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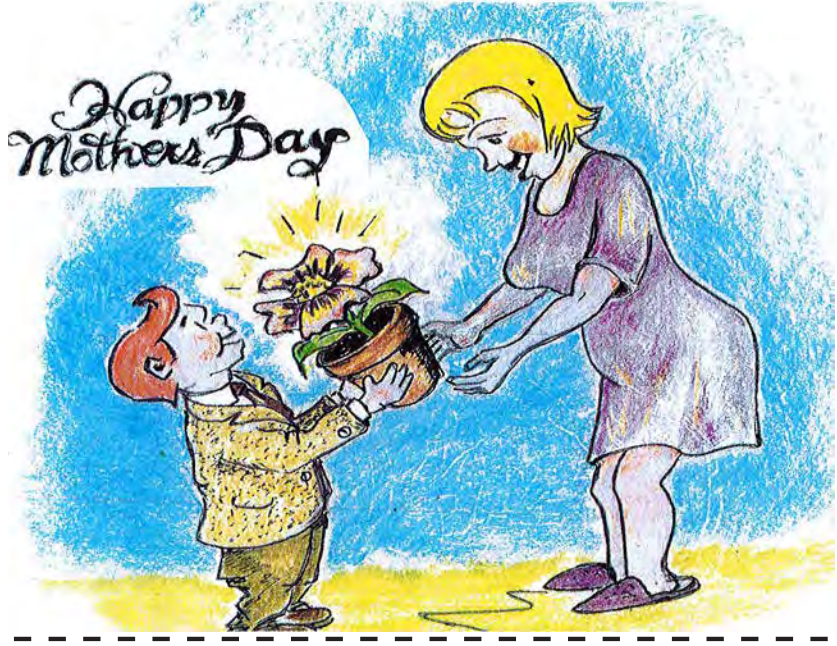


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32 Burnside Ave: Patricia D. and Raymond L. Roy of Plainville to Vincent Nanfito, \$75,000 on 3/8/2021
29 Florence Ln: Marco Rodriguez of Plainville to Mohamed A. Benayad, \$314,900 on 3/5/2021
Russell Ave: Branford LLC of Plainville to GFS Family LLC, \$509,000 on 3/9/2021
31 Tyler Ave: T Real Estate LLC of Plainville to Sunrise Real Estate LLC \$255,000 on 3/5/2021
31 Tyler Ave: CT Home Solvers LLC of Plainville to T Real Estate LLC, \$203,000 on 3/5/2021
12 Ivy Rd: Gateway Palms LLC of Plainville to Markj Cofrancesco and Amanda J Cavalari, \$280,000 on 3/29/2021
69 Northwest Dr Unit 9: Robert Cyr of Plainville to Olga Chojnacka, \$175,000 on 3/29/2021
109 Northwest Dr: Angela K. Lastrina-Fasold of Plainville to Amanda M. Boland, \$325,000 on 3/30/2021
566 Camp St: Simone Development LLC of Plainville to Leon Lopez and Alicia Cruz-Lopez, \$370,000 on 4/5/2021
34 Condale Ln: Oak Land Developers LLC of Plainville to Christopher and Dawn Kukuc, \$450,000 on 4/1/2021
482 East St Unit 9: D E Koskoff MoneyT and David E. Koskoff of Plainville to JM LLC \$74,000 on 4/1/2021
24 Elbow Ln: Mark E. and Jennifer N. Zakrzewski of Plainville to Felix Martinez \$169,000 on 4/6/2021
34 Johnson Ave: David E. Kemmeur of Plainville to Karol and Justyna Suchocki \$107,000 on 4/5/2021
60 Roosevelt St: Harvey D. Weich of Plainville to Bryan and Beth Curtis, \$300,000 on 4/5/2021
Samuels Xing Unit 81: Carrier Holdings LLC of Plainville to Marena J. and Kevin Harrison, \$424,788 on 4/1/2021
4 Sandstone Rd Unit 4: Michael Scarfo of Plainville to Jeffrey and Candace

- Kochosky \$402,000 on 4/1/2021
15 Stillwell Dr: Patrica Landry of Plainville to Norma L. Landry, \$190,000 on 4/7/2021
85 Sunset Ave: Dawn M. Boutin of Plainville to William and Amanda L. Rosario, \$251,000 on 4/5/2021
85 Twining St: Hollow Charles R. Est and Judith Hollow of Plainville to Giovanni and Deidre A. Lee, \$240,000 on 4/5/2021
10 W Pine Way Unit A6: Smith Donna M. Est and Jason Dorsey of Plainville to Robert J. and Gail C. Campochiaro, \$140,000 on 4/1/2021

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# Robert E. Lee, Town Manager's Report to Town Council

## April 1st & April 19th Meetings



### Report to Town Council April 5, 2021

#### EDA Revolving Loan Program Discussion

- At the last meeting, the Town Council discussed amending the EDA Revolving Loan Program to allow a forgivable loan up to \$10K to assist existing Plainville businesses to remain located and open in town. The new policy would sunset at the end of the year.
- The Economic Development Agency met on March 18th and endorsed the proposed policy. The proposed changes were included in the meeting package information.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the proposed changes to the EDA Revolving Loan Program.

#### Airport Hangar 4 Roof Bid

- The Hangar 4 roof is approximately 50 years old, has several leaks and has reached the end of its useful life. On March 3rd seven bids were received to replace the metal roof on Hangar 4 at Robertson Airport. The low bid was submitted by Ultimate Construction in the amount of \$133,000.
- There were also four alternates that were part of the bid. They were: Alternate 1 – replacing the lightening protection; Alternate 2 – installation of new roof de-icing equipment; Alternate 3 – installing new gutters; Alternate 4 – replacing insulation on a portion of the hangar.
- The total bid – including the four alternates - was \$218,428. On March 22nd, the Aviation Commission met to discuss the low bid and to make a recommendation to the Town Council. Town staff, the architect for the project, and Nick Scata from Interstate Aviation all recommended that it include all four of the alternates.
- After much discussion, the Aviation Commission was deadlocked on whether to include Alternates 1, 2 & 3. Three members were in favor of them while three others were not. While Aviation Commission member Byron Treado was not present at the meeting – he indicated in a follow-up discussion that he would have voted in favor of including all four of the alternates.
- Town staff, Tom Arcari, Jr. (architect), Nick Scata and four members of the Aviation Commission are recommending that Ultimate Construction from Southington, CT be awarded the Hangar 4 Roof Replacement project in the amount of \$218,428. All monies for this project will come from the Aviation Fund. (i.e., no Town contribution)
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

#### Senior Center Kitchen Equipment Replacement

- Senior Center staff recently notified me that they were having gas leak problems with their commercial stove. This stove is about 40 years old and repair parts are very hard to locate – if at all. They were also having difficulties with a commercial dishwasher as well.
- While this equipment has been relatively dormant since the Senior Center suspended their meal program due to the pandemic, it is expected that they will be re-opening this program in the next several months.
- Senior Center staff has received three quotes for the replacement stove and dishwasher. The low quote was submitted by Kittredge Foodservice Equipment & Supplies in the amount of \$10,299. Town staff is recommending that the kitchen equipment be replaced at this time with the monies coming from the Contingency account. The Contingency account currently has approximately \$20K remaining.

#### Clean Earth PFAS Discussion

- Clean Earth and the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) would like to conduct a demonstration project to burn PFAS containing soil at their Plainville facility. They believe that the burning of this material will break down the chemical elements of PFAS and pose no environmental risk.
- Clean Earth has also proposed paying the Town a host fee should there be a successful demonstration project and be approved by D.E.E.P. As part of the demonstration project, Clean Earth will be required to perform an outreach program to the Plainville community providing information about the proposal and including the opportunity for public input and questions.
- Clean Earth is also willing to reimburse the Town for costs associated with the hiring of a consultant to assist in the review of the demonstration project. On March 29th and 30th Town staff conducted five interviews with consultants that were pre-selected by the DEEP Remediation Division for work specific to PFAS sampling.
- Based on these interviews, Town staff is recommending that the Town hire BL Companies of Meriden to assist Plainville in the project.
- No action is being requested this evening. Town staff will invite Clean Earth and BL Companies to attend the May 3rd Town Council meeting to discuss the demonstration project and their plans for public outreach. If approved, the earliest it could begin is late this summer or in the fall.

#### COVID-19 Update

- On March 19th, the Senior Center had a successful COVID-19 vaccination clinic where 200 Plainville seniors were able to get their first dose of the Moderna vaccine. The second dose is scheduled for April 19th.

- The Senior Center will also be conducting a second vaccine clinic on April 28th with the follow-up date occurring on May 26th. This clinic will be available to 100 Plainville residents 60+ years of age. Sign-ups for this COVID-19 vaccination clinic will begin on Wednesday, April 7th beginning at 9:00 am. Interested residents can call 860-747-5728 to make an appointment. Registration will remain open until filled. The clinic is sponsored by the Community Health Center from New Britain.
- The Plainville Southington Health District is also working with the Senior Center and Housing Authority to identify homebound seniors to arrange for at-home vaccinations as well. These seniors will receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine which only requires one dose.
- The Town of Plainville worked with the Hospital of Central Connecticut to conduct a COVID-19 vaccination clinic last Friday. One hundred eligible Plainville residents received their first vaccination at the Fire House. Their second dose is scheduled for April 30th at the same location.
- Any Plainville resident having difficulty with scheduling a COVID-19 vaccination can contact the Plainville Southington Health District at 860-276-6277 at their staff will assist in finding an available slot for the vaccine.

#### Farmington Canal Trail

- The State Department of Transportation will be conducting a Public Information Meeting for Phase 1 of the trail on Thursday, June 3, 2021 beginning at 7:00 pm. This will be a video meeting (not in-person) due to the pandemic.
- Phase 1 is the southern segment of the trail from Norton Park to Town Line Road. Please mark your calendars for that date and time. More information will follow leading up to the meeting.

## HAPPENINGS

#### Veterans' Social Hour In Person Held [Tuesday, April 27, 10:30]

These monthly information and support meetings are conducted by Sherry Vogt, Veteran's Liaison for Hartford HealthCare at Home. For Veterans age 60 and over and their spouses. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, to register or register on-line at: [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

#### Open Knitting/Crochet [Thursdays 1:00 – 2:00]

Call the Senior Center to reserve your space or register online at: [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

#### Open Quilting [Wednesdays 9:30 – 10:30]

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#### Fitness Classes

The Senior Center is offering a variety of in person and virtual fitness classes including Gentle Chair Pilates and

Balance, Yoga-lates, Silver Sneakers, Cardio Chair Fitness, Power Burst and more. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, for more information.

### Report to Town Council April 19, 2021

#### Street Scan – Sidewalk Software Program

- Town staff will give a demonstration of the StreetScan Program for the sidewalk analysis and discuss priorities for repair.

#### Senior Center Stove and Dishwasher Replacement

- At the April 5th meeting the Town Council discussed replacing the commercial stove and dishwasher at the Senior Center. The stove had recently had issues with gas leaks with parts being unavailable due to its age.
- Senior Center staff is recommending the purchase of the stove and dishwasher from Kittredge Food Service Equipment & Supplies of Agawam, MA. The quote for the stove is \$6,045 and the dishwasher is \$4,050 for a total of \$10,095.
- The Senior Center will also be replacing a sink, countertop, and cabinetry adjacent to the stove as well with monies coming from previous fundraising efforts.
- If there are no objections Town staff will move forward with the purchase of the stove and dishwasher with monies from the Contingency line item in the General Fund Budget.

#### All Day Budget Vote – April 27

- The All-Day vote on the Town Council's recommended Budget for FY22 will be held on Tuesday, April 27th between the hours of 6:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Fire House located at 77 West Main Street.
- Residents will have the opportunity to vote separately on both the General Government and Board of Education Budgets.
- The General Government Budget, which includes Town operations, Debt Service and Capital Projects contribution, has an increase of \$275,056 or 1.2%. The Board of Education Budget has an increase of \$682,705 or 1.74%.
- The total budget increase is proposed at \$957,761 or 1.53%.
- Town residents are encouraged to participate in the All-Day vote on Tuesday, April 27th.

#### FCHT Public Information Date – June 10

- Due to conflicts, the Virtual Public Information Meeting for Phase 1 of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail has been moved to Thursday, June 10, 2021 beginning at 7:00 pm. This Public Information session will be conducted by the State Department of Transportation for Phase 1 of the trail from Norton Park to Town Line Road.

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- D.O.T. staff will give a presentation of the proposed design of Phase 1 and then participants will be able to ask questions and provide comments.
- More information on how people can participate in this meeting will be publicized as the June 10th date draws near.

**S & P Financial Rating**

- Earlier this year the Town Council authorized a pre-payment of \$9,685,000 in outstanding Clean Water Fund loans from the State of Connecticut to take advantage of the record low non-taxable bond rates.
- If successful, the Town could save close to \$500K over the remaining term of the bond. Last week, Town staff had a conference call with Standard & Poor. S&P is a rating agency that determines the financial ability of the Town to pay back these General Obligation Bonds. Those bidding on the bonds use this rating to determine the interest rate that they would bid for the bond sale.
- Plainville had a previous S&P bond rating of AA+ which is one notch under AAA which is the highest bond rating a Town can achieve. S&P is expected to release their recommended bond rating for Plainville later this week.
- It is planned that the bond sale will be completed by May 18, 2021.

**COVID-19 Update**

- The Senior Center will be holding a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for individuals 18 and older on Wednesday, April 28th. The clinic is co-sponsored by the Community Health Center.
- There are still some appointments available for this clinic. To schedule an appointment, please contact the Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

**Financial Dashboard**

- The Financial dashboard for the first three quarters of the fiscal year was included in the meeting information package and was posted last Friday of the Town website.

**HAPPENINGS-APRIL 19TH**

Reported for the Town Council Meeting - April 19, 2021

**COVID Vaccine Clinic**

The Plainville Senior Center, in partnership with the Community Health Center, is pleased to offer a COVID vaccine clinic April 28, 2021. Open to the public ages 18 and older. Interested individuals should call the Senior Center at (860) 747-5728 to register.

**Plainville Community Food Pantry**

The Plainville Community Food Pantry wishes to remind residents that

services are still available, even though public access continues to be restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Plainville Community Pantry continues to provide services including Food, Clothing, Energy Assistance, Intervention & Referral Services, Back-to-School program, Holiday Baskets, and the Secret Santa, to Plainville residents only. Those in need can call the Pantry at 860-747-1919 to request an application and/ or services.

