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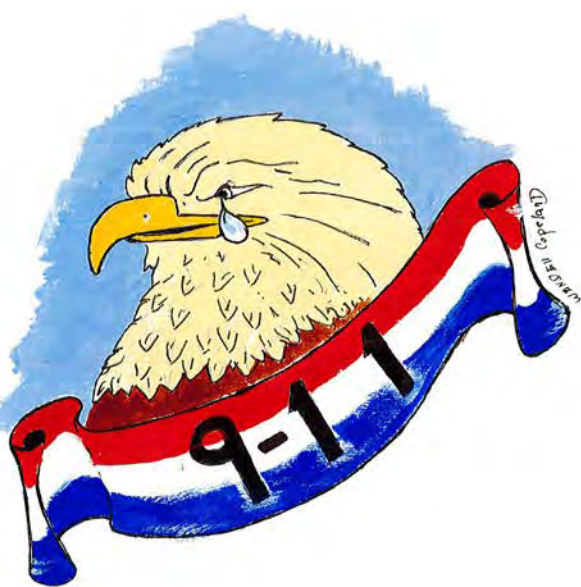
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55 Julie Rd: Matthew and Emily Savage of Plainville to Aaron and Heather Oconnor, \$303,700 on 6/12/2019
Loon Lake Rd: October 24, Inc. of Plainville to March 17 LLC, \$900,000 on 6/12/2019
15 Meriline Ave: Anthony and Shannon C. Pierlioni of Plainville to Vincent and Jennifer Lafountain, \$200,000 on 6/10/2019
127 Northwest Dr: Nicholas and Krista Hagen of Plainville to William and Amanda Haas, \$390,000 on 6/12/2019
80 S. Washington St. Unit 80: Jason A. Morneault of Plainville to Carol Carriveau. \$214,000 on 6/13/2019
46 Westwood Ave: William and Amanda Haas, of Plainville to Michael Roy, \$295,000 on 6/11/2019
35 Betsey Rd: Nattasha L. Jalbert and Christopher J. Jalber of Plainville to Jenna L. Mafale, \$195,000 on 6/17/2019
61 Cleveland St: Bank New York Mellon Tr of Plainville to Devin M. Widger and Kaleigh M. Jankowski, \$194,500 on 6/19/2019
24 Elizabeth Ct Unit 4: Joan B. Bomann of Plainville to Matthew and Patricia Malley, \$130,000 on 6/18/2019
34 Franklin Ave: Carroll Nsubuga of Plainville to Andrea Jackie \$160,500 on 6/17/2019
30 Great Plain Dr Unit 30: Edward and Sandra Paviat of Plainville to Brian H. and Eileen W. Barnes, \$335,000 on 6/20 2019
77 Hollyberry Ln: Barbara L. Baker of Plainville to Emily L. Boudewyns and Michael J. Deangelo, \$270,000 on 6/24/2019
21 Leana Ave Lot: Broadway Development LLC of Plainville to Eric J. and Kara L. Crane \$445,000 on 6/25/2019
168 Red Stone Hill: Oak Land Developers LLC of Plainville to Kristine A. Giraulo, \$370,000 on 6/25/2019
190 Tomlinson Ave Unit 12d: Thomas E. Cross of Plainville to Jorge M. and Maria G. Docarmo, \$145,500 on 6/27/2019
74 Wayne Dr: Mariusz Skubisz LT and Walter Shubisz of Plainville to Elias Castro and Doreen Castro, \$190,000 on 6/25/2019
N/a: Erin Martin of Plainville to Mark and Sharon Freitas, \$276,000 on 6/21/2019
N/a Brian and Eileen W. Barnes of

- Plainville to Joseph and Patricia Beaudin, \$204,900 on 6/25/2019
1 Black Birch Rd: Blaze J. Zajaczkowski and Whitney Boyajian of Plainville to Thomas W. Bucior, \$320,000 on 7/1/2019
151 East St: 151 Realty LLC of Plainville to TJS Holdings, LLC \$1,359,000 on 7/2/2019
28 Metacomet Rd: Bonnie B. Arcari of Plainville to Jeremy J. Colon, \$280,000 on 7/1/2019
8 Orchard Ln: John B. and Janet L. Mastrianni of Plainville to Mark Dryden, \$435,000 on 7/1/2019
41 Provencher Dr: Charles W. and Patricia A. Grant of Plainville to Ryan D. Togninalli, \$218,000 on 7/2/2019
Samuels Xing Unit 106: Carrier Holdings LLC of Plainville to Gary J. and Jill E. Klemyk, \$460,635 on 6/28/2019
190 Tomlinson Ave 8e: Hassan Ahmed of Plainville to Taylor L. Gruza, \$139,900 on 7/5/2019
190 Tomlinson Ave Unit 11f: Charline J. Archambault of Plainville to Anthony Colagiovanni, \$157,000 on 7/5/2019.
182 Westwood Ave. FHLM of Plainville to HP Home Enterprises LLC \$186,870 on 6/28/2019
182 Westwood Ave. Judy Florance and US Bank NA of Plainville to US Bank NA, \$193,200 on 6/28/2019
Trumbull Ave: Marianne Callahan of Plainville to Carla J. Rash, \$210,000 on 7/12/2019
N/a: Paul Caldarella of Plainville to David E. Koskoff T and David E Koskoff, \$59,400 on 7/10/2019
33 Alderson Ave: Kazimierz Garbara and Genowefa Garbarz of Plainville to Jeffrey Dietz, \$160,000 on 7/16/2019
23 Bel Aire Dr: Albert L. Maria Est and Debra M. Albert of Plainville to Joseph and Diana Esposito, \$163,000 on 7/16/2019
16 Northampton Ln Unit A6: Madigan William R. Est and Cynthia Edgerton of Plainville to Frank J. Sidoti, \$63,500 on 7/15/2019
125 W. Main St: Plainville Investments of Plainville to SR Development Group LLC, \$160,000 on 7/16/2019
10 W. Pine Way Unit A3: David Thibodeau of Plainville to Eileen M. Lesiak, \$119,900 on 7/16/2019.

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Dates to Remember in September

Monday 2nd Labor Day

Monday 23rd Autumn Begins

Monday 30th Rosh Hashanah

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

Take a peek... 

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# Robert E. Lee, Town Manager's Report to Town Council July 15th & August 19th Town Council Meetings

July 15, 2019

## Chief of the Year

- In late March the Town received a letter from the Peace Islands Institute Connecticut. They were partnering with the Yale University Police Department and the FBI New Haven seeking nominations for their first annual Community Law Enforcement Awards and Recognition (CLEAR) Dinner to be held on June 25th.
- One of the categories for nominations was Police Chief of the Year. The Chief of the Year would be an individual that must have made a significant improvement within his agency that benefits members of the community. Examples could include a leader that causes new policy/procedures for an agency such as designing and implementing new/advanced technology. Other examples of direct leadership could be mandating specific training of officers that create a better rapport between law enforcement and community members or developing creative new approaches to old problems within the community.
- After conferring with Town staff and unbeknownst to Chief Catania, a nomination for Chief of the Year was submitted on May 2nd. Letters supporting the nomination were written by Katherine Pugliese, Dr. Maureen Brummett, Trish Tomlinson, Shawn Cohen & Ronda Guberman, Marc Fasano from the Accreditation Division of the Ct State Police and myself as the Town Manager.
- Shortly thereafter, the Town was notified that Chief Catania was chosen as one of four finalists for Police Chief of the Year. At a dinner held in East Haven on June 25th, Chief Matthew Catania was announced as the winner.
- It was noted that Chief Catania was a clear choice for the award based on the wide-ranging support within the Plainville Community. I want to thank all the individuals who assisted in putting this nomination forward.
- I also want to thank Chief Catania for his hard work and dedication to our community for the last 8 ½ years serving as the Chief of the Plainville Police Department. We are proud of your efforts and your service.

## Road Paving Update

- Earlier this evening there was a Public Hearing for hearing comments on the proposed "Ordinance Appropriating \$5M for Phase 2 Road Improvements Program and Authorizing the Issue of Bonds and Notes in the same amount to finance the Appropriation".
- It is recommended that this Ordinance be placed on the November Election Ballot for

consideration by the voters of Plainville.

- There is an item under New Business should the Town Council wish to approve the Ordinance this evening.

## Paderewski Park Walking Path

- A resident living on the north side of Birch Tree Rd. recently contacted Town staff regarding the access to Paderewski Pond behind Wheeler School. In the past, residents living in the Birch Tree/Dogwood Rd./Plum Tree Road Area could access Paderewski Pond via a gate located on the Wheeler Elementary School property. There are approximately 40 homes on these three streets.
- Due to the recent school renovations and the need to restrict access on school properties during the school year, a new fence was constructed that now prohibits access to the pond area.
- Town staff consulted with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and their recommendation is to create a path on Town owned property adjacent to the east side of the new fence. This work would be performed by the Buildings & Grounds Department.
- This path would allow the residents of this area to access Paderewski Park as they have in the past. The path would be located approximately 175 feet from the nearest home located on Birch Tree Road. There is a significant growth of trees and vegetation to act as a buffer in this area.
- If there are no objections from the Town Council, Town staff plans to perform this work in the next 30-60 days.

## Roadways Diesel Class 8 Dump Truck Bids

- The FY 20 Capital Improvement Plan includes an appropriation of \$220,679 to purchase a new Diesel Class 8 Dump Truck for the Roadways Department to replace a 1991 Mack Dump Truck. (28 years old)
- Bids for this truck were opened on July 3rd. The low (and only) bidder for the replacement truck was from Gabrielli Truck Sales of Hartford in the amount of \$119,500. This includes the trade-in of the 1991 Mack Truck for \$8,500. On that same day, bids were also opened for the Snow Removal Equipment for a Tandem Cab & Chassis. The low (and only) bidder for this equipment was submitted by Equipment Service of Hartford in the amount of \$94,942.
- The total cost of both bids total \$214,442 which is \$6,237 less than the appropriated amount.
- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council authorize the purchase of the Dump Truck and related equipment from the low bidders. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

~ HAPPENINGS ~

## PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

- On Wednesday, July 24 at 1:00 p.m., join local artist Becca Fazzino at the Senior Center as she instructs and demonstrates for you how to paint a summer-themed scene. Perfect for anyone who enjoys art or wants to learn. An example of the painting is on display in the Senior Center display case. Cost of \$10.00 includes all materials. Come to the Senior Center to sign up! Space is limited.
- On Thursday, July 25 at 1:00 p.m., learn to control your blood sugar with positive changes in your lifestyle. Find out what foods to eat that are low in sugar, without giving up taste! HOW TO PREVENT COMPLICATIONS OF DIABETES is a free program presented by the Berlin Visiting Nurse Association. Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register. Refreshments will be served.
- On Monday, July 29, the Senior Center will start accepting donations of tag sale items & jewelry for its annual tag sale in August. Bring items during normal business hours, between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The Center cannot accept furniture, clothes, purses, shoes, or appliances.
- If you're 60 or older and new to exercise, try a Pilates class at the Senior Center. Basic Pilates puts emphasis on your breath, core conditioning and body awareness. Bring a water bottle and a yoga mat, if you have one. There is a free demo at the Senior Center on Monday, July 29, at 2:15 p.m. A six-week class for Senior Center members will start Monday, August 19 for just \$12.
- The Senior Center will host its annual Tag Sale on Wednesday August 7 & Thursday, August 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You may also shop at our early-bird pre-sale on August 7 from 9:30 to 10 a.m. for a \$1.00 fee. All proceeds benefit Dial-a-Ride in Plainville.

## PLAINVILLE 150th CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 20, 10:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a family picnic at Norton Park, bring your chairs and blankets.

## Town Happenings Reports By:

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Manager**

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August 19, 2019

## Valley Water Systems Update – Don Vaughan

- In May 2018, Tighe & Bond issued a study entitled "Valley Water Hardness Removal Evaluation". The study evaluated alternatives for lowering the hardness concentration in the Valley Water distribution system.
- Don Vaughn, President of Valley Water is here this evening to update the Town Council on their plans to address the hardness issue in their system.

## T-Mobile Proposal – Generator at Firehouse

- The Town currently has a lease with T-Mobile for their communication tower located to the rear of the Fire House. The current lease guarantees a monthly payment of \$2,250 through January 2027.
- T-Mobile would like to install a generator adjacent to their cell tower. Information regarding the proposed location was included in the meeting information package. T-Mobile is proposing to increase the rent payment by \$200 per month as well. The generator would operate in lieu of the battery back-up system currently in place.
- The Fire House also has a separate generator to run a portion of the building during power outages. This generator does not provide power to the T-Mobile communication tower.
- If there is no objection, Town staff with the assistance of the Town Attorney, will work with T-Mobile to finalize the arrangements for the installation of the generator.

## Financial Dashboard

- Before reviewing the first month of Fiscal Year 2020, Finance Director Robert Buden has provided some preliminary numbers regarding FY19. He is projecting that FYE 19 will result in a surplus of \$1.03M.
- This includes revenues exceeding what was budgeted by approximately \$426K with a good portion of that amount coming from delinquent tax collections, building permits and the closing of several projects.
- Expenditures are estimated to come under budget by approximately \$605K with the majority of that amount coming from staff turnover and electricity savings.
- This amount is partially offset by the additional appropriation of \$290K that was made in June.
- Scott Colby will now review the first month's results of FY20.

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## Town Manager Robert E. Lee Town Council Meeting Report

### PLAINVILLE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

The Town Clerk's Office would like to remind all registered Republican voters, that there will be a Republican Primary held Tuesday, September 10th for the offices of Town Council and the Board of Education, to fill a two-year vacancy. Voters are asked to go to their regular polling locations except for the voters of District 2 who typically vote at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall. Those voters are asked to cast their ballots at the Fire House, 77 West Main Street, as the Parish Hall is unavailable on that date. Polls will be open from 6am to 8pm. Absentee ballots for qualified voters are now available at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

The Plainville Fire Company's 35th Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival is from Friday August 23rd through Sunday, August 25th at Norton Park. Fireworks are at 9:00pm on Friday. Car Show is from 10:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday. Parking will be available from Robertson Airport and Plainville High School.

### PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER CHRONIC BACK PAIN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th 1:00 P.M.

New guidelines from the American College of Physicians say first-line therapy for chronic back pain should be non-drug treatments. Learn various approaches to minimizing lower back pain. Presented by Lisa Murawski, Exercise Physiologist with GoodLife Fitness. Sponsored by Southington Care Center. Free and open to the public.

### VETERANS' BENEFITS WORKSHOP THURSDAY, SEPT. 12TH 10:00 A.M.

If you're a veteran, be sure to attend this program with Jason Coppola, Veterans Service Officer from the State Office of Advocacy and Assistance. Jason is very knowledgeable about all the ins and outs of veterans benefits, and will describe how he can help veterans who are trying to access federal and state benefits — including financial, medical, home care matters and more. Please sign up in advance at the Plainville Senior Center. Free and open to the public.

For information or to sign up for any of these free programs, please call or visit the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728. The Senior Center is at 200 East Street.

## Public Libraries

By: Francis Rexford Cooley

In this modern digital age information everywhere, home computers and smartphones connect us to the world-wide-web and a host of information available on it. With the development of such powerful tools many question the value of the storage of bound books, "I can get that on my phone," seems to be a constant refrain bibliophiles hear from their more tech savvy friends. So what is the value of the old library, in the center of town, to the modern digital world?

If a library were just a repository for bound volumes that make up "The Western Canon" one might be at a bit of a loss to explain the value of a library to those deeply ensconced into the digital world. A number of schools have changed their "libraries" to "Media Centers" de-emphasizing bound print materials in favor of new technologies. However the public library is much more than just a space for books to collect dust, it is part of the social, cultural, and economic life of a town and has been since the early period of the Republic when the public library movement rose in prominence over parochial libraries connected to a local church. The importance of a public library to the health of the Republic was inherently understood by its advocates, an informed literate citizenry was vital to preserving the Republic.

Today public libraries play a variety of roles within the local community. The library provides research and educational resources for genealogists, students, even professional academics. It provides early literacy opportunities for the young as well as immigrants struggling to assimilate to American culture. It is a boon to entrepreneurs and the self-employed using its computer and internet resources. These resources provide vital help to those seeking to find a job or change their career. Even a job at a fast food restaurant now requires an "on-line application." Every spring the Library provides needed tax forms and information. For many in the local community the public library plays a major role in their economic wellness.

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#### October 10, 2019

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#### December 5, 2019

Lunch in Springfield, Mass., a few hours at Mohegan Sun and then a wonderful 2 hr trip through Forest Park to look at the spectacular Christmas lights,

#### April 18-25, 2020

Historic South Trip Awesome trip -8 days,

The public library also plays a major role in social services. Emilio Estevez touches upon the vital role the public library plays for those marginalized populations in society in his 2018 film "The Public." It can be a safe zone, a meeting place, a chance for socialization. The programs offered by the Public Library run the gamut from "Couponing 101" to writers groups to book clubs to a variety of youth events even yoga. The public library provides a variety of benefits to the community beyond the lending of the latest mystery or science fiction novel.

