that the resort works early in the snowmaking process to ensure there is enough of a base depth for riders. "We put an extra effort into snowmaking early on and we're kind of pushing the limits of temperatures of where you start up at," Dougherty said. "It is always better to start up at a lower temperature because your production is multiplied. We're starting to run at 28 degrees on those nights when we'll go to make snow and make sure that the snow surface is good."

As Connecticut's ski resorts look ahead to hopefully colder months filled with more snowstorms, resorts in the state are perhaps more primed to deal with the unseasonable weather in comparison to northern ski resorts that aren't used to the varying conditions. "I think a lot of the northern resorts are not quite used to big fluctuations in temperature so their snowmaking plan for their hills are a lot different than ours," Dougherty said. "We're used to putting two or three feet of snow on a hill whereas some northern resorts where they'll put a foot down and that foot will last a full season."

“HUNGER BANQUET”

Our Lady Of Mercy will be holding a "Hunger Banquet" on March 15, 2023 (snow date 3/16) at the Parish center located at 19 South Canal St., Plainville Ct. The banquet will start at 6:30. Proceeds from this banquet will benefit St. Vincent DePaul Mission in Bristol, Ct. SVDP has multiple programs to help those in need. Please check their website @svdpofbristol.com/. Christine Theberge, Executive Director of St. Vincent DePaul Mission will be our speaker. The purpose of the "hunger banquet" is to bring awareness of hunger and to experience human hunger. Our menu will consist of homemade soup, bread, beverage and an apple (a simple Lenten menu). The cost per ticket will be \$10 (children under 10 free). Tickets will be available starting 2/11 & 12 before & after mass or at our Parish center. The parish center's number is 860-747-6825. For additional information or to reserve tickets, please call Chuck @860-593-2008. Volunteers are appreciated. This banquet is sponsored and organized by the Human Needs and Social Justice Committee. All are invited and welcome.

Church Humor....

Happy New Year to Everyone. I thought I would start out the New Year on the humor side.

Every Church usually has a sign in front of their parish with a psalm or saying. Some have humor in them.

These humor remarks come from all over the USA. Below are some to share. Enjoy!!!

Honk if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet him.

1. Adam and Eve the first people to not read the apple terms and conditions.
2. To hot to keep changing sign. Sin bad, Jesus good. Details inside.
3. Whoever stole our AC units keep one it is hot where you're going.
4. Be the kind of person your pet thinks you are.
5. God prefers kind atheists over hateful christians.
6. Just love everyone. I'll sort them out later-----God
7. Forgive your enemies- it messes with their heads
8. God expects spiritual fruit not religious nuts.
9. Cremation is your last chance for a smoking hot body.
10. Easter comes once a year, how often do you.
11. How do we make holy Water? We boil the hell out of it.
12. God didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come pretty close.
13. Satan called he wants his weather back.
14. Jesus is watching, but the police have radar.
15. What's missing from ch--ch UR
16. Have trouble sleeping--- Try one of our sermons.
17. God's last name isn't "damn"
18. There's some questions that can't be answered by Google.
19. Under the same management for over 2000 yrs.
20. We are not Dairy Queen, but we have great Sundays
21. 7 Days without prayer makes one WEAK.
22. Come on in and let us prepare you for your finals.
23. Exposure to the SON may prevent burning.
24. Life stinks, we have a PEW for you.
25. Stop, drop, and roll does not work in hell.
26. Prayer--- the best wireless connection.
27. How will you spend eternity--- smoking or non smoking.
28. Tomorrow's forecast GOD reigns and the Son shines.
29. Food for thought...Love is a two way street... constantly under construction.

*Happy Valentines Day
John Gasparini*



Happy Birthday Adeline Woods Gomes (MOM)

A little bit of Plainville History

Happy Birthday Mom. Mom was born in Plainville, Ct in a house on West Main Street during the month of January. She was one of 2 siblings of Sarah Mason Woods Johnson and James Woods. Her father James was a baker at Roger's Bakery. Her sister's name was Maude. My mother's Aunt Carrie Mason White was one of the first women of color to graduate from New Britain Normal School, now CCSU and my mom followed in her footsteps.

I think of my mom often and about how much she accomplished in her lifetime, despite adversity. Mom became the first black Principal in the State of Ct. She was Principal and teacher of a one room school in Burlington, Ct. It was called the Sandbank school. She taught there for many years. After marriage, she became pregnant and was not allowed to teach. The more I think about it, I also think she was not allowed to teach if she was married. She eventually moved to Waterbury, Ct where our dad had a job. In Waterbury, she was not given the opportunity to teach full-time for reasons beyond my comprehension and but was only given jobs as a substitute teacher. They gave her all of the classes no one else would take (the troubled, disobedient, and uncontrollable children). She did that for years.

One day the Superintendent of Schools summoned her into his office and offered her an opportunity to open a class for "special needs" children in a public school

as a PILOT PROGRAM. This had never been done before! He remarked on her unique and remarkable ability to handle the classes she had been given in the past. She didn't hesitate but accepted the position immediately. She told him that she would need a piano (she played like a concert pianist). He said that there was no way he could do that. She said that she needed it to effectively do the job and said that she would then have to decline the opportunity to open the class. **He gave her the piano. She opened the class.** The classes were held at Duggan School in Waterbury, CT. When I visited one morning, the children were coming in, running around, screaming, etc. Once she started playing the piano, they were pacified and she was able to gain control of the class. **Good for you MOM!**

I think of the missed opportunities she had to endure due to the color of her skin, but she never-ever gave up. One of her greatest achievements, I think, was regarding a young child interviewed for her class. She was told that the child had been rejected and would not be allowed to enter her class because her condition seemed too severe. If a child was rejected for her class, the child went to Southbury training school or stayed home or maybe even worse. Mom saw something in the child and was so sharp that she insisted on meeting with the parents and found the mom to speak one language and the dad spoke another. The child was attempting to speak both at the same time. She saved that child's life...the little girl was then deemed NOT a "special needs" child at all and was then taught English along with her parents. I think about her intuition and kindness in this situation. Mom travelled from Plainville to Waterbury well into her 60's to be with the children. She died in 1980 and in 1980, Waterbury, Ct named their very first Special Olympics, "The Adeline Gomes Special Olympics". Someone sent me info that she and her accomplishment was written in the New York Times upon her death. Not bad for a small town girl.

Plainville Lions Roar

The Plainville Lions teamed up again this past holiday season with the Salvation Army for collections at Gnazzo's. Lions collected a total of \$840, of which 90% will go directly to local people in need. **Thank you all for your generous contributions.**

Our 2023 Spring Pancake Breakfast is being planned for some time in April after Easter. The date is still to be determined. Time: 8am-Noon. Location: Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center, 19 South Canal Street, Plainville. Tickets: \$8pp; Seniors and kids 7-12 - \$5; kids 6 and under eat free. **Please go to our website for more information:** <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/plainvillect>

Blood Drives at the OLM Parish Center are being planned for February 23, April 21, and June 23. **The Lions will be sponsoring the one on June 23. If we could get more volunteers, we could sponsor more of the events. So please contact Lion Craig Banks at 860-644-8472 or craig.r.banks@my.ccsu.edu if you are interested in volunteering.**

A family fun night fundraising Bees Baseball Event is being planned for Saturday, July 15th, at the New Britain Stadium (i.e. Willow Brook Park, adjacent to Beehive Field). The charge for tickets will be \$12 per person, of which \$6 will go to the Lions Low Vision Center. Please send in your orders and checks by July 1st to the Plainville Lions Club, P.O. Box 92, Plainville, CT 06062. Contact Lion Craig Banks at 860-644-8472 or craig.r.banks@my.ccsu.edu with any questions.

The Plainville Lions are also looking for volunteers to help with bread runs from Big Y to the Plainville Community Food Pantry on Thursday's. Please contact Lion Brian at 860-747-2618 or brian.lavigne@snet.net if you may be interested.

**The Plainville Lions wish all a happy and healthy New Year!
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Here are some of your favorite places, people or things around town to rave about this month

Joan Raves: I have my car serviced by Mike's Auto on Farmington Ave. because they always help me if I have any problems. If it is to check the oil, fix a tire or yes, I also needed some body work when someone hit me in a parking lot. Thank you! Mike.

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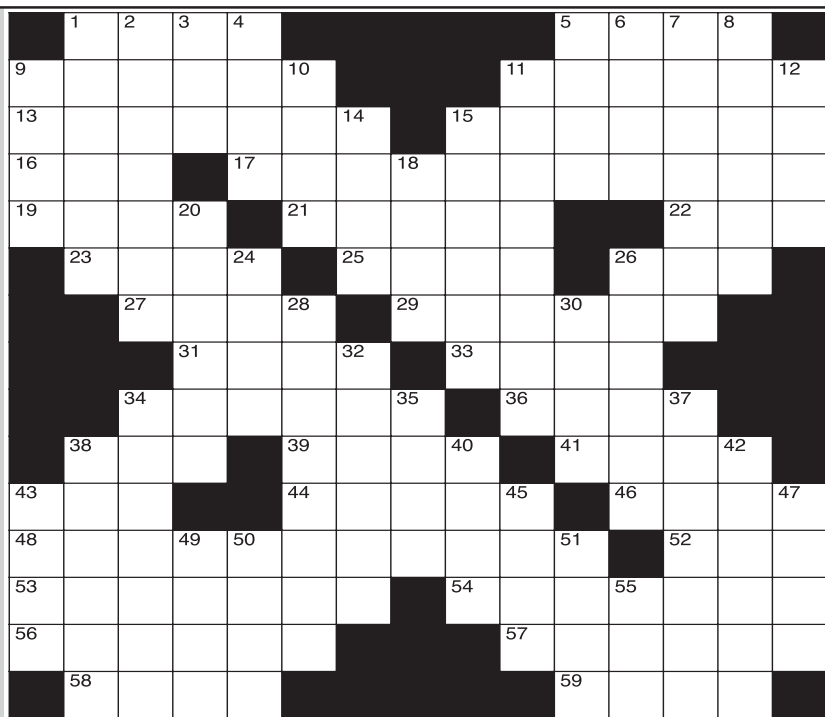
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For assistance Contact:

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Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. SEA GRAPE
- 5. EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH GROUP (ABBR.)
- 9. A WAY TO DELIGHT
- 11. APPETIZERS
- 13. ANCIENT HERALDS' WANDS
- 15. MAKE A BOOKING
- 16. '___ DEATH DO US PART
- 17. PEARL JAM FRONTMAN
- 19. SPIDER GENUS
- 21. FILL WITH HIGH SPIRITS
- 22. A MAJOR DIVISION OF GEOLOGICAL TIME
- 23. CATCH
- 25. AN INDEPENDENT RULER OR CHIEFTAIN
- 26. ELECTRONIC MUSIC STYLE (ABBR.)
- 27. INFLUENTIAL SPANISH CUBIST PAINTER
- 29. ILLEGALLY PERSUADES
- 31. A WAY TO DERIVE
- 33. BRITISH SCHOOL
- 34. APPEAR ALONGSIDE
- 36. SURELY (ARCHAIC)
- 38. HARSH CRY OF A CROW
- 39. A DAY IN THE MIDDLE

CLUES DOWN

- 1. GASTROPODS
- 2. CONFUSING
- 3. ROMANIAN MONETARY UNIT
- 4. THE RATE AT WHICH SOMETHING PROCEEDS
- 5. A PROSPEROUS STATE OF WELL-BEING
- 6. ASKED FOR FORGIVENESS
- 7. MAKES LESS SOFT
- 8. PART OF SPEECH
- 9. OUTSIDE
- 10. ADVICE OR COUNSEL
- 11. BADNESS
- 12. PROTEIN-RICH LIQUIDS
- 14. NOT MOVING
- 15. CALL IT A CAREER
- 18. POETRY TERM
- 20. NOT WIDE
- 24. PASTRIES
- 26. TURNS AWAY
- 28. SATISFIES
- 30. GIFT ADORNMENTS
- 32. SAN DIEGO BALLPLAYERS
- 34. MANUFACTURING PLANT
- 35. CHECK OR GUIDE
- 37. DOGS DO IT
- 38. CHILLED
- 40. SCORCH
- 42. UNPRODUCTIVE OF SUCCESS
- 43. ELECTRONIC COUNTER-COUNTERMEASURES
- 45. ATTACK WITH A KNIFE
- 47. FEEL BAD FOR
- 49. ENCLOSURE
- 50. ASSERT
- 51. GEOLOGICAL TIMES
- 55. MIDWAY BETWEEN EAST AND SOUTHEAST

“HAPPY & HEALTHY BIRTHDAY TO ALL” FEBRUARY

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1 tablespoon flour

Lemon flavoring

Pie crust

Cinnamon or nutmeg - optional

Boil and peel sweet potatoes. Add sugar, butter, eggs, milk and flour. Strain, add flavoring (careful here, not too much)

Pour in pie shell. You can sprinkle a little cinnamon or nutmeg on top for a different taste.

Bake at 350 degrees until knife comes out clean.

Answer on page 27

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It was the day before Christmas and I learned of two women that lived in New Britain and because of transportation problems and ill health their families were unable to pick them up for Christmas. Not only would they be alone for the holiday but there would be no Christmas dinner. One of the women had recent surgery and the other couldn't walk without assistance. It was then I placed a call to Keith Gnazzo and asked if he could have his staff make up a couple of turkey dinners. The problem was delivering the dinners as being Christmas Eve he didn't have a delivery person. I enlisted the help of a woman from Southington, who picked up the meals and delivered them to the two women. Keith Gnazzo went far beyond what I expected and supplied two dinners of Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn and cranberries. Keith even made sure there was enough leftovers for sandwiches. Keith Gnazzo not only made my day but the day of two shut-ins. Thank you Keith and the Gnazzo family, you are the kind of people that make Plainville a town to be proud of.

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"Ask Sheila"

Q-1) Can I be refused Medicare Plan coverage due to pre-existing medical conditions?

A-1) No. And you will be happy to know, in Connecticut, You will pay the same premium, regardless of any pre-existing medical conditions

Q-2) I am 67 and still working. My Employer Medical coverage has become very expensive due to a new Plan change beginning in March. Do I have to wait until the next Annual Enrollment Period to switch from my Employer Plan to Medicare?

A-2) If you are covered by an Employer Plan and decide to switch to Medicare, you can do this at anytime during the year. You do not have to wait for the Annual Enrollment Period.

Q-3) My friends told me they switched from an older higher cost Medicare Supplement Plan to one of the newer versions and will be saving over \$600 a year in Premiums. Can I make a change to my Supplement Plan during this upcoming Open Enrollment Period, January 1 thru March 31 ?

A-3) You can change your Medicare Supplement Plan anytime throughout the year. You do not need a special enrollment period.

If you have any specific questions, or would just like to talk about Medicare, give me a call ! Sheila Dow 860-965-0091

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From the Desk of..... Thomas A. Wurz
A Commentary on
Written Agreements

In order to have an enforceable agreement it is not always sufficient to have merely an understanding between the parties. In fact, there are specific instances when it is required by law to have an agreement formalized in writing. Particular examples of such transactions include the purchase of goods for \$500 or more and a service contract for a job that cannot be completed within a year as defined by its terms. The Statute of Frauds is the "code" adopted by most states requiring certain agreements to be put in writing. Since it seems like we are constantly bombarded with agreements to click on or sign, I figured I would discuss some of the code and what I would ideally change. If I had the power to redraft an area of the code, I would change the area that speaks to implied warranty disclaimers by making the standards less rigid to form a valid disclaimer. Instead of requiring the language to use the term merchantability and have everything be considered conspicuous, I would only require a disclaimer section in the contract, in the standard 12 point font, and a valid signature from the buyer. The responsibility to review the contract should be on the buyer, so long as they have a reasonable opportunity to do so and are not subjected to any deception on the part of the seller. To favor a wholesale prohibition of implied warranty disclaimers would be too great a windfall to consumers. By taking away certain protections from sellers less people would be willing to enter the marketplace as a business owner., hurting commerce. Furthermore, markets need competition, so if you take away peoples incentive to start businessess you could end up with monopolies. Implied warranty disclaimers should function as a way of limiting sellers liability while buyers

are afforded the right to agree to them or noy agree. The phrase "as is" is afforded too much power in the code and should be discarded due to its oversimplification of what a buyer is entering into. Whereas the technical aspects of disclaiming warranties should be clear cut, so should the rights of what the buyer is giving up. The limiting of implied warranties should be spelled out in the contract so that there are no surprises when entering a contract. A buyer should have all the facts laid out before them when they are making a purchase not merely left to wonder what "as is" really entails. The goal of a sales contract should be to provide a product that suits the wants and needs of a customer while ensuring a seller that they will not be subjected to overreaching liability after the sale. In section 108 of the Magnuson-Moss Act, the ability to disclaim implied warranties is made quite difficult. However, I am not wholly opposed to the language that 108(a) uses because it relates to what the seller contracted with the buyer to provide in terms of warranty to a seller the buyer should be held to such a warranty. The idea that parties should be able to contract for whatever they want is something that should be upheld, as long as there is no fraud or coercion involved. In section 108(b) the limiting of duration for implied warranties is a standard I would not redraft because again it would have to be made clear and unmistakable. The seller should only have to include it in the contract instead of making it rise to some level of prominence that would be decided by a court. By keeping a durational limit in place a seller will be insured of limiting their liability and a buyer will be afforded an adequate amount of ttime to bring any concern to the seller.