**Tax Update**

The second installment of the sewer bills are due in May. Bills are not sent for this installment. An email reminder blast is available to those that have signed up. Looking to sign up? Information is available on the Town website: [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com)

Delinquent enforcement will soon begin. Demand letters will soon be for delinquent real estate bills (current year), along with lien notices for any real estate greater than two years past due.

**Blood Drive:**

The Plainville Lions, along with the American Red Cross, will be sponsoring a blood drive April 30, from 9:00-2:00 at Our Lady of Mercy Church 19 South Canal Street, Plainville. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767) or visits online [www.americanredcross.org](http://www.americanredcross.org) and enter sponsor code PlainvilleCT.

**Senior Center:**

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**UConn Drop The Bass A Cappella Concert** (Zoom Or The Senior Center)  
[Tuesday, April 27, 1:00]

Drop the Bass is an all-female a cappella group at the University of Connecticut. The group consists of sixteen girls ranging from freshman to senior year with the talent and passion for vocal performance. Call the Senior Center or register on-line at: [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

**The Nutritionist Is In**

(Zoom Or The Senior Center)  
[Thursday, April 29, 1:00]

Join this virtual Q&A meeting for all your nutrition and diet questions with Registered Dietician, Nurse, Diabetes Educator, Miles Everett. Here's your chance to get guidelines on how to eat your best and how best to stay informed. Call the Senior Center or register on-line at: [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

**Book Buds In Person**

[Friday, April 30, 1:00]  
Love a good mystery book?

"Tell No One" by Harlan Coban is a great "who done it". Pick up the book from the library or on your ebook, kindle or audio book. Join us with fellow amateur sleuths to discuss all the twists and turns of this mystery. Call the Senior Center or register on-line at: [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

**Strawberry Crumb Bars Cooking Class** (On Zoom At Home)

[Tuesday, May 11, 2:00]

Join Katie, Registered Dietitian from Food Explorers to make Strawberry Crumb Bars! These bars can be made with any berry, fresh or frozen, or a mixture! Call the Senior Center to register or register on-line at: [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

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**Visiting Hours** [on demand]

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**Ribbon Cutting**

Plainville Chamber of Commerce will hold a Ribbon Cutting at the **Good Vibes Gifts & Flowers** 21 Whiting Street

Tabitha Manafort and Quinn Christopher have recently become co-chairs of the Plainville Chamber of Commerce. "We are inviting you to the ribbon cutting at Good Vibes. It will be on Wednesday, May 5th at 5:00 pm. Hope to see you there!"

**Plainville Community Pharmacy**

The COVID-19 vaccines have arrived at the pharmacy. They will be administering vaccines Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up via [healthmartcovidvaccine.com](http://healthmartcovidvaccine.com) (select Plainville Community Pharmacy) Also, Plainville Community Pharmacy is accepting walk-ins and will help you register. The pharmacy is located at 170 East Street.

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**Have You Heard About Senior Transportation Services?**

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Senior Transportation Services, Inc. (STS) is available to provide affordable transportation to medical appointments for Plainville residents age 55 and over. STS relies on trained volunteer drivers to take riders to medical appointments as far as 20 miles from Plainville, starting as early as 6:00 a.m. There is an annual membership fee and cost (based on mileage) to use the service. Financial assistance is available for individuals who cannot afford the fees. (For help in paying for the service call Stephanie or Ronda at (860-747-5728). Senior Transportation Service (STS) is funded in part by grants from the Bristol Main Street Community Foundation and the North Central Area Agency on Aging.

**UNABLE TO ATTEND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS?**

**If you have an issue you would like to discuss with the Council or a Councilor?**

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## The Law Office of Matthew J. Gaidos, LLC

Matthew Gaidos grew up in Simsbury, CT and graduated from Bryant College. After graduation he worked for a Fortune 500 company but decided that he wanted a more fulfilling and rewarding career. He enrolled in Western New England Law School where he earned his law degree. Subsequently, Matthew worked for a prominent law firm in Bridgeport doing defense work on a variety of cases.



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## Taste of Plainville

The Plainville Republican Town Committee will be holding the annual "Taste of Plainville" Fund Raiser in the months of July and August. The \$5.00 ticket will entitle you to a discount at approximately 20 Plainville restaurants, (to be announced.) also a drawing for over 50 Gift Certificates.

Jacob Rocco, Vice-Chairman of the Plainville Town Committee announced the committee members are Chairperson, Cassandra Clark,, Ticket Chair, Helen Bergenty, Sales Coordinator, Deb Hardy, Sales committee members Gayle Dennehy, Kathy Pugliese, Deb Tompkins and Rachel Buchanan.

Tickets will be available from May 15th to the end of August from any town committee member and at Gnazzo Food Center or call Cassandra Clark at 860-747-4119 leave your name, phone number and message. Proceeds from this promotion will benefit the PRTC and Plainville Community Fund.

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## Main Street Community Foundation Seeking Grant Applications

Main Street Community Foundation is inviting nonprofit organizations serving Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and/or Wolcott to apply for grants through its competitive General Grant Cycle. All guidelines, eligibility criteria and the link to the online application are available on the Foundation's website, [www.mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-grant](http://www.mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-grant).

The deadline to apply is May 14, 2021 at 4 p.m. Funding consideration will be given to, but not limited to, charitable projects in the areas of education, health, human services, sports field maintenance, animal welfare, environment and arts and culture. Interested organizations must contact Kate Kerchaert, Director of Grants & Programs, at [kate@mainstreetfoundation.org](mailto:kate@mainstreetfoundation.org) or 860.583.6363 for a preliminary discussion at least 7 business days prior to the deadline.

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### Senator Martin stands with Senate Republicans to say "No" to latest extension of Executive Authority.



Sen. Henri Martin (R-31) offers the following statement following the State Senate votes on HB 6672 and LCO 6253 Senate Amendment A.

"I want to be crystal clear about my vote today. This is not about the validity of the pandemic. It is time for us to resume our responsibility as legislators.

"Now with over a year under our belts managing through this pandemic as a state, there has been ample time to determine which executive orders need to be ratified by the legislature and which can simply lapse. "Today the Senate Republican Caucus offered an amendment to emphasize the necessary steps that should be taken to manage the Governor's emergency powers and to reassert the legislature as a coequal branch of government.

"While there are certainly times where the Governor is best suited to act under emergency authority, the year's long autonomy over state policy during the Covid-19 pandemic should be coming to a close. As the Governor has determined he should expand businesses' abilities to remain open, that larger gatherings of people are permitted, as the state leads the nation in vaccination rates, we too should have the legislature reinstated and get back to work.

"I cannot, as a state senator as the ranking senator on matters concerning state financing and commerce or as the ranking senator on matters concerning Connecticut's youngest residents, support any further delay to having the legislature return to business."

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# Reasons to Upgrade Your Lighting

By: Laura Davis

Owner of The Light Hangar Company

While we are in the middle of the prime renovation season, the one question I always urge clients to ask is "Should I upgrade my lighting?" The answer is almost always "yes". Lighting isn't quite as easy as changing out a throw pillow or bedspread so I suggest you make the effort while you are already under construction. If you don't, you may end up wishing you did months or years down the road and you have to go through the construction process all over again.

## BRIGHTER

LED fixtures or bulbs make a huge difference in the look and feel of your space starting with a brighter light. The way LED's emit light "looks" so much brighter than a traditional bulb. You can also choose to add additional lights to your space or make better use of the ones you currently have by upgrading the style and function. Don't underestimate that lighting can set the mood for your home.

## NO MORE CHANGING BULBS

If changing light bulbs is one of your least favorite things to do, LEDs are definitely for you! Long life is the number one benefit of LED lights. Most standard LED's last 15,000 - 25,000 hours. That means if you left the bulb on for 5 hours a day everyday,

then you wouldn't have the change the bulb for 8-13 years. And even after those years are up, the LED's don't actually burn out. Instead, they emit a lower output and it over time will just become less bright.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Of course LED lights are more energy efficient, but just how much more efficient? A traditional incandescent bulb spends more than 80% of its energy creating heat to light the element inside. The way LED bulbs create light does not require heat and therefore only 10-20% of its energy used goes towards heat.

## OUTDOOR DURABILITY

It's safe to say that over the years the weather elements have become harsher and the temperatures more extreme. Newer light fixtures are created to withstand these elements a bit better. The older style brass fixtures that used to rust now have protective coating to keep that shine a bit longer.

## ADJUSTABLE FEATURES

With changes in styles, come changes in technology. You can now get color selectable lights for recessed lights, under cabinet lights, bulbs and much more! Not only can you change color temperatures (color of the light), but the range of dimming has greatly increased with the LED lights. Also, with new smart technology you can ask your Alexa to turn on your lights.

*With all of these great benefits, you've got nothing to lose and everything to gain by upgrading your home's lighting. As always, it's best to consult a lighting expert to make sure you are getting the right products for your space.*

## From the Desk of:

**Cal Hauburger**

**Economic Development & Special Project Coordinator**

### Business Updates:

Late last month, Hop Haus held their soft opening at their new location on Whiting Street. By all accounts things went well, and they are now open on a full-time scale to the public.

In the latest update, Craft Kitchen, which took over the former restaurant space attached to the Fairfield Marriott should be finishing up renovations, and plans are to be open for this weekend.

There's some action going on at Connecticut Commons. Kohl's has submitted plans for a relatively significant renovation in their store to accommodate a new Sephora makeup section.

Xfinity has signed on to take over a vacant location within the plaza. Permits have been submitted for a retrofit of the space to better meet their needs, and signals a stable, long-term client for the area.

The Town has also received renovation plans for the former Roz & Ali/Dressbarn location in the Big Y plaza. The space will be subdivided into two locations - one of about 2,000sqft. and one of about 5,800sqft. We are still awaiting final word on what will be occupying the space.

Finally, a new restaurant will be going into the Red Sushi plaza on East Street. A vacant space within the plaza has been taken over, remodeling is under way, and a take-out hibachi restaurant will be opening in the near future.

**Proposed Forgivable Revolving Loan:** Following the EDA recommendation to offer a partially forgivable revolving loan, the Town Council addressed this item at their April 5th meeting. After a short discussion, the effort was unanimously passed by the Council. With that, we will need to begin advertising the program offering as it sunsets in less than 8 months. I plan to

add it to the website next week.

**White Oak:** This past week I submitted a formal application to CT DECD for Brownfield Remediation funds for the White Oak property. Funding is the next step in this project process. The Town is confident in the strength of our application and believe we have a good chance at receiving funds from the State that would see their investment, which began with assessment funding in 2017, completed. Based on the timeline provided by the State, we should expect to hear a decision by early June.

**Miscellaneous:** A few more general updates:

Work continues on the Americold building on Northwest Drive. Side panels have begun to be added to the building as enclosure begins. The plan is to have the building completed at some point in August.

The Town Council held a public hearing on their proposed FY22 budget during their last meeting. With no additional comments, this is set to go to an all-day public vote on April 27th at the firehouse.

Work continues on the planning of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail through Town. CT DOT will be hosting a public information session over Zoom on June 3, 2021 at 7pm for what is known as "Phase 1" - Townline Road up to Norton Park.

The Memorial Day Parade will be cancelled for a second year in a row as a result of continued COVID concerns.

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## Life

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You probably have seen those commercials on TV advertising wrinkle cream guaranteed to work or your money back. You may have wondered if their claims were true. Well let me tell you about my friend that was getting on in years and found her wrinkles had gotten out of hand and she decided to give it a try. She ordered a jar as it was a two for one offer. After her order arrived she read the directions very carefully and the company said her wrinkles would disappear for up to five hours. As luck would have it she had been invited out to dinner and a movie by an old classmate and the woman's brother.

classmate and the woman's brother. The night of the event she dressed in her favorite white suit and applied the cream. Her friend and her brother arrived right on time and sure enough her skin was wrinkle free. Dinner was wonderful and the two couples went off to the movies. Just as the show was ending she excused herself to go to the ladies room, she didn't even think the evening had lasted over six hours until she looked in the mirror in the ladies room and found the wrinkle cream had worn off and her wrinkles were back. As she pondered what to do her friend came in to see what was taking her so long. She begged her friend to tell her brother she did not feel well and would call him later and would take a cab home. Her friend helped her climb out the window of the ladies room right into the cart of a homeless woman who remarked, "Couldn't pay your check, I've been there before."

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# P-l-a-i-n-v-i-l-l-e

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

(Joan faves) Shopped in downtown Plainville last month and Good Vibes Gift & Flowers has the best selection of handmade gifts I have seen in a long time. You should make a stop there.

(Joe raves) Hop Haus Happenings Beer Garden's Happy Hour does have the best prices in town. Good Luck to the owners, "You did a beautiful job with remodeling."

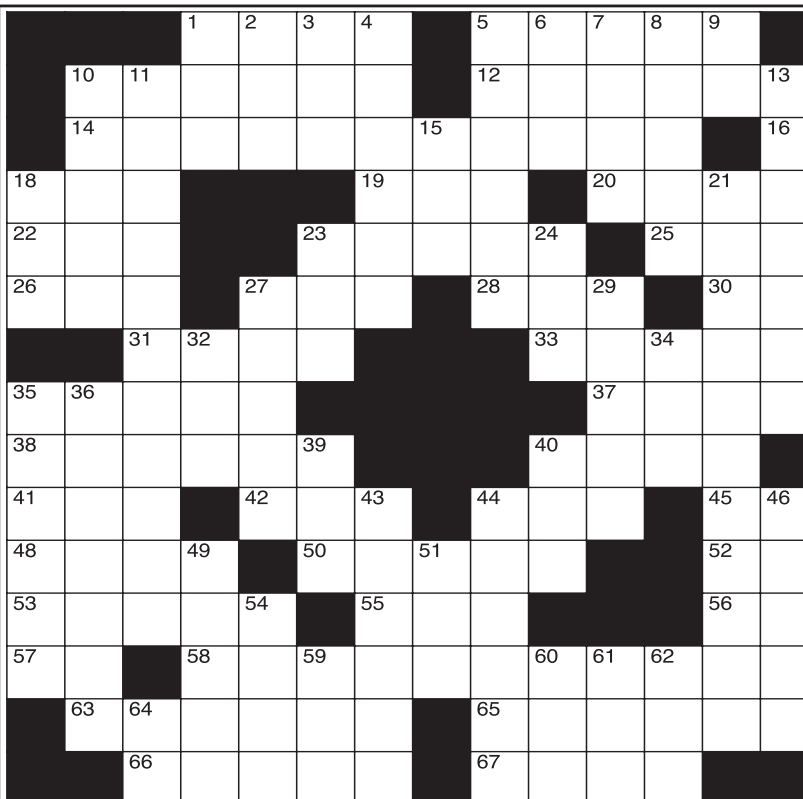
(Sophie raves) I needed some work on my electric panel and called Jeff Petillo. Knowing nothing about how it works and etc. He came to check it out for me and after a few minutes found my problem. All he did was make a few adjustments on the panel and that fixed it. He was more than fair with his charge, it was a pleasure doing business with him.