It is the variety of roles a public library takes on that makes it a unique institution in each town and neighborhood where they exist. For the patrons the library fulfills their unique needs. For the community the public library is a place to come together, whether to read, see a movie, learn something new in a workshop, to gaze upon an art display, or even just to do a jigsaw puzzle. The public library is a vital part of the fabric of the local community.

*Francis Rexford Cooley is the GOP endorsed candidate for Library Trustee and regularly uses the Plainville Public Library.*

### Elizabeth H. Norton Trust

The Board of Trustees of the Elizabeth H. Norton Trust announce that the 2019 grant request period is open until 10/31/19. The Elizabeth H. Norton Trust Fund has supported many programs and organizations in the school district and the community for over 30 years.

This Trust fund is intended to continue in perpetuity and carry on the community spirit of the Elizabeth H. Norton family the only heir of Charles Norton (who donated the land which is now Norton Park.)

All grant requests must be received (if personally or electronically delivered) or postmarked by 10/31/19 to be eligible for consideration. Applications will be available at the Plainville Public Library and the Municipal Center. The complete application package must be submitted via U.S. mail to: Elizabeth H. Norton Trust Fund, P.O. Box 309, Plainville, CT 06062.

Approved grants will be distributed by January 2020.

For more information, contact the grants committee: [norton.trust.info@gmail.com](mailto:norton.trust.info@gmail.com).

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- Organizations, based in Plainville, Connecticut, with federal tax-exempt status (501(c) (3)). (If your nonprofit organization does not have federal tax-exempt status, you may apply through an eligible nonprofit and federal tax-exempt organization which agrees to be the legal Applicant/Fiscal Agent for the grant activity.)
- Nonprofit organizations in communities bordering Plainville may be eligible if the project substantially benefits Plainville citizens.
- Plainville Public School organizations. (Only after the applicant consults with the superintendent.)

### \*\*Tomasso Park Open for Tours\*\* Tomasso Nature Park is open through November 15th.

The Park is located off Granger Lane near the Plainville Highway Department, it is open from dawn to dusk. Access is through the pedestrian gate. Art Marino offers weekly narrated tours for special needs persons and group tours. Call Art at (860) 628-1386.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer to do maintenance and upkeep at the park contact the Plainville Recreation Department at (860) 747-6022.

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*(Scanned from the original paper)***BIRTH OF "PLAINVILLE'S OWN"**

By Helen Bergenty

On January 26th, I was reading the Hartford Courant. In the town news section was a story portraying "The Granby Drummer", the only known all volunteer newspaper in Connecticut.

The next morning I contacted Christie Levandowski, Vice President of the Drummer and she invited me to the next months "Paste Up" session. The idea of a Plainville paper was conceived.

Plainville is known for being a great community for volunteers. We need a town newspaper to inform the residents of our great town and of all the wonderful work the volunteers do for everyone. From little league to the senior citizens.

I was so excited about the thought of the birth of a paper just for Plainville, that one day I asked a friend (Helen Pugliese) to join me on the first visit to the Granby Drummer. As we drove north on Route 10 we chatted all the way about the birth of the paper. We found the Masonic Lodge building without any trouble. As we drove into the parking lot, we noticed the lot was empty. Yes, you guessed it, it was false labor. I was so anxious to learn about starting the paper that we arrived a week too early.

We stopped at a local drug store and secured a few copies of their paper and had lunch in Granby, spoke to a few people and returned to Plainville.

Everyone I spoke to about the idea of our own paper, the more excited I got. We checked prices for printing and postage to mail to the 8,054 households in Plainville.

Now we were ready to find the all-volunteer staff. On June 25, 1997, Plainville's own paper was born. We had three meetings that day and twenty-two people came forward to man the paper.

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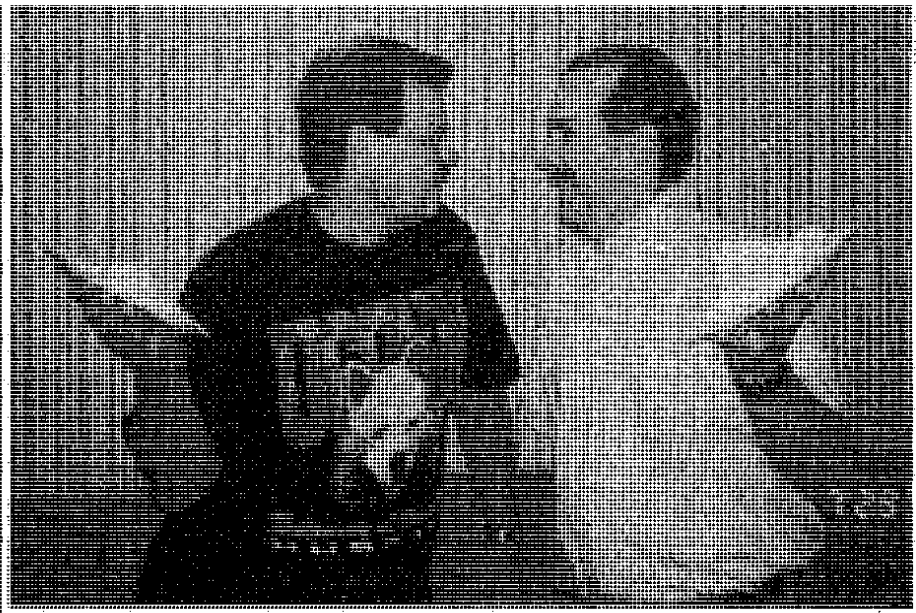
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The Granby Drummer is 26 years old, Plainville's paper will live a good long life because we too have the best volunteer force around. The paper is born, now we have to name it. See "NAME THE PAPER CONTEST" on the front page.

**NAME THE PAPER**

The staff of this paper would like its readers to participate in a contest to find a name for this paper. It is open to all people, regardless of age. So ask your family, classmates, office staff, or do it on your own. Just get your entries back to us as soon as possible, so we can Name The Paper! The "Name The Paper" Committee will select the winner(s) of the contest and will publish them in the October paper.

*Over 700 names were submitted in 3 weeks.....  
Kathleen Cook was the winner with the name of  
"Plainville Hometown Connection"*



Officer William Buden, left, one Plainville's finest and Attorney Robert Ziegler, one of Plainville's infamous prepared to do battle at the Chamber Fair September 6-8. Buden and Ziegler will be putting their best face forward to raise funds for the Association for Retarded Citizens of Plainville. Buden beat out Ziegler by one dollar at the last event and vows, "It won't happen this year." The public will pay \$1.00 to toss a cream pie or \$5.00 to walk up to their worthy target. Other Plainville Police Officers and local Attorney's are prepared to take it on the chin for a good cause.

**Our Advertisers have made Plainville's own newspaper. Please support them & say you saw their advertisement here in the "Plainville Hometown Connection"**

**THROUGH THE YEARS (23 YEARS THAT IS!!)**

Some twenty three years ago the idea to have a hometown newspaper was dreamed up by a small group of citizens. When they met they never dreamed what they were getting into and even though they had no idea of how a newspaper was run or even printed for that matter, the little group, led by Helen Bergenty, Jeannette Hinkson, Norman Stitham and Marge Staskavich incorporated the paper under the corporation name of the Plainville Community News. A contest was held and the readers named the paper the Plainville Home Town Connection. With the aid and backing of the incorporator's spouses the little group began the process of publishing their first issue. Setting up shop in the basement of the Statham residence was the first option as Norm Statham had a computer and he was our hero. It soon became apparent the workers weren't up to setting up the paper in the basement of the Statham's home and then climbing two flights of stairs to Norman's computer on the second floor where they would enter each story or scan the picture into the computer, print it out then go back to the basement run each story through a waxer and place it on a page so it could go to the printer. (We were a lot younger then and I'm tired just thinking about the good old days) It was then arrangements were made for the second floor use of the old firehouse on Whiting Street but shortly after getting set up some of the powers that be didn't like the idea of the paper being published on town property so again we were forced to move and move we did to the second floor of the Bamboo Boutique on New Britain Ave. During our stay at that location, one morning a knock came at the door and we found ourselves facing an agent from the Internal Service who told us charges had been filed against us by someone who had accused us of making more money than reported. Making money that was a laugh most months we had to dig in our pockets to pay for printing and postage. After weeks of going over our books, our advertisers, tax returns and everything else the IRS has a need to know, thanks to the expert bookkeeping of Marge Staskavich, the IRS gave us a clean bill of health and sent us a letter stating we had balanced right to penny. Marge has since passed away but we thank her every day for her dedication in keeping our books and a big thanks to Ryan LaQuerre of the accounting firm of LaQuerre & Audi L.L.C. and good luck in the future to those boys. For years the paper ran smoothly at that location and we were able to get a leg up with no rent, heat or light bills we were ready for a move to a permanent location as we wanted a place of our own where we could advertise the office of "PLAINVILLE HOME TOWN CONNECTION." Somebody up there must like us and after being a real newspaper for about ten years the present location on Sherman Street became available, through the generosity of Bill Bergenty. The only problem was it was an apartment and it needed renovations to turn it into a newspaper office. Not having money for a "real" carpenter, Jeannette Hinkson strapped on her utility belt and went to work. Old plaster walls and ceilings were ripped down

and carted out to the dumpster she was able to get from CWPM. (Thanks Jason) There were a few snags along the way, like when the then acting building inspector showed up one day and said we needed a handicap rear door as the rear entrance entered into a hallway and a wheelchair couldn't make the turn. Being a resourceful person Jeannette asked the inspector how big an opening would be needed "Just give me some measurements," she said. After he told her what was needed she went outside with him and drew the opening on the outside of the kitchen wall. "Is that about right," she asked. Perfect was his reply. With that Jeannette went to the basement, pulled the main breaker on the power supply, went to the back of the house, fired up her chain saw and cut the back of the house out. It really didn't matter that the saw also cut out one of the kitchen cabinets they weren't going to be used anyway. It was necessary for other upgrades like rear deck and handicap ramp plus new equipment for printing of the paper and with the generosity of friends old computers were donated until new modern ones could be purchased. Many people have contributed to the success of the paper and its being a voice of the people. Some take issue at some of the articles but everyone is welcome to have a monthly column. We reserve the right to print or not print letters to the editor but, we feel we have earned the right to reject or print those letters if we see fit. We are publishing some of the pictures we have taken over the years of persons that have made our paper what it is today. We would like to thank everyone that has worked on the paper over the past twenty-three years but we would have to add several more pages. If you go to page three of the paper you can see the names of those that are now the backbone of the PLAINVILLE HOMETOWN CONNECTION. A special thanks to Helen Bergenty, Kathy Pugliese and Kris Dargenio, without them there would be no Hometown Connection; they are the ones working late into the night so as to go to press. This is the people's paper if you like it or not, read it or not, no one can even imagine the hours it takes to put one issue together let alone twenty three years of devotion. We would like to thank the many young people that have helped put the paper to "bed" over the years, they have all been part of the process. We may not spell everything right or be grammatically correct but most people get the point.





## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
My name is Rachel Buchanan and I am the endorsed, Republican candidate for the Board of Education. You might remember me as Rachel Childress. I grew up in Plainville and had the privilege of going to school here. We have something special and unique in Plainville. Our school sizes make it, so our kids get to know everyone. I have watched generation after generation of Plainville kids form lifelong friendships with their classmates. I am running for the Board of Education because, it is my turn to give back to the community and school system that provided me with such great opportunities. My experience in corporate training and development have prepared me to work on complex projects, research information and find solutions to presented problems. I love being part of a team and promise to keep a laser focus on what's best for Plainville students. My goal is to continue the great work of the Plainville Republicans and ensure that we meet the needs of our Plainville students (for generations to come), in a fiscally responsible manner. Please vote for me in the September 10th primary.

With Sincere Thanks,  
Rachel (Childress) Buchanan

Dear Editor:  
I have lived in Plainville all my life and sincerely believe that every citizen has a right to be heard. I will work hard to keep our taxes down and I will work hard with every member of the Board of Education and Town Council towards a fiscally responsible budget. This is My Pledge to The Voters of Plainville

**VOTE ROW A at our Plainville Republican Primary on September 10, 2019. THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOTE**

David Underwood  
Candidate for Town Council

Dear Editor:  
I am supporting the endorsed slate of candidates for the Plainville GOP primary of David Underwood, Kathy Pugliese, Deborah Tompkins, Ty Cox, and Jacob Rocco for Town Council, and Rachel Childress Buchanan for Board of Education.

Vote Row A on September 10th.

Sincerely,  
Francis Rexford Cooley  
GOP Endorsed Candidate for Library Trustee

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## CORE Construction's 3rd Annual Car Show raises \$1,000 for Autism Services

Plainville, CT – CORE Construction of Plainville is pleased to announce that it recently sent a \$1,000 donation to Autism Families CONNECTicut. The donation was the result of proceeds from CORE's 3rd Annual Classic Car Show, which was held on August 8th.

For the past three years, CORE's owner, John Gagliardi, has organized the Car Show as an effort to combine his love classic automobiles with his desire to give back to the community. This year's event featured more than 30 vintage cars, including a XXX, a XXX, and a XXX. The event also featured Wayne Carini, a master car restorer and star of the Chasing Classic Cars television series.

"This year's Car Show was the best we've had yet," said Gagliardi. "Everyone had a great time and we were able to raise some money for Autism Families CONNECTicut. Autism Families CONNECTicut is an outstanding organization that provides recreational and social activities for children on the autism spectrum. We are CORE Construction are proud to support all the good work they do."

## Life With Wanda



I am beginning to think I am just getting to old and some of the rules and regulations are beyond what I can comprehend, take this week for instance.

Some politicians want voter ID when voting and some don't, they say that is an invasion of privacy.

Last week I had some men doing work around my house, so I went to the store to buy them some beer and the young lady at the cash register asked to see my ID. I said, "You've got to be kidding. I'm old enough to be your great grandmother," She said her boss said they have to ask everyone for ID when buying beer.

Where are these people that have no ID for voting but can buy beer without an ID?

I don't know if you watch those pillow ads but I decided if they would just stop their advertising I would order one of their darn pillows, so I called. Well, they talked me into two pillows and now I toss and turn all night wonder what made me be so stupid that I would pay over eighty dollars for two pillow when I could have gone to Wal-Mart and got a pillow for \$9.99.

This week, after watching an ad for America's Best Vision Centers I thought they had a great deal and I would give them a try. They advertise two pairs of glasses and a free eye examine for \$69.00 so, I gave them a call. The woman on the phone said she had an opening on Friday at 10:15am, which worked out perfectly. I asked her exactly where they were located and she informed me their office was located in a shopping center about twenty miles from me. She then asked my age and when I told her I was eighty-four she said. "Oh, I'm sorry we don't take people over eighty!" Not wanting her to get the best of me I replied, "That's fine because I don't think my service dog could drive that far anyway." It makes me wonder what side of the hill we are on.

(Good news,  
made another appointment,  
I'm not too old to go to  
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# Heartfelt Thanks To All !!!

The YMCA PHS Project Graduation Committee 2019 would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all of the local businesses and volunteers for their year-round support to make this year's celebration a success!! Thank you to Mr. Johnson and the PHS Staff, Chris Roy and her amazing staff at Wheeler YMCA, Executive Press, Subway at YMCA, Plainville Rotary Club, First Congregational Church Thrift Shop, Elizabeth Norton Trust, Trackside Self Storage, Mr. PHS Committee, Flamingo Flocking Committee, PHS Art Club, PHS Athletic Backers, Mikayla Wells, Christopher St. Lawrence, Zumbathon Instructors, Edible Arrangements of Southington, McDonald's on Maple St., Modern Formals, Santa Maria & Schneider Family Dentistry, Grace Lutheran Church, Chili's of Southington, American Eagle Financial Credit Union, iHop of Southington, Yarde Metals, BJ's Wholesale Club, Pottery Piazza, Jon's Services, Laser Quest, Bricks & Minifigs, Starbucks, Jane's Place, Auto Zone, Salon Margo, Avery's Beverage, Photos by Mano, Worldwide Wine & Spirits, Wildside Tattoo, Thrivant, Window Shop, Northeast Produce, Agway of Southington, Lessard Lanes, Chic-fil-A, Bagels Plus, Buffalo Wild

Wings, DJ Eric Wells, Linda Lentini, Clear Horizons Eyecare, Plainville Police Union, AMC Loews of Plainville, Rachel's Cookies, Big Y of Plainville, Uncle Bob's, Nina's Kitchen, Zen Bar, Lola's Bistro, Village Pizza, Outback Steakhouse, Frankie's, Mission BBQ, Waxy O'Connors, Spring Brook Ice, Stop & Shop, Price Chopper, Shop Rite, Party City, Big Buy Wine & Spirits, Jim's Grocery & Deli, Sassy Mama Sweets, El Paso Restaurant, Gnazzo's Food Center, Big Steve's Grill, Praline's of Plainville, Pagliacci's Restaurant, First and Last Tavern, JV's Taproom, Lotus Garden, Applebee's Grill & Bar, J. Timothy's Tavern, Sliders Bar & Grill, Vero Pizza, West Main Pizza, Dunkin Donuts on East St., Sax Pizza, Mangiafico's Bakery, D'Marie's Pizza, and last but certainly not least ALL OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS throughout the year (who we can't possibly list by name but would love to). So many of you gave countless hours to make this year's event a huge success. THANK YOU AGAIN!!!!!!

