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## Plainville Board of Education Announces New Superintendent

## Ronda Guberman Bids Farewell to Plainville Senior Center



Superintendent of East Haddam, Connecticut public schools, Brian Reas, has been named the next superintendent for Plainville Community Schools, according to Plainville Board of Education Chair, Lori Consalvo. Reas will replace Interim Superintendent of Schools, Kevin Case. Please see complete story on page 14.



**WOW!**  
Where in the world do I even begin? I never dreamed that I'd be sitting down to write this "goodbye" message in our newsletter. Yes, you read correctly. After 36 years as the Assistant Director of this amazing Senior Center, I am leaving. *See complete letter on page 19.*



## Plainville Police Department Welcomes New Officer



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years. His experience includes over 35 years of service at various financial institutions in Connecticut, including two Community Banks, one Regional Bank, and a Community Development Financial Institution. This wide range of experience allows Edward to have the vision of a larger organization without losing focus on the most important aspects of business, customer service and community involvement. Edward received a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance, with honors, from Central Connecticut State University, and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Connecticut. Edward resides in Burlington, CT, with his wife of 36 years, Karen, who is a Nurse Manager at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford. They have three grown children and four grandsons. His interests include spending time with family, being outside, biking, and golf. Edward has volunteered a large amount of time to various organizations especially in youth sports. The time spent volunteering in youth sports instilled in Edward that a team is much greater than the sum of its individual parts. Edward is passionate about using his knowledge and experience to help people with their banking and financial needs to make a positive impact on the lives of UBI customers.

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# MICHAEL PAULHUS, TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT TO TOWN COUNCIL JULY 17, 2023 & AUGUST 21, 2023



## July 17, 2023 - Town Manager Report:

### Tomasso Nature Park Update

- The town was successful in working with Art Marino on the creation of two turtle beds at Tomasso Nature Park. I'd like to thank both Art and Mike Ferrara of the Highway Department for their efforts. There is evidence of turtle activity, which we hope will continue.
- The Conservation Commission would like to continue to have the assistance of Art Marino given his history and knowledge as the former curator of the park. Marge Buris has requested Art Marino be designated a technical advisor to help assist Jeff Sepko who is the current curator.
- I recommend the Town Council authorize the Conservation Commission to designate Art Marino as a Technical Adviser. This will be a volunteer non-voting member.

### MOU/Assessment Deferral for Camp Pickleball, LLC

- The Applicant has indicated its intent to construct one building consisting of 23,000 square feet consisting of new construction and site improvements.
- The estimated costs of the Improvements are at least (\$1,334,600), but in no event less than 85% of that number.
- The Economic Development Agency, after consideration of the Applicant's proposal, has recommended to the Plainville Town Council that as an inducement to the Applicant to construct the Improvements, the Town enter into a Tax Assessment Fixing Agreement ("Agreement"), when construction is completed.
- Additional information is included in the packet that describes the design and layout of the facility and operations. There is an item under New Business regarding the approval of Tax Assessment Fixing Agreement for Camp Pickleball, LLC.

### Fire Protection/Life Safety Systems Inspection Ordinance

- The Town of Plainville Fire Marshal's Office is required to inspect all fire protection systems within the Town of Plainville. This is to ensure that the systems have been inspected, tested, and maintained.
- To assist with this duty, the FM would like to engage the services of a third-party vendor, such as The Compliance Engine by Brycer, LLC, to provide a simple, internet-based tool to track and drive code compliance, reduce false alarm activity, and provide a safer community.
- For the Fire Marshal's Office to utilize a third-party vendor, the town must add a new section to the Town of Plainville Code, authorizing the Fire Marshal's office to allow a third-party vendor to participate in the inspection process.
- Additional information is included in the packet that describes the process and revenue model. There is no cost to the town or fee for the building owners. There is an item under New Business to set a public hearing to hear comment on the proposed ordinance regarding the Fire Protection/Life Safety Systems Inspections.

### Municipal Center Fire Alarm System Replacement

- The Municipal Center Fire Alarm System is antiquated and in need of replacement. In the FY 2022 and FY 2024 Capital Improvement Plans (CIPs), the Town Council approved a total of \$90,000 for the procurement and installation of a new fire alarm system.
- The Buildings and Grounds Department received a quote from Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP for a total of \$76,890.00. This quote is under the budgeted amount.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the award of Bid #2024-06: Municipal Center Fire Alarm System Replacement to Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP of Rocky Hill, CT under State Contract No. 18PSX0005 in the amount of \$76,890.00.