Ultimately my redrafting would be an attempt to help fair dealing to ensure customer confidence while providing sellers the incentive to continue in their business, which would hopefully strengthen the marketplace.

Attorney Thomas A. Wurz

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He has been living in Anchorage for the past 16 years.

Kevin received his PHD Degree from University of Alaska Anchorage in Clinical Community Psychology.

Dr. Halvorsen is married to Julie for the past 19 years and together have a son, Gunnar (10) and a daughter, Lena (8).



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General Recommendations for the Prevention of Caries and Gingivitis

1. Brush your teeth twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste for two minutes. While a seemingly simple statement, the guidance for brushing twice daily with a fluoride toothpaste for two minutes weaves together a number of discrete components.

Toothbrushing frequency

Review of the scientific literature, along with guidance from governmental organizations and professional associations found sufficient evidence to support the contention that twice-daily brushing, when compared with lower frequencies, was optimal for reducing risk of caries, gingival recession or periodontitis.

It is important to recognize that in these studies, it was the frequency of tooth-brushing with a fluoride toothpaste that was evaluated rather than tooth-brushing alone.

Fluoride toothpaste

Although the measures used to assess the benefit varied, studies examining



the effect of over-the-counter (OTC) fluoride dentifrice on caries incidence in children and adolescents found the fraction of caries prevented ranged from 16% per tooth to 31% per surface versus placebo or no dentifrice, and concluded that fluoride-containing toothpaste was effective in caries control. In addition, high level evidence shows that 5,000 ppm fluoride (available with a prescription) results in significantly more arrest of root caries lesions than use of OTC levels of fluoride (1,000-1,500ppm).

10 Toothbrushing duration

Data examining the question of optimal duration of daily toothbrushing encounters relies on plaque indices, which are surrogate measures rather than direct measure of caries or gingivitis. Understanding that the use of surrogate measures decreases the certainty with which a recommendation can be made, the available systematic reviews found a brushing duration of two minutes was associated with greater reduction in plaque than brushing for a single minute. Two minutes per whole mouth can also be expressed as thirty seconds per quadrant or about four seconds per tooth.

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Plainville AARP Chapter #4146

Will be holding its meeting on February 15, 2023 from 1-3pm at the Faith Bible Church Hall, 168 Unionville Ave., Plainville. This meeting is open to everyone. We look forward to seeing you there.

LifeWith Wanda

We were invited to attend a holiday open house with some neighbors. We didn't know the hostess but our friends said the woman had asked them to bring us along. The hostess's home was situated on a hillside overlooking a lake here in Florida and shortly after dark a flotilla of decorated boats circled the lake.

After the parade we entered the living room and I noticed a curio cabinet against one wall. In the cabinet, displayed under small spotlights were a row of hand carved teak boxes, each with an engraved little plaque with a name and date. As I studied the display the hostess came over and asked if I liked her display and I said, indeed I did and with that she opened the doors to the cabinet and explained what each box was. She opened the lid of the first box and on the inside cover was a picture of a beautiful Persian cat. The woman explained the box contained the ashes of her cat, Bell, that had passed away in 1956. The next box she opened had a picture of a poodle and the woman explained those were the ashes of her dog Sheba, that had passed away in 1961. OK, I was getting the picture about then. About the six or seventh box she opened there was a picture of a man and she explained the box contained the ashes of her first husband, Fred, who had passed away in 1972. We then moved on to several more boxes that contained ashes of past pets. About the fourteenth box we came to yet another box that contained the ashes of her second husband, Paul, who passed away in 2010. Again there were a few more boxes of deceased pet with pictures and dates and finely we came to a final box that was so beautifully carved it was beyond words but the difference was it had no plaque or date on the front. This box even had a ruby stone mounted on the lid. I said, this must be the ashes of a very dear pet and the woman explained the box as for the ashes of her third husband, when he died, because with the alimony, settlement and the house on the lake she got from him in their divorce, she felt he deserved to be in the cabinet with the rest of the animals and deadbeats she had married.



Plainville Organization Receives Grant from Main Street Community Foundation for Program Benefiting Senior Women

Main Street Community Foundation has recently announced \$43,400 in grant awards to 13 local organizations from its Women & Girls Fund. PARC, Inc. was among the grant recipients, and received a \$5,000 grant to support a program that benefits senior women in Plainville.

The Aging with Disabilities program provides support, and peer communication for senior women with developmental disabilities in Plainville. The women participating in this program enjoy activities like arm-knitting and painting, visits to libraries and farmers markets, as well as local concerts and restaurants to further connect them to their community and improve their quality of life.

To view all grants awarded from MSCF's Women & Girls Fund, visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org/women-girls-fund.

Established at Main Street Community

Foundation in 2001, the Women & Girls Fund has been supporting programs and initiatives that improve the conditions and opportunities for women and girls of all ages in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. Over \$718,000 in grants has been awarded from the Fund since its establishment.

For more information on the Women & Girls Fund, please contact the Main Street Community Foundation at 860.583.6363 or visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org

The Main Street Community Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for both present and future generations in the communities served by encouraging and promoting gift planning, prudent stewardship of assets, effective grantmaking and community leadership. A nonprofit public charity, created by private citizens, the foundation works with donors in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott who wish to build permanent charitable endowments to support their communities. Since its founding in 1995, the foundation has provided over \$25.3 million in grants and scholarships.

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Representative Petit Farewell Letter

To my constituents of Plainville and New Britain, it has been an honor and pleasure to have had the privilege of serving as your state representative in the General Assembly for the past six years. I am grateful for the opportunity to have met so many wonderful people over the years and thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your support.

While we have many concerns that need to be addressed over the next few years – inflation, energy costs, and healthcare issues, I have a great deal of confidence that my Republican colleagues and newly elected State Representative Francis Rexford Cooley will be up to the challenge.

Your continued participation and discussions with Senator Henri Martin and Representative Cooley are essential in helping to guide their decision-making on the issues that are most important to you, your business, your children's education, and our community.

While I will no longer serve as your state representative, I will continue to discuss issues I know of with our elected officials and participate in Plainville community life.

I want to thank you again and wish you and your families a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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Schools in Review

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTNERS WITH ADL TO IMPLEMENT "NO PLACE FOR HATE" PROGRAM



The Middle School of Plainville has partnered with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to implement the "No Place for Hate" program this year. "Students, staff, community partners, School Resource Officer Shane Dufresne, and family partners will work together through the "No Place for Hate" program framework to build a learning community of inclusivity, respect, and equity," explained Middle School Assistant Principal, Melissa Orfittelli.

The 40 person school committee, led by Mrs. Orfittelli, kicked off the "No Place for Hate Program" at the beginning of the school year. ADL trainers subsequently joined committee members on December 19th to train the group on what it means to combat bias and bullying by empowering all Middle School community members to be allies. The MSP No Place for Hate Committee will be leading whole school reform and working towards earning the distinction of becoming a No Place for Hate school.

Wheeler School Welcomes "Wheeler Wolf" Tree Sculpture



Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School's wolf mascot has "come to life" thanks to a unique piece of art created by former Wheeler faculty member, Matthew Guarino. Guarino, a longtime Plainville Community Schools employee, also served as the Middle School of Plainville Principal prior to his retirement in 2021, and currently works as a tutor at Wheeler School. Guarino logged many weekend hours planning for and bringing the new Wheeler wolf sculpture to fruition on site at the elementary school.

"I pointed out the old, iconic oak tree in the back of Wheeler to Matt one day, stated Principal Andrew Batchelder" and explained that the tree would be cut down due to its age and condition. I asked Matt, who is also a talented artist, what he thought about possibly carving a wolf sculpture into the stump of the tree once it was cut down, and without hesitation he agreed, saying yes, I can do that!"

"It was my pleasure to give my time to carve the Wheeler Wolf. I enjoyed every minute of it!" noted Guarino.

Plainville High School Chamber Choir Caroling At Various Locations

The Plainville High School Chamber Choir performed at various venues during the past holiday season. They entertained at the Hillstead Museum, the Plainville Senior Center, the CT Convention Center and the Plainville High School Holiday Extravaganza.



Toffolon Students Share Holiday Cheer



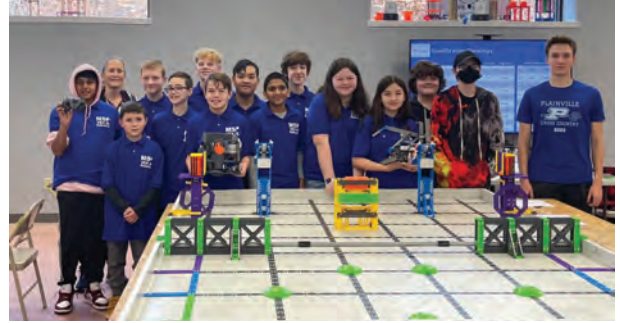
Students in the Louis Toffolon Elementary School's Choir recently hit the road to spread holiday cheer. The student group, composed of 46 Toffolon fourth and fifth graders, shared a repertoire of holiday carols at Apple Rehab Farmington Valley, the Jerome Home and Arbor Rose in New Britain, and the Plainville Senior Center.

Wheeler Word Detectives Shine



Students in Miss Bartley's first grade class at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School earned their "Word Detective" badges, working hard to solve tricky words in their reading. Principal Andrew Batchelder (Mr. B!) presented the students with their badges.

MSP Robotics Team Competed in STEM Event



Six Middle School of Plainville robotics teams competed on January 7th at the STEM Academy in Wallingford. Five of the six teams finished in the top 20 and were able to advance to the upcoming Finals.

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag....



PHS Students Learn About Jet Engines



Plainville High School faculty members Mark Chase and Dave Gaignard coordinated a visit from the Connecticut National Guard on December 13th. The group brought in a jet engine and spoke to students in the high school's transportation, engineering, construction, and business classes about the design, mechanics and latest technology that is currently used.

PLAINVILLE STUDENTS HONORED AT ANNUAL SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD PRESENTATION

Eleven Plainville students received the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents' (CAPSS) Superintendent / Student Recognition Award and Certificate of Excellence at the annual Superintendent's Award Presentation held on December 15th, during a luncheon at J. Timothy's Restaurant.

The students are: Mary Fontaine and Cayden Higgins, Linden Street School; Tyler Clark and Maggie Caron, Louis Toffolon School; Marlie Condon and Ashley Thorpe, Frank T. Wheeler School; Jack Wilder and Sofia Ruiz, the Middle School of Plainville; and Te'a Autunno, Megan Gray, and Spencer Michalek, Plainville High School.

This award is given to students who have been nominated by their teachers and chosen by their principal. Criteria for recognition of excellence include community service and service to others, academic performance relative to ability, leadership service to the school community, and other unique qualities.

"It was terrific to bring these students, families, district leaders and Board of Education members together for this celebration of excellence and positive character, held in person for the first time in three years!" said Superintendent of Schools, Steven LePage.

Middle School Students Display "Trashion Fashion"



Using items that would otherwise end up in the trash, students in the Middle School of Plainville's "Trashion Fashion" After School Club created one-of-a-kind wearable pieces of art. They learned about the environmental impact of the paper, plastic and fashion industry, created vision boards, learned pattern making, then created their own "trashion fashion." Items made included two jackets, a 2-piece dress with cape, two handheld purses and a backpack. The club's advisor is Middle School of Plainville Office Professional Michele Fischer-Paul.

In photos:

1. Group photo - Amari Robinson, Olivia Foley, Emerson Roche, Josia Perez, Raveyn Garrow-Cooke. Missing from photo... Izabella Plucinik.
2. Middle School of Plainville Showcase featuring the "Trashion Fashion" Club items

PHS FBLA Collected Toys for Tots Holiday Drive



The Plainville High School Chapter of FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) collected 46 new, unwrapped toys which were donated to the local Marine Toys for Tots collection location at 1 Lindsey Drive in Plainville. Toys for Tots is a non-profit foundation that coordinates with local marine corp. active and reserve components to provide toys for children who would normally go without during the holiday season.

Pictured with the toys (left to right) are Plainville High School FBLA members Amanda Linnhoff, Jamison McGinnis, and Nicky Penta.

Toffolon School 5th Graders Create Holiday Placemats



Louis Toffolon Elementary School fifth graders continued their community service efforts by creating colorful placemats for the Plainville Senior Center's Thanksgiving meal. Coordinated by Ann Bucchi, the students colored in festive scenes and wrote cheerful messages on each placemat. The students will continue their community service partnership with the Plainville Senior Center throughout the school year.

Plainville Community Schools Recognizes January "All Stars"

The January Plainville Community Schools "All-Star" award winners were recognized at the January 19th Plainville Board of Education meeting. They include: PCS Staff All-Stars, Ashley Carl, Sharyn Lavore, David Levenduski and Matthew Guarino. In photos: (Missing from photos - Sharyn Lavore, Assistant Food Services Director)



Plainville Board of Education Chair, Lori Consalvo, Food Services Director Ashley Carl, and Superintendent of Plainville Community Schools, Steven LePage



Plainville Board of Education Chair, Lori Consalvo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools David Levenduski, and Superintendent of Plainville Community Schools, Steven LePage



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Plainville Knights of Columbus Awards 2022 Scholarships

For many years now, the Reverend Gerald T. Corrigan Council 3544 of the Knights of Columbus in Plainville has been awarding \$1,000 scholarships annually to a graduating student from Plainville High and St. Paul's Catholic high School who are entering a Catholic College or Catholic University.

The scholarship started with a donation from the Ringrose family more than two decades ago, expanded for a number of years with a donation made in memory of Paul Bogdanski and is now supported primarily by the Matteo family with the initiation of the Eugene Matteo Memorial Knights of Columbus Scholarship. The scholarships are awarded based on financial need, academic performance and participation in extra-curricular activities.

Congratulations to the 2022 Recipients

Samantha Thompson - Plainville High School

Kiera Dubitski - St. Paul High School

Normand L. Ortner Memorial

K of C Scholarship

In 2019 Council 3544 initiated a new scholarship from funds received from the members who noted support for scholarship towards the goal of promoting Catholic education. The Normand L Ortner Memorial Knights of Columbus \$500 Scholarship is to be awarded annually to a Middle School student going to St. Paul Catholic High School.

Congratulations to 2022 Recipients

Gwen R. Healy

4 Signs you Could Benefit from PT

Physical therapy (PT) is a great treatment option for people with all sorts of ailments. If you are in Plainville or the surrounding areas PT at Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers of Plainville is an even better option. In this article, we will dive into four signs you could benefit from physical therapy treatment.

Physical therapy treatment is made up of four primary components: therapeutic exercise, functional activities, neuromuscular re-education, and manual therapy. Therapeutic exercise refers to exercises designed to help address a physical problem or ailment. Functional activities are interventions that cater more to your daily activities. Getting up from a chair, walking a long distance at work or getting in and out of your car, to name a few. Neuromuscular re-education references the connection between the brain and nerves to tell the body what to do and how to do it. Finally, manual therapy is a "hands-on" treatment like deep tissue mobilization, passive range of motion, or mobilization of a joint.

Four signs you could benefit from physical therapy are pain, reduced mobility, reduced strength and reduced functional level. Let's take a look at the four signs in greater detail.

1. Pain

Pain is often associated with some traumatic injury. While this does happen often, pain can develop even when an injury didn't occur. In either case, a comprehensive physical therapy plan can help reduce pain and improve quality of life.

2. Reduced Mobility (range of motion)

The joints of the body are all designed to move in certain ways. When range of motion of a joint is restricted, it can lead to pain and reduced function. Physical therapy can help improve range of motion which can help improve function as well.