**Christine Millette  
&  
Stevie Centurelli  
2019 Project Graduation  
Committee**

## Plainville Adult and Continuing Education *It's never too late to return to school!*

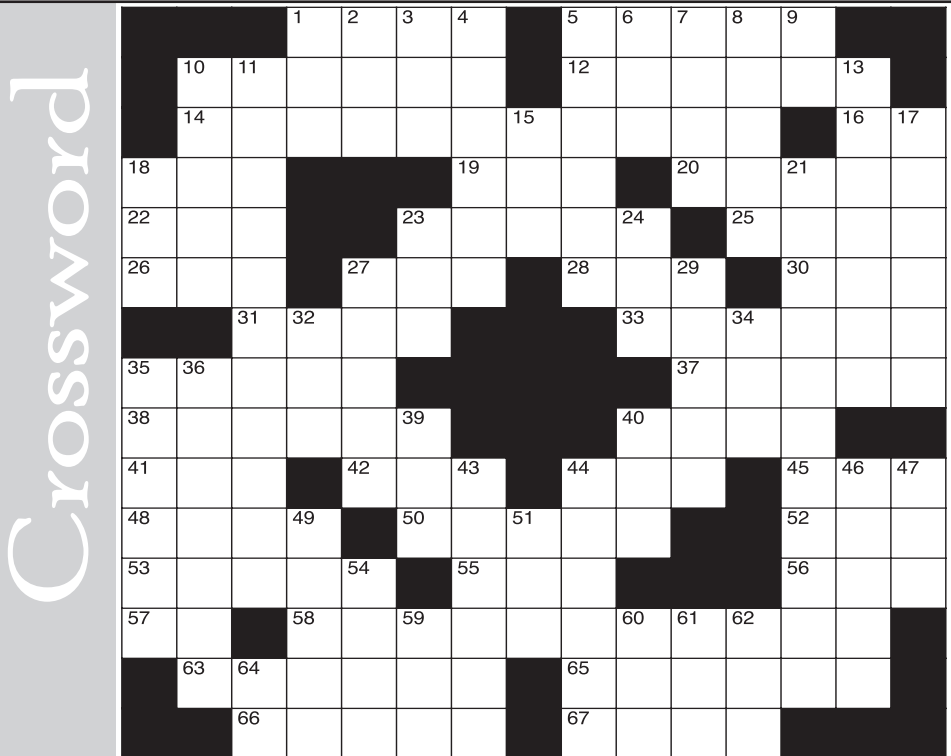
Plainville Adult and Continuing Education will offer evening programming, free of cost, this fall in the following areas: Adult Basic Education (Math and Reading/Writing), Adult High School Credit Diploma Program, Citizenship Preparation, English as a Second Language, GED Preparation, and PARC Adult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

Plainville Adult and Continuing Education's fall enrichment course offerings (see class list) are held evenings and moderately priced. Pre-registration is required for all classes. New this fall, is the Security Officer License Training with Certification Course. Upon successful completion of this fast track, two evening course, students will be issued a training certificate, required to accompany the licensure application to the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Safety. This dynamic course covers information about the Security industry, how to be a Security Officer, and job exploration. Connecticut laws will be reviewed, pertaining to: the security industry, self-defense and the use of force, and citizen's arrest. In addition, students will learn about: the use of force continuum, fire safety,

the history of security, work place violence, terrorism, communication skills, and more.

The Program Guide will be mailed to all Plainville residents, late-August. For further information, please call Plainville Adult and Continuing Education: (860)793-3209 or [www.plainvilleschools.org/departments/adult\\_ed](http://www.plainvilleschools.org/departments/adult_ed)

- Enrichment Class List:**
- [7 Ways to Stop Alzheimer's](#)
  - [American Heart Association Adult, Child, Infant First Aid, CPR and AED](#)
  - [American Sign Language Basics](#)
  - [Autumn Sunrise Floral Arrangement](#)
  - [Basic Guitar Fundamentals](#)
  - [Bob Ross Painting: Beautiful Snowy Day](#)
  - [Bob Ross Painting: Summer Mountain Scene](#)
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  - [eCourses: professional development options for professionals and life-long learners](#)
  - [Foundations of Excel](#)
  - [Grammar Boot Camp for High School Graduates](#)
  - [How Money Works](#)
  - [How to Get Started Buying Multi-Family Apartments](#)
  - [Market Corrections and How They Can Affect My Retirement](#)
  - [Math Boot Camp for High School Graduates](#)
  - [Security Officer License Training with Certification](#)
  - [Tai Chi for Health and Fitness](#)



Crossword

**CLUES ACROSS**

1. CRACKLE & POP'S FRIEND
5. HAVING WINGS
10. SMALL, ROUNDED FRUIT
12. COBB AND TOSSED ARE TWO
14. NOT SENSIBLE
16. ONE OF THE SIX NOBLE GASES
18. HELPS LITTLE FIRMS
19. A WAY TO APPROVE
20. TRIANGULAR BONES
22. PLEAD
23. LONGS
25. COVERS WITH TURF
26. PEYTON'S LITTLE BROTHER
27. PARTNER TO CHEESE
28. FAMED PATRIOT ADAMS
30. TEAR
31. ONE-BILLIONTH OF A SECOND (ABBR.)
33. DOG
35. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION
37. MARKED
38. INFORMED UPON (SLANG)
40. ACTOR DAMON
41. BLACK, LONG-TAILED CUCKOO
42. A TYPE OF CORROSION (ABBR.)
44. SPORTSCASTER PATRICK
45. WITCH

48. NEATLY, CAREFULLY STORE

50. INDICATES SILENCE
52. COMPUTER GIANT
53. SEA EAGLES
55. MOVED QUICKLY
56. SMALL ISLAND (BRITISH)
57. PROSECUTOR
58. A TYPE OF MONK
63. PICTURES OR SCULPTURES OF THE VIRGIN MARY
65. AREA OF MUDDY GROUND
66. SADDLE HORSES
67. FASTING IN ISLAM

**CLUES DOWN**

1. ENGINE ADDITIVE
2. ATM COMPANY
3. SATISFACTION
4. PARK LUNCH
5. REMARKS TO THE AUDIENCE
6. RESINOUS SUBSTANCE
7. EXPRESSION OF SORROW OR PITY
8. RHYTHMIC PATTERNS
9. "WESTWORLD" ACTRESS HARRIS
10. PUBLISHED FALSE STATEMENT
11. ABILITY TO BE RESOURCEFUL
13. SMALL, HERRINGLIKE FISH
15. 2,000 LBS.
17. SCRAPED
18. ONE POINT EAST OF DUE SOUTH
21. BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT
23. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
24. RESEMBLES A POUCH
27. GENUS OF BADGERS
29. DANIEL FRANCOIS \_\_, SOUTH AFRICAN P.M.
32. PULL UP A CHAIR
34. EGG OF A LOUSE
35. REMOVED
36. CATCHES POACHERS
39. FALL BACK
40. SPORTS EQUIPMENT
43. STROKE GENTLY
44. JEANS AND JACKETS
46. FIRS GENUS
47. GREENWICH TIME
49. "WINGS" ACTOR
51. DISHONORABLE MAN
54. STIFF, HAIRLIKE STRUCTURE
59. SNAG
60. PORTUGUESE RIVER
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**Friends of Plainville Library**  
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**38th Annual Golf Outing**  
**Tuesday, September 17TH**  
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The following grant cycles are open; the deadlines and basic eligibility criteria are:

- Men & Boys' Fund: Available to organizations serving men and boys in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott; the deadline to apply is September 6.
- Women & Girls' Fund: Available to organizations serving women and girls in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott; September 13 is the deadline to apply.
- Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust: Available to nonprofits supporting the health and wellbeing of Southington residents; the deadline to apply is September 13.
- Burlington Community Fund: Available to organizations serving Burlington residents; September 13 is the deadline to apply.

Interested organizations are required to contact Kate Kerchaert, Director of Grants and Programs, at 860.583.6363 to discuss the proposal before submitting an application.

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## "Ask Sheila"

These are general questions and answers; you may not have these exact circumstances. *If you would like individualized help, please give me a call and we can sit down and talk.*

Q-1: I received a letter saying I have a Late Enrollment Penalty because I didn't sign up for Part D Drug coverage when I turned 65. I was covered by my employer Health Plan until I recently retired at 70. Now what do I do?

A-1: You will need contact the Center for Medicare Services at CMS.gov and get a "Part D Late Enrollment Penalty (LEP) Reconsideration Request Form" and provide evidence of prior creditable prescription drug coverage from your employer.

Q-2: I am currently working and plan to retire next summer when I turn 65. Can I sign up for Medicare now, so everything will be set ahead of time?

A-2: No; you cannot sign up for Medicare until your Initial Enrollment Period. This begins 3 month prior to your 65th Birthday, includes the month of your Birthday and the three months after your Birthday. You can review how Medicare works and explore the plans available ahead of time, but you cannot sign up until you have a qualifying Enrollment Period.

Q-3: I've recently been diagnosed with diabetes, will Medicare help pay for my required supplies and medications?

A-3: With Original Medicare you'll generally need to pay a copayment of 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for the doctor's services, equipment and supplies, after the yearly Part B deductible. If you are enrolled in a Drug Plan (Part D) the drug costs are determined by the plan's formulary.

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

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

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

### {Jake faves}

My favorite auto repair shop (Parsons Buick) retired and I was worried about where to have my car serviced. I now can say my favorite shop to take care of my car is Mike's Auto Shop on Farmington Ave. The friendly, honest staff is the place to go for service that is hard to find today!

### {Susie raves}

I can not say enough about the Bolo Bakery in the center of town. They have the best cakes, no matter what the occasion. The cakes are decorated I believe by an artist, they are so beautiful.

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

Just a few of the many pictures and captions that were taken and written by Jeannette Hinkson, Editor of The Plainville Hometown Connection. If you turn back to page 6, you will understand why this move to 27 Sherman Street was so memorable. She was the general contractor on the remodeling of the first floor apartment into a newspaper office. As the General contractor she secured all the tradesmen as volunteers, making the non-profit 501c Plainville Community News, publishers of the Hometown Connection. Heartfelt thanks to everyone that made this possible!



**HELEN BERGENTY-PRESIDENT /FOUNDER**  
"Oh, was this supposed to be in last month's edition?  
Does anyone know the names of these people?"



**BOB HINKSON & JOHN KISLUK**  
Put the finishing touches on the sign designating the  
new location of The Plainville Hometown Connection  
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**ATTORNEY WILLIAM BARRANTÉ**  
"What do you mean they want to sue?  
Don't move I'll muster my men."



"What's the problem today???"



**JEANNETTE HINKSON / EDITOR**  
"From My Balcony"  
"I am not afraid up here on my balcony,  
after Frank gave me a rope to tie around my neck  
just in case I should fall!"



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**KRIS DARGENIO**  
"Layout & Design"  
"Ha, Ha, Ha, you want me to do all this by when?"



**JIM KLATT / RARE REMINDER NEWSPAPER**  
"Deadline, What Deadline?  
I'll Get Right on It!!"



**SHIRLEY HINKSON & ELAINE CORORES**  
"Labeling / Mailing"  
"OK, Elaine, you put the labels on and  
I'M going to read the paper."



**COLETTE SPADA/RARE REMINDER**  
"Oh Lord, help me, The Hometown Connection."

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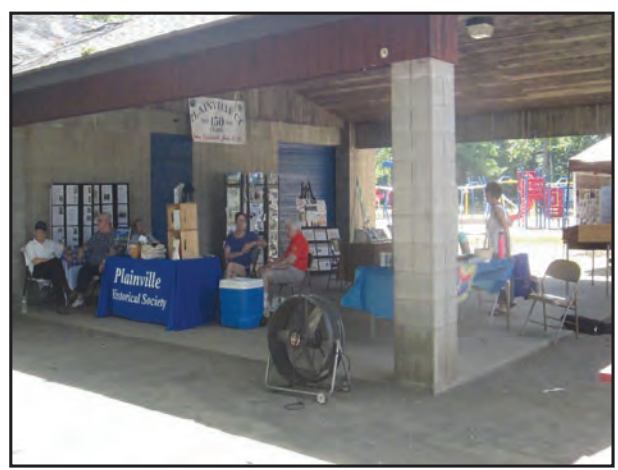


# PLAINVILLE CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

## JULY 21ST, 2019

## NORTON PARK

Photo Credit: Marilyn Shorette





## Sally Miller Receives Ava McCrory Award

The Anita Ava House for Women provides housing and services for homeless women and children. On August 24, 2019 they held their 2nd Annual Fund Raising Golf Tournament and Dinner, which was held at the Keney Park Golf Course in Hartford. Also, this year, the organization



recognized two women from the Greater Hartford area for contributions made within their local community. Regina Lester-Harriat was presented the Anita Harris Award for excellence as an educator and Sally Miller, the Ava McCrory Award for

excellence as a humanitarian.

This is the second award for Ms Miller. In 2017, she was named one of the 25 most Influential African Americans in the Region by the NAACP.

Sally is Past President of AARP chapter 4146. During her tenure, she increased membership by 50% and the chapter was named Connecticut Chapter of the Year. She is presently in charge of Ways and Means and Travel Coordinator for the chapter and coordinates over 25 trips a year as a fund raiser. Monies brought in from these trips help benefit many local charities.

Sally serves as one of the Trustees, for the Plainville Cemetery Association and is Chairperson for the Town of Plainville Committee on Aging. She has delivered balloons and cards to shut-ins on behalf of the Plainville Senior Center and for the last 6 years has been in charge of the Annual Tag Sale at the center. This Tag Sale brings in over \$1,700 for dial-a-ride. Sally Miller was part of the Planning Committee for the town's 150th anniversary this year. She is an award winning published writer and writes a monthly column for the local paper, Hometown Connection. Sally is mother to daughter Cheryl Gentles, has 3 grandchildren, Tony, Nicky and Sara and 2 great grandchildren.



## Rep. William A. Petit, Jr. Receives Favorable Score From CT Business Association

HARTFORD – Connecticut's leading business organization has recently released their '2019 State House Voting Records' with State Representative William A. Petit Jr. (R-22) receiving a favorable score for his continued support of pro-business policies.

"Small and medium businesses create the most jobs and hire the most people in Connecticut," Rep. Petit said. "We need to provide adequate oversight to protect consumers rights and safety, but not micromanage policies and mandate hefty expenses that will slow business growth and prevent more businesses from opening, thus suppressing job growth and the overall economy. We need to do more listening unless

law creation." The Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA) annually rates lawmakers based on their votes in committee or the House floor on a series of 'key bills' determined by the association on Connecticut's economic competitiveness and business climate. Votes that support the business community's position would reflect positively, while votes against would result in a lowered score.

This session, the bills included supporting manufacturing jobs and careers, while opposing the paid FMLA mandate, minimum wage, state-run healthcare, and state budget to name a few.

CBIA is Connecticut's leading business organization - with a membership comprised of hundreds of small, medium and large-sized businesses around the state.

## Madalaine Laudano Completes Apprentice Optician Program



Madalaine Laudano has successfully navigated the Apprentice Optician program in the great state of Connecticut and has passed the practical examination. The three part exam is given on two different days twice a year with 25 to 30 applicants yielding 20% or fewer passing grades. As usual 20% of 30 or so applicants passed the exam this time around.

Maddy will celebrate her 8th Anniversary employed by Plainville Optical Inc. in October.

Maddy put the effort and concentration into her training and her results showed that. She has been an excellent student and employee who is well liked by staff, doctors and patients.

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# Young at Heart - Senior News

## Looking for Volunteers to Help with the Annual Quilt Raffle!

Once again this fall, our Quilting Class will present us with a beautiful hand-stitched quilt that class members worked on all year. The quilt will be raffled off at our Annual Craft Fair in November.

We need lots of help to sell quilt raffle tickets in September and October. Can you spare a few hours?

We're looking for volunteers to sell tickets from 10 a.m. to noon or noon to 2 p.m. at Gnazzo's on September 12, 13, 26, or 27. We also need ticket sellers the following month from 10 a.m. to noon or noon to 2 p.m. at Gnazzo's on October 10, 11, 24, 25. We hope to get all our volunteers and back-ups lined up soon, so please call or check in with Evelyn or Jan at the front desk — 860-747-5728.

## VETERANS' BENEFITS WORKSHOP THURSDAY, SEPT. 12, 10:00 A.M.

If you're a veteran, be sure to attend this program with Jason Coppola, Veterans Service Officer from the State Office of Advocacy and Assistance. Jason is very knowledgeable about all the ins and outs of veterans benefits, and will describe how he can help veterans who are trying to access federal and state benefits — including financial, medical, home care matters and more. Sign-up begins July 2.