### Farmington Canal Heritage Trail – Phase II Update

- The CT DOT will be holding a Virtual Public Informational Meeting for Phase II of the Farmington

Canal Heritage Trail on July 20, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Information about registering and participating is available on our website.

- A Question-and-Answer session will immediately follow the CT DOT presentation.
- The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community with an opportunity to learn about the proposed project and allow an open discussion of any views and comments concerning the proposed improvements.
- Phase II of the FCHT is approximately 2 miles long. The project consists of a linear trail from the existing trail head parking on Northwest Drive to Rte. 72 in proximity to North Washington Street.
- Construction is anticipated to begin in the Fall 2025, based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way, and approval of permit(s). The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$15.5 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with eighty percent (80%) Federal funds and twenty percent (20%) State funds.

### Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Upgrade Project Update

- Shuttle Meadow Wastewater Pump Station is one of the Town's largest wastewater pump stations in Plainville transporting on average 450,000 gallons per day.
- The pump station was originally designed and built in 1968 (55 years ago) with some minor modifications in 2000.
- Considering the age of the equipment and the ability to secure spare parts, the unreliability of the alarm system, the inability of the pumps to keep up with the flows, this station is in need of an upgrade. The station is also considered a confined space and is dangerous each time employees have to enter.
- The construction is expected to last approximately 68 weeks. Project will include a new wet well, pumps, backup generator, controls, alarms, valves, piping, fittings and will eliminate the confined space/safety hazard that exists today. The bids will go out in the fall.

### UV Disinfection Issue at WPCF

- On Saturday July 1st at approximately 6:28pm a bird flew into one of the breakers on the pole just outside the fence. Eversource was notified and responded by resetting the breaker and installing cages around each of the three breakers to hopefully prevent this from happening again. The on-call operator came in to reset equipment and ensure the plant was running on generator power for the evening. At this point it was not noticed that the UV system did not come back on.
- On Sunday July 2nd while resetting everything back to street power it was not noticed that the UV System was not running. The UV System is a critical component of operations that controls E.coli.
- On Monday July 3rd while doing rounds it was noticed the UV system was off. The town immediately submitted a 2-hour equipment breakdown report on QAlert. DEEP was also notified by email that there was an issue with the UV System. Trojan was contacted and an emergency technician assisted the effort by walking through different reasons the system might not start. The system had power, but they would not activate so the alarm system did not see any faults to report. The team was unsuccessful in getting it started and the unit remained off. Throughout the day QAlert was updated. The team concluded that there had to be some components of the system (likely PC boards) that had been damaged.
- On Thursday July 6th a technician from Maher Corp arrived on site and began troubleshooting the system. He was unable to figure out why the system wouldn't turn on. The Finance Department issued a PO to satisfy the proposal requirements and parts were ordered for shipment direct to the plant.
- On Friday July 7, 2023, the team found a work around to get the UV system back online until the parts arrive.
- On Monday July 3rd, Wednesday July 5th and Thursday July 6th the town exceeded its E. coli limit

Each of these exceedances was logged on QAlert. It is expected that the town will continue to exceed this permit limit until at least July 24th when all essential parts should be on site and a technician has been scheduled.

### Honor Heights Sewer Project Update

- Ludlow Construction began the installation of sanitary sewers on June 22, 2023, at the intersection of Robidoux Road and Shepard Lane. Construction activities during the week ending June 23rd consisted of installing one sanitary sewer manhole at the intersection of Robidoux Road and Shepard Lane and extending the 8" sanitary sewer main line approximately 115 linear feet northerly on Shepard Lane toward Washburn Drive including one additional manhole.
- The week ending June 30th, Ludlow Construction installed approximately 410 linear feet of 8" sanitary sewer main on Shepard Lane northerly to the intersection of Washburn Drive including two manholes. The installation of sewer main on Shepard Lane was completed. In addition, Ludlow Construction installed approximately 350 linear feet of 8" sanitary sewer main westerly on Robidoux Road from the intersection of Robidoux Road and Shepard Lane including 3 manholes to the intersection of D'Amico Drive.
- The week of July 14th, Ludlow Construction installed approximately 675 linear feet of sanitary sewer westerly on Robidoux Road from D'Amico Drive to the intersection of Robidoux Road and Washburn Drive including 2 manholes. The installation of sewer main on Robidoux Road is complete. Additionally, Ludlow Construction installed approximately 500 linear feet of sewer main on Hull Drive from the intersection of Robidoux Road northerly including 1 manhole. The disturbed trench areas on Robidoux Road and Hull Drive were paved.