3. Reduced Strength

If a weak shoulder limits your ability to reach an overhead shelf to put away the dishes, physical therapy may help your shoulder become stronger. Reduced strength can also be tied to reduced range of motion and pain.

4. Reduced Overall Function

Reduced function is often tied to pain, mobility restriction or strength restriction but sometimes can occur on its own. Physical therapy can help restore your functional level to help you do what you love again.

If you are experiencing any of the previously mentioned signs, please call our office (860) 517-8885 or visit us on the web at www.PTSMC.com/ Plainville. During your free assessment, one of our talented rehab professionals will help you determine the next best steps to have you feeling better and back to living your life.

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Main Street Community Foundation Scholarships

January not only marks the beginning of a new year, but it also marks the beginning of new educational opportunities as students prepare for the next academic year. Over 90 scholarship funds administered by Main Street Community Foundation are currently accepting applications. These scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors, current college students, adult learners who are or will be attending two or four year colleges as well as technical schools and career certification programs. There are also a few scholarships available for students attending elementary and secondary private schools in Bristol.

The deadline for all application submissions is March 10, 2023. A full list of scholarships available, their eligibility criteria and links to the online application are available on the Foundation website, www.mainstreetfoundation.org.

Each scholarship fund has specific eligibility criteria defined by the donors when the fund was established. Criteria includes items like interests and career goals, academic standing, financial need and town residence. A volunteer selection committee will then review each application and recommend the recipients based on the established criteria. All applications are reviewed through a competitive, blinded application process which ensures the selection committee is not biased in their determinations.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Samantha Rajotte, Scholarship & Program Officer, at 860.583.6363 or samantha@mainstreetfoundation.org

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~ Hazel Lenora Heidt Decker ~



Hazel was a beacon of light and a barrel of laughs. She passed away peacefully on Oct. 29, 2022 (just 12 days shy of her 102nd birthday) with her daughter Judy by her side. In her heyday, Hazel was full of life and love. She loved to chat, she was opinionated, she always had her hair and nails

done up proper, she wore bright red lipstick, and made sure to smooch up all her grandbabies leaving that signature red smudge all over their faces.

Her jazz music was always blaring, her clocks all set to different times, and she had projects and piles everywhere. Hazel was passionate, artistic, a rebel - she didn't bow to the rigid culture she was born into. She had a mind of her own and was well ahead of her time. She lost a lot because of this, but she never let go of who she was. She was endlessly loving. Her stories and antics will be greatly missed.

Hazel was born in Toledo, OH to Jane Catherine Herrmann and Harry August Heidt. As the daughter of a railroader, she loved trains all her life. Hazel was an expert marksman, so much so that her father would show off her skills at county fairs and to his railroad buddies. Hazel graduated from Libby High School, Toledo, OH. She stayed home to care for her mother after graduation, then left for Washington, D.C. where she worked as an elevator operator.

She later worked for the Civil Services, where one of her jobs there was to watch for enemy planes flying

over the city. In 1946, Hazel married Jack Decker and they had two children together, John and Judy. They lived briefly in Pennsylvania, and eventually settled down in Plainville, where she lived until she was almost 100 years old. Hazel referred to Plainville as "Her Little Town", which she loved immensely. She was devoted to her community and was an avid volunteer. In 1955 Hazel got her driver's license - she drove for the American Red Cross, delivered library books to shut-ins, picked up Buicks in Boston to drive back to town, and drove kids all over CT to swim meets.

She was involved with the Plainville Visiting Nurse Association, and was later the president of the Association. Hazel was an active member of the Jr. Women's Club and the Woman's Club for over 50 years, where she served as president of that club multiple times. She also worked briefly at UConn Health, and later at The Avon Country Club. Hazel's second family was the Plainville Senior Center where she made wonderful everlasting friendships, and she was once again the dependable volunteer working in the exercise room well into her 90s.

She adored staff members, Shawn and Rhonda, and considered them like family. Hazel spent many of her days at the Senior Center, and it's here that she met Jan and her husband Larry Morse. Larry later became her landlord; he'd bring her a cup of coffee and a blueberry muffin daily, and later referred to her as a "magnet who lived every moment in rhythm with the world." Her friends were her lifeline to happiness.

Hazel is predeceased by her parents, her brother Fred Heidt, and her son John Decker, for whom she was

an unrelenting caregiver and advocate for throughout the years. She leaves behind her daughter Judy and husband Gee Sirois, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren: André Sirois and Lindsey Shields, and son Alpee, Meghan and Michael Littlefield, and children Aria and Oliver, Lucien and Shilah Sirois, and children Lazarus and Lita, William and Althea Decker, and children Nate and Kaye. She loved her family members deeply out in the mid-west; her nephews Randy, Scott and Thom Heidt, her niece Cathy Rose Heidt-Fair, and her cousin CarolynAnn Todd.

The family would like to thank Dexter Littlefield and Joan Stanton for sharing their home with Hazel during the holidays. Thank you also goes out to Compassus Hospice who treated her so tenderly during her last days, as well as the staff at Avita of Wells, ME for their gentle kindness and the love shared with "Mom". She would want us to make a special mention of Brandy, Meagan, and Hillary for the laughter and good times, and looking out for her and helping her to maintain her health and dignity. Theirs was a 'special' bond.

Cremation has taken place, and later we will have a Celebration of Life in her honor at Wild Bevy where her namesake "Still" resides. Any donations may be made to The Plainville Senior Center, Plainville Police or Fire Department or to a Cancer Center of your choice. She would tell you to Smile, Laugh Big, Think Young and Look for the Goodness in All. Arrangements are entrusted to the Johnson Funeral Home where condolences may be expressed at www.JohnsonFuneralHomeME.com

~ Joseph Louis Maitz ~



80, of Plainville, devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away surrounded by his family on Saturday, January 14, 2023. He was the husband and best friend of Lois (D'Agostino) Maitz, with whom he shared 59 years of love, laughter and world travels.

Born in New Britain on October 19, 1942, Joe was one of five children to the late Valentine and Mary (Gombatz) Maitz. Raised and educated in New Britain, he graduated from EC Goodwin Technical School and held a successful career as an operating engineer and superintendent of demolition for more than 40 years, continuing as an active retiree of the I.U.O.E. Local #478. Known for his knowledge and expertise in a variety of areas, he was called upon for several major projects statewide, and selflessly shared his talents and skills with his friends, family and anyone in need, expecting nothing in return. He and Lois settled in Plainville where they raised their two sons, became proud grandparents and hosted countless holidays with creatively cooked meals by Joe, usually including some spiciness and his famous hot peppers. He found great joy in the sport of hunting, having traveled on trips across the US and to South Africa on more than one occasion with his cousin Carmen, fulfilling his passion. Joe was a dedicated member of the New Britain Good Old Boys, where his volunteerism at their many events was greatly appreciated. Fondly remembered for his kindness and infectious sense of humor, he will be missed dearly.

In addition to his wife, Lois, he leaves his son, Cory Maitz and his wife, Emilia; his grandchildren, Marissa, Sabrina, and Sofia, who filled his heart with unlimited love; his sister, Evelyn Demonstranti; his brother, William Maitz and his wife, Elaine, and several adored nieces and nephews, including his special nieces, Laurie, Lisa and Lynn with whom he had a strong family bond. He also leaves a wide circle of friends and colleagues, and his faithful companion Beignet, "Ben", who provided him with much comfort. He was predeceased by his son, Todd Christopher Maitz, his brother, Valentine and his sister, Winifred.

In lieu of flowers, Joe may be remembered with contributions to the Boston Children's Hospital at www.childrenshospital.org or Plainville Community Food Pantry, PO Box 33, Plainville, CT 06062.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St. Plainville. Burial will be held privately.

~ Ida (Trotta) Pedrolini ~



94, of Southington, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, January 19, 2023. She is now reunited with her loving husband of 60 years, Robert J. Pedrolini, Sr., who predeceased her in 2012.

Ida was born on December 23, 1928 in Middletown, CT daughter to the late Louis and Aurora (Ricciuti) Trotta. She was one of seven sisters. Ida was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who always looked forward to holidays and family parties. She enjoyed summers at her family cottage in Milford and loved to travel with her husband, family, and friends.

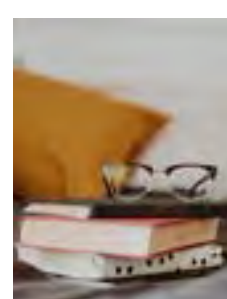
Ida graduated from Middletown High School and went on to nursing school at New Britain General Hospital, where she earned her degree as a Registered Nurse. She worked in several nursing facilities before she retired from the Andrew House in New Britain as their infectious disease nurse. In her retirement years, she was an active member of the Plainville Senior Center, where she played cards, enjoyed her Italian classes, and the many bus trips she took with her friends.

Ida is survived by her children, Aurora Pedrolini, Debra and Robert Moreau, Robert J. Pedrolini, Jr. and Leslie Topor; three grandsons, Richard and Karen Moreau, Ryan and Michelle Moreau, and Robert and Susan Moreau; six beloved great-grandchildren, Norah, Maya, Marissa, Charles, Alice, and Ryan Moreau; two sisters, Rose Franco and Josephine Poliner; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Walston and brother-in-law, Gerald Messer; along with several nieces and nephews.

Ida's family extends their appreciation to the compassionate staff at Apple Rehab in Plainville for their exceptional care given to Ida during her stay there.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville with committal services to follow at Saint Thomas Cemetery, 351 Meriden Ave., Southington. Family and friends gathered prior to Mass at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Ida can be made to the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East St., Plainville or to the CT Nurses Foundation, 1224 Mill St., Bldg. B, East Berlin, CT 06023 (ctnursesfoundation.org).

~ Kathleen Carroll-Goff ~



69, of Bristol, formerly of Plainville, passed away following a brief illness on Friday, January 20, 2023 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain. She is now reunited with her husband, Claude "Chip" Goff.

Born in New Britain on September 22, 1953, she was one of four children to the late William P. Carroll, Sr. and Ethel E. (Kosa) Carroll. Raised and educated in Plainville, where she was known for her athleticism and love for sports, Kathy was a 1971 graduate of Plainville High School. An avid reader and spectator of sports in her later years, she was a passionate fan of the Boston Red Sox and UCONN women's basketball. She and Chip had a special place in their hearts for Saranac Lake, having made many frequent trips during their time together. Kathy worked as a document control specialist for Eversource, where she leaves many friends and colleagues. Fiercely independent and strong willed, with a keen sense of humor, Kathy lived simply, loved her family deeply, and will be missed dearly, leaving many cherished memories.

She is survived by her brother, William P. Carroll, Jr., his wife Kathleen and their children, Neil, Michael and Bryan; her favorite niece, Nancy Eastwood and her husband Mark, and their sons Bryan and his wife Eliza and Brandon and his wife Robin; and her niece Jeannie Murphy and her family and her great nephews, Ryan and Nate Murphy. She was predeceased by her sister, Diane Carroll-Lombard, her brother, David Carroll and her nephew, Jere Murphy, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, Kathy may be remembered with contributions to the Hospital of Central Connecticut, C-5 Garden Fund, 100 Grand St, New Britain, CT 06050.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Kathy's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of remembrance were shared. She will be laid to rest with her family in the spring. To share memories or expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

Jeff Beck, 1944 - 2023 A Guitarist's Guitarist

By Francis Rexford Cooley

Jeff Beck died away this week (January 10th). Social media exploded with messages from musicians and rock critics mourning his passing and lauding his playing, his mastery of his instrument. Classic Rock stations lead their news with his death but nary a few played any of his music. Fans posted their favorite YouTube videos of Jeff Beck playing live from Ronnie Scott's in London or one of Eric Clapton's Crossroads Festivals among others. Some, like this author, posted pictures of concert tickets from shows they had seen. Again and again, from contemporaries like Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page, and Rod Stewart to his legion of fans, everyone spoke or wrote about Jeff Beck's sound, the tonality of his playing, how he was constantly reinventing himself as a guitarist.

In music, like in all the arts, the musician straddles a fine line between commerce and art. The business of music is always seeking the "next big thing" opening up the door of commercial success to new innovative bands yet at the same time the business of music seeks the "same old, same old" from its established stars. Once a musician has commercial success the question of how to reinvent oneself is not asked until that musician is no longer commercially relevant and very few are able to do it. Rather most fade away into obscurity or, for a lucky few, they become a nostalgia act playing the same set lists again and again. Jeff Beck was the exception to this pattern.

Jeff Beck came to prominence as Eric Clapton's replacement in the Yardbirds in 1965 recording a number of singles, including "Shapes of Things," and the album "Roger the Engineer" with the band before forming his own group, the first Jeff Beck Group, with Rod Stewart and Ronnie Wood. Jeff Beck's innovative use of feedback as a member of the Yardbirds and the Jeff Beck Group's heavy blues based rock made Beck one of the top young British rock guitarists of the 1960's. While Beck's contemporaries from the Yardbirds, Eric Clapton and Jimmy Page (who replaced Beck as guitarist for the band), would achieve greater commercial success in the 1970s it would be Beck who, as a musician, would constantly reinvent himself as a guitarist throughout the 1970s until his last album release "18" with Johnny Depp.

After breaking up the first Jeff Beck Group only weeks before being scheduled to play Woodstock Jeff Beck would begin the decade of the 70s with the second Jeff Beck Group featuring drummer Cozy Powell and keyboardist Max Middleton moving into a more jazz/Motown influenced sound for two albums before forming a power trio with Tim Bogart and Carmine Appice of Vanilla Fudge fame. The trio would produce one studio album and one live album (released in Japan). With the demise of Beck, Bogart, and Appice Jeff Beck began work with famed Beatles Producer George Martin creating the

two jazz fusion masterpieces that for many define Beck's career, "Blow By Blow" in 1975 and "Wired" in 1976. Both instrumental albums reached platinum status selling over a million copies in North America. For a generation of guitarists these albums became a touchstone of inspiration. Joe Satriani, for example, has noted the impact of Beck's playing on his own musicianship.

While Jeff Beck's output of his own material slowed after his 1977 live album with Jan Hammer through the 1980's only releasing "There and Back" in 1980 and "Flash" in 1985 he was in demand as a sessions guitarist playing on albums by Tina Turner, Mick Jagger, Diana Ross, Malcolm McLaren, and reuniting with Rod Stewart for "Infatuation." Jeff Beck would end the 80s and head into the 90s with a trio of very diverse albums starting with 1989s "Guitar Shop" which moved away from jazz fusion to a more rock instrumental approach with a couple of tracks including spoken word. He would follow up with 1992s soundtrack to "Frankie's House" recorded with Jed Leiber using his guitar to emulate traditional Southeast Asian musical motifs for the Australian mini-series about photojournalism during the Vietnam War. "Crazy Legs," released in 1993 was Jeff Beck's tribute to Gene Vincent and His Blue Caps, especially guitarist Cliff Gallup, a great influence on a young Jeff Beck decades earlier (in 2011 Beck would release a live album tribute to Les Paul, "Rock & Roll Party").

It would take six years for the next studio release from Jeff Beck, 1999s "Who Else!" which paired Beck once again with Tony Hymas from the "Guitar Shop" album and guitarist Jennifer Batten as Jeff Beck embraced the electronica and techno music movements that extended through his release of "You Had It Coming" (2000) and "Jeff" (2003). While his output was sporadic what he released continually pushed the boundaries of the guitar and tonality. 2010s "Emotion and Commotion" saw Jeff Beck interpreting Screamin' Jay Hawkins' "I Put a Spell on You," "Over the Rainbow" from the Wizard of Oz, and Puccini's "Nessun Dorma." The album won multiple Grammys and illustrated Jeff Beck's versatility as an instrumental interpreter of rock 'n roll, American standards, and opera.

Into his 70s Jeff Beck was still exploring new sounds, working with Bones UK to create "Louder Hailer" in 2016 and most recently collaborating with Johnny Depp on his last release "18." While contemporaries such as Jimmy Page and Eric Clapton have spent much of the last thirty years re-mixing, re-releasing, and re-visiting the sounds of their glory days much to the delight of their established fan bases Jeff Beck was continually pushing the boundaries of his instrument, seeking new sounds, new influences. He was a musical artist always seeking to expand his art, his music. While he never achieved the mass commercial success like a number of his contemporaries, Jeff Beck achieved a near universal respect for his work as a guitarist. He was and is, the guitarists' guitarist, a true artist in every sense of the word.