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR MEDICARE CHOICES & BENEFITS CHECK-UP MONDAY, SEPT. 23, 5 P.M. AT PLAINVILLE LIBRARY

Are you new to Medicare, turning 65, or deciding on retirement? You will need to make important decisions about your health care coverage.

- Traditional Medicare
- Medicare Advantage

All of these choices can make your head spin! Join Stephanie Soucy, Senior Center Social Worker, as she discusses the Medicare options available to you, so you can make an informed choice. Stephanie will also discuss how Benefits Enrollment Centers help people determine their eligibility for state and local benefits, like the Medicare Savings Program, SNAP, heat

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## Margaret Carmichael of Plainville Presented with Monthly Caregiver Honor Award

Margaret Carmichael, a CNA with Assisted Living Services, Inc., is considered "one of the family" by the wife and children of her client John Chabot. The combination of that close relationship and exemplary personal care earned Carmichael of Plainville the homecare agency's most prestigious distinction for the month of June. The entire Chabot family gathered on July 24, 2019 to celebrate with Carmichael as she was presented with the \$5,000 Platinum Caregiver Award.

"It's always gratifying to see the bonds our caregivers form not only with the person they are assisting, but with the entire extended family," said Mario D'Aquila, MBA and Chief Operating Officer of ALS in Meriden. "As a family-owned and operated homecare agency, we understand the importance of matching the caregiver to the client so that the best working relationship can be established and maintained."

A glowing review from Chabot's wife, Christina, also reflected the gratitude of their three adult children for Carmichael's compassionate service as an assistant and driver for their loved one.

Carmichael is a CNA (Certified Nursing Aide) with many years of experience. She has been an employee of Assisted Living Services since March 2019. In addition to a check for \$5,000, the monthly Platinum Caregiver Award includes a beautiful crystal statue and a certificate of merit.



Pictured with Margaret are from left to right: Mario D'Aquila, Chief Operating Officer of Assisted Living Services, Inc., presents Margaret Carmichael of Plainville with the monthly \$5,000 Platinum Caregiver Award on July 24, 2019, along with Lynne Schmidt, Director of Marketing and Hourly Services for ALS.

Photo courtesy of: Assisted Living Services, Inc.

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# PLAINVILLE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

## INDUCTION CEREMONY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 5th

The Plainville Sports Hall of Fame will celebrate its 21st Annual Induction Banquet on Saturday, October 5, 2019. The banquet will be held at Nuchie's Restaurant, 164 Central Street in Forestville CT. The Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Banquet is an event to recognize the accomplishments and successes of athletes of Plainville who have brought pride to the Plainville High School and our community. Individual Inductees include Class of 1962 Harold "Curly" Bartley, Class of 1964 John Mangan, Class of 1975 Rose Marie Havelevitch Dugas, Class of 2004 Jesse Cavallaro and Coach Phil Mannarino. John Bello will receive the Distinguished Service Award. The festivities will begin with a cash bar social hour at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM with the awards following immediately. The cost for a ticket is \$50 or \$450 for a table of 10 people and can be purchased at the Dental Offices of Dr. Rusty Camp at 359 Farmington Ave, Angelo's Modern Barber Shop at 61 East St. Peoples United Bank at 117 East St. and Gnazzo Food Center 73 East Street in Plainville or through Pay Pal or Venmo.

In conjunction with the banquet the committee prepares an event program and are hopeful that you will be a valued supporter of the inductees or advertiser. Revenues from this program assure the future of the Sports Hall of Fame, the Induction banquet and the Sports Hall of Fame Founders Award presented annually to a graduating senior at PHS. Please contact Mike Bakaysa @ 860-573-8015 or Byron Treado @ 860-836-3377 for details or you can visit our new website [www.plainvillesports.com](http://www.plainvillesports.com) for more information about the Plainville Sports Hall of Fame.

### PHIL MANNARINO

is one of the most successful coaches in the history of Plainville High School. Phil as the varsity head coach of the girls softball program for 22 years never experiencing a losing season. He lead his teams to more than 300 wins. His teams won six league championships in 1982, 1983, 1994, 1995, 2001 and 2002 and were Class M State finalists in 1986. Phil coached 10 ALL STATE and 50 All Conference student athletes. While coaching PHS softball, he was also the Varsity girls soccer coach at Bristol Eastern High School and combined for more than 450 wins over 24 years.

In his early years, Phil graduated from St. Anthony's High School as a three-sport start and captain of the baseball, basketball and soccer teams. He played baseball at Central Connecticut State College where he graduated in 1968. He also played in the Greater Hartford Twilight League and was later a volunteer baseball coach in little league, Pony League and American Legion.

Phil taught in the Plainville Community School system for 35 years.



### JOHN MANGAN

John graduated in 1964 and was a two Sport Athlete in Football and Track Football. He lettered in 1961, 1962, and 1963. He was also a two-year starter on the offensive and defensive lines.

During his time on the team he lead them in tackles in 1963 with 64 and was voted the teams "Defensive Player" of 1963. He was also Nominated for All-state lineman in 1963.

His Track & Field performance was also outstanding. John Lettered in 1961 and was a member of the 1961 State Championship Team, His events were the pole vault, 100yd, and 400yd dash.

He also served Plainville as 30+ Years with the Plainville Volunteer Fire Department reaching the rank of Second Assistant Chief



### JESSE CAVALLARO

Jesse graduated from Plainville High School in 2004 as a two-sport athlete in Soccer and Wrestling. Is considered one of the best wrestlers in Plainville High School Wrestling history and had a very successful Soccer career. In Wrestling he accumulated 173 total career wins which is the second most wins in Connecticut High School history. In almost 200 career matches remarkably was only pinned once (Freshman year). He was able to reach the elite 100-win milestone halfway through his Junior year. Jesse was able to win four straight Northwest Conference Championship Titles which made him the fifth wrestler in league history to achieve this milestone. He finished in the "Top 3" in all four years in the CIAC Class Wrestling Meets. Winning State Championships his Sophomore year; 2002 Class M State Champion, 103lb weight class and also his Senior year; 2004 Class S State Champion, 119lb weight class. In both of these years he was also the CIAC State Open Champion as well. Reached New England Championships in the 119lb weight class in 2004, where he finished second losing in double overtime. This match was voted the "Most Exciting to Watch". Received the Outback Steak House Athlete of the Week featured in ESPN2 in 2004. Served as a team captain in his Junior and Senior year. Led the 2004 team to a Northwest Conference Title and a second-place team finish in Class S which is the best finish in Plainville wrestling History.

Jesse was a four-year varsity starter on the Boys Soccer team as a Mid-Fielder. Receiving All-Northwest Conference Honors and All-New Britain Herald three times. He served as a captain his senior year and was also named to the Connecticut All State 2nd Team in the same year. A member of the CT Olympic Development Team during Sophomore and Junior year. Went on and played college soccer at Salve Regina University.



### HAROLD "CURLY" BARTLEY

Harold graduated from PHS in 1962 where he was a two-sport star in basketball and track & field. Curly was a key contributor on the hardwood as a forward and strong defender who also provided scoring and rebounding that helped the Blue Devils to the 1961 State Championship and the 1962 State finals earning second team ALL STATE honors. One of Curley's primary assignments in practice was defending Earle Jackson who as Curley says "I got more elbows and hits in the head in practice than against any other team because Earle believed that every ball was his". That assignment clearly provided dividends as the team earned two consecutive trips to the State finals.

Track & field is where Curly left an impressive mark as a four-year letterman. He was the first freshman to "letter and sweater" in track and field and placed in the high hurdles at the State meet. He lettered all four years with success in the high hurdles, high jump and long jump and was elected captain of the 1962 team. As a senior, Curly set the school record in the long jump of 22'1/4". He was one of five members of the '62 track and field team to qualify and place in the New England's meet at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME. Curley played on 4 consecutive State Championship Track and Field teams where the team won 48 dual meets in a row.

Curly says that his coaches, Pat Riera in basketball and Dino Iorli and Fred Kallback in track and field taught not only sports, but lessons of the value of teamwork and comradery that were useful later in life. The message that he remembers best is that "track and field is individual events that require being a team to have success". He remembers Saturday practices running up hills and walking back down and repeating it several times and the comradery that it helps to develop. "The team worked hard but we played hard too".

After high school, Curly served two years in the Army that included one year in Vietnam. Amazingly, one night Curly ran into his friend Earle Jackson and the two enjoyed a few "cold ones" together before parting ways in the morning. He retired from Bath Iron Works in Bath Maine as a ship fitter building destroyers for the Navy. He currently resides in Florida with his wife Betty.



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# Plainville Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony "Distinguished Service Honoree" \*\*\*JOHN BELLO\*\*\*

John graduated from Plainville High School in 1964 where he played football alongside Hall of Famers John Mangan and Larry Amara. He was Student Council president and was named to the National Honor Society. Bello went on to matriculate at Tufts University where he graduated cum laude in 1968. There, he played football for two years, was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, and played drums in a rock band called "The What Four." While at Tufts he also met the former Nancy Nelson whom he married in 1969.

Upon his graduation from Tufts, Bello was commissioned an officer in the United States Navy. As a Naval Lieutenant, John volunteered for Vietnam where he served supporting river boats in the Mekong Delta. He was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V for meritorious service.

Post Navy, John earned an MBA as an Edward Tuck Scholar at the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth. Afterwards, he worked in marketing roles at General Foods and PepsiCo. In 1979 he joined NFL Properties (NFLP), the marketing and merchandising arm of the National Football League, where he ascended to the position of President in 1986. During his 14-year stewardship, NFLP grew from \$6 million in annual revenue to over \$3 billion in sales in 1993.

After his departure from the NFL, Bello created the South Beach Beverage Company, named after the trendy South Beach area of Miami. Based in Connecticut, the company marketed a line of exotic juice blends and ready-to-drink iced teas under the brand name SoBe. From its creation in 1995, SoBe's sales rose rapidly climbing to \$275 million by 2000 when it was sold to PepsiCo. In 2001, Ernst and Young named John its national entrepreneur of the year in the consumer product category.

Despite his success, John Bello has not forgotten his Plainville roots. He has been a consistent and ongoing "behind the scenes" supporter of sports and civic causes to his hometown. As a helper, he

is willing to share the benefits of his success, and experience and has shown himself to be a genuine, caring and proud supporter of the town of Plainville. He established an annual scholarship in his parents' name for Plainville High graduates and makes it a point to attend the award ceremony to remind the students to thank their parents, teachers, and coaches for all their support, love, and attention. At Plainville High and other schools, he reminds students of the value of hard work and the ability to rise with the simple message "if I can do it, so can you. But you have to do the work." John made a personal donation and secured a Pepsi sponsorship for the Skate Park in Plainville. In 2004, John brought national attention to the Plainville Fire Department having Jimmy Ross as a featured on package spokesman for the Firefighter Brand of energy drinks and foods. As an appreciative thank you for his mentoring of many and personal help in his college search, John entertained an emotional Charlie Palmer, his high school football coach, and his entire family at Super Bowl XXIII in Miami. Attending a Super Bowl in his lifetime was a dream for Coach Palmer whose entire life centered around football. On a continuous basis, John supports the Plainville township, kids, and events with donations of NFL and SoBe merchandise, beverages, tickets and financial support and sponsorships. In 1959, he brought national attention to Plainville when he made Eagle Scout at age 12, making him the youngest in history to do so at that time. When he was honored by the Boy Scouts of America at the Plaza Hotel in NY in 1993, he dedicated the night to his scoutmaster, Frank Flanagan, and brought the entire Flanagan family to the event. Given his success, John is often interviewed and never fails to mention Plainville, his family, PHS and his hometown friends for forging the important foundation and basis for all of his accomplishments.

Bello resides in Scottsdale, Arizona and Rye, New York, with his wife Nancy. The couple has three grown children: Lauren, Lindsay and John Michael and four grandchildren.

## RoseMarie Havelevitch Dugas 1975 PHS Graduate



A perfect blend of athletic prowess and academic excellence, who not only was a student athlete, but also a scholar athlete as well. A three-sport standout held in the highest regard by her teammates, classmates, and chosen 1975 class valedictorian. RoseMarie excelled in tennis (4 years),

basketball (4 years) and volleyball. She was captain of both her tennis and volleyball teams. In tennis she competed as the number one singles player as well as in doubles. In basketball she was a defensive stalwart known for her aggressive rebounding while averaging eleven points per game as a forward and center on the Blue Devil team that qualified for the Class M State Tournament her senior season. RoseMarie excelled in volleyball, laying the groundwork for Plainville's first volleyball team (1974) competing in the Colonial Conference.

RoseMarie received numerous athletic and academic awards that culminated and highlighted her celebrated P.H.S. accomplishments, including being named The Plainville Backers Club 1975 female athlete of the year, along with the Betty Riera Sports Award. Academically she received the State of Connecticut Scholar Award, Bauch Lomb Science Award, Oscar Provencher Social Studies Award, Harvey Kalish/Nicole Margonelli English Award and the Trinity Book Award. RoseMarie continued her education and graduated from St. Joseph's College in West Hartford with a B.S. degree in nursing. During her college years she played number one singles, while continuing her academic excellence, becoming a Deans List student and a member of the Nurses Honor Society

After her college graduation, Rosemarie began her nursing career as a registered nurse working in the Central Connecticut area. She currently resides and works in the Southeastern Connecticut area. Additionally, she is the proud mother of three children and also a grandmother of three. Athletically she continued her life long love of basketball and tennis, competing in several amateur leagues and tennis tournaments. She also has instilled her love of sports into younger athletes by volunteering and coaching girls and boy's basketball teams, as well as girls softball and Little League baseball.

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The advent of autumn, especially sweet this year, following the hottest summer on record, brings a welcome fresh season at the Historic Center. The faithful volunteers have cleared away the popular summer exhibit which closed on August 24, to prepare for the September program.

## AUTUMN HOURS

The building is open beginning September 4 on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 until noon, and Saturday between 1 and 3 in the afternoon. Check out the Museum Shoppe.

## ALWAYS REMEMBER

**Tuesday**

**September 11th, 2001**

**The Plainville Historical Society welcomes new members throughout the year.**

*Bill & Barbara Petit  
Membership Co-Chairs*

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## “40 Days for Life”

Archbishop Leonard P. Blair has approved the “40 Days for Life” campaign in the Archdiocese of Hartford. The Pro-Life Ministry of the Archdiocese is organizing the “40 days for Life” campaign with its mission of bringing together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God’s favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion.

The campaign consists of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes, and prayerful vigils at Hartford GYN center (abortion clinic).

The “40 Days for Life” campaign is now international with over 6,000 campaigns in 855 cities and 61 countries.

The “40 Days for Life” campaign runs from September 25th through November 3rd.

## Plainville Senior Center Offering Free Veterans Benefits Workshop

Veterans in and around Plainville are invited to this free presentation on veteran’s benefits on Thursday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the Plainville Senior Center. Don’t miss this very worthwhile program, presented by Jason Coppola, Veterans Service Officer from the State Office of Advocacy and Assistance. Jason is uniquely prepared to not only provide a thorough overview of the numerous benefits available to veterans and their families, but also to answer veterans’ unique questions.

Mr. Coppola is knowledgeable about the ins and outs of veterans benefits, and shares how he can help veterans who are trying to access federal and state benefits — including financial, medical, home care matters and more.

The Plainville Senior Center is at 200 East Street, Plainville. Please register by calling the Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

Campgrounds. This type of living is known to improve longevity and satisfaction, especially for those who spend the camp season near their children, grandchildren, other family or friends.

An 11 member Board runs the organization and is responsible for the land and common buildings. But individuals own and keep up the 87 cottages.

The site is open from May 1 to October 31, when residents head for winter homes, but five residents and a groundskeeper stay year round. There are very affordable ownership opportunities.

Cottages range in price from \$30- 85,000. Annual costs are kept low.

*To learn more about the Campgrounds, go to [www.plainvillecampgrounds.org](http://www.plainvillecampgrounds.org); email to [info@plainvillecampgrounds.org](mailto:info@plainvillecampgrounds.org). Find us on Facebook at Plainville Campground. Or stop by if you are in the area at 320 Camp Street in Plainville (just south of U.S. Route 6, where Farmington meets Bristol).*

## CONNECTICUT – THE CONSTITUTION STATE

The Historical Society will begin its fall season with the program “Your State Constitutional Rights” presented by Attorney Wesley W. Horton on Tuesday, September 3. We are fortunate to have Attorney Horton speak on such an important and relevant subject. The state constitution outlines the framework of your rights under the law. Connecticut was the first state in the union to ratify a constitutional form of government and we claim this honor.

Attorney Horton has practiced law in Hartford since 1970 and is well-known for handling appeals before the appellate courts including the Supreme Court. He holds many professional roles including the presidency of the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society. He is a published author, truly an expert and scholar of our constitution. We are fortunate to host him through the insight and efforts of David Pipeling.

The program at 7 PM on September 3 is open to the public and free of charge. The building will open at 6:30. Light refreshments will be served. There is elevator access to the upstairs meeting room.