Email your faves and raves to share it with everyone! Let's hear what you have to say, we need your comments! plainvillefavesandraves@gmail.com

Please be aware that COVID Vaccine sites are continuously being added and appointment availability changes rapidly. For any questions or help with scheduling a COVID vaccine, please call 877-918-2224.

The Tomasso Group Welcomes Hartford HealthCare to One Liberty Square

Crossword



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. LARGE, FLIGHTLESS BIRDS
- 5. LIFTS AND MOVES HEAVY OBJECTS
- 10. HYUNDAI SEDAN
- 12. WEAR AWAY BY EROSION
- 14. ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY
- 16. TOP PROSECUTOR
- 18. \_\_\_-DE-SAC: SHORT DEAD-END STREET
- 19. DIGITAL AUDIOTAPE
- 20. LINGUISTICS PIONEER
- 22. SINGER DIFRANCO
- 23. ARMS OF THE SEA
- 25. NEAR-REACH WEAPON (ABBR.)
- 26. BALLPLAYER'S ACCESSORY
- 27. YOU GET ONE AT THE BEACH
- 28. U.S. FOUNDING FATHER
- 30. W. AUSTRALIA INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
- 31. AMOUNTS OF TIME
- 33. PUT ON THE SHELF
- 35. RUSSIAN DYNASTY MEMBER
- 37. CITY ALONG THE ELBE RIVER
- 38. A PENINSULA BETWEEN THE RED SEA AND THE PERSIAN GULF
- 40. ACTOR DAMON
- 41. \_\_\_ KING COLE, MUSICIAN
- 42. COMPANY THAT RINGS RECEIPTS
- 44. SCATTER

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. MIDWAY BETWEEN NORTHEAST AND EAST
- 2. PARTNER TO CHEESE
- 3. ONE FROM UTAH
- 4. A WAY TO MOVE
- 5. PLAYING CARDS
- 6. BASEBALL STAT
- 7. LONG RIVER IN WESTERN ASIA
- 8. GRANDMOTHERS
- 9. ENTERTAINMENT LEGEND SULLIVAN
- 10. STEAM BATH ROOM
- 11. ONE WHO KILLS
- 13. FOOD
- 15. SWISS RIVER
- 45. BASICS
- 48. PART OF A DOOR
- 50. INDICATES SILENCE
- 52. MOVED QUICKLY ON FOOT
- 53. MONETARY UNITS
- 55. A PLACE TO CRASH
- 56. MANY SUBCONSCIOUSSES
- 57. GROUP OF COUNTRIES
- 58. ABOUT LINE OF LATITUDE
- 63. FEMALE FOLLOWER OF BACCHUS
- 65. A DENTIST CAN TREAT IT
- 66. DULL BROWN FABRICS
- 67. INT'L NONPROFIT
- 17. FLEET
- 18. TAXI
- 21. WORKING CLASS
- 23. MORE (SPANISH)
- 24. HIGH SCHOOLERS' TES
- 27. LARGE HEAVILY BUILT C ANTELOPE
- 29. MURDERED IN HIS BAT
- 32. TEASE GOOD-NATURED
- 34. MORSEL
- 35. CAUSE PERSISTENT RES MENT
- 36. A RADIOACTIVE ELEMEI
- 39. PERFORM IN A PLAY
- 40. WITTY REMARK: BON \_
- 43. A GREAT PLACE TO KAYI
- 44. CONCLUDE BY REASON
- 46. IN AN UNFAVORABLE V
- 47. COMPLEX OF NERVE TI. (ABBR.)
- 49. MACHINE FOR MAKIN
- 51. FELINE
- 54. YUGO'S HATCHBACK
- 59. CHECK
- 60. PRESS AGAINST LIGHTL
- 61. WIND-POLLINATED PLA
- 62. \_\_\_COMPOOP
- 64. COMMERCIAL

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*If you lose your VA Coverage in the future and didn't enroll during your Initial Enrollment period, you may be subject to Late enrollment Penalties.*

Q-2) I recently retired and have received a letter stating that I must pay IRMAA rates due to my earnings while working. In my retirement I am not making these wages and can't afford these additional costs. Is there anything I can do ?

A-2) *You can complete a Form SSA-44 (Medicare Life Changing Event Form) and send it to SS to request a reduction in the IRMAA amount.*

Q-3) My Spouse recently passed away, so now I only receive one SS Income and no Pension. I am have difficulty making ends meet, is there any help available?

A-3) *I'm sorry to hear about your loss... You can contact your local Senior Center, they are a wealth of information for you. For help with your Medical expenses, you may qualify for the Medicare Savings Program. I would be happy to review the Medicare options with you, and help you complete the Forms Give me a call at 860-965-0091 with specific questions, or to just 'Talk Medicare'*

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
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22ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT  
Plainville, New Britain

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Last Wednesday, the Public Health Committee discussed two bill proposals aimed at removing the religious exemption for vaccinations. These bills would require any child who wishes to attend public or private school either be fully vaccinated or on a catch-up schedule to become completely vaccinated after review with their physician.

First let me say that as an MD, I firmly believe in the power and efficacy of vaccination, having just received my second COVID vaccine and having a seven-year-old who is in full compliance with his vaccine schedule as noted by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

In this instance, I could not in good conscience believe that I and the rest of the legislature had done our due diligence while passing a bill that will ultimately lead to the removal of children from schools without having safeguards in place to address their increased mental and physical health issues (worsened for many by the COVID-19 pandemic) and without a plan for their education, or at minimum a discussion on that issue and other potential unforeseen consequences.

These bills will have a major financial impact on families who do not vaccinate who will now have to deal with job disruptions as they attempt to seek alternative educational options for their children. Due to the pandemic, many families throughout our state are already struggling and simply cannot afford another financial burden they will now have to bear with as a result of this bill. Those who see the issue as straightforward will say either vaccinate or face the consequences. Unfortunately, that kind of thinking leaves our children ultimately paying the price.

The timing of these bills should also be brought into question. As one of the Ranking Members of the Public Health Committee, we listened to twenty-four hours of testimony and received over 3,500 pieces of written testimony from residents who wanted an opportunity to speak on this incredibly important issue.

Based on the vaccination numbers, this isn't currently a health emergency, and therefore the urgency with which this bill was pushed forward appears

unnecessary (recently released DPH school survey data for 2019-20 reveals that 96% of kindergarten and 98% of 7th graders have revived their MMR (mumps, measles, rubella, vaccinations). I certainly concur that preventing disease is far better than trying to treat, quarantine, and control after the fact. However, we have existing statutes and policies in place to deal with that if it were to occur.

Also disappointing is that committee members never had an opportunity to speak with commissioners from the Department of Public Health (DPH) or the State Department of Education (SDE) as they chose not to testify in person. Much of the motivation for these bills was based on data collected by DPH and SDE is responsible for the overall direction and implementation of the education of our children. I felt it was critical for them to weigh in and allow significant questioning to try and make the process to increase vaccination rates as smooth as possible with the least amount of impact to the children affected.

I believe before resorting to punitive measures such as preventing enrollment in school, we need to improve education on vaccines, provide better communication with parents where needed, and increase vaccine availability and access if there are areas where these remain an issue, and have a solid plan in place for the numerous children who will now be displaced. Right now, there is no current plan from the State Dept. of Education to help them. We as a legislature need to partner with them to solve this issue.

The current ultimatum from this bill is clear, refuse to vaccinate and you will be forced with the only alternative -self-administered homeschooling. I think we owe our citizens and especially our children more before proceeding.

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By Gene

## Unity vs. UNIFORMITY

After President Biden's inaugural address, the left began echoing his call for "Unify." It sounds wonderful. Who doesn't want a unified country where we all get along? Americans shares core values and principles included:

\*The right to speak or believe as wish without fear of government persecution.

\*The right to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and innocent people around us from violent attacks.

\*The right to keep what we earned and do not have our property taken by the government.

\*The right to privacy from a prying government without just cause for investigation.

\*The idea that no person is above the law and that the law should be equally applied to everyone.

\*The belief that we should judge people by their character and action. And not how they were born. These used to be universal principles, but recently we have seen all these core values suppressed or denied completely.

Why should we unify behind a leader and a ruling class that are committed to violating our principles? Forced compliance, capitalization, and uniformity is not the same as unity. What ideals, values, and principles are we supposedly unifying behind? REMEMBER RULE OF LAW AND DUE PROCESS ARE VERY IMPORTANT.

Soon or sooner than that K. Harris who backed door herself into being VP, because of her many reasons. She will push our country into Marxism

with higher prices "four dollar a gallon for gas" plus more rioting, burning and looting." (Anarchy) this could be a long hot summer.

The parting words of President Trump "You get what you pay for and who you voted for." Part of his statement of February 13, 2021 to the Nation.

"I want to first thank the team of dedicated lawyers and others for their tireless work upholding Justice and defending truth."

"Our cherished Constitutional republic was founded on the impartial rule of law, the indispensable safe guards for our liberties, our rights, and our freedoms."

"Together there is nothing we cannot accomplish. We remain one people, one family, and one glorious nation under God, and it is our responsibility to preserve this magnificent inheritance for our children and for generations of Americans to come."

Reminder of what Khrushchev, Russia's Premier said over 62 years ago "Your children's children will live under Socialism Communism. You Americans are so gullible. No, you won't accept Communism outright: but, you will finally wake up and find you already have Communism. We will not have to fight you. We will so weaken your economy, until you will fall like overripe fruit into our hands. The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not." It was September 29, 1959, when Nikita Khrushchev delivered his prediction at a United Nation Assembly. "Patriotism is supporting your country all the time and your government when it deserves it" (Mark Twain)

*Excerpts from New American Magazine March 8. Vol. 37, No. 5 and the*

*people's paper the Boston Broadside*

**Have a Safe Memorial Day**

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

## A TOPIC REVISITED

When perusing through the news this week I couldn't help but notice an unfortunate situation that reminded me of an article I had written in June 2012. Due to this most recent incident in the month of March, I figured it would be as good a time as any to revisit my cautionary article. Let's pick it up near the beginning... Whenever there is a party, the threat of alcohol being present should always be on the minds of parents. Some parents may try to control the consumption of alcohol by allowing their children to drink under their supervision. However, the dangers associated with underage drinking will persist even when adults are present.

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

The potential for anyone to get injured after consuming alcohol is always apparent. When that person is an underage, inexperienced drinker the odds obviously increase exponentially.

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

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

*I revisited this topic for all the parents out there who may have missed my article last June.*

*Good riddance to winter!*

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# "Young at Heart" Senior Center News

**HRA VITA Tax Aide Program:** HRA in New Britain and Bristol are offering free income tax assistance by IRS-certified volunteers for families and individuals whose total household income is \$56,000 or less. Please call 860-356-2000 or 860-826-2278 to schedule an appointment. Dial-a-Ride can bring you to HRA if you need a ride.

**VOLUNTEER GREETERS/CHECK-IN NEEDED:** Greet members coming into our Center. Following the CDC/State guidelines, you will have our guests fill out the COVID-19 Screening Form, have them scan their membership card and direct them to their appointments, classes, etc. We are looking for both weekly volunteers as well as floaters to fill in when needed. Morning hours are 9-1pm and afternoon hours are 1-4pm Monday through Thursday. Friday hours are 9-1pm.

**PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU FEEL SICK**  
Please do not come to the Senior Center if you are under quarantine or have been exposed to COVID19. Please do not come to the Senior Center if you feel ill. We cannot transport you on Dial-A-Ride if you feel sick. Please contact your doctor if you feel ill.  
**UR COMMUNITY CARES**

**THE MEMORY EXCHANGE**  
**THURSDAYS, MAY 13-JULY 1, 10 – 12 pm**  
Class will be held in-person at the Plainville Senior Center. Class limited to 10 students. Call the Plainville Adult Education Department: (860) 793-3209 to register. FREE: Funded by the Norton Trust

**THE FOOD SHARE PROGRAM AT THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
Wednesdays for Plainville individuals needing assistance with food. For more information about eligibility and hours contact: Laurie (860) 747-5867. Drive up and a volunteer will put the groceries in your car!

**STRAWBERRY CRUMB BARS COOKING CLASS TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2:00 P.M.**  
(on Zoom at home)

Join Katie, Registered Dietitian from Food Explorers to make Strawberry Crumb Bars! These bars can be made with any berry, fresh or frozen, or a mixture! You'll need the following ingredients: flour, butter, sugar, oats, strawberries (or raspberries, blueberries, black-berries), lemon juice, baking powder, salt, 1 egg and optional vanilla. Call the Senior Center to register or register on-line at: [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

## Plainville Senior Center

### Needs Volunteers to Deliver Meals-on-Wheels

The Plainville Senior Center and CW Resources are in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound older adults in Plainville.

Meals are delivered between 10:00 am to 12 noon, Monday through Friday. Please call Ronda at the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728 if you are interested or have questions about this important volunteer opportunity.