## Happenings

### Town Council Meeting on July 17 *Andy Cirioli, Assistant Town Manager*

#### PROPERTY TAX BILLS – TAX/REVENUE COLLECTION

Property tax bills were sent to residents during the first week of July. If residents did not receive a bill, they should contact the Tax/Revenue Collection office. All taxes are due by August 1st.

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY

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#### Summer Library Adventures 2023

- Wednesday, July 19th at 5:00pm: Teens in grades 7-12 will make an easy hand sewn game of tic-tac-toe.
- Thursday, August 10th at 6:00pm: Al deCant's "Rockin' with Pete the Cat". All ages are welcome to attend. Participants can get their picture with Pete the Cat and hang out for this toe-tapping show filled with great music and audience participation. Master Wildlife Conservationist with DEEP
- Wednesday, July 19th at 6:30pm: Ginny Apple will present Bobcats in Connecticut. All ages are welcome to attend. Participants will learn about the natural history of bobcats in Connecticut and their habitat.

#### CENTRAL CT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 32nd Annual Golf Tournament

- Monday, August 7 at Tunxis Country Club at 87 Town Farm Road in Farmington
- Register online at [www.centralctchambers.org](http://www.centralctchambers.org).

#### SENIOR CENTER

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



August 21, 2023

### Town Manager Report: Town Council

#### FAA Airport Grant Offer – New Fencing & Gates

- The Aviation Commission identified the perimeter security fence that encloses the airport facility as a priority project over 2 years ago and is included in the Airport CIP
- Due to the size of the project and cost and need for an A-2 survey, a decision was made to proceed to phase the project with a partial installation of new fencing and gates along the terminal side of the airport.
- Our engineering firm AECOM prepared the spec's and ran the procurement/bid process for the Town that resulted in a low bid of \$439,875 from Eagle Fence.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the approval of Bid #2023-24, Robertson Airport New Fencing and Gates.

#### Cleaning Services Contract

- The Town of Plainville engages a professional cleaning company to provide cleaning services for the Municipal Center, Public Library, Recreation Building, Police Department, Fire Station, and Water Pollution Control Facility. The current 5-year contract with Magic Gloves Cleaning Service, LLC expired on June 30, 2023. The Buildings and Grounds Department is seeking a renewal of their contract for an additional five years.
- Magic Gloves proposed an agreement that would provide the same level of service for \$120,426.36 per year for five years. The agreement stipulates a 1.8% increase beginning on July 1, 2024, and increasing annually by 1.8%. This price is considered fair and competitive given the exceptional services they have provided. Magic Gloves is CT business that is woman-owned and a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE).
- There is an item under New Business regarding the waiver of the competitive procurement process to award the cleaning contract, Bid #2024-08 to Magic Gloves Cleaning Service.

#### Recreation Building Roof Replacement

- The roof over the Recreation Building at 50 Whiting Street is estimated to be over 35 years old. There have been a series of issues with this roof, including small leaks, ponding, raised drains, blistering roof membrane, and deteriorating flashing and coping.
- The Building and Grounds Department has requested to engage SR Products/Simon Roofing & Sheet Metal to install the new roof. SR Products/Simon Roofing & Sheet Metal is available through The Interlocal Purchasing System ("TIPS") USA purchasing cooperative, of which the Town of Plainville holds membership.
- SR Products/Simon Roofing & Sheet Metal proposes a new rubber roof membrane. The project is quoted at \$87,720, including labor and materials. This project is included in the FY24 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and is budgeted at \$100,000. The quoted project is under this budgeted amount.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the approval of Bid #2024-09, Recreation Building Roof.

#### Charter Revision Discussion

- The Commission has completed its work and the next step is to approve the questions for the referendum.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the approval of a resolution entitled "Resolution Establishing Referendum on Proposed Revisions to the Town Charter."