## CONNECTICUT FREEDOM TRAIL MONTH

Please consider a personal tribute to Connecticut’s historical freedom trail during this month. Whatever is meaningful to you. My suggestion is that you read a great book, *The Cherokee Rose* authored by Tiya Miles. It is lovely heartwarming story set in a 1800s era mansion in Georgia soon after the emancipation of the slaves. Charmingly presented by the author with endearing, clearly defined characters, this tale is full of life, love and mutual respect.

*It is available at the Plainville Public Library.*  
*...Janice Eisenhauer*

## CLOSE TO HOME

Gail Williams, our African-American Historian reminds us that Plainville is proud to have been a stop on the Underground Railroad. The Norton House was located on the north side of East Main Street near the center to town .

## OCTOBER – PUMPKINFEST

*Plan to visit us at the Pumpkin Festival!*

*29 Pierce Street*

## Vote Row A

To the Editor:

I would like to remind all Republican voters that there will be a primary vote on September 10th for the seats on the Town Council and Board of Education in November town election.

The Republican Town Committee held a vote to endorse candidate who really are the only choice to properly represent all the citizens and their financial interests as taxpayers.

Since this primary will cost the taxpayers approximately \$6,000.00. how about if we get our money’s worth and have a huge turnout for this important vote.

I urge all voters to vote the candidates on Row A.

*John Kisluk*

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## Affordable Snowbirding

*By: Rich Batholomew*

The Plainville Historic Campgrounds came into existence over 154 years ago. Through the decades, its residents have made the Campgrounds a centerpiece of their retirement strategy. Many of them grew up and lived nearby. Later in life, they purchased and refurbished a Campground cottage and also bought a winter home.

The Campgrounds have a rich community history. We began as a summer church retreat, evolved into a gathering place for learning and personal renewal and continue today as a strong, non-profit, social organization. Campgrounders live and work together in what some experts call an “intentional” community. We frequently have meals together and engage in group activities (golf, non-denominational religious services, movies, game nights, etc.).

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# 10 years!

This summer I read the delightful and poignant book "The Art of Racing in the Rain". If you are a dog lover this is a must read as the whole book is narrated through the eyes of Enzo, a thoughtful pup who will steal your heart. The phrase "your car goes where your eyes go" was used over and over again and it got me thinking about the relationship to a few other topics that have been on my mind lately.

One of these other topics that my friends and I have recently adopted is, "10 years!". We say it whenever we are at a crossroad and a choice needs to be made. We immediately get its meaning. It's our way of reminding ourselves that time has a way of slipping by and to take advantage of the opportunities now that may not be available in 10 years and to recognize the decisions we make today can either enhance our life 10 years out or limit it.

Actually, when I think of it, I've used this thinking for a long time when advising others or myself to move out of procrastination. An example is

when an option to take a course of study presents itself and there is hesitation because of the time commitment. My typical response has been, "Well, 1 (or more) years is going to go by anyway, so won't you be better off in the future if you start today".

The other topic that plays into my thought process is Mindfulness. This popular term tells us to not be consumed by the past or future and to stay in the present moment.

Do all these concepts work together? Your car goes where your eyes go? Have a Vision  
10 years!  
Take Action  
Mindfulness  
Be present

I think so. We need to have goals, we need to have a plan of how to get there and to take positive, swift action. We need to have enough mindfulness of our present situation to help recognize what areas of life are providing the most satisfaction and which ones are stopping the flow of our true energy. You can feel the answers in your heart and body if you stay still for a moment and listen. This can drive our vision and

actions. While my friends and I are at retirement age and 10 years may have more significance for us, I'm feel that at any adult age, these 3 concepts can be useful.

In every decade of life there is time for fun, being in the moment and adventure. There is room to take risks and recover, to win, lose, for sadness, joy and many lessons learned and course corrections. The key is to be able to pick yourself up, focus on where you want to go and keep moving in that direction. It's not a competition, it's a lifestyle.

Wherever you are in life, your health plays an vital role in your future. You can benefit today and tomorrow by eating a healthy diet, exercising and to stop (or not start) smoking. For instance, two weeks after you quit smoking your lung function also increases as much as 30%, notes the University of Michigan. At one year you will have saved thousands of dollars. Five years after you stop smoking, your risk of death from lung cancer has dropped by half compared to when you smoked, according to the University of North Carolina. At the

decade mark, your risk of dying due to lung cancer has decreased to that of a nonsmoker. The cells that were previously precancerous are now replaced with healthy cells.

Overtime the benefits of a healthy diet include better mood, less chance of disease, better sleep and more energy. In a study published by the British Journal of Health Psychology, participants who ate more fruit and vegetables reported feeling more engaged, creative and purposeful on a day-to-day basis. Incorporating a few apples and leafy greens into your diet can help you look ahead 10 years and like the future vision of yourself.

Where will your 10 years take you? Set your eyes on where you want the car to go. Take stock of your starting off point. Take the positive actions today that will enable your success.

The advice in this column is in no way intended as medical advice or as a substitute for medical counseling. The information should be used in conjunction with the guidance and care of your physician.

## Make My Day....

by: Raymond Cormier~Phone 860-747-4119  
email: hmtnn@comcast.net

Have you ever had someone do something that made your day? Be it an employee of a business, a police officer, town worker, neighbor or even a co-worker that you would like to thank.

Perhaps you would like to thank a neighbor for a kindness and we would like to help you give this person recognition for a job well done. If this person works for a local business we are sure his or her employer would love to hear his or her employee is going that extra few steps to help their customers.

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## Made My Day!!

I had a rental car and needed gas. I stopped at a gas station (these days you pump your own) you guessed it, I didn't know how to open the gas cover.

As I struggled to open the cover, a nice young man asked if he could help me. I was delighted. He opened the front door of the car and pushed a button that opened the cover.

He not only helped me open the gas tank he proceeded to pump the gas for me. He saved my day.

Joan B.



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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Please join me in supporting the Endorsed Republican Slate for Town Council; Kathy Pugliese, Deborah Tompkins, Ty Cox, David Underwood and Jacob Rocco; and for Board of Education; Rachel Childress Buchanan at the Republican Primary on Tuesday-September 10, 2019 from 6am-8pm at your voting district location. Voting ROW A in This Primary will support these loyal, trusted and very talented team of hard-working residents who will keep Plainville as a great place to live, work and enjoy our families and life here in town!

Gayle Dennehy-Carrier  
Plainville RTC Chair

Dear Editor:

I am supporting Rachel (Childress) Buchanan for the two year term for Board of Education in the Plainville Republican Primary September 10th.

Rachel is a life long resident of Plainville having raised her family here. I believe she has the commitment and knowledge to be a great asset to the Board of Education. She is a dedicated team member of the endorsed slate and I fully support her in the November election.

Please vote Row A – Rachel Childress Buchanan, Republican for the two year term on the Plainville Board of Education.

Deb Hardy  
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**LETTER TO EDITOR**

As a new school year begins and as we approach the 18th anniversary of 9/11, it's appropriate to discuss what our students should be learning about Islam, and why.

Understandably, teachers and administrators may try to avoid any material that could potentially embarrass (or upset) members of the community. There are, however, higher priorities.

For several decades, Islam has been treated with kid gloves. Many textbooks (as demonstrated in studies done by the American Textbook Council, ACT for America, and Citizens for National Security) sugar-coat Islam, in some cases making it appear even more benign than Christianity or Judaism. Such whitewashing, though, may encourage students to convert to Islam, without ever having learned about the death penalty for leaving Islam (or any of the many other human rights abuses in Islam). Putting our students in such a dangerous position should be considered criminal negligence.

And it's not only students lacking background in Islam who are at risk. Imagine being a prepubescent Muslim girl who has been sent abroad for female genital mutilation or is to be married to a much older man who can then legally (under sharia) beat his wife. Or consider a Coptic Christian boy who knows the truth. How would they feel having to regurgitate on tests the rosy falsehoods they've been taught in school?

Has your child's education included these tenets of Islamic law (all of which are found in the Reliance of the Traveller)?

The killing of gays and apostates; No penalty for a Muslim who kills his child, grandchild, or a non-Muslim; and many more.

We should all pay homage to 9/11 victims by speaking to teachers, administrators and BOE members about the need for the whole truth and nothing but the truth in classrooms

*Jane Bate*

**THE TEA PARTY CREED...**  
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*Plainville's Summer Happenings ~ In Case You were on Vacation*

**Plainville's 150th Anniversary**  
 Town wide Family Picnic at Norton Park. The 150th Coins were sold out before the day of the picnic.

**Chip's Family Restaurant 5 K Road Race** benefiting the Petit Family Foundation.

**The 35th Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival**, sponsored by the Plainville Fire Company was held August 23rd, 24th, and 25th.

**Mary Poppins, a musical** was presented by the No Boundaries Youth Theater at the Plainville High School in July.

**Nico Fasold's, Lemonade Stand** benefiting the "Make a Wish Foundation. This year marked 10 years of the fund raiser. Nico was 4 years old when he started the Lemonade Stand. Congratulation, keep up the good work.

**FREE! Bible Camp**  
 Church of the Bible, 160 West Main Street held camp for children 4-12 year sold in August.

**AAA Speaks Out: Americans Don't Think They'll Get Arrested for Driving High**

Nearly 70% of Americans think it is unlikely a driver will be arrested for driving while high on marijuana, according to a new AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety survey.

The alarming findings show that an estimated 14.8 million drivers report getting behind the wheel within one hour after using marijuana in the past 30 days.

"These numbers are both startling and disturbing as we head into the busy summer driving season, with 'legal' marijuana available just to our north," says Amy Parmenter, spokesperson for AAA in Greater Hartford. "It is critical that drivers understand the increased risk when driving under the influence of marijuana but the new research indicates that, clearly, they do not".

Previous research indicates the impairing effects of marijuana usually occur within the first one to four hours after using the drug. And, marijuana users who drive high are up to twice as likely to be involved in a crash.

Across the country, law enforcement officers are taking part in training specifically designed to help identify and arrest drug-impaired drivers. However, local and state police here in Connecticut lag in participation in these programs.

**Plainville Historic Center introduces a new exhibit.** The exhibit is open Wednesdays 9 am to 2 pm and Saturdays 1 to 3 pm. The center is located on 29 Pierce Street.

**Recreation Department Fun Day** was held at Norton Park. The bazaar of activity booths for the kids to enjoy. It is the 14th year of this event.

**17th Annual Wing Ding** contest was held in July. Hundreds of people came to honor the memory of Officer Robert M Holcomb. The event was held at the VFW Post 574 on Northwest Drive.

**Norton Park Summer Concerts** held every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in July and August. The concerts are FREE!

**Candidates for 2019 Election** are selected for both the Democrats and Republicans. (Month of July)

**Former State Representative Betty Boukus**

Representative Betty Boukus was honored with an unveiling of a plaque by Town representatives and family at Norton Park.

**Splash Pad at Paderewski Park** was a big hit this summer, as was the Norton Park pool.

**Police Chief Matthew Catania** was recognized as **Police Chief of the year by the Community Law Enforcement Awards and Recognition (CLEAR) dinner in New Haven.**

**American Legion Post 33 Car Show** was held in July at the Legion Post. With DJ Food and Fun.

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**Ask the Brayne...**

**Q. I am an unaffiliated voter, could I register Republican in time to vote in the primary?**  
**A. You could change your affiliation up to the day of the vote, just go to the Town Hall and the Town Clerk's office will assist you.**

**Q. Who published the first newspaper?**  
**A. Papers like today's paper was established by Julius Caesar in 60 BC. He had the government publish a daily bulletin for posting in the Forum. Devoted chiefly to government announcements, it was called Acta Diurna, which meant "Daily Happenings" This is just one of the early newspapers.**

**Q. Where was the 1911 Temperance Water Fountain placed after it was removed from the Plainville Central Square?**  
**A I am checking with the Historic Center, hope they can help. If not I will check with the State Library and let you know.**

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

**Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of each month.**  
**Next Issue of the Hometown will be in October.**

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

**Have a Safe Labor Day!!**

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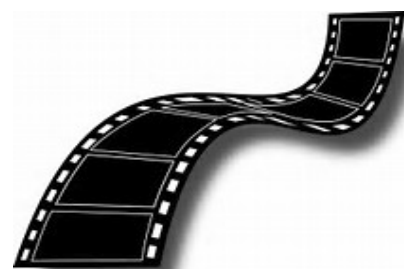
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# The Circumspect Critic

by: **Robert James O'Dell**

"Fast & Furious: Hobbs & Shaw"



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

Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw (2019)

PG-13 | 2h 17min | Action, Adventure | 2 August 2019 (USA)

Director: David Leitch

Writers: Chris Morgan (screenplay by), Drew Pearce (screenplay by) | 2 more credits »

Stars: Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham, Idris Elba

Lawman Luke Hobbs and outcast Deckard Shaw form an unlikely alliance when a cyber-genetically enhanced villain threatens the future of humanity

There is something to be said for big, loud, ludicrous, brainless entertainment. It's been around awhile now. It goes down easy with a tub of butter popcorn and a large soda. It doesn't tax the brain cells nor stir any deep seeded emotions that we sometimes go to the movies to forget. The state of worldwide affairs are quickly brushed aside replaced with the adrenaline rush of outrageous action set pieces and muted gratuitous violence that comfortably adorns the requirements of the less age restrictive "PG-13". Recent advantages in technology has allowed filmmakers to make these films bigger, louder, more astounding in terms of action stunts and authentic looking in the perils and daring dos the heroes are able to achieve. They stretch credulity in ways that tickle the thrill seeking audiences



who appreciate how impressively these impossible feats are made to look real. Throw in some affable actors to throw their screen personalities into the nonstop action and you have a formula that quenches our palate for adventure, action and mindless entertainment. Make one of these type films that scores a bullseye and the world of film franchises becomes money in your pocket.

The Fast and Furious franchise is one of the most curious ones to hit the jackpot. Starting as a modest street car racing film that was an unexpected success at the box office, it proceeded in fits and starts before stalling out completely only to be resurrected as full blown action/adventure films the likes of Mission Impossible, James Bond and Indiana Jones. They grew in size while diminishing in substance with each new entry. People seemed to respond to the theme of family loyalty that served as the heart of the ongoing

members of the returning characters. It is really superficial and a bit perfunctory in execution but audiences still seemed to respond to it. It all has proven so successful that we now have the inevitable spin off.

The characters spun off to headline their own franchise are odd ones for sure Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson) began life as a nemesis to the F&F main characters, a government agent determined to track down Dominic Toretto (Vin Diesel) the escaped convict who heads the ad hoc family at the core of the franchise. The characters eventually become allies (unlike the actors who have openly clashed). Shaw (Jason Statham) is a real stretch having entered the franchise as a cold blooded killer seeking revenge for his equally evil brother who Dominic and company had brought down. This character convergence is even more absurd based in the fact that he actually murdered one of Dominic's crew. But now for the sake of making him a part of a mismatched at odds pair of franchise heroes, Hobbs is now in possession of a beating heart and has become a wise ass, wise cracking reluctant partner to the very man who sent him to prison for life. Really? Really!

Both Johnson and Statham can play these characters and effectively pull off the combative patter between these two in their sleep and occasionally come precariously close to doing so. But there is no denying that they have a great screen chemistry and ably sling the barbs at one another with sufficient panache that is both watchable and entertaining. The material doesn't always live up to the delivery it is given but the two make an indelible impression that brings to mind Nick Nolte and Eddie Murphy in 48 Hours.

Neither are the calibre actors as those two but personally wise can meet and match them. They also get to have Idris Elba. who also rises above the material he has been given. to give us a memorable screen villain. Vanessa Kirby also is an upper case plus as Shaw's kickass sister who actually steals away many of the action fight scenes from her formidable co-stars.

The script is abysmal and the action, though well handled by director David Leitch, goes from ludicrous to downright silly. Attempts at giving the film some human drama aside from the action is gamely handled by the cast but fails to truly register with any depth.

"Hobbs and Shaw" is a text book example that you can be entertained by a mediocre film. It can certainly not be accused of being boring. It's actually a plethora of delights for all the action junkies out there. It is a solid action film. It just should have been a far better film.

Ratings: Acting: 80% Directing: 77% Script: 48% Cinematography: 93% Action Set Pieces: 93% Entertainment value: 88%

Overall Rating: 58%  
image.png n sequences, the film still feels like a letdown when all is said and done.

Ratings: Acting: 92%  
Directing: 55%  
Script: 43%

Cinematography: 96%  
Special Effects: 95%  
Character Design and Make up: 100%  
Entertainment Value: 84%  
Overall Rating: 77%

## AARP TRIPS -

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**Septembr 10, 2019 Mohegan Sun Casino.** Cost \$25. Promotional pkg. included. Bus leaves OLM at 8:00 and leaves casino at 4 p.m.

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# If You Have A Toothache..... DENTAL HEALTH

By: David R. Edelson, D.M.D.