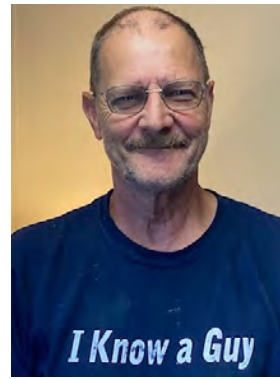
I Know A Guy by Myke Roy

Well 2023 is here and I hope you all enjoyed your holidays. This months

column is proving to be one of the most difficult ones yet. There is so much going on in this country and around the world today that I don't even know where or how to begin. I will start by saying this, if you are one of the fortunate people who has not lost their job yet, first thank our Heavenly Father, and second go to work tomorrow and find a way to make yourself the most valuable employee they have on their payroll.

Now after you have done that I want you to understand that being the most valuable person on their payroll does not guarantee that you won't get that dreaded pink slip. What it does do is allow you to stand proud that you fought the good fight. This may sound crazy, but I believe that when a persons world comes crashing down it is important to have something positive to hold on to. And what is more positive and inspiring than knowing you fought the good fight. You were at your best when a lot of this world is at its worst.

I know a woman who worked for the same company for fifteen years and believed her job was secure because not only had she saved the company



thousands of dollars over the years, she was the one they would go to whenever there was a problem they couldn't solve. Not only that, they would call her on her weekends and even on her vacations to ask her for assistance; and she would answer the phone every time. Well...just a little more than a week before Christmas, they informed her that Friday would be her last day with the company. This was on Tuesday of that week.

Here is the kicker; after kicking her to the curb they asked her if she would be willing to help her replacement with training. So she did the right thing and helped her replacement out, after all, her replacement wasn't the one who took the job away from her, her replacement was thrown to the wolves and the only right thing to do was to help. As Lou Holtz said many times, "there is never a wrong time to do the right thing".

So rather than this months column being about seven ways to save money I thought I would spend a few minutes with you and try to shine a positive light on what I fear lies ahead.

So you are probably wondering what that positive light might be. Well here is it...whatever our future holds everything happens according to Gods plan. We are not asked to understand it, we are asked to trust Him.

So...when you are discussing this column with your friends and family and they ask where you get all this stuff, tell them "I know a guy".

Have an awesome February and I will see you next month.

FROM MY BALCONY

By Jeannette Hinkson

As the Plainville Hometown Connection enters its twenty-eighth year of publication, we look back at all the stories and happenings in our little town. The accomplishments of businesses and families that have taken place over the years and wonder where the time has gone.

We have reported on the good times and bad, the happy times and the sad news of loved one's passing and each day we can say we are happy to live in small town American. We might not be perfect but we are Plainville proud. The Plainville Hometown Connection could not be printed if it wasn't for the support of our local businesses. From the first edition until this day there are small and large businesses that have placed their ads in our paper, each and every month, so you might receive the happenings in and around Plainville. I would like to mention a few of them, both big and small. Bagel Plus, Tilcon & The Tomasso Group started the ball rolling when Helen placed a call to Angelo Tomasso and even though Mr. Tomasso is gone the company still supports the paper each month. We can never forget Mikes Auto on Farmington Ave. Mike and his family, during good times and bad, never failed to support our paper. Mikes commitment to the paper is no less than his commitment to each and every one of his customers. Mizzy Construction is another company that not only faithfully advertizes with the paper but always sends out a snowplow after a storm to make sure our office is plowed out, now that's dedication. If you will go to our locator page, (page 33) you will find we have Attorneys, The Gnazzo's family grocery store, accountants, contractors, DBK Jewelers, West Main Pizza, Pagliacci's as well as medical people, lawn care services, gift shops, funeral services and on and on. These businesses that have kept us in print over the years can never be thanked enough. When you're in their neighborhood stop by and say thank you. We at the HTC can never thank them enough nor can we thank our contributors and the residents of our town.

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New Programs for Plainville Seniors

A new 'Breakfast Club' get-together is being offered – one for men and one for women. This will give our members an opportunity to socialize while enjoying a meal at D'Marie's. Please call the Senior Center to register.

The annual Chinese Buffet Luncheon is set for March 2nd to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit.

Join us for the day-long Women to Women, Aging Gracefully and Confidently. This event will be held on March 23rd and will include a continental breakfast, workshop offerings, lunch and give-aways.

Hartford Hospital's Mobile Mammography will be at the Senior Center on April 4th from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Appointment and pre-registration are required.
Phone numbers and more information on Page 19.

February Meeting

The Women's Club of New Britain will meet at 2:00 PM on Thursday February 2, 2023.

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

The name of the program is:
SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW:
CT WEDDINGS THROUGH THE AGES

The program presentation by Natalie Belanger uses CHS's extensive collection of wedding clothing, accessor, photograph and prints to examine some of our ideas about what makes a "traditional" wedding.

Following the program coffee, tea and cookies will be served. Guests are welcome to attend for a \$10.00 fee.

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FEBRUARY 7 & 8: Superbowl Favorites: Chili (meat & beans) or hot dog & beans (no bun) served w/ corn bread & a side salad
Soup: Cream of Broccoli

FEBRUARY 14 & 15: Eggplant Parmigiana Sandwich
Soup: Borscht (beet soup)

FEBRUARY 21 & 22: Baked Potato Bar (baked potatoes with your choice of crumbled bacon, broccoli, cheddar cheese, sour cream
Soup: Carrot Soup

Due to floor repair work, café may be closed on Feb. 28 and March 1. Call the Center to confirm.

Young at Heart.....Plainville Seniors

PAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Maxine Kollar
Editor/Office Assistant

HELP FOR VETERANS

Veterans Service Officer, CT Department of Veterans' Affairs, Eric Vickers, will be at the Senior Center Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM. By appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call Eric at 203-805-6343.

NEEDLE FELTING A GNOME WITH A HEART
Join as a beginner—or not—in a needle felting class at the Plainville Senior Center on Monday, February 13 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. You will learn, laugh and leave with your own creation: an adorable and individual gnome. Each person will present their own personal flair as you felt away for a couple hours of fun. Supplies will be ready and waiting. Just add your own creativity. Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 for cost and to register.

FALL PREVENTION

Kim Quinn and Katelyn Lebreton OT from Fox Rehabilitation will present a Fall Prevention program on Monday, February 13 at 10:00 AM. Learn the facts about the fear of falling, intrinsic risk factors, environmental safety and interventions of physical and occupational therapy. Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register beginning February 1.

CAREGIVING CONNECTIONS – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Connect with other caregiving friends and families on Tuesday, February 14 at 10:00 AM at the Senior Center. Support one another's journeys and recognize the challenges and frustrations of this 24/7 labor of love. Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register.

MEMORY CAFÉ AT THE SENIOR CENTER – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Plainville Senior Center will host a memory café on Thursday, February 16 at 2:00 PM. Memory Cafés are safe and supportive social gatherings for people with changes in their memory along with their care partners. Relax and socialize with others experiencing similar life challenges. This program is funded in part by Title III of the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. & the CT State Unit on Aging.

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

SNAPPY SENIORS PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP – FOR SENIOR CENTER MEMBERS

Share photos from any time or place at the Plainville Senior Center on Thursday, February 16 at 10:30 AM. Show us something you learned OR a special photo OR one of your all-time favorites! Bring ideas for future classes, trips and lectures.

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

SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL (SMP) PRESENTATION & BINGO – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Learn how to protect, detect and report Medicare fraud and abuse while playing bingo & winning prizes at the Plainville Senior Center on February 23 at 10:00 AM. This is a Free event.

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

GRANDPARENTS RAISING

GRANDCHILDREN - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
If you are a grandparent or relative who is raising a grandchild, niece or nephew, you are not alone. Come to the support group on Tuesday, February 28 at 10:30 AM at the Senior Center and share resources, ideas, struggles, joys and more with others who are raising their grandchildren. Funding for this program is made possible in part by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging. You must register to attend. Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register.

VETERANS' SOCIAL HOUR

Join other veterans at the Plainville Senior Center on February 28 at 10:00 AM. These monthly information and support meetings are conducted by Sherri Vogt, Veteran's Liaison for Hartford HealthCare Senior Services. FOR ALL VETERANS OVER 60 AND THEIR SPOUSES. Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register.

SELF-CARE FOR GOOD HEALTH LUNCH & LEARN – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Self-care means taking the time to do things that help you live well and improve your physical and mental health. Come to the Plainville Senior Center on Thursday, March 2 from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM and join Heather Hitchcock, CDP, Community Educator with Bristol Behavioral Health as she discusses simple changes you can make to positively affect your own mental health. When it comes to mental health, self-care can help manage stress, lower risk of illness and increase energy. This program is FREE and a complimentary lunch is included.

Call the Plainville Senior Center, 860-747-5728, by February 27 to register.

BETTY WHITE, HER LIFE AND TIMES – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Join the Plainville Senior Center on Thursday, March 9 at 10:00 AM for a FREE presentation from Joe Ouellette "The History Guy" on Betty Marion White Ludden, the American Actress and comedian. White was noted for her vast work in the entertainment industry and being one of the first women to work both in front and behind the camera. Share a few moments in laughter. Remember Password, Mary Tyler Moore Show, The Golden Girls, Saturday Night Live, Hot in Cleveland and many more very funny moments. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, to register.

*Telephone Bingo is back it began Thursday, January 12th, at 1:00 p.m.

*The PEAK Center is open on Mon. – Thurs. from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*The Plainville Chapter of AARP held its first meeting since the pandemic on Wednesday, January 18th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Faith Bible Church Hall (168 Unionville Ave.; Plainville).

*Please note our Dial-A-Ride 'Temporary Schedule Change' began on January 9, 2023.

PLAINVILLE PART TIME DIAL-A-RIDE DRIVER NEEDED!!

The Plainville Senior Center and Human Resources Agency (HRA) of New Britain run a coordinated transportation system to provide Dial-a-Ride for Plainville residents 60 and over. Currently, there is an immediate opening for a morning driver Monday through Friday. Drivers must have an F-endorsement (Taxi, Livery, Service Bus/Coach) or a CDL in order to drive the 14 passenger, wheelchair lift equipped bus. Paid training and hourly wage provided. Approximately 19-22 hours per week. HRA fringe benefits provided. The F-endorsement is easier to obtain and can be done in 2 to 4 weeks. Reimbursement for Medical Exam available. Please contact Shawn or Ronda at the Senior Center 860-747-5728. For more information about Human Resource Agency and the application process, contact Nancy Shannon at 860-589-6968 extension 3.

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Shawn Cohen, Director

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Elderly and Disabled Homeowners

Are reminded that it is time to file for elderly and disabled homeowner benefits for the 2022 Grand List Year. Applications must be filed by May 15, 2023.

Income limits for homeowners; Single Person, not to exceed \$40,300 and for a Married Couple, not to exceed \$49,100.

The Town of Plainville is currently sponsoring a local option elderly program. Income requirements of this program are \$46,800 for a single person and \$53,000 for a married couple. Applicants must meet all other requirements of the State program.

Qualifications for the above benefits are:

- Applicant(s) must own the property for which tax relief is sought AND must reside at said property as their principal residence.

- Applicant(s) must be:

o Over the age of 65 years old prior to December 31, 2022 OR

o Have a 100 percent disability rating from the Social Security Administration. OR

o Be the widow/widower age 50 or over of a previously approved applicant.

- Applicant(s) must also meet the above income requirements.

Documentation required to make an application are:

- A copy of the applicant(s) 2022 income tax return, or if not required to file a return, must supply copies of their sources of income and the amounts.

- A copy of the applicant(s) 2022 Social Security 1099 form

- If the applicant is under the age of 65 current proof of disability is required at the time of application.

The Town of Plainville also offers a local option tax abatement program and a local freeze program. Anyone interested in finding out more about these programs should contact the Assessor's Office at 860-793-0221, ext. 7136.

Applications for additional State Veterans are also being taken. The Veteran must meet the above qualifications (with the exception of age), as well as have his/her DD214 on file with the Town Clerk by **September 30, 2023**. Veteran must meet the ninety-day qualifications for wartime as set forth in Connecticut General Statute 27-103.

The Town also has a local option Veterans program. Income requirements of this program are \$46,800 for a single person and \$53,000 for a married couple. Local option benefit amount is 6,000 assessment dollars.

Applications will be taken at the Town of Plainville Municipal Center, by appointment only. *Please call the Assessment & Collections office for an appointment, 860-793-0221 extension 7136.*

INCOME TAX APPOINTMENT SIGN UP

The Plainville Senior Center 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. The dates for 2023 (tax returns for calendar year 2022) are every Tuesday beginning Tuesday, February 7, and ending Tuesday April 11. Appointments are required. Call the Senior Center beginning Wednesday, January 18 to schedule an appointment. **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:** Before your appointment, please stop by the Senior Center to pick up a checklist of items required to bring to your appointment and an intake packet that **MUST** be completed before your appointment. Please ensure that you have received all income and expense documents, (Social Security Statements, Brokerage Statements, Health Care Insurance-related Statements, etc.) from employers, government agencies, banks, credit unions or brokerages before you arrive for your appointment. If any of your documents are missing or incorrect, you may be required to reschedule your appointment. If your return will be filed as Married Filing Jointly, both spouses need to come to the appointment. Bring photo ID for identity verification. Bring a copy of your prior year (2021) tax return. The Tax Counselors and Senior Center staff look forward to another successful year of providing this valuable service! Call 860-747-5728

OBITUARIES

~ Alan George Beckley ~



79, of Southington, passed away surrounded by his family at his home on Saturday, December 17, 2022. He was the husband of Linda (Wischenbart) Beckley, with whom he shared 53 years of love and laughter.

Born in Bridgeport on November 19, 1943, he was the only child of the late George and Elsie (Kleinschmidt) Beckley. Raised and educated in Berlin, Alan was a 1962 graduate of Berlin High School, and enlisted in the Army National Guard the following year, proudly serving his country for 6 years. He and Linda settled in Southington where they raised their three daughters and became proud grandparents. Alan fulfilled his love for the outdoors working at both Shuttle Meadow Country Club, and Timberlin Golf Course, from where he retired as their foreman after 40 years of hard work and dedication. Additionally he enjoyed camping, boating at his cottage in East Hampton, and had a special place in his heart for Eagle Lake, Maine where he shared countless vacations with his family. At home, he had a passion for maintaining and beautifying his yard with planting flowering shrubs and mowing his lawn...despite being told to take it easy! Remembered for his hard work ethics, his love for Elvis, old westerns, and UCONN basketball, Alan's greatest joy was being surrounded by his family, most especially his grandchildren, all who will miss him dearly and have many cherished memories.

In addition to his wife, Linda, he leaves his daughters Dawn Beckley, her husband Peter Stumpf, Heidi Beckley, her partner Jay Harris and Holly Burgio and her husband Paolo; and his 3 grandchildren, Justin Beckley, Rachel Stumpf and Marissa Stumpf. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, Alan may be remembered with contributions to Hartford HealthCare Hospice at Home, 81 Meriden Ave, Southington, CT 06489 or to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at www.lls.org Family and friends gathered in celebration of Alan's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville.

~ Daryl Anthony Hinkson ~

It is with great sadness that his family announces the passing of Daryl Anthony Hinkson on Friday, January 13, 2023. He was the beloved father of daughter Jessica Hinkson of Ashland, MA and son Dennis Hinkson, daughter-in-law Kimberly, and grandsons Gabriel and Logan of Southington, CT. He also leaves a brother Robert Hinkson and wife Jeannette of Kissimmee, FL, brother-in-law Gerald Unwin and wife Rosemarie of Southington, CT, cousin-in-law Barbara Duffy of Old Saybrook, CT, and several nieces and nephews.

Born February 3, 1946, Daryl was the son of the late Stanley and Pauline Hinkson. He served his country in Vietnam, earning the Purple Heart for his bravery and sacrifice. After returning home, he met and married the love of his life, Janet (Unwin), who predeceased him in 2003. Daryl worked as a skilled electrician for many years throughout central CT, recalling most fondly his many years at New Britain General Hospital where he is remembered for his kindness and ease in making new friends.

He was happiest playing with his grandkids, fishing on the open water, chasing down genealogy leads, working with stained glass, wrestling with very large dogs, and tinkering with one of his countless ongoing projects.

Funeral services for Daryl were with a service at Farrell Funeral Home, 110 Franklin Sq, New Britain. Burial with Military Honors followed in St. Thomas Cemetery, 209 Belleview Ave, Southington CT. Visitation were held at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Daryl's memory can be made to the American Kidney Fund <http://www.kidneyfund.org/>

~ Sandra J. (Carlina) Carver ~



80, of Plainville, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Sunday, January 1, 2023 at the Hospital of Central CT New Britain General Campus.