**KATHARINE HEPBURN:  
FROM HARTFORD TO HOLLYWOOD  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 3:00 P.M.**

With a stage and film career that spanned six decades, Katharine Hepburn is an American icon. Born and raised in Connecticut, Hepburn had a career in stage, film and television that reflected the changing role of women in broader society. The story of her life-long ties to Connecticut offers a complete picture of how Hepburn became the woman and the star she was. Presented by The Connecticut Historical Society and presenter is Jennifer Busa. Jennifer is the Public Programs and Special Events Coordinator at the Connecticut Historical Society. She develops and presents adult programs, as well as plans special events at the CHS. Jennifer is a former middle school social studies teacher, with a B.A. in anthropology from the University of Connecticut and an M.A. in anthropology from the University of Minnesota. Call the Senior Center to register 860-747-5728 or register on-line at: [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville)

### VETERAN'S BENEFITS

Do you need assistance applying for veteran's benefits? Are you wondering what services and programs you might be able to access at the VA? You may now be able to get assistance. Jason Coppola from the Connecticut State Department of Veteran's Affairs, Office of Advocacy. You can reach Jason at 203-805-6340 (please leave a message).

## Historical Society Highlights Notable Nurses from Plainville's Past

By: Rosemary Morante, Publicity Chairperson



Celebrating Women's History Month 2021 ...  
Notable Nurses from Plainville's Past

Over the past year, our appreciation of health care workers has certainly grown. In recognition of their important role throughout history, we thought it quite

appropriate to highlight health care workers as we celebrate Women's History Month this year.

Our special focus is on some notable nurses from Plainville's past. These include an Army nurse, industrial nurse, school nurse, and the women of the Plainville Public Health Nursing Association which served the town for approximately 50 years.

We also invite readers to visit Plainville Historical Society on Facebook to share names of other local nurses from the past whom they would like to commemorate.

### Monica Brock

Our first nurse is Monica Brock who grew up with her five sisters and one brother on South Washington Street. Since there was no high school in Plainville at the time, Monica attended New Britain High School and graduated in 1903. She ultimately went on to nursing school at a New York City hospital and continued to work in the city after her training was completed. At Morgan Memorial Hospital in New York, Monica was superintendent of nurses for several years.

After the United States entered World War I in 1917, Monica began active duty as a U.S. Army Nurse. In February 1918, she was sent overseas to France where she was assigned to Military Hospital No. 1 in Neuilly to which injured soldiers were brought in from the front.

Monica was put in charge of several wards in the hospital. She was commended for her work in the treating of the wounded from the Battle of Chateau Thierry in Spring 1918 (and in which many New England soldiers from the "Yankee Division"

fought). A Major Powers is quoted as saying " She carried a floor of three hundred and fifty wounded men at the crisis activity. Her sterling worth endeared her to all who knew her." Newspaper accounts tell us that Monica was known for her unceasing work in caring for the wounded.



Monica returned to the United States in late 1918. Unfortunately, her own health had suffered and she passed away in a Washington D.C. hospital. She was given a military funeral at Our Lady of Mercy Church here in December 1918.

The New Britain Herald called Monica the "heroine which this town had in the great war." In 1919, the Plainville Post of the American Legion adopted the name "Brock-Barnes" in honor of Monica and also Francis Barnes who had died of war injuries. Monica Brock is the only Plainville woman who has lost her life while in military service.

However, we do know of at least one other military nurse from Plainville. First Lieutenant Margaret Cassidy of Loomis Avenue served during World War II in Germany. After the war, Margaret married and worked at Bradley Hospital in Southington for many years. Please let us know if you are aware of other Plainville nurses who served in the militia

### Edith Marcham

Another notable nurse from Plainville's past was Edith Marcham. Edith was the long-time nurse at Trumbull Electric/GE.



Edith was originally from Meriden, Connecticut. She was a 1908 graduate of the Meriden Hospital School of Nursing. Edith did post graduate work at Bellevue Hospital School of Nursing in New York City. Early in her career, she worked as a visiting nurse.

Edith married Nelson Marcham in 1914. The

couple lived on a farm and had two children. Tragically, Nelson became very ill and died during the Flu Epidemic of 1918. Edith was left a young widow with a two-year-old son and baby daughter. In late 1919, Edith accepted a job at Trumbull's as an industrial nurse making \$25 per week. She initially commuted from Meriden using both train and trolley. However, Edith ultimately purchased her own family home on East Street.

In 1920, Trumbull's completed work on what they called the company hospital with Edith Marcham in charge. An article in the New Britain Herald called it "one of the finest and best equipped of its kind in the vicinity as far as factory hospitals are concerned" and further noted that it had "every possible accessory for first aid work." The company also brought in Dr. John Bull once each week to hold a clinic at which employees "ailing from sickness or injuries may call on him for treatment and advice." Sources indicate that Edith Marcham and Dr. Bull worked in close partnership to meet employee needs. The job as Chief Nurse at Trumbull's/GE obviously addressed injuries and other medical issues. When necessary, Edith was also called in during the night shift. She somehow also found time to be active professionally. In 1935, Edith was elected to the Board of Directors of the New England Industrial Nurses Association. Another activity of Edith's was her authoring of frequent articles about different health topics in the company newsletter.

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From Plainville  
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Photo from the company newsletter which called Edith Marcham our "popular fixer-upper."

Edith also continued to show that "pioneer" streak for which she was known. In 1928, she bought her first car which was a Whippet. We can assume that not only was she likely one of the early women drivers in town but also among the first to actually purchase her own automobile! Edith Marcham retired after almost 30 years on the job at Trumbull's/GE. She continued to live in town for many years and was a member of the Plainville Historical Society. At the time of her passing, our Historical Society President Ruth Hummel wrote that "Mrs. Marcham was a person of rare spirit and quality" who "independently set forth to make a life for herself."

### Lucy Sullivan

Plainville's first school nurse Lucy Sullivan was hired by Superintendent of Schools Leon Staples in 1928. The Herald reported that the town's School Board believed that "healthy children are the town's greatest asset" and felt that keeping students well would help them do better in school.



Lucy Sullivan had been born in Waterbury. At some point, she had moved to Plainville with her family living first on East Main Street and then on New Britain Avenue. She had gone to St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing.

At various times in her career, Lucy worked at the three elementary schools and Plainville High School. She took care of multiple generations of local families. During the Depression, this also meant assisting people with food and clothing. Lucy also transported children to different clinics for special treatment. She took on extra responsibilities during World War II when she was a member of the town's Ration Board.

Lucy Sullivan worked as a school nurse here for a full 42 years. She retired in 1970 and was honored as the "Woman of the Year" by the Plainville Business and Professional Women's Club.

In an article about her retirement, the Plainville News stated that "Miss Sullivan is remembered well by former students. She is the bustling one who walks with quick steps in her white uniform and spotless

shoes...the one with the quick words and ready smile." Lucy herself expressed how she felt so fortunate to have had such a "wonderful experience."

### PLAINVILLE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING ASSOCIATION

At a town meeting in 1923, the Plainville Public Health Nursing Association was formed to help meet the health needs of the community. This agency existed for about 50 years and provided a remarkable number of services to the people of Plainville.

The PPHNA was originally staffed by just one nurse but the number of nurses grew over the years. A Board of Directors was elected to oversee the operations of the group. A majority of Board officers elected in 1923 consisted of men. However, within just a few years, women of the town held most of the leadership positions on the Board.

The nurses were supported by both town government and many local fundraising drives and events. These included an annual "Christmas Seal" sale. There were also some fees based on ability to pay but services were never denied. The PPHNA was originally located in a Whiting Street apartment but soon moved to town-owned buildings.

The first PPHNA nurse was Elizabeth Heineman who served for 6 years. In just the first year, the annual report stated that she handled 340 cases, made 976 nursing visits, and did both school and social service visits. An example of the latter was use of a Christmas fund to buy needed items for families. One instance in 1925 was the purchase of eyeglasses, coat, and shoes in order to make it possible for one student to attend school. Elizabeth also assisted Doctors Bull and Frost in vaccinating students and school staff against smallpox.

The Herald reported that Elizabeth Heineman received a high rating from the state health department as well as receiving a commendation for running a Well

Baby Clinic which saw 69 children. The Herald summarized her accomplishments by saying that "the work accomplished by Miss Elizabeth Heineman has rendered her almost invaluable to the health of the town."

### Katherine Daly

a graduate of St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing, was one of the next nurses. She continued the work as did the nurses who followed.

The range of services provided over the years by the PPHNA were remarkable. In addition to hundreds of home visits each month, nurses educated residents about different diseases (especially tuberculosis), advocated for providing pasteurized milk to schoolchildren, assisted in diabetic detection, gave Christmas baskets to families, ran hearing/vision clinics and dental clinics for children, ran a glaucoma clinic for adults, taught courses for expectant mothers, gave a nursing scholarship, went door-to-door to make chest X-ray appointments, and assisted with delivery of babies back in the early days. The need for social services was especially important during the 1930's Depression.

The PPHNA continued as a separate agency into the 1950's and 1960's. The Senior Nurse for 25 years was **Frances Litke**. A graduate of the Bristol Hospital School of Nursing, Mrs. Litke was a well-known person in town. Another nurse from this era was **Marge Treado**. A graduate of New Britain Hospital School of Nursing, Marge had previously worked with the Red Cross and was also a Plainville Women's Club President.

*In 1972, it was decided that the PPHNA would merge with other area agencies. This became official in 1973. However, the amazing legacy of the Plainville Public Health Nursing Association will*



Plainville Public Health Nursing Staff, 1968: First row, from left, Mrs. Mildred Gillian, Mrs. Francis Adams, Supervisor, Mrs. Frances Litke, Senior Nurse, and Mrs. Margaret Humphrey, Second row, same order, Mrs. Beverley Watson, Mrs. Clarenne Parker, Mrs. Joanne Fish, Clerk, Mrs. Marge Treado and Mrs. Alice Middleton, Mrs. Litke joined Mrs. Monica Murray, town welfare worker, for many years in preparing holiday baskets for the needy.

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## Physical Therapy for Low Back Pain: Effective Treatment and Lower Costs

Have you ever had low back pain? Chances are you have had an experience in the past or are having it as you read this. Low back pain is experienced by approximately 70 percent of individuals in their lifetime. In fact, 1 in every 17 visits to a primary care physician is related to reports of low back pain.<sup>2</sup> Combined, direct and indirect costs for low back pain are reported to be between 85 and 238 billion dollars, with costs continuing to rise. The biggest costs though is to you -Joanna

Physical Therapy for Low Back Pain: Effective Treatment and Lower Costs, the Alliance for Physical Therapy Quality and Innovation (APTQI) engaged the Moran Company to assess different initial treatment interventions with a focus on cost for low back pain within the Medicare program. What they found was Medicare spending for those who received physical therapy (PT) as the first treatment option was 19 percent less than the total average Medicare spending for those receiving injections first, and approximately 75 percent less than those receiving surgery first. Furthermore, the average total cost of care (including doctor visits, testing, treatment, etc.) for those who received PT as a first treatment option for low back pain was \$11,151 in the year following diagnosis compared to \$13,606 for those receiving injections, and \$24,294 for those receiving surgery.

Let's take this one step further and look at whether it matters when patients are referred to PT. Medicare spending for those who were referred to PT within 15 days of diagnosis resulted in a \$400 savings compared to those who were referred 45-90 days after diagnosis. Looking at the following year, those who were referred to PT within 15 days of diagnosis have downstream costs that are \$3,500 less than those who received PT within 45-

90 days. Take that \$3,500 saved with early PT and multiply it by the size of the sample used for this study, 472,000 beneficiaries, and you get \$1.652 billion dollars. I hope I have your attention now.



Physical therapy for low back pain. Why do I bring this up? Our healthcare system is currently at a crossroads. The landscape is changing, deductibles, premiums, and co-pays are on the rise, and reimbursement is declining. Although a portion of the aforementioned costs may be covered by a patient's insurance company after the patient pays for any deductible, co-pay, or co-insurance, healthcare providers are still tasked with finding cost effective treatment options that provide high value for patients. This report shows that seeing a physical therapist first when treatment is required for low back pain is a much more cost effective option due to decreased utilization of advanced imaging, additional physician visits, surgery, injections and opioid use. What's more, studies show that PT for chronic low back pain is as effective or more effective when comparing the treatment option to a spinal fusion procedure or surgery for spinal stenosis.

*Physical therapists at PTSMC of Plainville can offer both rehab for low back pain and injury prevention. Our goal is to help you get the most out of life, avoid the pitfalls that can sideline you with back pain, and get you back to being active if you do sustain an injury. Remember – most people do not need a doctor's referral to see a physical therapist. If you'd like to learn injury prevention techniques, or if you're dealing with pain, you can schedule an appointment at any one of our PTSMC of Plainville by calling (860) 517-8885 or visiting our website at [www.PTSMC.com/Plainville](http://www.PTSMC.com/Plainville)*

## PLAINVILLE LIONS ROAR

### Plainville Lions can really ROAR as they Celebrate Their 80th Anniversary

Plainville Lions Beginning – The Plainville Lions was organized on May 15th, 1941 and has since supported the community (e.g. Food Pantry, Plainville Social Services, Park concerts, etc.) through a variety of ways such as paper drives and fruit cake sales to name a few, and through our famous Pancake Breakfasts. This April's "Spring into Life Blood Drive" at Our Lady of Mercy Church was a huge success. We wish to "Thank Everyone" that donated blood and the members that donated their time.

The Plainville Lions are always looking for new members that can help with any of our activities, or in establishing new activities.

For any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the President,  
**Brian Lavigne at**  
**860-747-2618 or email: [lionbrian@gmail.com](mailto:lionbrian@gmail.com)**

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## Chiropractic and You...By Dr. Tim Ouellette

### Text Neck and Chiropractic Care

What are the chances of you reading this in a position that is harmful to your body? Is your head leaning forward, shoulders slightly rounded, or your back slumped? Do you notice stiffness or soreness in your neck and shoulders after spending a day at the office looking at a screen all day? Or how about after scrolling through social media on your phone for a few hours? The modern age brings a variety of new things to discover, and health conditions are no exception, especially when it comes to our interactions with technology. If you've experienced any pain or tension from the activities described above, you may be experiencing Text Neck.

Text Neck is a modern affliction caused by repeated stress on the neck and spine as a result of looking down constantly, particularly at handheld or electronic devices.

#### WHAT IS TEXT NECK?

Text Neck is a condition where the continual habit of looking down (often at an electronic device) causes pain essentially due to bad posture. It is also known as the Forward Head position because when someone looks down the neck bends and moves the head forward. Though the name might be comical, it is a condition that has become more frequent in doctor's offices as people spend more and more time hunched over devices.