- Tooth Decay
- A Cracked or Fractured Tooth
- Dental Trauma
- Broken Fillings or Loose Restorations
- Bruxism
- An abscessed Tooth
- Erupting and Impacted Wisdom Teeth

If you are experiencing a toothache, it's important to see your dentist for prompt and effective care. An untreated toothache can result in continued damage to the involved tooth and compromise your oral health as well as your overall well-being. With toothaches, preventing further problems and quickly resolving infections is absolutely essential. If you have a fever, swelling, or difficulty breathing or swallowing, it's imperative to get immediate care.

Your dentist is skilled and experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of toothaches. After reviewing your medical and dental histories, your dentist will examine your mouth and perform any needed diagnostic tests to precisely determine the underlying source of your toothache. Your dentist will then inform you of the treatment necessary to resolve the problem and provide the care you require to get back on the road to oral health.

While acute dental problems cannot always be predicted or avoided, by taking some simple steps to prevent injury and dental disease, many oral health problems can be avoided. Partnering with your dentist is the best way to keep your smile healthy, beautiful and problem free.

When your mouth hurts, even the simplest daily activities can feel challenging or impossible. Pain is a frequent symptom of a range of oral health conditions that can affect all aspects of your daily routine from eating and sleeping to social functioning. Whether your discomfort is due to sensitive teeth, a toothache, TMJ disorder, gum problems, impacted teeth, an infection, a mouth sore or ulceration, it's time to see your dentist for professional guidance and care.

Pain is your body's way of signaling that something is not quite right. Even though there are many reasons for oral pain, one of the most common complaints and motives for seeking urgent dental care is a toothache. While a toothache may be the result of a long-simmering problem or develop suddenly with or without an obvious explanation, anyone who has suffered one can tell you, a toothache really hurts, and it's almost impossible to focus on anything else.

While the word, toothache itself seems like enough of an explanation for dental pain, a toothache can be indicative of a myriad of underlying problems and can manifest itself in many ways. The discomfort of a toothache can range from mild to severe with pain that may be momentary, comes and goes, or is ongoing and constant. You may feel a sharp pang when eating or drinking hot and cold food or beverages. In some cases, even the pressure of biting down or touching the affected tooth or area can cause exquisite discomfort. It can also be hard to decide if the pain is coming from your upper or lower tooth, or if it is, in fact, a toothache or something else like a sinus problem or an earache.

Among the most common reasons for tooth sensitivity and pain are the following:



## Customer Service

By:  
Sally Miller

I remember how customer service was years ago. It is no where near the same today. I remember the little Plainville Hardware store that had everything in the world you would need. If you needed a box of clothespins and it only came in a box of 24 pieces and you needed 12, they would separate it for you and sell you the 12 you needed. They would always take time to talk to you and ask you what you wanted and they would invariably sell you something they recommended which was really what you needed..

I went in one day to ask about the kind of saw I would need to cut down one small branch hitting my window. They asked me the size and instead of selling me a saw I would never use again, they told me to take the saw, cut the branch and return the saw within the hour. THAT IS CUSTOMER SERVICE!!!!!!

That is what seems to be lacking lately in many of the larger and even smaller stores.

An example of this is that I go to a certain franchise almost 3-4 times a week. I ask for an UNSWEETENED ice tea, extra ice and 2 Splenda pkgs on the side. One out of every 5 times, they get it wrong. Sometimes I get sweet tea with 2 Splendas, WRONG! I would say, does it make sense that someone who asks for sweet tea (which I did not) would also ask for Splenda? They would answer "YES, it happens all the time".

## Plainville Knight of Columbus Awards Scholarships for 2019

For many years now, the Reverend Gerald T. Corrigan Council 3544 of the Knights of Columbus in Plainville has been awarding \$1000 scholarships annually to a graduating student from Plainville High and St. Paul's Catholic High School who are entering a Catholic College or Catholic University. The scholarship fund started with a donation from the Ringrose family more than two decades ago, expanded for a number of years with a donation made in memory of Paul Bogdanski and is now supported primarily by the Matteo family with initiation of the Eugene Matteo Memorial Knights of Columbus Scholarship. The scholarships are awarded based on financial need, academic performance, and participation in extra-curricular activities.

Congratulations to 2019 recipients:

Kaitlin Barker, Plainville High School graduating senior - \$1000.

Scott Winters, St. Paul Catholic High School graduating senior - \$1000

Council 3544 initiated a new scholarship this year from the funds received from the members who noted support for scholarship towards the goal of promoting Catholic education.

The Normand L. Ortner Memorial Knights of Columbus \$500 Scholarship is to be awarded annually to a Middle School of Plainville student going to St. Paul Catholic High School.

Congratulations to 2019 recipient Charles M. Hergott.

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## Andy Rooney Once Said.....

Andy Rooney was one in a million. At the end of '60 Minutes' he usually had his own 10-minute segment that, unbelievably, was never censored by CBS. He's probably the only one who could have gotten away with this. May he rest in peace.

"I don't think being a minority makes you a victim of anything except numbers.

The only things I can think of that are truly discriminatory are things like the United Negro College Fund, Jet Magazine, Black Entertainment Television, and Miss Black America. Try to have things like the United Caucasian College Fund, Cloud Magazine, White Entertainment Television, or Miss White America; and see what happens..... Jesse Jackson will be knocking down your door.

Guns do not make you a killer. I think killing makes you a killer. You can kill someone with a baseball bat or a car, but no one is trying to ban you from driving to the ball game.

I believe they are called the Boy Scouts for a reason, which is why there are no girls allowed. Girls belong in the Girl Scouts! **ARE YOU LISTENING MARTHA BURKE?**

I think that if you feel homosexuality is wrong, it is not a phobia, it is an opinion.

I have the right 'NOT' to be tolerant of others because they are different, weird, or tick me off.

When 70% of the people who get arrested are black, in cities where 70% of the population is black, that is not racial profiling; it is the Law of Probability.

I believe that if you are selling me a milkshake, a pack of cigarettes, a newspaper or a hotel room, you must do it in English!

As a matter of fact, if you want to be an American citizen, you should have to speak English!

My father and grandfather didn't die in vain so you can leave the countries you were born in to come over and disrespect ours.

I think the police should have every right to shoot you if you threaten them after they tell you to stop. If you can't understand the word 'freeze' or 'stop' in English, see the above lines.

I don't think just because you were not born in this country, you are qualified for any special loan

programs, government-sponsored bank loans or tax breaks, etc., so you can open a hotel, coffee shop, trinket store, or any other business.

We did not go to the aid of certain foreign countries and risk our lives in wars to defend their freedoms, so that decades later they could come over here and tell us our constitution is a living document; and open to their interpretations.

I don't hate the rich; I don't pity the poor. I know pro wrestling is fake, but so are movies and television. That doesn't stop you from watching them.

I think Bill Gates has every right to keep every penny he made and continue to make more. If it ticks you off, go and invent the next operating system that's better, and put your name on the building.

It doesn't take a whole village to raise a child right, but it does take a parent to stand up to the kid; and smack their little behinds when necessary, and say 'NO!'

I think tattoos and piercing are fine if you want them, but please don't pretend they are a political statement. And, please, stay home until that new lip ring heals. I don't want to look at your ugly infected mouth as you serve me French fries!

I am sick of 'Political Correctness.' I know a lot of black people, and not a single one of them was born in Africa; so how can they be 'African-Americans'? Besides, Africa is a continent. I don't go around saying I am a European-American because my great, great, great, great, great grandfather was from Europe. ***I am proud to be from America and nowhere else, and if you don't like my point of view, tough...***

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I was asked to send this on if I agree or delete if I don't. It is said that 86% of Americans believe in God. Therefore, I have a very hard time understanding why there is such a problem in having 'In God We Trust' on our money and having 'God' in the Pledge of Allegiance. Why don't we just tell the 14% to BE QUIET

***If you are old enough to remember Andy Rooney, you know he was an honest man and spoke his mind!! This was received by the paper and hope you***

Dear Fellow American,

In 2008, I was named Planned Parenthood employee of the year.

But in 2009, I witnessed an ultrasound-guided abortion where the innocent baby tried to escape the abortionist's suction tube.

As I watched that little baby boy fight for his life, I realized everything I believed about abortion was deadly wrong.

How entrenched was I in the abortion industry? How blinded was I by the lies they tell?

It breaks my heart to say this now, but I even aborted two of my own children.

Fast-forward to today, and I'm now a pro-life activist and mother of 8 – and this is what Planned Parenthood doesn't want you to know...

The big lie: Abortion isn't simple or painless. There's potential for dangerous complications, and on top of the physical pain, there's grief, guilt and regret for years to come.

The false image: The termination of Planned Parenthood's president over "philosophical differences" because she wanted to focus on healthcare says it all. Not women's healthcare. Not family planning. On demand abortion.

The bottom line: Healthcare services don't pay the bills. Abortions do. Each abortion nets about \$350 and clinics are pressured to increase the number of abortions performed to maximize profit.

You see, I worked for Planned Parenthood for 8 years, starting as a volunteer during college and working my way up to Clinic Director. During that time I was involved in more than 22,000 abortions.

But the day I saw that little boy desperately trying to avoid the abortionist's suction tube, my heart sunk into my chest and God's plan for me began to unfold...

I didn't know what I would do next, but I quit my job at Planned Parenthood and I began speaking out about the deceptive and deadly business practices of America's largest abortion provider to anyone who would listen.

Planned Parenthood and their high-powered attorneys tried to silence me and ruin my life – and when the judge ruled in my favor, I spoke out louder.

I wrote a book about my story called Unplanned, which was adapted for the big screen and released in theatres across the U.S. this spring. But as the abortion industry tries to usher in a new era of "back-alley abortions," I need your help to share my story even further.

At Planned Parenthood, profit trumps everything else, including the health and safety of the woman.

And clinics continue operating after their licenses are revoked for failing inspections.

The things you'll find in some clinics are absolutely horrific – using single dose injectable medications for more than one patient, expired IV fluids and supplies, failure to properly sterilize equipment between use.

That's what happens when money is the bottom line and there is no value placed on life.

Including the life of the woman Planned Parenthood claims to be fighting for.

My friend, abortion is an invasive procedure, and it's not free of complications or significant pain. When I terminated by second pregnancy, I thought I was going to die from the amount of blood lost.

But lost in the vicious debate in this country is the fact that abortion doesn't just affect mothers and their preborn children. It affects the fathers, the families – and the clinic workers.

Clinic workers, like I was a decade ago.

That's why I started "And Then There Were None."

And Then There Were None is the only pro-life group seeking to end abortion from the inside out by helping abortion clinic workers leave their jobs and find healing from their past work.

Through this ministry, I've helped more than 500 abortion workers get out of the industry.

***Thank you in advance for helping me continue this vital work.***

***Most Sincerely, Abby Johnson***

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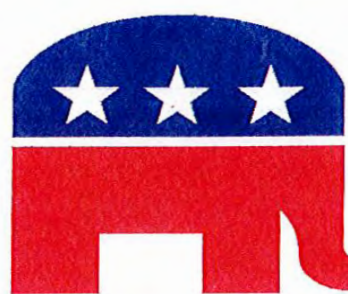
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## Plainville High School/ YMCA Project Graduation 2020

The all-night drug and alcohol-free celebration held at the Wheeler YMCA for PHS Seniors on graduation night. It is the last event that your child will spend together with all of the graduating peers before they head off to post graduate endeavors.

Planning this exciting event takes lots of volunteers (adults and students) to make this night a success. It's a fun-filled night for the seniors that is full of fun activities and entertainment, including casino room, caricaturist, hypnotist, game show mania, inflatables and much much more. We raffle over \$5,000 in prizes throughout the night and award

\$1,000 grand prize to one lucky senior, chosen at the end of the night. Our Project Grad committee organizes events and fundraisers all year long to fund this great event which costs approximately \$20,000.

It is especially important for senior parents to take part in Project Grad because the party is held for your children but equally important for underclassman parents to volunteer as well so they know what to expect for their children's party when they graduate, in the next few years to come. Please pass the word on to anyone you think would be interested in volunteering. If you can't make the meetings but still want to get involved, please contact Christine at 860-869-3209 or [avon\\_christine@yahoo.com](mailto:avon_christine@yahoo.com) or Stevie at [iamstevie@hotmail.com](mailto:iamstevie@hotmail.com). On behalf of Project Graduation 2020, we would like to invite you to our first meeting to be

held at Plainville YMCA on Wed., Sept 11 at 7pm. Future meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month; Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4, 2019. Hope to see you all at our events."

*Christine Millette*  
**2020 Project Graduation Committee**  
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SUNDAY SERVICES  
 CHURCH SCHOOL  
 Pre-K to High School: 9:00 AM  
 WORSHIP TIME 10:00AM

REGULAR EVENTS  
 Tuesday Ladies.....Tuesdays, 9:30 AM  
 AA.....Sundays, & Wednesdays, 7 PM  
 Al-Anon.....Mondays, 7 PM  
 Single Purpose Women's Group...  
 Saturdays, 9:30 AM  
 Boys Scouts.....Thursdays, 7 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS  
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#### New Parishioners

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#### Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Liturgy - Church

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

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

#### Weekday Liturgy

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

#### Devotions

Rosary- Monday to Saturday before the Morning Mass.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday At Noon

#### Sacrament of the Sick

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### Parish office closed Sept. 2

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Church Service 10:00 a.m.

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

### BOARD MEETINGS

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

Gladys Floyd Missionary Society

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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.

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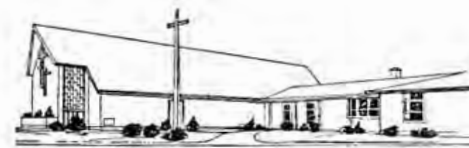
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**STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER ROBOTICS AND ENGINEERING CAMP**

**Toffolon Students Join In Summer Reading Program**

**ELEMENTARY "RAMP" PROGRAM CONTINUES TO BRIDGE LEARNING OVER THE SUMMER**



Thanks to a grant from the Jamie Garfield '00 Grant Program through the Kingswood Oxford School, and the work of Kingswood Oxford student Ella Schwartz, a no-cost Robotics and Engineering Camp was offered to 20 elementary age Plainville students in June. The day camp, which ran from June 24-28 at the Middle School of Plainville provided the venue and opportunity for participants to work on engineering challenges and build robots to learn about communication and cooperation.

Louis Toffolon Elementary School students know that reading doesn't take a break during the summer; about 50 students gathered recently at the Plainville Public Library for a Summer Reading Night program. Toffolon teachers created the idea of bringing students together to remind them to continue to build "reading muscles" even in the summer. The theme of the reading event was revisiting a whole school favorite book, *Gooseberry Park* by Cynthia Rylant. Toffolon Principal, Lynn Logoyke read a chapter from the sequel to this story. After the read aloud, students received their own copy of the book and a special book bag. Mrs. Logoyke commented, "I was so impressed to see so many of our students and staff come out on a summer night to enjoy an evening of celebrating books. I was also really pleased to hear from students that they are still reading, more than ever!" Two additional Summer Reading Nights will be held on July 23 and August 7, from 6:00-7:00 PM.

Learning continued over the summer through the 2019 RAMP (Reading And Math Power) Program housed at Linden Street School during the month of July. This year, 44 students in kindergarten through third grade from all three Plainville elementary schools attended this annual summer program. The primary goal of the program is to help students continue learning over the summer and bridge the academic gap between June and September. The half day program, which included breakfast and lunch each day, ran from July 1 to July 25.

The summer day camp program was designed and developed by Ella Schwartz, who will be a senior this fall at Kingswood Oxford School. She serves as the team captain of the robotics team at school. She and her fellow Kingswood Oxford Wyvern Robotics team member, Michael Doyle, worked with the day camp participants to teach STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) related skills building, including designing, building and programming for robotics. "I designed this camp to be challenging and frustrating. The goal was not to succeed at every challenge or task but to learn how to communicate and cooperate with a team while still having fun. It was more important that the campers learned how to listen and be constructive while talking with each other."

This year the RAMP Program's primary focus was on literacy development. Students received both direct and indirect literacy-focused instruction at their individual levels to ensure skill maintenance and development. Teachers delivered systemic, targeted and explicit instruction focused around balanced literacy. This approach integrated various modalities including read-alouds, shared reading, a mini-lesson and an opportunity to practice both during small groups and independently.

The culminating event for the RAMP Summer program was a family celebration for participants held at Linden on July 25th. Students received Achievement Awards and reading materials, and showcased a number of "reading games" for family and friends in attendance. The celebration concluded with a slideshow highlighting the RAMP program and participants.

**PLAINVILLE SCHOOLS BEGIN 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

**Plainville's Summer School STEM Activities**



As part of the Plainville Community Schools Summer School

Program, a group of middle school students in Karen Troiano's class participated in a variety of team building exercises through a variety of STEM related activities. Using teamwork and collaboration, the students were tasked with building bridges out of marshmallows and toothpicks, creating games from a variety of unusual items, and building boats from straws and duct tape. In addition, they conducted several scientific experiments using candy and other materials, and created mazes with marbles to be shared with district elementary school students. The students also made "Rock Candy." In doing so, they made predictions of what the candy solution would look like on multiple days and used their math skills to determine how much of the solution they would need to make enough for each student.