Sandra was born on March 1, 1942 in Hartford, the daughter of the late Pasquale

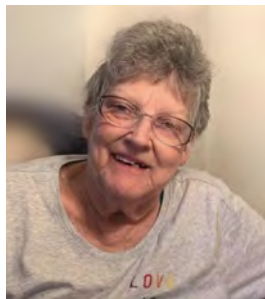
Rocco and Susie (Kapusak) Carlina. She was employed by the Town of Burlington as a secretary in the Buildings and Grounds department for many years and was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Plainville. A proud supporter of our Veterans, Sandra was an active member of the VFW and American Legion Post 33 of Plainville, having served as Chaplain and in the Ladies Auxiliary. Sandra devoted much of her time through the years volunteering for PARC and was delighted to take part in all of their activities and trips. Sandra enjoyed knitting, was an avid reader, and loved to cook or bake, most famous for her "Rum Balls" that she gifted every holiday season for others to indulge. Sandra was a very sweet, genuine woman who led a life of giving back to others. She will forever be remembered for her legacy of kindness, love, and generosity.

Sandra is survived by her daughter, Kayla M. Ryan; her son, Carter J. Hart; her sister, Beverly Gosnell; her brother, Patrick "Butch" Carlina; her granddaughter, Nicole K. Davenport and husband, Drew D. Davenport, along with their children, her great-grandchildren, Grayson D. Davenport and Landrie K. Davenport; and several nieces and nephews.

Donations in memory of Sandra can be made to PARC, 28 East Maple Street, Plainville, CT 06062.

Services in celebration of Sandra's life will be held at a later date. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville extends their gratitude to the Carver family for their trust.

~ Sharon Giggey ~



80 of Plainville passed away Sunday, December 10 2022. A loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Sharon loved the people in her life dearly and gave her all to them.

She is survived by her daughter, Robin DiMauro and husband Robert of Wethersfield, son Laurence Mason and wife Kathleen of Florida, daughter Diane Mason and partner Jon Thomasen of Plainville. She was predeceased by her son David Mason. She is also survived by her sister Betty Lou Lawrence and husband William of Southington and predeceased by her sister Brenda Joyce Bone. She loved being Nana to her nine grandchildren – Bob, Larry, Christopher, Anthony, Danielle, Charda, Jon, Caitlyn, and Jessica - twelve great grandchildren, and really anybody who needed her. Her home was always open and her family was her world.

She passed after a strong fight against several years of illness, in the same spirit she fought for her fellow workers as a proud member Local Lodge #1137. A staunch advocate for worker's rights, she served as treasurer, vice-president, and president of the Machinists Union during her 42 years as a proud employee of Emhart/Black and Decker.

A time of visitation washeld. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of remembrance were shared, followed by committal at Plainville West Cemetery. For online expressions of sympathy please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com



~ Anna (Rozmus) Czekaj ~



loving wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Christmas morning, Sunday December 25, 2022, following a courageous, three-year battle with ovarian cancer. She was the wife of Andrzej

Czekaj, with whom she shared 33 years of marriage.

Born in Poland on August 9, 1968, Anna was one of three children to Cecylia (Biernikowicz) Rozmus and the late Janusz Rozmus. She immigrated to the United States in 1993, where she resided in Chicago for a number of years and later settled in Plainville. There she and Andrzej raised their daughter and became proud grandparents. Anna spent many years as a talented seamstress and later returned to school to complete her certification to become a dental assistant, working for Dr. Wichmann in Plainville until 2020. She remained active over the years by planting in her flower gardens, baking and making crafts with her grandchildren, and frequently visiting her family in Poland. A devout Catholic, she was a longtime member and volunteer at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Through her love for sewing and crafts, Anna crocheted countless stuffed animals and blankets for her grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, she sewed hundreds of masks to raise awareness for ovarian and other types of cancer, and she donated hand-sewn baptism gowns to OLM. Anna was a beautiful person inside and out, an incredibly proud Babcia and Ciocia, and always put God and her loved ones before herself. She is remembered for her strength, faith, and love for her family. Words cannot describe how much she will be missed.

In addition to her mother and her husband, Anna leaves her daughter, Ewelina (Czekaj) Egan and her husband Michael; her three adored grandchildren whom she called her sloneczka, Madison, Elizabeth and William Egan; her brother, Pawel Rozmus and his wife Marzena; her sister Elzbieta (Rozmus) Przybylska and her husband Wojciech; and her beloved nieces and nephews, Szymon, Michal, Dawid, Antoni, Mikolaj, Teresa, Agnieszka, Malgorzata, Krzysztof, Hanna, and Stanislaw; along with many friends and extended family.

Funeral services were held from Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery in New Britain. Family and friends gathered at the funeral home.

In remembrance of Anna's life, please consider making a contribution to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC).



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~ Susan (Colagiovanni) DeMartinis ~



loving mother and sister, of Bristol, passed away unexpectedly from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident on Monday, January 2, 2023. She is now reunited with her beloved husband, best friend and soulmate, Marc P. DeMartinis, Sr., who

predeceased her in 2001.

Susan was born on November 11, 1965 in New Britain, CT daughter to the late Anthony C. Colagiovanni, Sr. and the late Carol L. (Rizzo) Fern. She grew up in Plainville, attended local schools and graduated from Plainville High School. After the unexpected passing of her husband, Susan quickly became a strong-willed, determined single mother and raised two respectful and successful sons, Marc and Dean, always doing her best to be there for them through life's obstacles. She proudly supported them through their sports endeavors over the years, attending their games or activities as their biggest fan. Susan had a bold quirky personality and loved to socialize with others. She had a knack for cooking and experimented with different recipes in her kitchen to share with others. In addition, she loved to go shopping. Above all, she cherished the time spent surrounded by her family and looked forward to family gatherings, no matter the time or distance spent apart. Leaving her loved ones tragically too soon, may the memory of her be filled with happy and fun times.

Susan is survived by her sons, Marc P. DeMartinis, Jr. and Dean DeMartinis; her brother, Anthony Colagiovanni, Jr. and his wife, Kelly; her sister, Krystal (Colagiovanni) Polito and her husband, Jeremy; her nephews, Anthony III, Nicholas, Marc, Jake, Dante, Jordan and Jayden; her nieces, Sunny and Hailey; her sister-in-law, Mona (DeMartinis) Provenzano and her husband, Lennie; her brother-in-law, Jon DeMartinis and his wife, Kathy; her mother-in-law, Natalie DeMartinis and her late husband, Mario; and many friends and extended family members, including stepparents and stepsiblings.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Susan's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. Burial will be held privately. In memory of Susan, donations may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 13770 Noel Road, Suite 801889, Dallas, TX 75380 (www.komen.org).

~ Stefano Santacroce ~



82, of Plainville, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. Steve, as he was known to many, was the beloved husband of Barbara (Yeski) Santacroce, with whom he shared 59 years

of marriage.

Born in Italy on December 7, 1940, he was one of three children to the late Giuseppe and Mary Santacroce. He moved to the U.S. at the age of 15, and married the love of his life shortly after, settling in Plainville where they raised their three sons. Steve was a well-known and respected foreman for Tilcon from where he retired after 35 years, leaving a legacy of hard work and dedication, along with many friends and colleagues. He proudly served his town with the Plainville Fire Company for 14 years, and was a kind neighbor and devoted friend who could be relied upon for just about any

~ Steven E. Nesbitt ~



68, of Plainville, passed away peacefully at home, in the arms of the love of his life, Donna Pisiakowski on Tuesday December 27, 2022.

Born in Hartford on October 26, 1954, he was the son of the late Stuart and Doris

(Gaudette) Nesbitt. Raised and educated in Rocky hill by his father and stepmother Barbara Nesbitt, Steven attended local schools and pursued a career in the manufacturing industry. A machinist who was proud of his 40 years of dedication, Steven worked many years at Widger manufacturing in Plainville, before retiring from RDG technologies in Bristol.

Steve had a lifelong love for the outdoors, having a special place in his heart for Rhode Island in his younger days at the family's cottage on the beach to his ski home in northern Vermont where he loved to ski and made many friends.

A motorcycle enthusiast, he enjoyed many years of riding his beloved Harley with Donna holding on tight.

With his retirement came the love of camping, The Happy Life of fishing, bird watching and ice cream, watching Nascar and bull riding on tv and most of all his grandchildren. Gone too soon but not soon forgotten, Steve fought a hard battle with cancer and he will be missed dearly by his friends and family.

Along with Donna, he leaves his daughter Amie Black and his beloved family, his sons Joseph Bokanoski and wife Rebecca, and James Dardis and wife Sarah. He was a proud Papa to grandsons who brought him so much joy, Jaxon Bokanoski (5) and James Dardis (11 months) and Christopher Black, Jr. (2) He also leaves his siblings James Nesbitt, Daniel Nesbitt, Carol Person, Sandra Scavetta, Kelli Chenault and Lynn Carter along with many nieces and nephews and extended family as well as his four legged friends his "best friend" Bo and his "little girls" Miss Maple and Misiu.

Steve is now reunited with his brothers Bruce Nesbitt, whom he missed dearly since he was 4, and Robert Fletcher.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Steve's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A prayer service was held. Burial will be private in the spring. To share memories and messages of sympathy, please visit www.plainvillefuneralhome.com

favor. Never one to sit down, Steve was a hands on Grandpa who devoted his retirement years to his family, along with his "other" pride and joy, his white corvette convertible. A leader, teacher, provider, and encourager, Steve was a strong and proud man who cared for the needs and livelihoods of others. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered for his selflessness and love.

In addition to his wife, Barbara, he leaves his sons, Steven and his wife Roberta, Scott and his wife Ana, and Marc; his grandchildren, Steven, Marc and Haydee Marie; his brother Joe; and many nieces, nephews and extended family. He was predeceased by his sister, Marta.

In lieu of flowers, Steve may be remembered with contributions to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 280285 East Hartford, CT 06128 or www.cancer.org

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Steve's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. He will be laid to rest privately at West Cemetery, Plainville. To share memories and expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Carole M. Dorman ~



78, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at the Hospital of Central CT New Britain General Campus surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 10,

1944, she was the cherished daughter of the late Robert H. and Rita (Meyers) Schmidt. At a young age, Carole began a successful career in banking, which lasted over 30 years. She started at American Savings as a teller and through the years transferred to various other financial institutions, including Burritt Mutual, Derby Savings, and Webster Bank where she retired as the assistant branch manager. To say she had a way with numbers is an understatement as she was highly knowledgeable and respected in all aspects of banking. Carole was an animal lover, having several types of pets through the years that she spoiled and truly loved more than people. She was also an avid reader and enjoyed watching crime shows. She had a soft spot for the states of Maine and New Hampshire, where she was able to unwind, relax, and in her own words, live free. Carole especially found joy and peace visiting lighthouses. A woman of tough-love, who was full of snarky remarks and sassiness, she will forever be remembered as her family finds solace in the reunion of Carole and her loved ones who she so longed to meet again.

Carole is survived by her son, John W. Irwin, Jr., of Waterbury; her grandson, Ryan Irwin, of Milford; her sisters, Shirley, Nancy, and Robin; her special niece, Allison Levine and her fiancé, Eduardo Rodriguez, of West Hartford; her great-niece and great-nephew, Aundrea and Aaron, of West Hartford; her adopted grandchildren, Jason, Alyssa, and Anthony; her long-time friend, Stephen Levine; and her furry companions or as one might say, her "bonus children": her bird, Nicki and her two Cocker Spaniels, Devin and Jenna. She was predeceased by her parents, Robert and Rita Schmidt and her husband, Robert Dorman.

Following Carole's wishes, her family will celebrate her life privately at some of her favorite destinations. In lieu of flowers, it is most fitting to make donations in memory of Carole to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd, Newington, CT 06111 (cthumane.org) or to any organization that supports the rights and care of animals, most prominently no kill shelters. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., extends their gratitude to Carole's family for their trust in handling her final wishes. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com.

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OBITUARIES

~ Elizabeth (Dulac) Lackey ~



96, of Plainville, passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of her family and caretaker, on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. She was the wife of the late Donald Lackey, who predeceased her in 2002.

Born in Bristol on May 27, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Edmond and Corinne "Blanche" (Pelletier) Dulac. She attended Plainville Schools and was a graduate of the former Teacher's College of Connecticut, now CCSU, with a Bachelor of Science in Education, followed by graduate courses in Educating the Learning Disabled. A well-loved and dedicated teacher, Elizabeth taught both regular and special education for more than 24 years at Linden, Broad Street, Trask and Wheeler Elementary Schools. She combined her teaching career with raising her four children, and touched the lives of many. In her retirement, Elizabeth and Donald enjoyed many trips with the Elder Hostel, as well as traveling to several areas of Canada and Colorado doing research on her Great Grandfather, Euchariste Sirois. One of her greatest accomplishments was writing and having her book published; *One Man's Dedication, the Story of Dr. E. Sirois*. She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church, where she was active in many capacities during her lifetime, including study groups, the Ladies Guild, and the chairing of countless committees. Additionally she taught religious education, and for many years, was a friendly and familiar face at daily mass.

The family would like to thank Betty's caregivers, Priscilla and Rosemary for their excellent care and also the staff at Always Best Care for their support and assistance.

Donations may be made in Elizabeth's name to Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House 31 Colton Street Farmington, CT.

She is survived by her children, Maureen Lackey, with whom she made her home, Karen Raccio and her husband, Edward, and Christine Huhn and her husband Gregory; her grandchildren, Christine Arruda and her husband, Eric, Daniel Raccio, Michael Huhn and Joseph Huhn; and three great-grandchildren, Mason, Bryce, and Jack Arruda. She also leaves her sister and best friend, Theresa Rapacky, along with many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband Donald, she was predeceased by her son, Kevin Lackey, and her brothers, Joseph and Richard Dulac.

Funeral services were held from Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, with a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Southington. Family and friends gathered at the funeral home. Memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared on Elizabeth's tribute page at www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com.

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~ Theodore W. Osak, Jr ~



72 of Plainville, passed away on Tuesday January 10, 2023 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain.

Ted or Teddy as he was known to most, was born on January 22, 1950, one of four children to the late Theodore Osak, Sr and Joan (Mikulak)

Osak. Raised and educated in Plainville, he was a 1968 graduate of Plainville High School, and enjoyed getting together with his classmates each summer. He retired after more than 20 dedicated years of hard work from Jacob's Vehicle Systems in Bloomfield. Known for his love of motorcycle riding and road trips, on two wheels or four, he traveled cross country on his bike more than once and enjoyed hopping in the car on a whim and taking in the scenery. He had a love for the outdoors, especially camping, and meeting his friends for a round of golf or game of bowling. Above all, he was devoted family man; a loving father and Papa who will be missed dearly.

He is survived by his children, Adam Osak, his wife Danielle and his children, Keilen, Hannah and Kiera; Sherri Nuzzo and her husband Tom; and Mary-Kathryn Osak, her partner Joe Davis and their daughter, Charlotte; his former wife, Donna Osak and her daughters, Dawn Blanchette and Barbara Williams; his brother, Rick Osak and his wife Carrie; his sisters, Cathy Mastroianni and Terese Drouin and her husband Ronald; along with many nieces and nephews, extended family and a wide circle of friends that he created along his many travels.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Ted's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of remembrance were shared. To share fond memories or expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Astolfo Scardacchi ~



96 of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 19, 2023. He was the husband of Eva (Bocarossa) Scardacchi, with whom he shared 70 years of marriage.

Born in Fossomebrone, Italy on April 6, 1926, he was one of two children to the late Adelino and Celestina

(Capra) Scardacchi. A sharpshooter amongst the elite group of Bersaglieri in the Royal Italian Army, Astolfo proudly served his country during W.W. II. Upon settling in the United States, he remained proud of his Italian heritage as a longtime member of the Marchegian Society, and retired from Stanley Works after 32 dedicated years of employment. A longtime member of Our Lady of Mercy Church, Astolfo was known for his love for cooking, and delighted in hosting friends and family for Sunday dinners and holidays. He fulfilled his passion for the outdoors in his retirement years going hunting and fishing and enjoying nature's serenity. He leaves a legacy of love for his family, traditions and Italian pride and will be missed dearly.

In addition to his wife Eva, he leaves his devoted son, Ronald Scardacchi of Plainville. He was predeceased by his brother Oliviero Scardacchi, and leaves his nephew Lucio and niece Bruna.

A special thank you to the nurses and aides on the 5th floor, Tower C at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain, for the comfort and care provided to Astolfo during his final days.