On average, people spend 5-6 hours a day looking at their phones. The average human head weighs anywhere from 10-12 pounds. However, in this Forward Head position at varying degrees, it can place up to 60 pounds of pressure on the neck. This increased pressure and weight can pull muscles, tendons, ligaments, and even your spine out of alignment. Over time, this can cause several health problems as it weakens muscles, damages soft tissue, and can leave permanent changes to your spine and posture. It has become an increased concern for children more so than adults as children's bodies are often more malleable and seem to 'grow' into bad posture.

#### SYMPTOMS

Text neck is often at an advanced stage by the time people become aware of the problem. As Text Neck pulls on the spine and upper back,

nerves can become pinched and lead to misalignments. Not only can Text Neck cause pain, but a weakened spine can also lead to poor communication between the brain and other parts of the body.

Some other symptoms to watch out for include: Headaches, Pain in neck, shoulders, upper back, and even arms, Spinal disc degeneration, Pinched nerves, Hunchback, Muscle spasms, Balance problems, Vision problems, Curving of the spine.

Though symptoms will vary from person to person if left untreated, permanent spinal damage may occur such as reshaping of the curvature of the spine.

#### TREATMENT

*We understand that patients will not suddenly stop using their devices or stop looking down at them all the time. However, the first thing to do is to become aware of how texting or the use of electronic devices can cause bad posture.*

A simple solution is lifting your device to an eye-level position, this will reduce pressure on your neck as your head won't slouch forward and will help your spine keep a neutral posture. Avoid looking down and straining your muscles constantly. Taking breaks and performing stretches every hour will help your neck and spine relax tensed muscles and avoid pain.

Chiropractic care is one of the most effective therapies in treating Text Neck. Chiropractors are qualified to help and correct misalignments of the vertebrae throughout the neck and spine. After physical examinations, often X-Rays will be done to show any problems Text Neck may have caused and how advanced the condition may be. A treatment plan is then designed to correct the problem, alleviate symptoms, and restore function to your nerves. Your chiropractor can offer treatment through spinal manipulations, stretches, and exercises to relieve pain and misalignments as well as strengthen weakened muscles. In addition to physical benefits, your chiropractor can also offer advice on how to avoid falling into the same habits after treatment.

*If you think the pain you are experiencing may be from Text Neck or for more information, please contact Plainville Chiropractic today. Our staff is here to provide you with the right therapy for your condition with long-term solutions and natural healing.*

## To Your Health

### Let's Talk Trash

*"There aren't many things that are universally cool, and it's cool not to litter. I'd never do it."*

*Mathew McConaughey*

I just took a peek at what I wrote this time last year. We were early into the pandemic and trash barrels were filled to the top as more and more people stuck at home took to cleaning out what no longer had purpose. The column also talked about the anxiety that was creeping into our lives and the importance of looking outside to understand the resiliency and beauty of nature.

Fast forward a year and nature is being sorely taken for granted and it appears, for some, the earth is being used as one large trash barrel. Why do so many litter without a care? Is it so difficult to hold onto an item until you can properly dispose of it?

Here is a sample of what I see on my daily walks with Cooper.

- A pastry, one bite taken, and the rest discarded on the sidewalk
- Dozens of small liquor bottles, probably thrown out of cars
- Piles and piles of cigarette butts. This puzzles me the most, as it's not just a few ashtrays being thrown out, but more like buckets
- Chicken bones – they have the power to do grave danger to animals
- Masks – and not just the paper ones, but most are cloth.
- Shoes and socks
- Orange peels
- Cartons of milk
- Fast food packaging – many with half eaten food included.
- Plastic bottles
- Soda cans
- Papers and more

Some litterbugs are creative and instead of letting their trash fall to the ground, they insert it into bushes along the sidewalk.

It's not like there has never been litter on the street, but in my view, the amount has significantly increased over the last year.

Despite being unsightly, here is some info I found in the CT.gov site about the significant health concerns associated with litter.

- Litter can kill or injure animals and humans. Plastic waste suffocates, disables and kills thousands of animals each year. Litter is dirty and spoils our environment. Plastic also contains lots of nasty chemicals that can poison animals and cause internal injuries.
- Cigarette butts remain the most littered item in the U.S. and across the globe. Cigarette butts don't disappear. Cigarette butts can contain chemicals such as arsenic and formaldehyde. Cigarette litter can also pose a hazard to animals and marine life when they mistake filters for food.
- Improperly discarded trash is a breeding ground for bacteria and diseases. Litter can spread diseases, viruses, and parasites through direct and indirect contact.
- Germs can be transmitted directly by physically coming into contact with litter. This can happen by picking up, touching, or by accidentally injuring oneself on improperly disposed of trash.

We are just starting to move out of a most significant health crisis of our time. Let's not create other health issues by careless acts.

Research has proven that litter attracts more litter. By contrast, a clean community discourages littering and raises local living standards and quality of life. It's difficult to profess a commitment to the environment or climate change on one hand and then litter on the other.

**Don't be a Litterbug! It's not Cool!**  
*Wishing you good health and a clean environment.*

*Linda*

#### Linda Coveney

is a Wellness Champion committed to helping others create their own path to better health. She can be reached at:  
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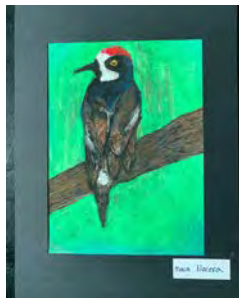
## MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTISTS DISPLAY THEIR CREATIVITY

## Wheeler Students Participate in Kindness Initiative

## Faculty Members Selected to Present at CMEA Annual Conference



Aiden White



Maia Nocera

Students in Samantha Woodward's fourth grade class at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School are participating in a Kindness Initiative. Using a stuffed bear named "Bertha", each day a student in Miss Woodward's class is able to host Bertha on their desk and fellow students are asked to share a positive comment about the classmate of the day. Those comments are documented in "Word Art" then printed and displayed for the entire class to see and enjoy!



Greg Wilfrid

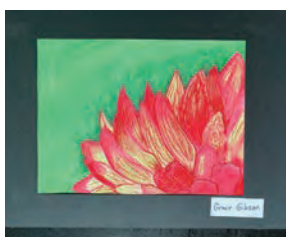


Marilyn Speranza

Plainville Community Schools faculty members Greg Wilfrid and Marilyn Speranza served as presenters at this year's Connecticut Music Education Association (CMEA)'s annual conference held virtually on March 27th and March 28th. The theme of the CMEA conference this year was "Innovate through CommUNITY." Marilyn's presentation was entitled "Assess and Engage with Drag and Drop Google Slides" and highlighted how to create drag and drop assessments and activities using Google Slides, applicable to all grade levels. Greg's presentation, entitled, "Storytelling in the Elementary Music Room" focused on engaging classrooms in child like story telling and demonstrating a unit on student created soundtracks to children's literature using virtual music software!



Emily Gayle



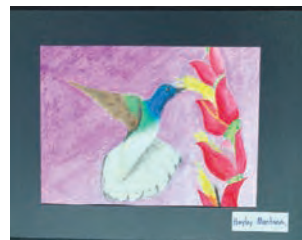
Grace Gibson



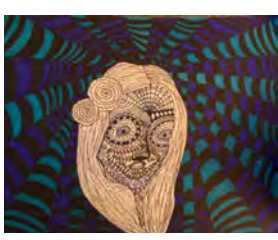
In photo: Wheeler fourth grade students Kiera Sherman and Jacen Kelly-Tourjee with "Bertha the Bear" as part of the class Kindness Initiative

## Toffolon Student Council Sponsors Scavenger Hunt

## "Portrait Pioneers" Recognized at April Board of Education Meeting



Hayley Montana

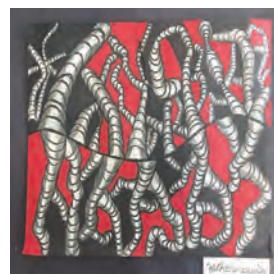


Maria Rodriguez

The Plainville Community Schools' "Portrait Pioneers" award winners for the month of April were recognized at the April 19th Plainville Board of Education meeting. Director of Human Resources Stacy Buden and School Nurse Consultant & COVID-19 Health and Safety Compliance Liaison Julie Simard were the latest recipients of this award established to recognize school district staff members who exemplify and model the characteristics of the district's Portrait of the Graduate framework, which include being: Mindful, Resilient, Communicative, Innovative and Collaborative. School district employees may be nominated for this award by colleagues, students, parents, or community members.



Sara Sleszynski



Zachary Saucier



The Louis Toffolon Elementary School Student Council recently enjoyed a school-wide "Golden Shamrock Scavenger Hunt." Students in each class followed clues around the building and outside to find the lucky rainbow with a pot of gold. Classrooms were awarded a Golden Shamrock certificate for their classroom doors as well as a morning "shout out" from Principal Lynn Logoyke.



Julie Simard



Stacy Buden

## Linden Street Students Get Creative

Pictured above are Toffolon School third grade students from Ann Carnevale's class as they found the Golden Shamrock. In their words: We found it and we had a blast!



Students in Joan Corey's second grade class at Linden Street School have been busy with virtual and in person lessons, and being creative with LEGOs during recess! In addition a couple of lucky students got to try out the "Standing Desk" and a "Teacher's Chair" during class. Special guest, Linden Principal Jeff Wallowitz also recently visited Mrs. Corey's class to read a book to students in person and those working virtually from home.

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**Schedule:** First, train remotely for 7-hours using Zoom. Next, visit Plainville High School for your exam appointment, and application/paperwork review session. Train on Monday May 17, 2021, 8am to 3pm

at home, using Zoom on your own device. Your Exam Appointment is on the same evening, Monday, May 17, in person, from 5pm-6pm at Plainville High. If there are fewer than 5 students, exams will be done off-site in East Haven and you will be notified. Tuition: \$125 (no discounts apply) / Minimum: 5 students per session. Registration: Please call Plainville Adult Education (860) 793-3209.

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Adrian (Andy) Antonelle ~

95, passed away on April 11, 2021 peacefully at home in Bristol. He was the beloved husband of Elizabeth (Bailey) Antonelle.

He was born in Plainville, a son of the late Earnest and Vera Antonelle.



Adrian was a veteran of World War II having served honorably as a staff sergeant in the US Army Air Forces where he was the recipient of the WWII Victory Medal, American Theater Campaign Medal, and EAME Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Disabled American Veterans.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters: Andrea and her husband Dr. Andre Kaplan, and Vivian Green both of Plainville; his sister: Corinne Bellingham and her husband Duane of Cape Cod and his grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son Drew Antonelle and sister Elaine Pittman.

Memorial donations can be made in Adrian's name to the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Connecticut, 80 Hall Avenue, Suite 801, Meriden, CT 06450.

Services and burial with military honors at St. Joseph Cemetery in Plainville will be private. Services have been entrusted to the Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville. Leave a message of remembrance at [www.BaileyCares.com](http://www.BaileyCares.com)

## ~ Cynthia Ann Michaud ~



72, of Southington, passed away on Sunday, April 4, 2021, following a 15 year battle with dementia and diabetes.

One of six children to the late Gerard J. and Lucille L. (Roberge) Michaud, Cynthia was born in Waterville, Maine on May 23, 1948 and was a graduate of Lawrence High School in Fairfield, ME, where she made many friends with her bright spirit and infectious personality. She resided in Southington for many years, and was an active and dedicated member of the Jehovah's Witness community. She enjoyed reading books and stopping at tag sales whenever the opportunity arose. A well-known adored resident of The Summit since 2009, she participated in their many daily activities and events alongside her second family. Cynthia's siblings and three generations of nieces and nephews brought her much joy, all who find peace in knowing she is now reunited with her mother with whom she shared a special bond.

She is survived by her brothers, Michael W. Michaud of Plainville and Kenneth P. Michaud of Southington; her sisters, Betty J. Uadiski and her husband Jesse of Plainville and Linda L. Johnston and her husband Gary of Tennessee; along with many adored nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Gerard J. "Jerry" Michaud, Jr.

A graveside service at South End Cemetery in Southington will be held and announced at a later date when all are able to safely travel and gather together. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Michaud family for their trust. For future service information and online expressions of sympathy, please visit: [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## ~ Diane J. (Houle) Doner ~



Diane J. (Houle) Doner 66 of Plainville, Ct passed away on March 19, 2021. Diane was born September 10, 1954 in Bristol, Ct. The daughter of the late Axel and Jeannine Houle, Diane is survived by her son Eric Doner of Bristol, Ct and daughter Michele Bartolini of Fl, grandchildren

Harley Doner of South Windsor, Brittany Day of SC, Zachary Bartolini of HI, Rebecka Doner of Bristol, Ct., brother and sister in law, Robert and Rolanda Houle of Bristol, Ct., sister Jean White of Granby, Ct., niece and nephew, Robert Allen, Rebecca Houle and Bill Olson and several aunts, uncles and cousins. A special thank you to her good friends (sister) Jodi and Larry Bouchard. Diane loved you guys like family. Thank you for loving her.

## ~ M. Lucille (Beverlin) Dumas ~



94, formerly of Malone, NY, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Friday, April 2, 2021. She is now reunited with her husband of 61 years, Leonard J. Dumas, who predeceased her in 2007.

Myrtle Lucille was born in Wray, CO on July 24, 1926, the daughter of Charles and Nina (May) Beverlin. A graduate of Lakewood, CO High School, she and Leonard settled in Malone upon their marriage in 1946, where they raised their three children and were active and social members of their community. Lucille was a faithful communicant of the former Notre-Dame Church, serving as a BINGO caller and on their Altar Rosary Society, a member of the Golden Age Club and American Legion Post 219 Women's Auxiliary. Lucille retired from Alice Hyde Medical Center as Director of Medical Records for more than 25 years where she supported health care initiatives as a volunteer for their Auxiliary. Lucille relocated to Connecticut in 2008 to be closer to her family, and continued her volunteerism as a longtime resident ambassador while living at Village Gate in Farmington, participating in their many events and fundraisers. She was a passionate UCONN basketball fan, and showed her love for her home state of Colorado as a lifelong follower of the Denver Broncos, watching games alongside her faithful feline companion "Benny". She "Blessed Our Little Hearts" with her warm smile and ever present kindness and will be missed dearly.