**DISTRICT IMPLEMENTS STUDENT GUARDIAN SAFETY SYSTEM FOR SCHOOL BUSES**

School busses in Plainville this fall will feature an enhanced safety measure, according to Superintendent of Schools, Steven LePage. The DATTCO busses servicing Plainville schools will now feature the Student Guardian automated stop arm enforcement system. Specifically, a camera system is installed on the exterior driver's side of a school bus. The camera system monitors and detects drivers who illegally pass school busses when the stop arm is deployed and amber lights are displayed, endangering students as they enter and exit the busses.

The cameras are triggered to capture data as a vehicle passes the bus while children are entering and exiting. The data is then reviewed and processed into an evidence file, and local law enforcement members determine whether a violation is warranted. "Ensuring student safety is always the highest priority of Plainville Community Schools," noted Superintendent LePage.





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There will be a Primary to select Republican candidates for Town Council and Board of Education for the upcoming November election on Tuesday, September 10th from 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**All registered Republicans are encouraged to vote in this event.**

**Polling Locations for this Primary Vote are:**

- District 1 ~ Linden Street School
- District 2 ~ Plainville Fire House\*
- District 3 ~ Toffolon School
- District 4 ~ Wheeler School

**\*Please note, voting at the Fire House for District 2 is only for this primary - voting in the November election will return to Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center.**

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

### LIVING WILLS

A living will, also called an "advance directive", conveys a patient's wishes regarding treatment when those wishes can no longer be personally communicated. A living will must be constructed and authorized before the given individual is incapacitated in any way.

The importance of creating a living will is most evident in two particular forms. First an individual's wishes regarding life-sustaining treatment. Second, it is valuable for a person to identify a surrogate for decisions in times of illness or incapacity. The premise behind a living will is exactly the same as the premise behind a standard "Last Will and Testament", that is to provide instructions for treatment during time of illness or incapacity. The only major difference is an advance directive provides a surrogate decision maker to convey what they believe the

incapacitated person's wishes may be.

A final point on this issue specifically pertaining to our State is that Connecticut law only requires physicians to consider advance when deciding on treatment plans for the patients. However, they do not have to comply with the directive. This section of the law differs greatly from other states, where physicians have far less autonomy when determining a patient's fate.

Now more than ever, we as Americans need to understand our rights and how to preserve them during our lives and beyond. Living wills and our "Last Will and Testament" are ways of ensuring our true desires are carried out in the event that we are unable to communicate them ourselves. At the very least, a "Last Will and Testament" is essential for a well-planned estate.



**Attorney Thomas A. Wurz**

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

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**Carole Johnson Retires From the Town of Plainville**



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**The Tea Party Patriots  
Wake up America**  
*by Gene*

**IMMIGRATION**

*No Borders, No Nation It's an invasion*

Some Excerpts from the August column of Connecticut Senator Rob Sampson 16th District (1-800-842-1421) "I am not in favor of sanctuary city or state policies. They are illegal, dangerous to citizens and non-citizens alike, and are reminiscent of lawless places many who come here are fleeing."

"I am not in favor of offering benefits like food stamps or health insurance, or incentives like driver's licenses to those

who come to the US illegally." "I am in favor of increasing border security for the purposes of protecting our citizens and having a mechanism to make sure we are keeping out drug dealers, gang members, and terrorists while allowing those we have screened to pass."

"I am in favor of modifying and improving our process for dealing with genuine refugees looking for asylum in the US. Who knows how many legitimate asylum seekers are suffering as a result of the failure of the current policy?"

Does a real nation with its history and purpose permit an invasions force the size of a midsize American city to cross its frontier illegally every two months?

American sovereignty is at stake, yet the left aids the illegal immigrants.

**Republic:** Yes, we are a truly Republic we elect representatives and send them to Washington, DC to represent are wishes and our concerns. This is why our fathers set up the constitution so all the United States will be represented equally, not only the West and East Coast, this is why we should stay with the "electoral" college system. We would never have had the likes of Presidents Kennedy, Carter and Clinton if it wasn't for this

electoral college system. "I pledge allegiance to the United States of America and to the REPUBLIC it stands for".

A Republic — our present government is a form of government based upon the Rule of Law on which the citizens have certain unalienable individual rights that are not subject to majority vote, nor can they be revoked by government.

**Under socialism,** it is a group representing the state that the sovereign, and individuals are not of importance except as a means to the ends of the state. There are no property rights under Socialism. Socialism mandates that wealth be taken from those who earned it and

given to those who don't earn it.

It is the liberals' use of force — enacting laws that violate individual rights — that will results in conflict. Yet there are those willing to erase it from history books and from memory so that future generations will never know. There are a number of powerful political people who would basically like to subvert and undermine the U.S Constitution, without actually amending it in a way that is provided for in the Constitution itself.

The green card issuance should be enforced and what it was meant for, also the birthright exception and (wet foot dry foot) should be revisited before citizenship is granted.

The problem here is not about racism, bigotry, or being anti-Trump. The issue here is preserving the United States of

America as a free, sovereign nation.

All that said, what Trump does now, using his presidential powers to control the border and stop illegal-alien invasion, might well determine whether the United States as we know it, survives.

*"Upon leaving the Constitutional Convention it was said, we have a republic, now let's keep it."*

**Ben Franklin**

bankrupt, our enemies were making fun of us, we are being invaded by illegals, we are becoming a nation of victims where every Tom, Ricardo, and Hasid is a special group with special rights to a point where we don't even recognize the country we were born and raised in; "AND WE JUST WANT IT FIXED".. And Trump is the only guy who seems to understand what the people want..

We're sick of politicians, sick of the Democratic Party, sick of the Republican Party, and sick of illegals!. We just want this thing fixed.. Trump may not be a Saint, but we didn't vote for a Pope. We voted for a man who doesn't have lobbyist money holding him back, a man who doesn't have political correctness restraining him. We all know that he has been very successful, he's a good negotiator, he has built a lot of things, and he's also NOT a politician, NOT a cowardly politician!..

And he says he'll fix me. And we believe him because he is too much of an egotist to be proven wrong, or looked at and called a liar. Also, we don't care if the guy has bad hair. We just want those raccoons gone, out of our house, NOW!!!

You are welcome to copy/paste/share this. Thousands of people who haven't voted in 25 years seem to be getting involved. And the more people get this message, the more that will understand why Trump was elected.

The raccoons have got to go!!!

**OBITUARIES**

~ Donald L. Hurlburt ~



83, of New Britain, formerly of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Cassena Care at New Britain.

Donald was born on December 12, 1935, in New Britain, son to the late Guy and Louisa (DeCarli) Hurlburt. He graduated from E. C. Goodwin, specializing

in electronics, and went on to become a T.V. repairman. He was a handyman and was gifted with the talent of being able to tinker with and fix electronics, although he was legally blind. Donald was an avid fisherman and enjoyed the simple things in life, especially sitting back watching classic movies. He loved to have a good time.

Donald is survived by his daughters, Rhonda Carpenter, of Plainville, and Dawn Perez and her husband, Ulysses, of Windsor; his granddaughter, Crystal Markavitch, of Bristol; and his great-granddaughters, Kaylee and Brittney Markavitch and Aaliyah Alicea. He was predeceased by his brothers, Robert and Charles Hurlburt, and his sister, Lillian Keller. He was also predeceased by an infant son, Bradford Scott Hurlburt.

Donald's family would like to thank the East Wing staff of Cassena Care at New Britain for their exceptional care in their time of need, especially Aida Calabrese and Debbie Gerardi.

A Graveside Service in Celebration of Donald's life was held in Plainville West Cemetery, 180 North Washington Street, Plainville. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville has been entrusted with care.

~Florence (Costella) Doughty~



92, of Plainville, formerly of Bristol, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, joining her beloved husband, Alden, who predeceased her in 1977.

Born in Bristol on June 21, 1927, "the first day of summer and the longest day of the year" as she would proudly proclaim each year,

she was one of three children to the late Pasquale and Maria (Dalboa) Costella. Raised in Bristol, she attended local schools, and went to work at young age for Marlin-Rockwell where she met Alden. Together they shared 31 years of marriage and found much enjoyment in making countless trips to his family's home in Bermuda and cheering on the Boston Red Sox. They raised two loving sons who blessed her with the daughters she never had and three grandchildren who were her pride and joy. Kindhearted, hospitable and spunky, if you met her once, you were instantly family and had a plate at her table. Florence could be found many days at the Senior Center, taking in a game of BINGO or chatting with friends, or following her weekly shopping routine around town. The matriarch of her family, she "Did it Her Way" and will be deeply missed, leaving a legacy of love, admiration and many treasured memories.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Patricia Doughty and Douglas and Diana Doughty, all of Plainville; and her three adored grandchildren, Bonnie-Marie Doughty-Jenkins and her husband, John; Dana Johnson and her husband, Rich, and Taylor Doughty; along with many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother and sister.

Florence may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East St, Plainville, CT 06062.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Florence's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave, Forestville. Committal followed at St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Laurie (Stephenson) Davies ~



66, of Plainville, passed away Saturday (July 27, 2019) at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. Born in New Britain, daughter of the late George and Dorothy (Nelson) Stephenson, she lived in Plainville most of her life. A graduate of Plainville High School, Class of 1971, she was a Computer Programmer at Aetna and later at Travelers Insurance for 35 years, retiring in 2018. Laurie was an active member of Plainville United Methodist Church, serving as Treasurer for Trustees and the Memorial Garden. She was greeter and ticket seller for numerous fundraisers, including the Church Ham and Bean Dinner and the Strawberry and Peach Shortcake Festival. She was organizer of the "Fill the Truck" with food stuff for the Plainville Food Pantry, as well as design and crocheting baby blankets for baptisms. She was former Treasurer of the Plainville Women's Club, serving as Chairperson of the Scholarship Fund for many years; and was also active with the Boy Scouts. Laurie loved playing games with family and friends, Monopoly, Bridge and Dominoes to name a few. She was an avid reader of books like "Gone with the Wind", Historical Romance Novels, and all of the Little House on the Prairie books. Laurie died peacefully with her family by her side after losing her battle with cancer.

Surviving is a son, Scott Davies and his wife Andie of New York City; a sister, Beth Stephenson and her husband Herman Murphy of Sterling, MA; she also leaves a niece, Coral Murphy Stephenson of Clinton, MA.

A celebration of her life was Plainville United Methodist Church, 56 Red Stone Hill, Plainville, CT 06062. There were no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Plainville United Methodist Church or to the Plainville Women's Club Scholarship Fund, c/o Diane Sperry, 21 Broad Street, Plainville, CT 06062. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

## ~ George B. Low ~



husband of Beverly (Schaefer) Low, passed away peacefully on August 6, 2019 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain.

Born in Plainville on May 7, 1926, he was one of three children of the late Alexander and Elizabeth (Kerr) Low. Educated in Plainville, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy after high school and was a W.W. II Veteran. George served on the USS Boise, and was honored that his ship served as the escort ship for General McArthur. He was an avid baseball fan who was involved in managing and coaching for Plainville Little League for over 40 years. His favorite pastime was watching the Boston Red Sox and the UConn Basketball teams on T.V. He also enjoyed playing golf for many years and was a member of Tunxis Country Club, serving as President of their Men's Club in 1968.

In addition to his wife, Beverly, he leaves his daughter, Susan Low Sena of Bristol and his son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Kimberly Low of Wallingford; his grandchildren, Zachary of Brooklyn, NY, and Caleigh, Laci and Justin of Wallingford; his sister, Shirley Brown of Kensington and many nieces and nephews. George was predeceased by his brother, Francis Low.

In lieu of flowers, George may be remembered with contributions to the Petit Family Foundation at [www.petitfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.petitfamilyfoundation.org) or Grace Lutheran Church, 222 Farmington Ave, Plainville, CT 06062.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of George's life on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. A prayer service and words of remembrance will be shared at 7:30 p.m.

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

## ~ Sandra (Therault) DeVine ~



77 of Plainville, beloved wife of Richard DeVine, passed away surrounded by her family on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. Born in Biddeford, ME on April 3, 1942, she was the daughter of the late Guy and Yvette (Marin) Therault and step-daughter to the late Simonne (Clavette) Therault, with whom she shared a

special bond. Sandra and Richard shared 57 years of love and devotion, and made their home in Plainville where they raised their three sons. Sandra held a longtime career in retail for area clothing stores and thoroughly enjoyed expanding her wardrobe while she helped others shop. A natural caregiver with a heart of gold, she centered her life around her much loved family (and her pets!) creating many happy memories and fun times consisting of home cooked specialties, games nights, and endless laughter. She and Richard were world travelers during their working years, along with spoiling her granddaughters. A woman of great strength, kindness and generosity, she will be missed greatly.

In addition to her husband, Richard, she leaves her sons, Donnell and his wife, Susan, Keith, and Robert and his wife, Susan, all of Plainville; her granddaughters who brought her much joy, Alicia Marquis and her fiancé Jordan St. Jean of S. Windsor and Shawna DeVine and her fiancé Gary Dominique of Southington; her sister, Mona Soucy and her husband, Norman of Satellite Beach, FL; her sister-in-law, JoAnn Therault; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her brothers, Richard and Edwin Therault.

In lieu of flowers, Sandra may be remembered with contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) or the Disabled American Veterans [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org) Family and friends gathered in celebration of Sandra's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St. Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## ~ Todd W. Magyar ~



52, of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

Born in Toms River, NJ on August 5, 1966, he was one of three children of Judith (Sortino) Greene of Longs, SC and the late Charles W. Magyar. He attended Watertown High School in Connecticut. Todd

was athletic and an avid sports fan. He played football in high school and college and enjoyed snowboarding and mountain biking. Todd was a huge Florida State Seminoles fan. He shared his love for hockey with his son, coaching and training him for many years. He also had a passion for music, listening and playing the guitar in his free time. Todd will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 22 years, Rene E. (Ruck) Magyar and his son Zakary Magyar, both of Plainville; his mother and stepfather, Judith and Robert Greene of Longs, SC, his sister, Lori Kvartek of New Jersey, his mother and father-in-law, Frank and Francine Ruck of Plainville, sister-in-law, Kristen St. Pierre and his nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father Charles, he was predeceased by his brother, Joseph Magyar.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Todd to the Connecticut Humane Society in Newington. 701 Russell Rd, Newington, CT 06111. [www.cthumane.org](http://www.cthumane.org)

Funeral services in celebration of Todd's life were held Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. For online condolences and directions, please visit [www.plainvillefuneralhome.com](http://www.plainvillefuneralhome.com).

## ~ Jean (Goucher) Kaczynski ~



87, of Farmington, formerly of Plainville, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her beloved family, on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. She is now reunited with her husband, Raymond, who predeceased her over 20 years ago.

Born in Fort Fairfield, Maine on September 28, 1931, she was the only child to the late

Merle and Gladys (McQuade) Goucher. A lifelong resident of Plainville, she attended local schools and was a 1949 graduate of Plainville High School. She and Raymond settled in town where they raised their four children and became proud grandparents. Jean worked at General Electric in her early years, and, after her children were grown, began working for the Town of Plainville in Planning and Personnel. She retired from Personnel in 1994 after more than 25 years of dedicated service. A familiar face around town and on the golf course, Jean was always looking stylish from fulfilling her love for shopping. She enjoyed traveling, reading, and watching UConn Women's basketball, and looked forward to her monthly lunches with the girls. Jean was kindhearted to all, keenly sharing her opinion with those she loved the most. She will be missed dearly, leaving many cherished memories that will forever bring a smile to the faces of her family and many friends.

She is survived by her children, Steven Kaczynski and his wife, Karen of Harwinton, Tracey Hermanowski and her husband, Mark of Plainville, Nancy Kaczynski of Farmington and Michael Kaczynski and his wife, Beverly of Maine; and her pride and joy, her two grandsons and their girlfriends, Michael Hermanowski and Katie Sasso and Daniel Hermanowski and Alexis Lamb. She also leaves her cousins Raymond and Suzanne Proper of Florida, Marsha and Daniel Swim, and Cheryl McAllister of NB, Canada; along with many close friends, including her dear friend of 82 years, Jeanne Cantone.

In lieu of flowers, Jean may be remembered with contributions to Shriners's Hospital for Children, Office of Development, 2900 N. Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607 or [www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org)

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery, New Britain. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## ~ Alexander P. Mancini ~



88, of Southington, formerly of Bristol, passed away peacefully on Monday July 8, 2019 at Southington Care Center. He was the beloved husband of the late Sheila (Vargo) Mancini.

Al was born November 6, 1930 in Bristol, a son of the late Joseph and Lucy (Salvatore) Mancini. He

attended Plainville High School and continued his education, becoming a tool and die maker, working at New Departure in Bristol retiring in 1994 after many years of employment. Al was a proud US Army Veteran during the Korean War era serving from 1950 until 1952 when he was honorably discharged. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and was an amateur coin collector. Al loved to travel, fish, enjoyed playing cards and dancing with his wife Sheila, but mostly he loved spending time with his family, especially sharing meals.