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

Honoring his family's wishes, his life will be celebrated privately. He will be placed to rest at the Chapel Mausoleum at St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Scardacchi family for their trust. To share memories and expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

~ Donald R. Strickland ~



91, of Plainville, husband of Dorothy (Jacobsen) Strickland, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at home on Saturday, December 3, 2022.

Donald was born on May 6, 1931 in Hartford, CT to the late Lawrence

Strickland and Edna (Hudon) Strickland. Raised in the Elmwood section of West Hartford, he was a graduate of William H. Hall High School. Donald proudly served his country in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict, stationed in Alaska as a mechanic in the motor vehicle squadron, and was honorably discharged in 1952. He married the love of his life, Dorothy (Jacobsen) in 1954 and settled in Plainville where they would share the next 68 years, raising a loving family of five and becoming proud grandparents. Donald leaves a legacy of hard work and dedication as a heating and cooling technician at TLC Oil Company for 42 years before retiring in 1994. He was a faithful communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Farmington, and a devoted husband and father who cherished time spent with family. Remembered as a man who could fix anything, he kept busy in his retirement years with small projects and sharing his kind and gentle nature and talents helping others whenever the opportunity arose. A dedicated volunteer at the Plainville Senior Center, and Past President of the Plainville AARP, he enjoyed traveling, camping, fishing, watching any sport on TV, riding his motorcycle, listening to country music, and being surrounded by his friends and family.

In addition to his wife, he is survived and will be dearly missed by his sons Peter Strickland and his wife Robin (Foster) Strickland of Deland, Florida, Paul Strickland of Berlin, Connecticut, and daughters Donna (Strickland) Pirolli and her husband Louis Pirolli of Londonderry, New Hampshire and Diane (Strickland) Gediman and her husband Benjamin Gediman of Plainville; his grandchildren Jessica, Jason, Jonathan, Anthony, Audrey and Phoebe; his brother Robert Strickland and his wife Millie (Zito) Strickland and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Donald was predeceased by his daughter, Pamela (Strickland) Mills, Brother Jim Strickland and sister, Linda (Strickland) Rulevich.

Donald's family extends their gratitude to their hospice and home care team for their compassion and support during his final days.

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

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday at St. Patrick Church, 110 Main St, Farmington. Committal services with Military Honors followed at Rose Hill Cemetery, Rocky Hill. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

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Valentine's Day 2023

By Sally Miller

When my grandchildren were very young, I used to tell them that I loved them, and they would say, "how much Grammy" and I would stretch both arms out as far as I could and say this much. Their response was to giggle. As time went by and circumstances in our lives changed, I started telling them that I loved them unconditionally. This would make their little faces light up, their eyes would close for a second and then they would smile up at me. Throughout their lives, I would try to explain to them the different kinds of love they will experience. I hoped that it would make them become better friends, spouses and parents. Whenever we see each other now that they are adults, they say, "love you unconditionally Grammy". Now, many years later, I say the same things to their children, my great grandsons. The oldest who analyzes everything wasn't having it when I stretched my arms and told him that I loved them that much. Anthony looked at me and said that's not a lot Grammy. That's only about 4 feet. The whole world is bigger than that. I forgot that I was dealing with a 10 year old youth who could


program my TV and my phone and had more info available to him than I ever had. So I told him that the arm length was just the beginning and I added infinity and topped it off with unconditionally. I explained that love is not something you always see but you feel. A feeling that makes you feel good. I asked him how he felt when I hugged him. He said "Good". I said that was the feeling of LOVE. I let them know that I might not like something that they may do, but will always love them. I get tired. They are so much smarter than I ever was at that age. When I was his age, all we had was the Encyclopedia and the books were too heavy to pick up. They will never understand how great a grandmothers or great grandmothers love is until they have children of their own. They will only know that I love them very much no matter what I will keep telling them that, especially in this world of high-technology it is going to be so important. I hope that is going to make a difference in their lives and that they feel like love is a feeling of home and security and warm fuzzies. On this Valentines day, I think of loved ones no longer here and I also send love to all my friends and family and readers. I love you this much.

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Dr. Akshay Patel was born and raised in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. After graduating from the top of his class at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Patel pursued his residency training in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery and facial plastics surgery at St. Barnabas Medical Center in New Jersey, where he also served as chief resident. Shortly thereafter, he obtained fellowship training in head and neck surgical oncology and microvascular reconstructive surgery at Case Western University-University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Patel's clinical interests include head and neck surgical oncology and reconstructive surgery, as well as program development, patient outcome, resident teaching and reconstructive techniques. He has presented nationally and published on subjects relating to reconstructive surgery and head and neck cancer.

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Dr. Moeller is an ear, nose and throat (ENT) doctor, serving both pediatric and adult patients. Dr. Moeller treats common ENT ailments, such as acute sinus infections, allergies and ear infections, as well as more complex problems, such as sleep apnea, snoring, salivary gland tumors, thyroid tumors, chronic sinusitis and nasal polyps. He is one of the few surgeons in the Northeast to offer inspire hypoglossal nerve stimulation to treat sleep apnea. Dr. Moeller joined Connecticut Ear, Nose & Throat Associates in 2011 after attending Loyola University Chicago-Stritch School of Medicine and completing his residency and training in otolaryngology-head & neck surgery at Loyola University Medical Center.

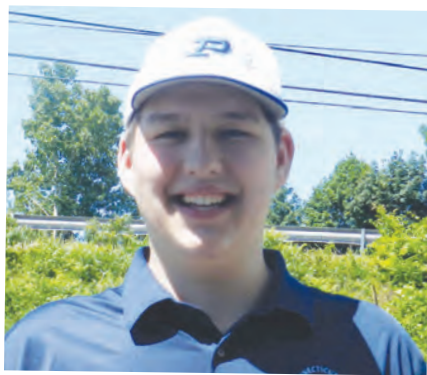
Kyle Chambers, M.D. Board-Certified Otolaryngologist



Dr. Chambers provides evidence-based surgical and medical treatment for adult and pediatric patients with sinus, ear, nose, and throat conditions. Dr. Chambers received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and his medical degree from the University of Washington. He completed his surgical training through Harvard Medical School. Following his surgical training, he received additional training in allergy diagnosis and treatment. Dr. Chambers is an active member of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy. He has won awards for his teaching and research.

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Jake's Sport Talk



Plainville Varsity Boys Basketball vs East Granby game notes
Plainville Won 58-42

- #23 Haley Anderson had 2 points
- #15 MARRISA MILLER had 5 points
- #10 Audra Pearson had 5 points
- #5 Cookie Montanez had 5 points
- #2 Tamia Chapman had 1 points
- #20 Cyriah Bernard had 13 points

Plainville Varsity Boys Basketball vs SMSA game notes

- Plainville lost 71-38
- #5 Joe Vasquez had 16 points
- #3 Brady Wiczorek had 8 points
- #1 Roman Lee had 9 points
- #11 Jayden Castro had 3 points
- #33 Nijaz Srdanvic had 2 points

Plainville Varsity Boys Basketball vs Godwin Tech game notes

- Plainville won 50-33
- #32 Nate Saucer had 3 points
- #1 Roman Lee had 6 points
- #5 Joe Vasquez had 18 points
- #3 Brady Wiczorek had 16 points
- #33 Nijaz Srdanovic had 2 points
- #25 Alexander Ortiz 5 points

Plainville Boys Basketball vs Berlin Game notes

- Plainville lost 63-60
- #32 Nate Saucer had 7 points
- #1 Roman Lee had 12 points
- #5 Joe Vasquez had 23 points
- #3 Brady Wiczorek had 12 points

#15 MJ Baykaysa had 4 points

Plainville Girls Basketball vs Berlin Game Notes

- Plainville lost 69-30
- #5 Cookie Montanez had 10 points
- #2 Tamia Chapman had 8 points
- #12 Grace Geddes had 2 points
- #15 MARRISA MILLER had 2 points
- #23 Haley Anderson had 2 points
- #20 Cyriah Bernard had 6 points

Plainville Varsity Girls Basketball vs South Windsor Game Notes

- Plainville lost 56-33
- The girls are now one win and 12 losses
- #2 Tamia Chapman had 2 points
- #5 Cookie Montanez had 10 points
- #23 Haley Anderson had 8 points
- #15 MARRISA MILLER had 7 points
- #20 Cyriah Bernard had 1 point
- #10 Audra Pearson had 2 points
- #3 Hailey Feltt had 2 points
- #12 Grace Geddes had 1 point

Hope you all enjoyed my article

Signing off for this month

Jake your Plainville's

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- #15 MJ Baykaysa had 1 point
- #3 Brady Wiczorek had 15 points
- #5 Joe Vasquez had 13 points
- #32 Nate Saucer had 5 points
- #1 Roman Lee had 15 points
- #11 Jayden Castro had 3 points

Plainville Varsity Girls Basketball vs Career Magnet game notes

- Plainville Won 50-20
- #23 Haley Anderson had 5 points
- #15 MARRISA MILLER had 3 points
- #10 Audra Pearson had 7 points
- #5 Cookie Montanez had 18 points
- #2 Tamia Chapman had 7 points
- #20 Cyriah Bernard had 9 points

Plainville Varsity Girls Basketball vs SMSA game notes

- Plainville lost 34-32

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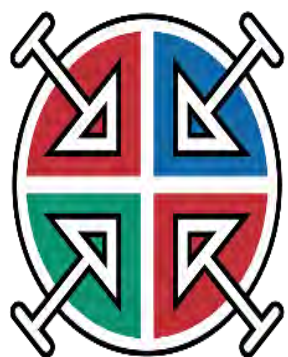
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Events & News Briefs.....

Two-part program on Plainville's African-American Heritage.



The Plainville Historical Society is excited to announce its Black History Month program for 2023. On Thursday February 23rd at 7:00 PM at the Plainville Historic Center, Gail Williams will present "My Father's Stories: Anecdotes of an African-American Man" followed by "An Interview with Leven Harris" as written by local historian Henry Castle and adapted and presented by Gail's sisters Lisa and Alison Johnson.

Gail's father was Levester "Lutt" Johnson who was born in Plainville and lived in town for his entire life, first at Hart's Corner and later on Newton Avenue where he and his wife Varela raised their family. He worked at Plainville Casting and retired from there after many years. Lutt was a self-taught photographer and was able to turn this hobby into a part-time career. A member of several musical groups, he was also on the Board at Redeemer's Church. He is remembered as someone who loved to tell the stories of Plainville's days gone by. In her presentation, Gail will bring these stories to life.

Leven Harris was an African-American Civil War veteran who had served in Company F of the 31st Regiment. He moved to Plainville after the war and was well-known in town. Henry Castle, who was alive at the same time as Leven, wrote up an interview with Leven. Lisa and Alison Johnson's adaptation and presentation and will portray life in Plainville through the eyes and ears of an African-American man.

Gail Johnson Williams, a longtime member of the Historical Society Board of Directors, is the group's specialist in local African American history. She is a Plainville native who has presented numerous programs sharing the rich legacy of our African-Americans. She is also a professional musician who played electric bass in area bands. In the 1990's, Gail founded Nzinga's Daughters which is a well-known women's group that performs African and African-American music.

The February 23rd program will take place at the Plainville Historic Center at 29 Pierce Street. Please register in advance by emailing plvhistorical@gmail.com and include your name(s), and telephone number. Confirmation will be sent by email. The program will take place in the meeting room on the second floor. Elevator access is available.

Little League Baseball & Softball 2023 Registration for the spring season is now open.
plainvillelittleleague.com

PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HONORED WITH "STUDENT ROCKS AWARD"



Plainville High School students Nolan Wargo and Lily Feyerabend have been named recipients of the first semester "Student Rocks Award" recognizing their outstanding contributions to Plainville High School. The Student Rocks Award was established by three teachers in 2010 as a way to honor those students who "do the right thing" every day without looking for acknowledgement. Wargo, a senior, was nominated by Plainville High School staff members Sarah Centore, Michele Tavernier-Morel, Melissa Moore, Deb Pikiell and Ken Fusco.

"Nolan is one of the nicest young men I have ever had the pleasure to know. He is not only academically superior, but his joy of life and sense of humor are inspiring. Nolan is the kind of individual who gives 100 percent in whatever he does," noted Ken Fusco in his nomination.

Feyerabend, a senior, was nominated by PHS staff members TJ Riccardo, Dominic Talotta, Jeff Roberts, Eileen Hebert and Sandi Dowsett.

"Lily is deserving of this award because she truly gives every day her best shot and seems to have fun while doing it. She is a valuable member of our school community and I look forward to seeing what great things Lily will accomplish in the future," noted Sandi Dowsett.

"I am very excited to have a role in this student recognition program. I am also fortunate enough to have both Lily and Nolan as students in my AP Statistics class. They are both exemplary students and come to class with positive attitudes that are contagious to others around them," said PHS faculty member and Student Rocks Program Co-Coordinator Eileen Hebert.

"Lily and Nolan are the perfect representatives of the Student Rocks award! noted PHS faculty member and Student Rocks Program Co-Coordinator Mikayla Wells.

"The Student Rocks award is one of the most prestigious and in my opinion, best awards a student can earn at PHS. It recognizes the impact these students have had on our school culture. Both of the students honored this semester embody what we hope for from all of our Blue Devils at PHS," said Plainville High School Principal, Carl Johnson.



"Toffolon Mitten Tree" Created by Students



Louis Toffolon Office staff members Chiara Ramos and Caitlin Butkus created the "Toffolon Mitten Tree" initiative during the last school year and the tradition continues this year. The Mitten Tree is on display at Toffolon over the winter holidays, but collections of winter mittens and cold weather item donations continue all year. Toffolon families and staff members continue to support those in need throughout our community through their Mitten Tree initiative donations. The items are gathered throughout the school year, and donated to the Plainville Community Food Pantry.

In photo: Louis Toffolon Elementary School fourth grader Dominik Sykut with his donation bag for the "Mitten Tree" initiative at Toffolon!



"Mad Scientist" Visits Toffolon School

Mr. Quinones aka "The Mad Scientist" hosts the Louis Toffolon Elementary School's "Mad Science" after school enrichment program this winter, where he works with students on various experiments and STEM projects.

In photo: Left to right, standing: Liam Zenick, Carter Gaddy
Left to right, sitting: Juliette Wadley, Eve Maynard, Riley Lavoie

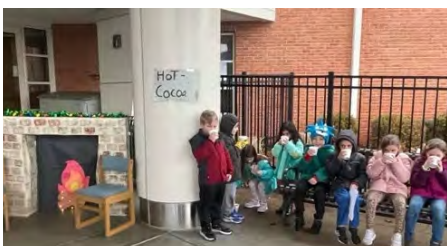
PLAINVILLE UNIFIED SPORTS PROGRAM ON THE MOVE!



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Unified Sports is a registered program of Special Olympics that combines athletes with and without intellectual disabilities or other developmental delays on sports teams.

Toffolon School Sponsors "CAMPFIRE DAY"



The Louis Toffolon Elementary School Student Council, led by Advisor and faculty member Susan Fabrizio, recently sponsored a "Toffolon Campfire Day" complete with hot chocolate and a faux fireplace. Families and staff made a donation to participate and proceeds were donated to the American Cancer Society.

Project Graduation 2023 Fundraiser

Comedy Night Saturday, Feb. 11th 7 pm at VFW, 7 Northwest Drive Tickets are \$20. in advance \$25. at the door. For details call Judy at 860-883-2482

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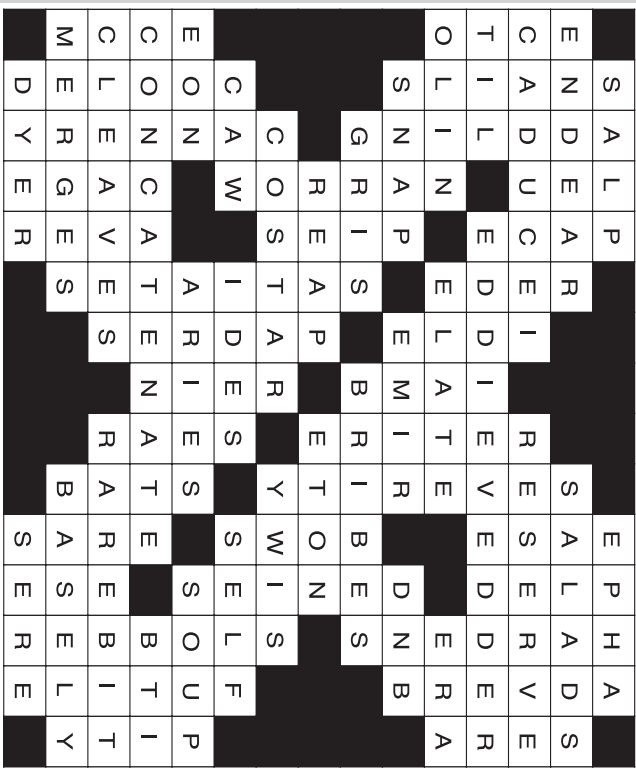
“Unified Sports are played by athletes together with peer helpers who support the athletes’ success in each sport,” explained Coach Wells. “This season we have 11 middle and high school athletes, and more than 15 peer helpers who support the athletes playing the game. We have been lucky to watch the program grow over the past year to the size it is now!”