She is survived by her daughters Nancy Wasley and her husband Alan of Southington and Sandra Dumas-Laferrriere and her husband Roger of Bristol; her daughter-in-law, Shirley Dumas of Mobile, AL; six grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. She also leaves her brother, Gary Beverlin and his wife, Vi; her sister-in-law Marjorie Beverlin; many nieces, nephews and her dear friend and caretaker Glennis Wheeler. She was predeceased by her son, Ronald and her brother, Charles "Jack" Beverlin.

In lieu of flowers, Lucille may be remembered with contributions to the American Legion Post 219, 53 Morton St, Malone, NY 12953.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Lucille's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St, Plainville. Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A graveside service will be held and announced in May at Notre Dame Cemetery in Malone. For online expressions of sympathy and to view a recording of her funeral Mass, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## ~ Cheryl Marcantonio ~



59, of Plainville passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on March 28, 2021. Born in Hartford, CT, she was the daughter of Fred Marcantonio, of Farmington and Sarasota, FL, and Lorina Marcantonio, of Vero Beach,

FL, and N. Eastham, MA. She was raised in Plainville and Southington, graduating from Southington High School class of 1980. She attended Rochester Dental Assistant school in Rochester, NY. Upon graduation, she resided in Southington where she raised her children, Robert Bergenty, of Southington and Lindsay Bergenty, of Plymouth Meeting, PA.

She was employed at a family-owned business, Sliders Grill & Bar, for many years before retiring in 2008. She pursued a love for antiques and collectables, in her free time attending flea markets, antique stores, and tag sales with her grandmother, Gladys Roy, of Plainville. Cheryl was an incredibly dedicated and selfless mother, always putting her children first. She was known for her quick wit and sarcasm that kept those around her in fits of laughter until the very end.

In addition to her parents, grandmother, and children, she leaves a brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Lisa Marcantonio, and two nieces, Amanda and Olivia Marcantonio, all of Farmington, many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends, and a long-time companion, Matt LaBarre.

In lieu of flowers, her kind and generous spirit and love for her 3 dogs can be honored with a donation to the Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) at [PhillyPAWS.org](http://PhillyPAWS.org) or PAWS Attn: Donor Services 100 N. 2nd Street Philadelphia, PA 19106.

Honoring her wishes, funeral services will be private. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville extends their gratitude to the Marcantonio family for their trust.com

### West Cemetery Spring Clean-up

**PCA Rules and Regulations:** No flowers or ornaments are placed on flat/flush markers from April to November. Only Flowers should be placed at the Upright Monuments. We will be continuing to remove all bushes and small trees from around the Monuments. Thank you,

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Eugenia C. Pires ~

94, passed away on January 24, 2021. She was the loving wife of the late Antonio Jose Pires. She was born in Brava on November 14, 1927 and resided in Cape Verde Island, before coming to America.

Eugenia is survived by her Loving son, Jean Pierre Pires, of Plainville, and his long time partner. She is survived by three

daughters and five grandchildren as well as many family members and friends, who she truly loved and love her. She is also survived by her three furry babies she so adored, Samson, Galiath, and Korbel. Eugenia was predeceased by her three young sons.

She had many hobbies, such as sewing, crafts, crocheting, gardening, and so much more. She won an award, she was very proud of which read:

General Electric  
To Honor:  
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General Electric Company  
Takes pride in Recognizing  
Eugenia Pires  
September 1989  
With A  
Special Appreciation  
For Your Many  
Contributions During A  
Distinguished Career

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville. Interment followed in West Cemetery in Plainville. The Bailey Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements. It is suggested that contributions in her memory be directed to: St. Jude Children's Hospital.

A TRUE ANGEL, here on Earth...now in The GLORY OF GOD.

AMAZING GRACE HOW SWEET THOU SOUND

## ~ Joan Mae (Chackulski) Shea ~

82, of Bristol, formerly of Plainville and Vero Beach, FL, passed away on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 in the comfort of her home. She is now reunited with her loving husband of 50 years, Edward J. Shea, who predeceased her in 2010.

Joan was born on May 23, 1938 in New Britain daughter to the late Zigmond J. and Mae J. (Mader) Chackulski. She resided in Plainville until her retirement and then moved down to Vero Beach, FL, where she and her husband, Edward, spent 17 wonderful years together. Joan returned to CT shortly after her husband's passing and has been residing in Bristol for several years. Joan was a faithful, devoted Catholic and a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville for many years. She spent most of her life as a house wife and maintained a well-kept home for her family to join together and enjoy each other's company. Joan will be missed dearly, but her family takes comfort in knowing she is reunited with her loving husband. Joan is survived by her son, Kevin Shea and his wife, Rosa, of Plainville and her brother, Jerry Chackulski.

A graveside service in celebration of Joan's life will be held privately in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville with Father Raymond Smialowski, Our Lady of Mercy Church, officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Joan can be made to Our Lady of Mercy Church, 19 S. Canal Street, Plainville, CT 06062. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville extends their gratitude to the Shea family for their trust.

## ~ Rosalie Sastre ~



96, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 2, 2021 at Apple Rehab of Farmington Valley in Plainville. She is now reunited with her loving husband, Joseph Sastre, and many relatives that have gone on before her.

Rosalie was born on February 2, 1925, in Meriden, CT daughter to the late Joseph and Marguerite Tella. She grew up in Meriden, attended Meriden schools and graduated from Meriden High School. Rosalie and her husband, Joseph, settled in Plainville where they raised their family shortly after their marriage. Rosalie was a homebody and found her niche in taking care of their home. She loved to bake, cook, and was a supreme house cleaner. Rosalie was the true matriarch of her family, always taking care of her family and bringing everyone together. She established a special relationship with her grandson, David, as she watched over him and became his caretaker. She had previously worked in the cafeteria at Plainville High School for many years, where she was able to continue her knack for cooking. Rosalie was a faithful Catholic and a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church for many years. She was also a former member of the Catholic Daughters. A life well lived, Rosalie will be missed dearly by her family as they cherish the memories they shared together over her many blessed years of life.

Rosalie is survived by her daughters, Peggy Romine and her husband, Harold, of Plainville and Linda Spendolini and her husband, Jack, of Berlin; her daughter-in-law, Janice Sastre, of S. Carolina; her grandchildren, Christopher Romine and his wife, Karen, of New York, David Romine, of Plainville, Jessica Brown and her husband, Robert, of Berlin, Scott Spendolini, of Texas, Brian Spendolini, of Hawaii, Thomas Stewart and his wife, Amanda, of Berlin, and Keith and Ian Mitchell, of S. Carolina; and her great-grandchildren, Ryan Brown, Reagan and Morgan Stewart. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her son, Thomas Sastre and all of her siblings.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Burial with a committal service was held following the Mass in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. In memory of Rosalie, donations can be made to PARC, 28 East Maple St., Plainville, CT 06062 or by going to PARC. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street extends their gratitude to the Sastre family for their trust

## ~ Norma Schmidt Francini ~



It is with profound sadness and broken hearts that we announce the passing of Norma Schmidt Francini, of Unionville, formerly of Plainville, on April 6, 2021 with her three devoted children by her side. Norma was born in her family's tiny home on Bank Street in Plainville

on May 31, 1937 In lieu of flowers, donations in Norma's name can be made to: Unionville Museum, 15 School Street, Unionville, CT 06085 or Foodshare Inc., PO Box 1320, Hartford, CT 06143-1320 or plant a dogwood tree in her honor. Friends and relatives are invited to gather on Monday, May 31, 2021 at 11:00 am with a Celebration of Life service beginning at noon at the Tunxis Country Club, Tunxis Pavilion, 87 Town Farm Road, Farmington, CT. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville extends their gratitude to the Francini family for their trust.

**Full obituary will appear in the June edition.**

## ~ Yolanda (Cianchetti) Sciucco ~



88, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Thursday March 25, 2021 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain. She was the beloved "Bella" of Sergio Sciucco, with whom she shared 72 years of love and devotion.

Born in Colli, Italy on August 5, 1932, she was one of five children to the late Giacomo and Assunta (Mastromattei) Cianchetti. Yolanda moved to the U.S. at the age of 17, full of hard work, energy and pride, embracing all of the opportunities that America presented to her. She settled in Plainville where her family was nurtured in a meticulously clean home, filled with homemade specialties served daily at 6 p.m. sharp, a flourishing vegetable garden, and lots of love. She took great pride in her Italian heritage and her hard working "farm girl" persona, working in the factory at General Electric for more than 30 years, and as a crossing guard for the next 20 years, where she became the much loved "Nonni" of all of the Linden Street School students. Missed greatly but never to be forgotten, she is now at peace and with the Lord, leaving her family with many precious memories.

In addition to her husband, Sergio, she leaves her children, Anthony Sciucco and his wife, Barbara and Diane Connelly and her husband, Patrick; her grandchildren, Shaina Fabrizio and Christina and Chelsea Connelly; her great-granddaughter, Elianna; and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves her brothers, Gino and Angelo Cianchetti; her extended family and many friends. She was predeceased by her brother Armando and her sister Antoinette Bianchi.

Funeral services in celebration of Yolanda's life were from Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal followed at St. Joseph Cemetery Plainville.

For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## ~ Katherine E. Waite ~



80, of Plainville passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home on Saturday, April 10, 2021. She is now reunited with her loving husband, Frank H. Waite.

Katherine was born on December 6, 1940 in Long Island, NY daughter to the late Philip and Mary. She grew up in New York, graduated from Connecticut College and as her first job, which was her favorite, worked at the Bronx Zoo, where she expanded her love for nature and animals. Upon relocating to Plainville, she worked as the office manager at the CT Science Center, was a former teacher, and also worked at the Barnes Nature Center in Bristol. In her spare time, she enjoyed listening to classical music and being outdoors to bird watch. Above all, she was a very supportive, loving, and devoted mother and wife.

Katherine is survived by her daughters, Meredith and Kimberly Waite, both of New York, and her younger brother, Philip, of New Jersey. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, and her older sister, Taxia.

Visitation was held at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville. A service in celebration of Katherine's life was held at the funeral home. Burial will be held privately.

In memory of Katherine, donations can be made to Hartford Healthcare at Home by going to [hartfordhealthcareathome.org/donate](http://hartfordhealthcareathome.org/donate).

# OBITUARIES

## ~ Bruce Allan LePage ~



49, of Tulsa Oklahoma, formerly of East Providence, RI, and Seekonk, Mass. died unexpectedly at home March 14, 2021. Born in Providence, RI he was the son of Roland P. LePage of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Nancy (Greene) LePage of

to the states and was stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming as Security Police and Response Team Leader.

After his honorable discharge from the Air Force in 1993, he attended The University of New Hampshire where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, graduating with cum laude honors in 1998. Between 1998-2009, Bruce was employed as a Behavior Manager, Vocational Case Manager and later a Residential Counselor with various educational and social services organizations in Connecticut before shifting from the mental health field to utilize many of his other talents and interpersonal skills with Magellan Midstream Partners.

Bruce had a unique and genuinely kind and compassionate personality and character, and left a lasting positive impression on all who met him. Despite his muscular and athletic exterior, he was as gentle as they come, referred to as a big "teddy bear" by many who knew him. Bruce always conveyed a calm, quiet and soulful presence. He liked to keep to himself, and to have his own space for reading, reflection, and introspection, yet had a great sense of humor and would put those who met him at ease and comfort with his fun and lighthearted quips. His colleagues have shared how much they liked Bruce, and spoke of how helpful, kind and genuine he was in all interactions. He was thoughtful and truly cared about people. He was described as a special soul and one of the kindest human beings and was loved by many in Tulsa as well as his home.

Bruce was a free spirit, and an adventurer who traveled and lived in several parts of the country from his

hometown on the east coast to the west coast and many locations in between. His life experiences were diverse and rather eclectic.

In addition to his vocations, his hobbies and interests were equally diverse as he enjoyed everything from fitness to playing in a volleyball league in Tulsa, where Bruce was said to be a key player on a championship team. You could also find Bruce hiking, biking, kicking a hacky sack, throwing a frisbee, bringing Harvey to a dog park, perhaps doing Yoga in the park with a group of strangers, or just laying in the sun, and on a beach whenever he could.

Bruce was introspective and a deep thinker and enjoyed learning from the teachings of other thinkers, whether reading Walden from Thoreau and thinking about his own possible adventures into the wild, or listening to the analytical teachings of philosophers like Alan Watts. Bruce pushed his mind to think about life, and the bigger picture of our existence, from many broad and thought provoking sources and perspectives. He had a free and ever-searching spirit who enjoyed sharing his thinking and learning with others with similar interests. He dreamed of writing a book and he had a list of topics to write about. He had so much to share, but unfortunately didn't get to put his thoughts on paper. Sadly, he had a treasure trove of wisdom and insight in his beautiful mind that we will never get to know more deeply. He was wise beyond his years and a seeker of truth.

Bruce was a perfectionist, always aspiring for, and forever seeking, the pinnacle of fulfillment in his existence. He set the same high standard in his

search for love. Despite many good relationships, he never married or had children of his own. Bruce was a wonderful gift to his family, friends, acquaintances and all who had the good fortune of meeting and knowing him.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his two "fur babies", as he affectionately called his 8 year old dog and special friend Harvey and his 4 year old cat Sophy. He is also survived by his sister Melissa Johnston of N. Providence, RI, sister Denise Flores, of Rehoboth, Ma., brother and lifelong friend, Steven LePage of Wolcott, CT and his wife Denise (Triepke) LePage and family, and half-brother James LePage and wife Alikea and family of Ripon, California. He leaves eight nieces and nephews who will miss their gentle, supportive and funny Uncle Bruce greatly.

A celebration of Bruce's life will be held this summer to honor and pay tribute to him. This information will be shared on this site soon, as we ask you to revisit this for an update. We welcome your thoughts and stories, photos of how you knew Bruce and anything to honor him for his family.

You can contribute to this by leaving us a message. Future service information, online expressions of sympathy, stories and photos can be shared at [www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com)

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Bruce Allan LePage, please visit our floral store.



## Wazorko sisters in charge of new Plainville chamber

### PLAINVILLE

By **BRIAN M. JOHNSON**  
@BRIANJOHNSONBP

The Plainville Chamber of Commerce is under new leadership, with sisters Tabitha Wazorko Manafort and Quinn Wazorko Christopher serving as co-presidents and working together to move the local business community forward in town.