Al leaves his daughter Karen DeAngelo and her husband David, his son Mark Mancini and his wife Laurel, his sister Rose Ciccio and brother-in-law Joseph, his granddaughters, Kristen DeAngelo and her partner Kyle Bolduc, Nicole Gallo and her husband Steve, Marissa and Kaitlin Mancini, his great grandson, Giovanni Gallo; several nieces and nephews and his grand dog, Ava.

The Mancini and DeAngelo families would like to thank all the staff at Southington Care Center for providing loving care and support over the past several years. Honoring the wishes of the family his life will be celebrated privately. The Bailey Funeral Home in Plainville has care of arrangements.



# OBITUARIES

## ~ Celestina (Bianchi) Martin ~



84 of Plainville, passed away on Thursday, July 4, 2019 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain. She is now reunited with her husband, James Martin who predeceased her in 1960. Born in New Britain on March 14, 1935, she was the youngest of seven children to the late Meliziade and Rosa

(Valeri) Bianchi. Raised in New Britain, she attended local schools and worked for many years at the Human Resources Agency until her retirement. She was proud of her Italian heritage and was a longtime member of the Italian Fraternal Society, and enjoyed her retirement years fulfilling her love for reading keeping her mind active with word puzzles. A loving mother and "Nina", she will be missed by her family and friends, leaving many cherished memories.

She is survived by her daughter, Laura McDonnell of Middletown, RI; her grandchildren, Edwin James, Jessica Rose, and Elias Daniel McDonnell; her brother, Richard and sister Mary; along with many nieces and nephews and her dear friend, Elsie Gadowski. She was predeceased by her siblings, Rudy, Alveto, Pinotore "Pete", and Leona.

Celestina may be remembered with contributions to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) Family and friends gathered in celebration of Celestina's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St. Plainville. A prayer service was held followed by committal services at St. Joseph Cemetery. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## ~ James A. "Jamie" Nolan, ~



48, of Plainville, formerly of Bristol, left us far too soon on Saturday, June 22, 2019. Born in Bristol on March 23, 1971, he was the son of Beverly (Nolan) Tanuis. He attended Bristol Central High School, furthering his education at tractor trailer training school. Upon completion, Jamie became the youngest driver for New

Penn trucking. He later founded and was the owner-operator of Shorty's Trucking, LLC, named after the love of his life, Elena. A motorcycle enthusiast, he was happiest on the open road. Remembered as a gentle giant, his passion for helping others was his greatest quality, along with his mischievous grin and infectious sense of humor. He leaves his much loved family and countless friends heartbroken, but with many cherished memories and laughs.

In addition to his mother, Beverly, he leaves his children, Tyler and Ashley Nolan; his fiancée and best friend, Elena Gohar and her son, Matthew; his pride and joy, his G-Babies Brianna, Sean, Arya, Silas, Colby, and Parker; his sisters, Heidi Greguoli and Selena "Sis" Burness; his brother, Ray Nolan; his aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family; a wide circle of friends, including "his boys" whose friendships spanned decades; and his faithful four-legged companion, "Sammy".

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Jamie's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St. Plainville. Words of remembrance were shared. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## Heaven Needed Mom

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

~ Miss you Mom ~

## ~ Phyllis S. (Francis) (Davis) Lisi ~



93, longtime resident of Plainville, passed away in the comfort of her home on Friday, June 28, 2019.

Phyllis was born on December 4, 1925 in Fall River, Massachusetts, daughter to the late Milton W. and Adelaide (Oswell) Francis. She is survived by her son, James

M. Davis, her daughter, Phyllis L. Davis, her step-daughter, Judith Lougee, five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, two sisters, and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. In addition, she leaves behind her "puppy-girl", Chloe. She was predeceased by her first and second husband, her parents, and several of her siblings.

Per Phyllis' wishes, her family will have a service in celebration of her life privately. She will be laid to rest in Plainville West Cemetery. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville has been entrusted with care.

## ~ Normand Paul ~



passed away peacefully on July 9, 2019. Normand was predeceased by his beloved wife of 66 years Doris Paul.

Normand is survived by his son Kevin Paul, his daughter Norma (Paul) Morris, his son Normand Paul Jr. and wife Beth. He also leaves his granddaughters Aubrey L. Paul and Melissa Morris. Normand was predeceased by his daughter Jeannette Paul and son-

in-law Russel N. Morris. Normand spent 4 years in the Air Force and 13 years in the Connecticut Air National Guard. He wore numerous hats during his military career, most notable was as a recruiter for the National Guard where he touched and affected numerous lives. He spent many hours in his Dojo as a Black-Belt instructor in Judo, Karate and Self Defense.

He was an avid hunter and spent numerous weeks each year at his camp in Maine surround by family and friends who were considered family. He always looked forward to next year's hunting camp and would start planning next year's camp the last day of the current camp year. Happy hunting DAD - you will be missed!!

Family and friends gathered at the Bailey Funeral Home. A service in celebration of Normand's life was held with his brother-in-law Deacon Robert Berube officiating. Full military honors will be accorded following the service. Burial will be held privately.

## The Poulos' Brothers I knew.....

With the passing of Theodore (Ted) Poulos this week, I was reminded of the two gentlemen I had the pleasure of knowing. Although my experience with Costos (Doc) Poulos was more significant and shaped my life and career more dramatically, both of these men inspired me to be the best I can be.

They both worked tirelessly in their perspective professions, Costos in Optometry, and Ted in Law. They were passionate about their work and dedicated to their craft. They looked upon their patients and clients as friends and worked very hard to provide the best service they possibly can to each and every one of them.

They were also very giving of their time and money to others and were very generous to their friends, family, and community.

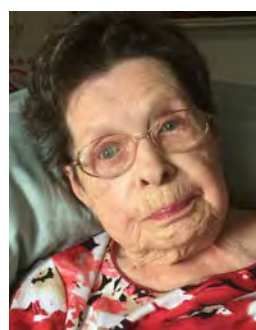
They both loved and cherished their families and friends and had a great zest for life. To say that they were pillars of their community is an understatement. I will always remember Costos in my heart as he has been my inspiration in my practice of Optometry. Ted's relentless and tireless work ethic inspired me to try and walk in his shoes, although that proved difficult to keep his pace.

Both of these men deserve the praise and recognition from a community that they served well, both professionally and philanthropically.

Rest in Peace Ted. We will miss you. Costos open your arms and greet your brother in heaven. You both deserve the Lord's blessing for a job well done on this earth.

*Dr. Gary R. Maglio*  
Clear Horizon Eyecare, LLC

## ~ Emma F. (Walters) Matthews ~



103, longtime resident of Plainville, passed away in the comfort of her home on Sunday, July 28, 2019. She is now reunited with her loving husband of 63 years, Henry L. Matthews, who predeceased her in 2011.

Emma was born on February 16, 1916, in Moscow, PA,

daughter to the late August J. and Anna (Underkrite) Walters. She was a devoted member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Plainville. Emma was a loving, unselfish, generous person who spent countless hours volunteering her time at the Plainville Food Pantry, walking around town collecting cans and bottles to be recycled and donated the money to the pantry. An avid reader, Emma spent time volunteering at Hubble School in Bristol, helping children to read. She loved gardening and especially loved flowers. A woman both beautiful inside and out, she will be missed dearly by all that had the pleasure of knowing her.

Emma is survived by her sister, Margaret Robertson, of Forestville; her nephews, James Robertson, of Clinton, Ken Robertson and his wife, Gloria, of Bristol, Alex Robertson, of Westbrook, David Martin, of Southington, and Daniel Martin, of Southington; and her niece, Heather Pelotte and her husband, Wilfred, of Burlington.

A Service in Celebration of Emma's life was held at the Grace Lutheran Church, 222 Farmington Avenue, Plainville. Following the service, she was laid to rest with her husband in Plainville West Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in the name of Emma Matthews to the Grace Lutheran Church, 222 Farmington Avenue, Plainville, CT 06062.



## ~ Attorney Theodore "Ted" Poulos ~



88, of Bristol, CT passed away at the Hospital of Central CT @ New Britain General Saturday, August 3, 2019. Ted was born in Manchester, NH on September 18, 1930 and was the son of the late Christos and Chrisoula (Bokas) Poulos. A graduate of UCONN School

of Law, Ted practiced in Plainville for sixty years. He helped countless clients during that time and will be remembered for his generosity. Ted provided legal counsel to St. George Greek Orthodox Church in New Britain and to St. Philip House in Plainville. In his younger years he served as Democratic Town Chairman. He also taught real estate law to other professionals. In the rare hours that he wasn't working, Ted enjoyed watching the Celtics, UCONN basketball and the Boston Red Sox.

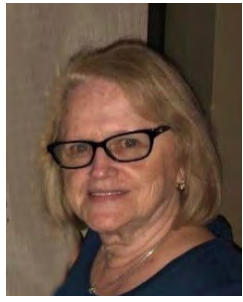
Ted is survived by his brother Joe Poulos and his wife Pauline of Manchester, NH, his sister-in-law Alice Poulos of Berlin, CT and several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Ted was predeceased by his three sisters Rita Zissopoulos, Effie Contos and Mary Lenis and his two brothers Costos "Doc" and Thomas.

Funeral rites for Attorney Poulos were held at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 301 West Main St., New Britain, CT. Committal service and final resting place will be in Fairview Cemetery, 120 Smalley St. New Britain, CT. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to St. George Greek Orthodox Church or to a charity of the donor's choice. Service of Comfort and Compassion provided by the Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home, 764 Farmington Ave, New Britain, CT. To extend condolences to the Poulos family or to share a memory of Ted, please visit [SHAKERFUNERALHOME.COM](http://SHAKERFUNERALHOME.COM)



# OBITUARIES

## ~ Gayle Lena Roby ~



72, of Plainville, beloved wife of Charles J. Roby Jr. passed away on July 29, 2019 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut surrounded by her loving family.

Gayle was born in Hartford on January 5, 1947 to the late Dorothy (Raymond) Glines.

She attended schools in Bristol, and lived in several towns before settling in Plainville where she raised her family. She was employed by the Holiday Inn for many years, and retired after 10 years from Central Connecticut State University. Gayle was the most loving, devoted mother, wife, and friend, but the role closest to her heart was being a "Nana". She spent most of her time with her family and found tremendous joy in being a grandmother, making it her mission to attend all of their sporting events, graduations and award ceremonies where she inevitably beamed with pride.

In addition to her husband Charles of 34 years, she will be immensely missed by her son Richard Corlette, his wife Maegan and their children Kaedyn and Kallen; her daughter Nicole (Corlette) Spencer, her husband Anthony and their children Tauri and Sydni; her step sons John Roby and his children Jayson, Jocelyn, Aerus, Jayden and Jenna; Christopher Roby, his wife Tara and their son Kellen. Additionally, she leaves her brothers James Glines and Mark Glines and his partner Vicki; her sisters Sherrill Scoville and her husband Duane, Kathleen Johnson and her partner Joseph, Allyson Raymond and her partner Jay, Deborah (Glines) Council and her wife CaWanda; and Sandra Nadeau, along with four great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles. She was predeceased by her brother, Neil L. Hamilton.

Gayle's family would like to thank all of her very special friends, whom she considered family, that have never wavered in friendship, care and support. She was blessed by your unconditional love.

A Nana to everyone, Gayle's love for her family was fierce and can best be honored with an act of love and kindness to others in her memory. Donations can be also made on her behalf to the Plainville Food Pantry; PO Box 233 Plainville, CT 06062.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Gayle's life. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## ~ Maryann Rose (Gallagher) Boodley ~



78, of Plainville, passed away Sunday August 11, 2019 at Apple Rehab of Farmington Valley in Plainville, surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of the late Charles Boodley.

Maryann was born May 12, 1941 in Brooklyn, New York a daughter of the late Andrew and Eleanor Gallagher and was a longtime Plainville resident. Maryann had worked as a bookkeeper for many years prior to her retirement.

Maryann leaves her sons, Charles Boodley of Plainville and Andrew Boodley and his wife Tracy of Plainville, her grandchildren, Nickolas, Sabrina, Michael and Mandy Boodley all of Plainville, many brothers and sisters and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Cindey (Boodley) White and her brother, Michael Gallagher.

Family and friends gathered at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. Funeral services in celebration of Maryann's life with burial in Plainville West Cemetery were held privately

## ~ Arlington R. "Al" Semmler ~



husband of the late Ann (Hillen) Semmler, died peacefully with the knowledge of how well-loved he was by so many on July 7, 2019.

Al was born to Reinhold and Emma (Lindeman) Semmler on May 10, 1927 in Delmont, South Dakota.

In Oct. of 1945 he was inducted into the Army and trained as a medic. As fate would have it, he was stationed at Avon Old Farms Convalescent Hospital (Avon Old Farms School was used at the time as a rehabilitation facility for blinded soldiers) and it was there he was to meet the love of his life—a Traveler's Insurance gal named Ann Hillen. The girls were regularly brought to the hospital for dances. Al was standing in the window looking out over the drive and when he saw her get off the bus proclaimed she was the girl he'd marry. They were married on July 26, 1947.

After living in Hartford and working at Royal Typewriter for 2 years, Al took his family, which was now increased by one (their daughter Elizabeth), and moved back to South Dakota to once again farm until 1953. Moving back to Connecticut, the family settled in Plainville, CT where Al worked for many years at The Plainville Lumber and Coal Co. He reinvented himself when in his 70's and went to work for Appell Drug and Rite Aid becoming a pharmacy tech at the age of 75. Al always had a "project" and loved to invent more efficient ways of getting things accomplished.

He was very proud of having been Commander of the American Legion Brock Barnes Post #33 many times and on every patriotic holiday would don his American Legion Past Commander hat.

Al has been a resident of Bloomfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation since 2008 during which time he became the resident gardener and mailman spreading warmth and cheer and making many friends. During his final days he would repeatedly ask his daughter to tell his "family" at Bloomfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation how much he loved them and appreciated all they had done for him. His gardens there are a living testament to his beautiful spirit.

Al and his "grand-dog" Kermit, who used to ride on his walker to visit residents and staff bringing cheer to all, are together again joining his beloved Ann.

He is survived by his daughter Elizabeth Coburn Brighenti, son-in-law John Brighenti, one sister Annetta Heckenlaible of Mitchell, South Dakota and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his nephew and godson, Robert Hillen, of Southington, CT. He was predeceased by his parents; 6 brothers (Edwin, Eltor, Helmuth, Richard, Harold, and Herman) and two nephews, Larry and Rick Semmler.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield, Connecticut. Full military honors were accorded following the funeral mass. Burial will be private. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville has been entrusted with care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Al's memory to The Bloomfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation Resident Council Fund c/o The Bloomfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, 355 Park Ave., Bloomfield (please note: for Al's garden) or a charity of the donor's choosing.

*When you were born, you cried  
and the world rejoiced. Live your  
life so that when you die,  
the world cries and you rejoice!*

## ~ Jill Marie Carver ~



47, of Southington, formerly of Plainville, passed away Monday August 5, 2019 at her home surrounded by her loving family and friends.

Jill was born July 25, 1972 in New Britain a daughter of the late Raymond E. and Geraldine (Tabor) Carver. She

attended Linden Street School and was a graduate of the Gengras Center Day Program at CCARC. She was a member of PARC and the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 33 of Plainville. Jill was a volunteer at Saint Mark Episcopal Church in New Britain and was honored by the Chamber of Commerce in 2000 as the Employee of the year at Atoglas of Berlin. Jill enjoyed bowling and was a member of the Saturday morning league. She also loved tag sales, shopping, was very generous and had a great sense of humor. Jill also loved teaching her neighbor's dog to love peanut butter.

Jill leaves her special mom, Sandra J. Carver of Plainville, her brother, Michael Carver of Plainville, her step brother and step sister, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who loved her dearly.

Funeral services in celebration of Jill's life were at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery in New Britain. If desired memorial contributions may be made to PARC 28 East Maple Street Plainville, CT 06062.

## ~ Joseph Allen Tattersall ~



23, of New Britain, formerly of Plainville, passed away on Monday, July 22, 2019.

Born in New Britain on September 4, 1995, he was one of five children to Barbara (Bentley) Tattersall of New Britain and the late James Tattersall. A graduate of High

Roads High School, Joseph enjoyed spending time with his family, listening to music, and playing video games. He is now at peace, reunited with his brother, James, and father who predeceased him, and will be missed by his family that he loved so greatly.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his sisters, Jessie and Julie and brothers, Jack and Jonathan; along with a grandmother and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Joseph's life. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville.

## ~ Gene A. Tracy ~



84 of Plainville passed away on July 10, 2019. He joins his late family: his wife Rosalie, son Gary and daughter Nancy (Tracy) Folsom.

Gene is survived by his sister

Sylvia, his four grandchildren Hillary, Lilah, Shelby and Connor; and his son-in-law Derek. Gene proudly served in the USMC and as a dedicated Mason.

In remembrance please make contributions to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children.

Join us Saturday, July 20 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A Masonic Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. followed by Words of Remembrance and Military Honors. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com](http://www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com)



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