On January 19th, the Unified team beat the “Plainville Faculty team,” comprised of faculty members and administrators from across the school district, in a friendly game of basketball. The high school’s gymnasium was filled with families and fans who cheered the athletes on.

“I am incredibly proud of our Unified Sports program in Plainville. This program provides unparalleled experiences for all who are involved, including the athletes, peer helpers, staff, families and our entire community. This team demonstrates the meaning of sportsmanship and friendly competition while building core values and a community of relationships that extend far beyond the athletic piece of this program. Despite the Unified team beating us again this year in a very competitive game, everyone came together for a great event and left smiling,” said Superintendent of Schools, Steven LePage.

The Unified Sports team will be scrimmaging at half time of the PHS Boys Varsity basketball game on February 6th and participating in a CIAC Unified tournament on March 8th.

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Additional events at the VFW in Plainville will also accept applications for vendors for May 21, 2023 and September 17, 2023,

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Say Christmas Tree

Submitted by: Stanley Pelcher

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We say Christmas Tree

Apparently the White House referred to Christmas Trees as **Holiday Trees** for the first time this year, which prompted CBS presenter Steven Levy to present this piece.

The following was written by Steven Levy and recited by him on CBS Sunday Morning Commentary.

My confession:

I don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew, and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period. I have no idea where the concept came from, that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution and I don't like it being shoved down my throat...

Or maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship celebrities and we aren't allowed to worship God as we understand Him? I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old, too. But there are a lot of us who are wondering where these celebrities came from and where the America we knew went to.

In light of the many jokes we send to one another for a laugh, this is a little different: This is not intended to be a joke; it's not funny, it's intended to get you thinking.

In light of recent events... terrorists attack, school shootings, etc.. I think it started when Madeleine Murray O'Hare (she was murdered, her body found a few years ago) complained she didn't want prayer in our schools, and we said OK. Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school... The Bible says thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself. And we said OK.

Then Dr. Steven Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave, because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem (Dr. Spock's son committed suicide). We said an expert should know what he's talking about.. And we said okay.

Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves.

Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with 'WE REAP WHAT WE SOW.'

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell. Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says. Funny how you can send 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing. Funny how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace.

Are you laughing yet?

Funny how when you forward this message, you will not send it to many on your address list because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think of you for sending it.

Funny how we can be more worried about what other people think of us than what God thinks of us.

Pass it on if you think it has merit.

If not, then just discard it... no one will know you did. But, if you discard this thought process, don't sit back and complain about what bad shape the world is in.

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

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Hartford HealthCare Center

Submitted by: Leaja Johnson

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Call-In Support Group

Looking for a safe space? Talk to a professional about the questions and or concerns you may have regarding dementia. Every Friday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. starting Friday, Feb. 3 there will be a call-in support group facilitated by Kristine Johnson, dementia specialist, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://hartfordhealthcare.zoom.us/j/92408181873> Meeting ID: 924 0818 1873 One tap mobile 1.646.876.9923, Meeting ID 92408181873# Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging is a not for profit member of Hartford HealthCare Senior Services. Each of the 11 resource and assessment centers are designed to enhance access to services and information related to attaining optimal quality of life for seniors and their caregivers. For more information about Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging, visit <http://hhcenterforhealthyaging.org> or call 1.877.424.4641.

Virtual: Dementia Caregiver Series

The Dementia Caregiver Series is occurs every Tuesday: Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 7 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to attend all five weekly sessions.

Topics include: Session 1: Overview of Dementia; Session 2: Basics of Good Communication and Understanding Behaviors; Session 3: Safety in the Environment and How to Structure a Day with Activities; Session 4: Taking Care of the Caregiver and Care Options and Session 5: Overview of Community Resources that May Be Helpful

Presented by a Certified Dementia Specialist from Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call 1.855.HHC.HERE (1.855.442.4373) or go to HartfordHealthCare.org/VirtualClasses. After you register, you'll receive an email with easy instructions on joining the virtual class.

Virtual: Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Are you a caregiver and feeling overburdened? Are you responsible for making financial decisions, managing changes in behavior or even helping a loved one get dressed in the morning? This group is an affiliated support group of the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter. Join the class on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Facilitated by Michelle Wyman, dementia specialist, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://hartfordhealthcare.zoom.us/j/92408181873> Meeting ID: 924 0818 1873 One tap mobile 1.646.876.9923, Meeting ID 92408181873#

Virtual: Understanding Lymphedema

The World Health Organization estimates that over 250 million people worldwide live with Lymphedema or chronic swelling. It is a disease that can cause pain, limit our mobility and cause us to be insecure about ourselves. Join a Certified Lymphedema Therapist (CLT) from Hartford HealthCare Rehabilitation Network, to learn more about the causes and effects of swelling, ways to manage it and how participation in skilled Occupational and Physical Therapy can help. Join the class on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 11 a.m. to noon. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** Call 1.855.HHC.HERE (1.855.442.4373) or go to HartfordHealthCare.org/VirtualClasses. After you register, you'll receive an email with easy instructions on joining the virtual class.

Virtual: Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Do you care for someone diagnosed with dementia? A support group provides emotional, educational and social support. Join the call on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. starting on Feb. 8. Facilitated by Patty O'Brian, CDP, dementia specialist, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging. Sponsored by Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging and Alzheimer's Association. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://hartfordhealthcare.zoom.us/j/96886760219>

Virtual: Understanding Arthritis

Join the class on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. to learn more about: causes of arthritis, how arthritis can be diagnosed and what to do from there and prevention tips to get ahead of the diagnosis. Presented by Christine Solimini-Swift, exercise physiologist, Hartford HealthCare GoodLife Fitness. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** Call 1.855.HHC.

HERE (1.855.442.4373) or go to HartfordHealthCare.org/VirtualClasses. After you register, you'll receive an email with easy instructions on joining the virtual class.

Virtual: Building Better Bones & Joints

Join the class on Friday, Feb. 17 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. to learn more about: bone and joint health, benefits of moving to maintain bone health and exercises to promote healthy bones and joints. Presented by Erica Bruno, exercise physiologist, Hartford HealthCare GoodLife Fitness. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** Call 1.855.HHC.HERE (1.855.442.4373) or go to HartfordHealthCare.org/VirtualClasses. After you register, you'll receive an email with easy instructions on joining the virtual class.

Open House at The Orchards at Southington set for Feb. 18

The Orchards at Southington, a beautiful independent and assisted living community located at 34 Hobart Street, is hosting an open house on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration is recommended. To reserve a time, call Antoinette Ouellette, retirement counselor at The Orchards at Southington, 860.628.5656.

Open House at Arbor Rose at Jerome Home set for Feb. 19

Arbor Rose at Jerome Home is a lovely independent and assisted living community located at 975 Corbin Ave., New Britain is hosting an open house on Sunday, Feb. 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Registration is recommended.* To reserve a time, call Karen Alix, retirement counselor at Arbor Rose at Jerome Home, at 860.229.3707.

Hybrid: Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Caregivers far and wide are welcome. Chat with those who come from the same walk of life. Join the class every third Monday of the month on Feb. 20, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in-person or online. Facilitated by a Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging Dementia Specialist. Sponsored by Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging and Alzheimer's Association.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call 1.855.HHC.HERE (1.855.442.4373) or go to HartfordHealthCare.org/VirtualClasses. After you register, you'll receive an email with easy instructions on joining the virtual class. *To join the class in-person visit:* Berlin-Peck Memorial Library, 234 Kensington Rd, Berlin CT, 06037.

Virtual: Exercise & Healthy Aging

Join the class on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 11 a.m. to noon, to learn more about: benefits of daily activities to shape physiology, how exercise can be used as a tool to fight disease and age-related decline and the best types of exercise for you. Presented by Michelle Boisvert, exercise physiologist, Hartford HealthCare GoodLife Fitness.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call 1.855.HHC.HERE (1.855.442.4373) or go to HartfordHealthCare.org/VirtualClasses. After you register you'll receive an email with easy instructions on joining the virtual class.

Open House at Mulberry Gardens set for Feb. 22

Mulberry Gardens, is an independent and assisted living community located at 58 Mulberry St., Southington will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. *To reserve a time,* call Marie Terzak, retirement counselor at Mulberry Gardens, at 860.276.1020.

Open House at Cedar Mountain Commons, Newington set for Feb. 22

A beautiful independent and assisted living community located at 3 John H. Stewart Drive, will be hosting an open house Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. To reserve a time, call 860.665.7901.

In-Person Class: Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Do you care for someone diagnosed with dementia? A support group provides emotional, educational and social support. Topics include: communication techniques, caregiver support, benefits of activities, and stages of the disease, family dynamics and safety issues. Facilitated by Michelle Wyman, LSW, CDP, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging. The class is held every last Monday of the month, starting Monday, Feb. 27, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, located at Duncaster, 40 Loeffler Rd., Bloomfield, CT 06002. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** Call 1.855.HHC.HERE (1.855.442.4373). After you register, you'll receive an email with easy instructions on joining the virtual class.

~ Plainville Historical Society ~

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JANUARY PROGRAM

It was a bleak winter afternoon outside, but the atmosphere inside the Historic Center was bright and cheerful as the Historical Society hosted a public Canal Day open house. Visitors came from near and far, surrounding towns and as far away as Massachusetts. They gathered to listen, learn and discuss the Farmington Canal and the bustling productivity it brought to a budding Plainville in the mid-1800s.

Small groups in our Canal Room, surrounded by the amazing diorama of the canal and among the actual pictures of those who lived it, enjoyed the informal presentation by Rosemary Morante, asked questions and shared their personal knowledge on the subject. Volunteers welcomed all to tour the other rooms; they greeted old friends and made interesting conversations with new acquaintances. Gail Williams was on hand to discuss the Amistad incident and Plainville's part in it, and answering questions about her mezzanine display. There was a buzz in the air and smiles prevailed. During that two hours, groups came and then left, as more visitors came in. Some stopped in the Museum Shop to purchase a book to take home in addition to the written information given and perhaps ask one more question or speak again about something new they learned.

It was our great pleasure to have you. Please come again.

This report would not be complete without a bravo shout-out to Plainville's wonderful Volunteer Fire Department who arrived instantly to solve a mechanical problem that afternoon. *We are all blessed to have these first responders keeping us safe.*

Once again February descends on Plainville. A month of inner warmth and winter weather presents an array of celebratory days, crowding its diminutive place on our calendar. Nostalgia offers top-of-mind anticipation of tapped maple trees and gourmet syrup and bouquets of pussy willows and our traditional celebration of National Black History month with a program presented by Gail Williams. *Be sure to mark your calendar for Thursday, February 23. Be at the Historic Center by 7 p.m.* This year she focuses on her father's childhood in Plainville. "Lutt" Johnson, a local photographer who grew up in Plainville was well known to the local community.

WINTER HOURS

The office will be open on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m until 1 p.m. unless there is a snow day or a holiday. You can always check our web site or contact us by e-mail. We do make appointments for research at your convenience. Contact us by e-mail.

Percy "Smokey", "Smoke" Williams

He was the policeman at the corner of Whiting and Broad Street. Smokey helped the children cross the street on their way to Broad Street School. After his death, his footprints were painted in memoriam where he stood. He also drove the New Britain transit bus between New Britain and Plainville and worked the concession stand at the Plainville Strand.



Remembering... "Smokey" Williams

He was our beloved crossing guard and cop on the downtown beat in Plainville center for decades, a champion of Plainville's school children as they walked to the Broad St. School, crossing Whiting at Broad. It was even then a busy intersection. He also kept watch out for those who were tempted to walk along the railroad tracks, so dangerous. There were few school buses then. In his "spare" time he worked the candy counter at the Strand. A known advocate and friend, to all who lived, shopped and worked in the downtown area, "Smokey" was appointed a "special" officer in 1941 just as the new Plainville Police Department was organizing. He became a supernumerary policeman in 1951.

Percy Glenn Williams died in December of 1963. He was 62 years old. Pall bearers included officers: Sgt. Frank Chambrello, patrolmen Frank Roche, James Ross, Frederick Cyrway, Raymond Bourgoing and George Litke, Jr. "Smokey" is fondly remembered by an entire generation.

Gert LaCombe remembers that at one time "Smokey's" footprints appeared in the cement at the corner of Whiting and Broad St. where he so faithfully stood watch.

MY FATHER'S STORIES

Presented by Gail Williams

February 23, 2023 7 P. M.

The Historic Center

PLAINVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MISSION

Keeping Local History Alive Through Preservation, Inspiration, and Education

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

*Collecting and preserving resources including documents, photographs, memorabilia, or other objects related to Plainville or considered to be relevant Americana. Providing public accessibility to the Plainville Historic Center which the Society maintains as a research center, museum, offices, and store.

*Promoting interest in local history through programs, media, education, and personalized assistance with research and genealogy.

Society Receives Grant Funding

The Plainville Historical Society was recently awarded a \$5100 CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant from CT Humanities (CTH). CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grants assist organizations as they recover from the pandemic and maintain and grow their ability to serve their community and the public.

The Historical Society plans to use the funds to improve our technology, enhance in-person and online programming, maintain quality services such as research, and further build public outreach. This will help us meet the stated organizational mission of "Preservation, Inspiration and Education." As the local historical group, we maintain a valuable collection of historical items and run programs that stimulate interest in local history.

Our Society was one of 725 organizations in Connecticut receiving a CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant. Totaling more than \$8.5M, these grants are part of a two-year, \$30.7M investment in arts, humanities, and cultural nonprofits by the CT General Assembly and approved by Governor Ned Lamont. This CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant is provided to us from CT Humanities, with funding from the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development/ Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) from the Connecticut State Legislature.

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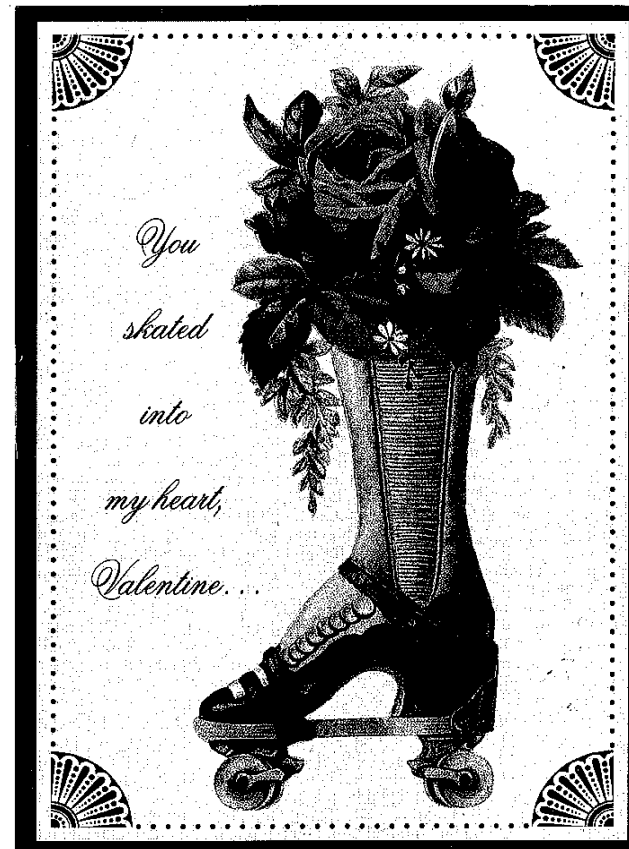
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Freddy has been making pizza for 19 years. He first started out in Central Mall Pizza in Bristol and stayed in the area making pizza after the closure of the mall.

In 2018, Freddy decided to venture out on his and open D'Marie's Pizza. D'Marie's has been in the center of Plainville for 4 1/2 years. Throughout these years, Freddy always did his best in giving back to the community. Whether it was making donations or advertising for local events, to always catching up with the locals who walk in.