Wazorko Manafort and Wazorko Christopher were elected as co-presidents in January.

"The Wazorko family has a long history of being involved in Plainville," Wazorko Christopher said. "Our dad was a former chamber board member so we are very familiar with the importance of the organization, and especially its value to businesses and residents. As local business owners and residents, who were born and raised in Plainville, we are happy to have this opportunity."

The new co-presidents of the Plainville Chamber of Commerce along with the chamber board have chosen to break away from the New



Quinn Wazorko Christopher (left) and Tabitha Wazorko Manafort are the new presidents of the Plainville Chamber of Commerce.

Britain Chamber of Commerce to focus on Plainville.

"As a board, we have chosen

to once again be the Plainville Chamber of Commerce, an organization independent of

any larger chamber," Wazorko Christopher said.

Wazorko Christopher added she and her sister have also "cleaned out files, given the office a cosmetic makeover, organized pertinent documents, and in general made the Plainville Chamber of Commerce a professional organization that will serve its members well."

Going forward, Wazorko Christopher said she and her sister's long term goals and hope is the Plainville Chamber of Commerce "will once again become one of the premier business entities and cornerstones of our community."

"We are re-visiting current members and soliciting new members with an eye towards activities, new business openings, receptions, and special events as covid restrictions are lifted," she said.

Wazorko Christopher said the chamber is working on several new programs and initiatives.

"Some of our ideas include a 'meet-your-business' reception for all of our chamber members, a business fair that will highlight Plainville businesses and an annual dinner for chamber

members," she said. "We are also hoping to work with our local nonprofits and support them in their events."

Wazorko Christopher said there are many advantages to doing business in Plainville.

"From a geographical point of view, we are in a perfect position when it comes to access to major highways," she said. "We have an airport, we are centrally located, and we are easily accessible to major cities in the state. Our economic development commission, our town hall offices and administration and our elected officials are receptive and interested when it comes to growing business, or retaining current business in this town. Our tax rate is reasonable, our reputation is stellar, and we have proven that we can easily pivot when it comes to accommodating and balancing the needs of our residences and our businesses."

The Plainville Chamber of Commerce is located in the Municipal Center at 1 Central Square.

Brian M. Johnson can be reached at 860-973-1806

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# Hometown Religious Directory

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Every Sunday: 10:00 a.m.  
Coffee Hour: 11:15 a.m.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion celebrated first Sunday of each month

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

ALL SERVICES are Live Streamed via Facebook at [uccplainville](https://www.facebook.com/uccplainville) Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
Limited In-Person Worship  
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Sunday 7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study  
**THE PLAINVILLE THRIFT SHOP**  
Phone 860-747-2418 ~Closed~

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## REDEEMER'S AME ZION CHURCH

110 Whiting Stree, Plainville  
Phone: 860-747-1808

### Worship Services -

**Rev. Dr. Shelley D. Best**

Sunday School.... 9:00-9:40 a.m.  
Praise & Worship....9:45-10:00  
...Church Service....10:00 a.m.

### Bible Study

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

### Board Meetings

Senior Ushers (1st Sat before 1st Sun) 11a.m.  
Gladys Floyds Missionary Society (2nd Sun)  
Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)

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

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

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

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

Trustee/Steward ( 9:30 a.m. & 2nd Mon. of May)

### Choir Practice

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

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Saturday 4:00 P.M.

### Sunday

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

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

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before Morning Mass

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### MAY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**WORSHIP TIME 10:00 AM**

### REGULAR EVENTS

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

AA..... Sunday & Wednesday, 7 PM

AI-Anon..... Mondays, 7 PM

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*Jesus*

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Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 am

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Junior Church Ages 4-8 11:00 am

Evening Worship Service 6:30 pm

Bible Study & Prayer Wednesday 7:00 pm

*For information about the church visit*

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Phone 860-747-5191

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Kevin noted that we have three cemeteries in Plainville. To contact him:

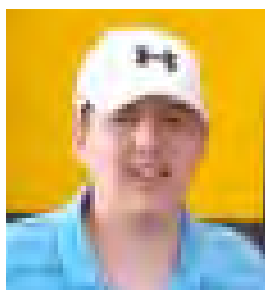
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# Jake's Sport Talk



## Plainville Baseball Spring Sports

preview by Jake Brown for the Plainville Hometown Connection

### The wait is over. Spring Sports have arrived at PHS!

Coach Lou said this about how he felt about the upcoming season. We are excited to be back on the basefield field! The team is working hard and we are looking forward to a memorable season.

Plainville baseball first game vs Somers stats from the game. Plainville scored two runs in the first inning Varsity player Tucker had a great day pitching with some great strikeouts. He had a great day of work. He is the true meaning of what it's like to be a Blue Devils. Keep up the great work Tucker. Varsity player Tyler Bonney had a double in the second and stole third and got brought in by varsity Player MJ Bakaysa. Plainville led 8-0 in the bottom of the second. Plainville got some more runs and was leading 13-2 in the top of the 4th. The team never looked back. The whole team was scoring runs. It was a whole team effort proud of the guys. Winning 17-6 in the teams first game action. I interviewed Varsity player Tannar Callahan and he said he looks forward to the season

and said he is ready to ball out and have one final ride but will be out for the first week of the season because he and Brennan and Alec are all quarantining because of Covid 19 someone they knew had been exposed. The team lost their second game to Hall high school in West Hartford away on April 12th 11-2. The third game was lost to Farmington High 14-4.

*Go Blue Devils!*

### Plainville Softball Spring Sports

Assistant Coach Fusco said that the team is ready to get to work after a long wait and also ready to get back to work. The Plainville softball first home game has been postponed for the game on Monday April 12 vs Canton and Wednesday April 14th home game has been postponed vs Avon the first home game after the other postponements on Friday April 16th is still on and the first away game vs Monday April 19th vs Bloomfield has been postponed. Head Coach Marcucico said this on how he feels about the season. We have good leadership from returning players and we're excited about the potential of incoming freshmen and first-year sophomores. The girls have an excellent attitude and a great work ethic. Our goal is to work to our potential and to improve day to day. We want to be as competitive as we can throughout the season. Varsity Player Kayla Wisz said she feels this about the upcoming season. I feel extremely excited about the upcoming season. As this season is both our first season back after two years and my senior season, I am grateful for the opportunity to play and

to lead my team as an upperclassman! She also said her favorite thing about playing softball this year is this season, my favorite thing about playing softball is the opportunity to be back together as a team. This past year has taught us not to take this game for granted and I am absolutely thrilled to simply get to play with my team again. I really missed the bonds we created as a team and going out on the field everyday so I am very happy that we are all back together again this year. Good Luck girls. *Go Blue Devils!*

2019 Record ( 9 -11 ) Playoffs - Made playoffs for the first time in a while.

Head Coach - Scott Marcucio

Assistants - Dylan Fusco, Jennifer Shea

*Hope you all enjoyed my Article, see you next month! Your Plainville Hometown Connection Volunteer Sports Reporter.....Jake*



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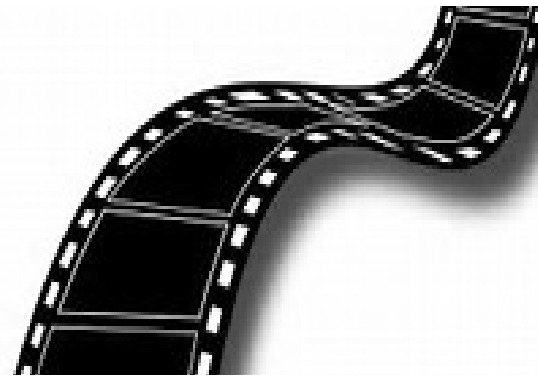




# The Circumspect Critic

by:  
Robert James O'Dell

## The Father



Nominated for 6 Academy Awards.  
Ratings: Acting: 100% Directing: 96%  
Script: 97% Cinematography: 95%  
Entertainment Value: 90%  
My Rating: 97%

A man refuses all assistance from his daughter as he ages. As he tries to make sense of his changing circumstances, he begins to doubt his loved ones, his own mind and even the fabric of his reality. imdb I confess that until the award season got into full swing, I was totally unaware of this film's existence. Now available on streaming platforms as well as enjoying a limited theatrical release, "The Father" is one of the year's most emotionally powerful films. It joins a growing group of prestigious films dealing with the subject of Alzheimer. What distinguishes it from the rest of the pack is that it focuses on the disease from the point of view of the character afflicted with it rather than that of the people around him that are affected by his deteriorating condition. It features a bravura performance by Anthony Hopkins as an elderly man trying to make sense out of the confusing circumstances he finds himself struggling to decipher.

Florian Zeller directs Christopher Hampton's screenplay of Zeller's stage play by putting us in the mind of this man, experiencing it in the manner he is, interpreting it through his lens of distorted perception. To appreciate the film, you must accept the confusion brought about by the dementia he is being consumed by. If you feel confused then the film is succeeding in its goal. And Hopkins gives a career best portrayal that compels us to make sense out of what makes no sense. The way Hopkins navigates the constantly shifting reality his character is experiencing is a marvelous display of the art of acting. It is an emotionally vulnerable and deeply moving performance and his best work since "The

Silence of the Lambs."

What starts as a straight forward drama concerning a caring daughter's attempts to assure her ailing father is safe and taken proper care of as she relocates to France with her boyfriend becomes a surreal descent into dementia. Olivia Coleman as Anne, the daughter in question, gives a heart wrenching portrayal as a woman torn between her sense of love and obligation to her father and the need to get on with her own life. She comes to his flat to encourage him not to fire the woman she has hired as a caretaker for him but he is having none of that. She tells him of her future plans but he dismisses them with a brush off retort of "Paris? They don't even speak English there!" Later when Anne returns, it is not the same woman (Olivia Williams) and suddenly his flat is no longer his but instead is Anne's. Time is not linear for him and the people around him are constantly changing form. We are literally presented with the cinematic realization of dementia.

A fine ensemble cast featuring Imogen Poots, Rufus Sewell, Mark Gattis and Olivia Williams shape shift into different characters providing strong support to Hopkins and Coleman.

This is a powerful film. Hopkins hasn't often had the opportunity to play a character with such vulnerability. His emotional breakdown is a devastating moment of cinema that one does not easily forget. There is no happy resolution to the insidious damage yielded by dementia.

*The film is not an easy watch. But it should be a necessary one.*



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I am writing to you now with the hopes that you will at least read my letter and accommodate my request. From prior performance on your part I do not expect to receive any kind of reply.

I find your paper to be a sounding board for Right Wing agenda. You state that you are a "group of residents who are interested in informing our citizens of community activities and local news". This statement does not hide the fact that there is a method to your madness. A perfect example would be the "Tea Party Patriots, Wake Up America, By "Gene". Her remarks are volatile and inflammatory but she does not have the courage of her convictions to print her full name.

This country has gone through four years of a President who found a way to divide us like I have never seen us divided before. I do not know if we can recover from the damage that has been done but I certainly hope with all my heart that we can. A publication like yours which hides it's agenda behind a phoney policy statement and who allows its contributors to stir up hate and discontent is not a step in the right direction.

I am requesting that your paper stops finding its way into my mailbox. I have no need for your publication and I don't appreciate it being left at my home. Do whatever is necessary to remove me from your mailing list.

Yours truly, Bob Macellaro

## Taste Buzz

### Tuna Fish Casserole

One 8 oz. pkg egg noodles  
1 can Chicken of the Sea tuna fish  
1 small onion (grated)  
1/2 green pepper, finely chopped  
1/2 t salt  
Dash of Pepper  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1/2 cup milk

*Cook noodles in boiling water according to directions on package. Place half of cooked, drained noodles in greased casserole. Crumble (rinsed and drained) tuna over noodles. Add the grated onion, chopped green pepper, salt and pepper. Cover with another layer of noodles. Dilute mushroom soup with the milk and pour over noodles and top with the grated cheese. Bake until heated through, about 30 minutes in 350\* oven.*

**To Submit Your Family Recipe:**

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**To: Bob Macellaro**

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*Thank you, for your opinion.*

*Sincerely, Publisher/Editor*

## INCREMENTAL ISLAM 13 (Part 1)

What, really, is meant by the term "jihad"? You may have seen signs saying, "My jihad is to lose weight," or "My jihad is to give up smoking." Self-improvement campaigns such as these are known as "the greater jihad," while the warlike form of jihad is referred to as "the lesser jihad." This is very deceptive, however. If you read through the Hadith, the official biography of Muhammad (which accounts for the greatest volume of the Islamic trilogy, the basis for Sharia), you will find that 98% of the mentions of "jihad" have to do with the "lesser"/ violent jihad, and only 2% of the text concern the "greater"/ self-improvement jihad. So those signs seen on buses and in subway stations are misleading - likely deliberately so. Dr. Bill Warner, in his excellent 50-page primer, Sharia Law for Non-Muslims, explains that there are four basic means of waging jihad: through speech, writing, money or by the sword. For many centuries following Muhammad's arrival in Medina in 622 (at which point he altered his strategy aimed at attracting followers, from preaching to violent physical attacks), Muhammad gained immense amounts of land, valuables, slaves, concubines, and new (unwilling) recruits to Islam at the tip of the sword. What is usually referred to as the "First Jihad" ended in 732 in Tours, France, thanks to Charles Martel, while the "Second Jihad" ended, under the leadership of the Polish king, Jan Sobieski, at the Gates of Vienna on September 11, 1683. Currently, however, in our Western civilization, stealth jihad (creating the illusion of peaceful pursuits through tactics such as the deceptive jihad signs, whitewashing textbooks, and much more) is proving to be far more effective than military attacks, and the Muslim Brotherhood - jihadis in suits - do this very well. *Jane Bate*

## China and Western Media

*By: Francis Rexford Cooley*

From Marco Polo and Matteo Ricci through Christopher Columbus' failed voyages for a western sea route to China and "discovered" the Americas instead, to present day the Chinese market has enticed western business. Western political and business leaders have, since Richard Nixon, attempted to bring Communist China into full trade relations with the West and make China a partner with the West. The assumption of the West has been that Communist China would become more democratic, economically open, and more amenable to Western values over time. Recent Chinese actions raise serious doubts about this assumption. China's incursion into Indian territory in the Himalayans, its aggression in the South China Sea, recent military maneuvers around Taiwan, its blatant theft of intellectual property, the internment and killing of minorities in China, especially the Uyghurs, and China's lack of transparency on the origins of the Covid-19 virus along with other issues should prompt a serious reconsideration of American and Western policies. However, the main stream media seems to want to ignore the serious issues between China and the rest of the world.