After the pandemic, Freddy decided to remodel the interior of the restaurant and the operation. Freddy opened for breakfast with the help of Jimmy, he was the head cook of Applewood Restaurant in Bristol before closing permanently. He has been a head cook for the past 20 years and excelled in making breakfast specialties such as homemade pancakes, french toast, and omelets.

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February 14th is the 36th Anniversary for the owners of Pagliacci's Jane & Mike Capobianco (Mike affectionally called "Uncle Mike")

Dennis Wood was the manager of Pagliacci's for many years. upon his retirement "Uncle Mike" & Jane are the owner/operators of the "Old-world European meets modern Italian-American" at Pagliacci's in Plainville



Having heard that they make fresh pasta was enough to get Lisa and me printing up some MapQuest directions and steering our way toward Plainville to find Pagliacci's, a casual family-style Italian restaurant. Plainville has always struck me as a charmingly bleak place. With quirky shoe-box-sized donut shops, tiny diners and enticing specialty food stores, the town obviously can boast some hidden treasures, and Pagliacci's fits in to the mix.

Upon entering the restaurant, visitors are greeted by the smell of fresh house made bread. There's a promising array of wine bottles, and the large dining room is decorated with painted murals of Italian harvest scenes and seascapes. The restaurant feels thoroughly worn, in a well-loved kind of way. The menus are a bit tattered, and the ceiling panels have some water splotches on them. But you might be surprised at the food you can get here. Lisa sized things up right away, singling out the fried smelt appetizer from the day's specials and noting that the wine list included a nice broad selection of decent wines by the glass and a full bar. While formulating an attack plan, we munched our way through a basket of warm Italian bread and a few garlic sticks.

The other diners seemed to be digging in to their meals with a workman-like focus, which made sense once we got an idea of the generous portions coming out of the kitchen. When ordering at Pagliacci's we recommend paying attention to that list of daily specials. There was a pork chop dish served with white beans and garlic, and several elegantly simple broiled fish dishes. On the regular menu one can choose from homestyle pizzas, grinders, seafood (scrod, salmon, shrimp or scallops), and familiar parmigiana, cacciatore and piccata variations. There are numerous veal, chicken, eggplant, meatball and sausage dishes to please most persuasions. The pasta section is extensive, with homemade spaghetti, ziti, gemelli and rotini, whole wheat rotini, plus mass-produced linguini, angel hair, shells, penne, cavatelli and gnocchi. And the sauce options and presentations are equally varied. There's a meatless marinara, a pomodoro (basil and tomato), a house sauce (with meat), alfredo, primavera, a mushroom sauce, and more. There are six variations on the baked pasta theme---shells, ziti, lasagna and manicotti in different combinations and styles. They make their own ravioli at Pagliacci's too. That's a lot of pasta-making. I know someone is thoroughly dusted with flour and spattered with sauce back in the kitchen.

The fried smelts won us over immediately. This was truly old-world style, simple bite-sized fish (quite a job to clean. I'm sure) tossed in light batter and fried, served with a lemon wedge and sort of (unnecessary) tartar sauce for dipping, like dishes I've had in Madrid or Rapallo. I tried the country-style chicken soup, a buttery broth with a lot of rice, tender chunks of white chicken and some bits of corn and carrots.

Set on trying pasta, Lisa had the fettuccini puttanesa, and I tried the lobster and spinach ravioli from the daily specials list. The ravioli were on the hefty side, not the kind of thing you'd want to try eating in one mouthful. They were stuffed with a mild filling of ricotta, lobster and flecks of green spinach.

The dessert, a chocolate chip cannoli, was a nice surprise. It wasn't too sweet at all-a perfect match for the expertly brewed cups of espresso that provided the big finish.



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April 11, 2013

Elizabeth H. Eddy

Plainville Wind Ensemble Wins The American Prize in Band Performance 2022 Community Division



Plainville Wind Ensemble is the winner of The American Prize in Band Performance, 2022 in the community division. The Plainville Wind Ensemble was selected from applications reviewed recently from all across the United States.

The American Prize National Nonprofit Competitions in the Performing Arts grew from the belief that a great deal of excellent music being made in this country goes unrecognized and unheralded, not only in our major cities, but all across the country: in schools and churches, in colleges and universities, and by community and professional musicians. With the performing arts in America marginalized like never before, The American Prize seeks to fill the gap that leaves excellent artists and ensembles struggling for visibility and viability. The American Prize recognizes and rewards the best

America produces, without bias against small city versus large, or unknown artist versus well-known.

Founded in 1987, the Plainville Wind Ensemble began with interested adult musicians meeting weekly in the auditorium of the old Junior High School becoming Plainville's first community band. They wished to continue to create a place where amateur and professional musicians could gather to rehearse and perform together. Their Mission is to provide an educational, social and performing environment for local musicians in the tradition of the community band idiom, as ambassadors of music. As music remains an essential ingredient in the quality of life, they are eager to share their musical talents with the public, expose audiences to the music of great composers, encourage young people to learn to play an instrument, and keep alive the traditions of the community

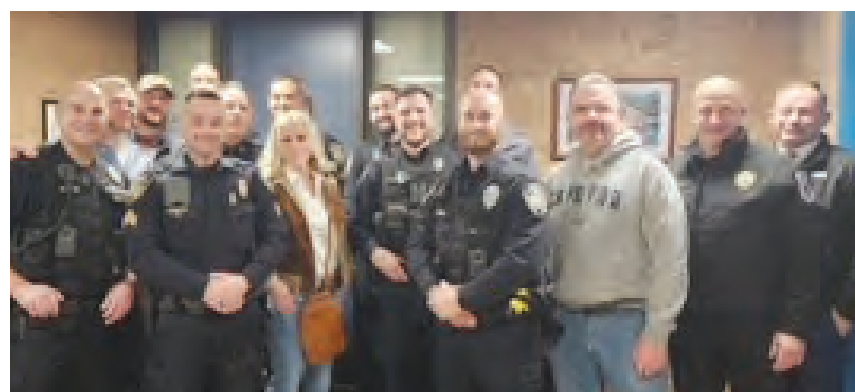
band. The Ensemble plays a vital role in the lives of musicians and their audience as evidenced by the continuing interest in membership and the number of people attending their concerts throughout the years. The group focuses on variety, diversity, entertainment and community service. This 75 member symphonic concert band is an all-volunteer adult ensemble and the musicians hail from many of the towns and cities throughout Connecticut. Conducted by Ken Bagley, They have performed at CCSU's Welte Hall for their annual Veterans Concert, Fanieul Hall, Boston, Lake George Music Festival, and twice for the Association of Concert Bands National Conventions in New York and New Jersey. This past Spring they were conducted by Composer/Conductor Johann deMeij, performing his Lord of the Rings Symphony.

The American Prize National Nonprofit Competitions in the Performing Arts is

the nation's most comprehensive series of contests in the performing arts. The American Prize is unique in scope and structure, designed to recognize and reward the best performing artists, directors, ensembles and composers in the United States at professional, college/university, community and high school levels, based on submitted recordings. Additional information about the competitions on the website: www.theamericanprize.org. For runners-up in this category and for additional winners already announced in 2022 in other competitions, please follow this link: <http://theamericanprize.blogspot.com/>

For more information on the Plainville Wind Ensemble, upcoming concert dates and to listen to past concert follow these links: <https://www.plainvillewindensemble.com/> and <https://www.youtube.com/channel/>

Plainville Police and Fire Members Promoted and Reappointed By Town Council



Photos above: John Quilter sworn in as Lieutenant also John's wife Melissa pinning badge. John shown with Melissa and their children. Fellow officers of Plainville Police Department joined John at promotion event.

Fire Chief Thomas Moschini, Deputy Chief Adrien Paradis, First Assistant Chief Kurt Plourde and Second Assistant Chief Dave Massey reappointed to two year terms as leaders of the Plainville Fire Department



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- 1 to 1½ pounds freshly ground meat or poultry
- 1 or 2 cloves of garlic minced (optional)
- 2 tablespoons of brewer's yeast
- 1 Cup brown rice
- ½ Cup wild rice
- 3 fresh spinach leaves, finely chopped
- 3 medium carrots, pared and finely chopped

1. In a Crock Pot put 4 cups of boiling water.
2. In a large skillet quickly brown the garlic until tender. Add 2 tablespoons of hot liquid from the Crock Pot, stirring. Pour into the Crock Pot.
3. In the same skillet brown the meat and add to the Crock Pot.
4. Add the remaining ingredients and cook for 4-6 hours.
5. Cool to room temperature and refrigerate for 2-4 hours.
6. Using a measuring cup place 1 full cup into a zipper bag, seal and freeze until ready for use. Be sure to label and date the bag.

FROM THE PLAINVILLE ANIMAL CONTROL DESK:

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All creatures tend to hibernate in February. It's a time to curl up with your pet and watch for snow. Check to be sure that a bear isn't hibernating under your deck. Cook for your dog.

Here at the Animal Control Desk we continue our vigil to serve, to maintain the pound, to take care of animals who are in need of help in Plainville. The pound underwent an update in the fall including a resealing of the concrete floor and new solid surface, making it an easier to clean, cozier space for our winter guests this year. Your unfailing support is so appreciated. Our used clothing drive is just now ending and very successful. Thank you to all who made the extra effort to bring their donations to us.

Our Plainville PAWS fund and our staff stand prepared to meet any animal emergency that may surface during these dormant last months of winter. You can call us at 860 747-1616. We're here.

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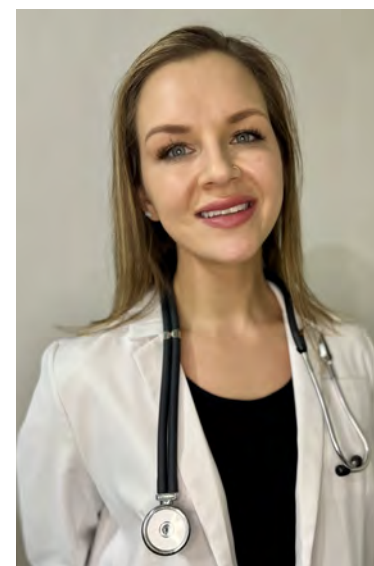
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CANNABIS CONVERSATION

with

Dr. Palina Miklosz

DNP, APRN

With the recent rollout of CT's adult-use cannabis sales, cannabis is now more available than ever and CT residents are becoming more interested in the effects of the cannabis plant. While possession and use of cannabis (<1.5oz) had been fully legal in CT since July 1, 2021, retail sales of adult-use cannabis only began in Connecticut on 1/10/2023. According to data from the CT Department of Consumer Protection (DCP), adult-use cannabis brought in a total of \$2,020,358 in sales in the first week and demand remains high 3 weeks later.

You may be wondering how and why many are turning to cannabis for both medical and non-medical reasons. So, why the hype? Why are so many flocking to cannabis? Let's look at some recent data on cannabis use. In a 2020 survey of 1.6 million adults residing in New York state, 12.8% (or about 204,800) reported using cannabis within the last 30 days. Of the ~204,800 adults reporting cannabis use, over 55% reported using cannabis at least in part for medical reasons. Studies conclude that the most commonly reported medical uses of cannabis were for: chronic pain, insomnia, anxiety and depression. The CT Medical Marijuana Program now recognizes 40 medical conditions as qualifying for a medical cannabis certification. These conditions run the gamut as far as bodily systems go: from neurological disorders like multiple sclerosis and epilepsy, to digestive disorders like Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, psychological conditions like posttraumatic stress disorder, to chronic pain conditions like degenerative disc disease, fibromyalgia, rheumatoid arthritis and more.

But how is it possible that the cannabis plant can somehow target symptoms from so many seemingly unrelated health conditions? The answer comes down to The Endocannabinoid System—a body system that we had no idea even existed until 1988! The Endocannabinoid System (ECS) is arguably one of the most vital systems to human function and survival. The ECS is the largest receptor system in the human body and is responsible for maintaining balance (homeostasis) and regulating many critical functions. These functions include: immune response, blood sugar regulation, hunger & satiety cues, pain tolerance, inflammatory effects, metabolism and more! And what does this have to do with cannabis? Well, while the ECS produces endocannabinoids in our bodies to help govern these vital functions, the cannabis plant contains similar compounds called phytocannabinoids that can mimic or enhance the effects of our own endocannabinoids when cannabis is used. And because endocannabinoid receptors are found throughout the body: in the brain, organs, connective tissues, glands and immune cells—the effects are widespread and can often ease symptoms across multiple organ systems.

This article is the first in a monthly series on cannabinoid medicine. Please join us next month as we delve deeper into how the ECS works in our bodies and discuss ways that you can support your ECS with or without the use of cannabis.

Dr. Paulina Miklosz is a doctorally-prepared Family Nurse Practitioner with over 10 years of experience in primary care, population health and advanced diabetes management. She is the owner and medical director of Higher Med, a Plainville-based health clinic specializing in Cannabinoid Medicine. For more information, please refer to HigherMed.org or call (959)900-8206.

Congratulations!!!

Senator Martin & Representative Cooley



Toffolon Student Skylar Clark attended Legislative Opening Day Ceremonies and the Swearing in of Senator Henri Martin and State Representative Francis Cooley.

Sen. Martin Named Deputy CT Senate Republican Leader

“Let’s seize this opportunity to get this economy growing.”

Senator Henri Martin (R-31st District) has been named Deputy Republican Leader of the Connecticut State Senate in the upcoming 2023-2024 legislative sessions. The 31st District includes Bristol, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth and Thomaston. Martin, who begins his 5th term in January, will continue to serve as Ranking Senator on the Connecticut General Assembly's Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee and the Commerce Committee. He will also serve as a member of the Transportation Committee and the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. He will continue to serve as a voting member on the State Bond Commission.

"It is an honor and a privilege to represent the people of the 31st District," Sen. Martin said. "I thank Senate Republican Leader Kevin Kelly for naming me a deputy leader. My focus continues to be on making our state safer and more affordable. We need to pass significant tax relief and eliminate wasteful government spending while helping to train our future workforce. We also need safer streets, and we must support our law enforcement officials in any way we can."

Sen. Martin has been an opponent of tax hikes and successfully fought against tolls. He also pushed for an enforceable state government spending cap, which was part of the budget passed in 2017.

Sen. Martin said he plans to explore legislation to help students obtain work skills for various career paths while still in high school. He said he will also focus on enabling students to earn certificates and college credits while interning or while participating in an apprenticeship program.

"College isn't for everyone," Martin said. "And we have a major demand for jobs in the trades. Employers need more welders, plumbers, electricians, and HVAC technicians. They also need people with manufacturing skills as well as culinary arts training. We need to listen to our job creators. As lawmakers, we should work together to create those paths to lifelong careers right here in Connecticut."

Sen. Martin, who is a member of the legislature's bipartisan Manufacturing Caucus, said he intends to work with Democrats and Republicans to forge future policy solutions to address employers' needs in central Connecticut and throughout the state. He has consistently worked to expand apprenticeship training to better prepare young people for jobs in multiple different fields throughout Connecticut.

"Our common goal as Democrats and Republicans should be to give more young people an opportunity to develop the job skills Connecticut businesses are looking for," Sen. Martin said. "Let's make sure those who are not going to pursue a four-year degree still have many pathways to quality employment and rewarding careers which enable them to address the demands of Connecticut's employers. Let's seize this opportunity to get this economy growing."

On the web: SenatorHenriMartin.com

State Representative Francis Cooley Begins 2023 Legislative Session

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am pleased to announce that we are back in-person as I was officially sworn in at the opening-day ceremonies of the 2023 Legislative Session on Wednesday January 4th! Additionally, each member of the General Assembly also received their legislative committee assignments and ranking member appointments.

This term I have been appointed to serve on the Environment, Education and Higher Education and Employment Committees. On these committees, representatives are responsible for actively participating in committee meetings where they will be able to directly influence the legislative process concerning these political topics.

I truly appreciate the support I received in November to return as the voice of the 22nd District at the state level. Now is the time to collaborate and develop long-term solutions for the most pressing issues affecting the hardworking residents and families of our state.

The 2023 Legislative Session will continue until June 7th, 2023, and resources for how to track bills, follow the legislative process, and mark vote tallies can all be found at the General Assembly's website: www.cga.ct.gov and you can watch the House of Representatives and legislative committee action at www.ct-n.com.

There are a number of ways to keep in touch with me as we address many important issues facing the 22nd Assembly District and the State of Connecticut. You can follow me on State Facebook and Instagram pages, as I intend to share updates on state government as well as information on local events via social media.

Sincerely,

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding state government, please feel free to reach out to me at Francis.Cooley@housegop.ct.gov.

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