The Chinese government blocked the 1995 release of "GoldenEye" over the opening sequence of the film which they "deemed anti-communist." American author Donald E. Westlake was brought in by the producers of the James Bond series to write the treatment and script for follow up to "GoldenEye." However MGM/UA, the studio who owned the series, had concerns as the story centered "around the transfer of Hong Kong to China." The studio worried the film would not be able to open in China, a then emerging market, and as such would hurt the planned sale of MGM/UA planned for 1998 by its investors.

Likewise Marvel Studios, an arm of Disney, has altered its characters over the past decade so as not to offend the Chinese Communist government. The Mandarin, a character created in 1964 as one of Iron Man's foes, was converted from a primarily Chinese character claiming descent from Genghis Khan, to "Trevor Slattery," a British actor who impersonates the Mandarin character played by British actor Ben Kingsley. The reimagining of the Mandarin as British was defended as avoiding "racism," but also removed a plot

point the Chinese Communist government could use to ban the estimated \$200 million production. "Doctor Strange," another Marvel movie, changed the character of the Ancient One from Tibetan to a Caucasian character played by actress Tilda Swinton in 2016 allowing Marvel to side step any issues involved with the Chinese conquest of Tibet.

The relationship between major studios and China now goes beyond self-censorship to active participation in Communist Chinese propaganda "Abominable," a 2019 DreamWorks Animation film financed with the Chinese owned Pearl Studios showed the "Nine-Dash Line" in the film which promotes China's contention that it controls the vast majority of the South China Sea. The periodical, "Foreign Policy" noted the blatant propaganda in the film had become a "geopolitical nightmare" for Dreamworks as a number of Southeast Asian countries banned the film over its overt pro-China propagandizing.

Given the progression from self-censorship regarding issues involving China by the Western media to their active participation in disseminating Chinese Communist propaganda it is any wonder that contentious issues like the origins of Covid-19 are problematic for corporate media to cover given the economic leverage China holds regarding entry into their marketplace. The mere threat of the loss of access to the Chinese market will cause entities like the NBA to admonish team officials like then Houston Rockets GM Daryl Morey for the sin of tweeting support for the now crushed pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong. Corporations like Disney (ABC), Comcast (NBC), National Amusements (Viacom/CBS), AT&T's Warner Media (CNN) and others have huge financial interests in and with Communist China. Their news divisions are increasingly unlikely to examine issues that may create business problems for their corporate owners. Unfortunately for the public at-large this means a free and fair press reporting on the powerful to inform the public has become a corporate owned press that reports less freely and often at the behest of those corporate interests, especially when those interests align with Communist China. As such the assumption that trade would make China more like the West has been turned on its head as Western media is becoming more like the Chinese media, controlled by the Chinese Communist government due to its own greed.

## Sports Hall of Fame

The Plainville Sports Hall of Fame committee is looking for nominees to consider for induction. Nominations can be submitted via plainvillesports.com, or mailed to Plainville Sports Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 593, Plainville, CT 06062. For more information, contact Byron Treado at 860-3377 or Mike Bakaysa at 860-573-8015

## Memorial Plaque For Betty Boukus

The plaque was presented by David Pasqualicchio, president of the Forestville Village Association, near the clock tower erected in 2006, which Boukus helped to provide funding for. Our Circle of Honor is for people like her who left their footprint in Forestville to keep their memory alive.

In attendance were Boukus family members, Plainville Town Manager Robert E. Lee, Mayor of Bristol Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Rosemary Morante, a Plainville town councilor and more than a dozen influential people from both communities.

Gary Boukus, Betty Boukus husband, said that he couldn't express enough thanks to the Forestville Village Association for honoring his late wife.

Rosemary Morante, said of her friend. "Betty was totally a Plainville person but she cared equally for every community she represented, whether it was Bristol or New Britain. She really connected with people."

Robert E. Lee, Plainville Town Manager recalled working with Boukus for many years and described her as having a "larger than life" personality and a positive attitude.

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu said "She had her finger on the pulse of all issues big or small and you knew where she stood"

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June 14, 2021: Healthy Behaviors

June 21, 2021: Helping Children with Birth Family

June 28, 2021: Helping Children Leave Foster Care

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July 12, 2021: The Impact of Fostering & Adopting

July 19, 2021: Perspectives in Fostering/Adoption

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The program is open to prospective parents from all walks of life. Participants can be married, single, or part of a domestic partnership. They can own or rent their homes. Parenting experience is a plus but not required.

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To register for Wheeler's TIPS-MAPP course, or learn more about the 4/22 informational session, contact Wheeler's Foster Care Specialists, Michelle Martins at 860.707.5068, or Allison Casinghino at 860.637.5586, or send an email to Fostercareprograms@wheelerclinic.org. Pre-registration and an application process are required, call the numbers above today!!

*No fake news here, just facts. Think about Japan not invading the US. No doubt armed citizens were a factor.*

## Gun Control

### SOVIET UNION

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**CAMBODIA** established gun control in 1956: From 1975 to 1977, one million educated people, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

56 million defenseless people were rounded up and exterminated in the 20th Century because of gun control. You won't see this data on the US evening news, or hear politicians disseminating this information.

Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and, yes, gun-control laws adversely affect only the law-abiding citizens. With guns, we are 'citizens'; without them, we are 'subjects'.

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The impacts of this Act are far-reaching and will have devastating impacts on religious liberty and our society as a whole.

Under the "Equality" Act, if any religious group or church refused to listen to the government and chose instead to remain faithful to their religious beliefs, they would face huge fines and even jail time.

Please help us to protect our religious freedoms, churches, religious schools, and all faith-based organizations. Help Protect Religious Liberty!

*Thank you, and God bless!*

*Dr. Ralph Reed  
Founder and Chairman  
Faith & Freedom Coalition*

## Ask the Brayne...

Q. When I go to the doctor, he ask me to cross my legs and then he hits my knee with a small rubber hammer. Why does he do that?

A. *What he is testing is your reflex action. In this case, it is a special reflex called the patellar reflex, because the hammer struck a ligament called the patellar ligament. More than 90 per cent of all the actions performed by man's nervous system are reflex actions!*

Q. How long ago did police get organized?

A. *In 1838 the use of daytime police started with a force of six men. Two states passed laws-New York in 1845 and Pennsylvania in 1856 that started up the modern police forces in the United States. In 1856 New York City adopted full police uniforms, soon other cities did the same.*

*To submit questions call 860-747-4119, E-mail plainvillehometown@gmail.com or write to: Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman Street, Plainville, CT 06062* Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of the month's next issue Next issue of the Hometown Connection will be in JUNE

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

## Relaxed ~ Life is Good

*Below are five lessons of Life we can learn from.*

### Lesson 1: Naked Wife

A man is getting into the shower just as his wife is finishing up her shower when the doorbell rings. The wife quickly wraps herself in a towel and runs downstairs. When she opens the door, there stands Bob, the next door neighbor. Before she says a word, Bob says, "I'll give you \$800 to drop that towel." After thinking for a moment, the woman drops her towel and stands naked in front of Bob. After a few seconds, Bob hands her \$800 dollars and leaves. The woman wraps back up in the towel and goes back upstairs. When she gets to the bathroom, her husband asks, "... who was that?" "it was Bob the next door neighbor," she replies. "Great!" the husband says, "Did he say anything about the \$800 he owes me?"

**Moral of the story:** *If you share critical information pertaining to credit and risk with your shareholders in time, you may be in a position to prevent avoidable exposure.*

**Lesson 2:** A sales rep, an administration clerk, and the manager are walking to lunch, when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie comes out. The Genie says, "I'll give you each just one wish" "Me first! says the administration clerk, "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world." **Poof! She's gone.** "Me next! says the sales rep. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of Pina Colodas an the love of my life." **"Poof! He's gone.** "Ok, you're up," the Genie says to the manager. The manager says, "I want those two back in the office after lunch. **Moral of the story:** *Always let your boss have the first say.*

### Lesson 3:

A crow was sitting on a tree, doing nothing all day. A rabbit asked him, "Can I also sit like you and do nothing

all day long?" The crow answered: "Sure, why not." So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the crow, and rested. ...A fox jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

**Moral of the story:** *To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very high up.*

### Lesson 4: Power of Charisma

A turkey was chatting with a bull "I would love to be able to get to the top of that tree," sighed the turkey. but I haven't got the energy." "Well why don't you nibble on my droppings?" replied the bull. "They're packed with nutrients." The turkey pecked at the lump of dung and found that it gave him enough strength to reach the lowest branch of the tree. The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch. Finally after the fourth night, there he was proudly perched at the top of the tree. Soon he was spotted by a farmer, who shot the turkey out of the tree.

**Moral of the story:** *Bullshit might get you to the top ,but it won't keep you there.*

### Lesson 5:

A little bird was flying south for the winter. It was so cold the bird froze and fell to the ground into a large field. While he was lying there, a cow came by and dropped some dung on him. As the frozen bird lay there in the pile of cow dung, he began to realize how warm he was. The dung was actually thawing him out! He lay there all warm and happy, and soon began to sing for joy. A passing cat heard the bird singing and came to investigate. Following the sound, the cat discovered the bird under the pile of cow dung, and promptly dug him out and ate him. **Moral of the story:**

1. *Not everyone who craps on you is your enemy*
2. *Not everyone who gets you out of shit is your friend.*
3. *And when you're in deep shit, it's best to keep your mouth shut !*

**Remember Mothers Day, for if it wasn't for Mom none of us would be here today.**

*John Gasparini*

## Rotary Penny Sale

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In Connecticut, flea and tick season is actually all year long due to our temperate climate. In fact, any day above 30 degrees is warm enough for fleas and ticks to be active. This means that in our state, all of our feline and canine companions should be protected with a prescription flea and tick preventative all year long.

Preventatives that classify as prescription preventatives are those that you purchase through your companion's veterinarian. There are many different kinds of chewable and topical flea and tick preventatives. Your veterinarian can advise you to the best choice for your companion.

Fleas replicate rapidly in your home and can transmit intestinal parasites to your pets. The infestation in your home, once established, can be difficult to clear.

Ticks carry many diseases, some of which can include Lyme disease. Live ticks brought into your home by companions can search for their next blood meal from your human family members.

Prescription preventatives kill ticks on our companions and prevent them from biting human family members next.

Another preventative that your feline and canine companions should not be without is heartworm disease prevention.

Heartworm disease is spread by mosquitos and can be deadly. It is also extremely expensive to treat and the treatment itself can be deadly.

Heartworms live in the blood stream and heart and can make it difficult for companions that are infected to circulate blood in their body and, subsequently, breathe.

Like flea and tick prevention, heartworm disease prevention comes in many forms like injectable, chewable, and topical options. Your veterinarian can advise you to the best choice for your companion.

Share with us some pictures of your pets and their thoughts about you, your family, and just life in general!!



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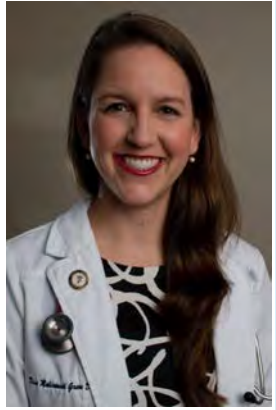
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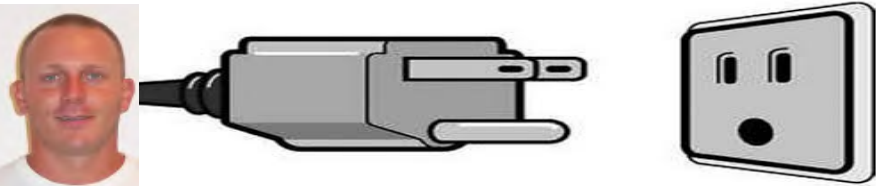
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# ~ Business of the Month ~

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*And always deliver more than you promise".*



This advice, given to Brad Finocchio when he first opened New England Auto Sales, has guided the way he does business. Combined with "Honesty and Integrity", the motto of the dealership, there is little doubt why this car business has been so successful.

When friends Brad Finocchio and Josh Lawson were growing up in Avon, many after school and weekend hours were spent working on cars. By the time they graduated high school and went on to college, there was little they didn't know, or appreciate, about cars. Brad went on to High Point University where he pursued a degree in business and after graduation went into pharmaceutical sales. Josh went to Mitchell and then began to work in auto insurance. Knowing that he would never really be happy putting

so many hours into a career that didn't excite him, Brad made the decision to open a pre-owned car business. It was only natural that he would ask Josh to be his General Manager. He found a top notch mechanic who was skilled and dependable and is still with the company.

Brad researched many areas and decided Plainville was the perfect spot to open a car dealership. New England Auto started on Whiting St in March of 2006. Through word of mouth and referrals, the business boomed. Word was out that this is not a dealership that pressures customers to buy. They know that if a customer is pressured to buy, the car may end up being returned when buyer's remorse hits that night. They had quality cars at great prices and onpremise mechanics. By 2011 the business had outgrown the Whiting address and the Plainville Hardware store across from Pagliacci's, was out of business. Brad decided that location would meet the objective of staying in Plainville, while operating out of a better location with more space and better visibility. New England Auto opened at 342 East St in a building that was totally renovated. With a large showroom, a comfortable waiting room, a large repair garage and a detailing business, the business continued to do well. New customers and repeat customers came. "Many of our customers stop by long

after they buy their car. We love to hear the stories of where it has taken them" said Josh.

Because of their knowledge of fast cars, Brad also seeks out Corvettes and Porsches. "For many people these are the cars they have dreamed about since their teenage years . Now retired after many years of hard work, they deserve to treat themselves - and we sell these cars at affordable prices." Brad also stated that because of their rigorous standards , extensive safety checks, and meticulous mechanics, a car will not be sold if there is any question about it's reliability or safety. They will also do all the work to make the transaction go smoothly.



In closing, Brad stated, "Plainville has been good to us and we will always give it our best. It's really a small town and we know that if we do not honor our commitment to integrity, the word will get around. Our customers are our friends".



## NEW..... BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Each month we will feature a Plainville business be it your anniversary, expanding your business or promotions of employees and etc.

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