#### Purchasing Ordinance Update

- In December 2022, a section was recently added to Chapter 106 to comply with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Upon further review, Town staff determined a more holistic update was required to enhance clarity, readability, and organization.
- The additions and amendments proposed are consistent with the Town's current practices and best practices utilized by municipalities within the State. The most significant amendments clarify existing practices and pertain to purchasing thresholds, the request for proposals process, awarding a bid to other than the lowest bidder, sole source/waiver of the procurement process, and purchase orders.
- There is an item under New Business to set a public hearing to hear comments on the proposed amendments to Chapter 106: Purchasing, Articles I and II.

#### CGI Communications Agreement Renewal

- The Economic Development Office was contacted by CGI Communications regarding updating the

"Community Video Series" currently published on the Town's website.

- The last contract was signed in 2019, and while normally a three-year agreement, was extended during the pandemic. CGI is now circling back to gauge the Town's interest in renewing and updating the videos. The current video series covers Education, Economic Development, Quality of Life, Public Safety, Community Events, and Community Organizations.
- With significant turnover in Town leadership since the last publication, it is an ideal time to reproduce this series. Videos are scripted, taped, edited, and produced by CGI at no cost to the town.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the approval of an Agreement with CGI Communications.

#### Trash & Recycling Containers Purchase

- The Town provides curbside trash and recycling collection and disposal services to eligible residential properties. Those properties receive one trash and one recycling container per unit from the Buildings and Grounds Department.
- In an effort to continue to provide this service, the Buildings and Grounds Department is requesting the purchase of 405, 95-gallon gray containers (for trash) and 144, 95-gallon navy containers (for recycling) from Schaefer Plastics North America, LLC ("Schaefer") for \$36,638.
- Schaefer is the sole source provider of this equipment. I recommend the Town Council waive this requirement for bid and consider this a sole source purchase, as allowed for in §106-9 of the General Code.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the award of Bid 2024-10: Trash and Recycling Containers to Schaefer Plastics North America, LLC in the amount of \$36,638.

#### New Hours- Municipal Center, Rec Dept., Youth Services, and Senior Center

- The new 4 -day work week will start this week. The revised hours of operation for the Municipal Center, Recreation Department, and Youth Services Department will be as follows: Monday to Wednesday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; Thursday: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday: Closed
- The Senior Center, an integral part of our community, will also be participating in this pilot program, offering the following hours: Monday: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm; Tuesday to Thursday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; Friday: Closed
- This is a 6- month pilot program that will be reviewed in February 2024.

#### White Oak Redevelopment Project Update

- The project is moving forward and the next step in the Town's effort to remediate the White Oak property is to properly address the contamination of the existing office and garage buildings. Tighe & Bond and Town Staff drafted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for hazardous building material abatement contractors.
- Representatives from eight (8) firms attended the mandatory site walk. Of those, six (6) submitted responses to the RFP by the July 13th due date. Responses ranged from \$625,000 - \$1,640,000.
- An Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) submitted to the Town by Tighe & Bond prior to publishing the RFP estimated work to be roughly \$800,000. All work is covered under previously awarded Brownfield grant funding.
- Tighe & Bond and the Town Staff reviewed and graded each response and completed reference checks. Scope review calls were scheduled with the three low responders. Following the calls, the Town and Tighe & Bond made a joint proposal to the DECD that we move forward in presenting Enviro Consultants & Recyclers to the Town Council as the preferred contractor.
- There is an item under New Business to award RFP 2024-02 HBM Abatement of Former White Oak Property to Enviro Consultants & Recyclers for \$625,000 and authorize Town Manager to enter into a contract with said group.

#### Paderewski Park Update

- A site walk was conducted on July 26th to visually inspect the park and area around the pond. There was a general agreement among the members present that the pond is an asset that should be preserved. There was a general discussion on ways in which to promote conservation efforts while allowing recreational activities to continue.
- I have put together a separate memo to outline my recommendations as you consider your next steps. While the memo has more detail, it covers items like park conditions and possible improvements, upgrades to signage, the boat launch, added conservation efforts, education efforts and

promotion of best practices.

#### FFY 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

- The State Homeland Security Grant Program is providing monies to the Capitol Region Council of Governments in the amount of \$480,956.15 for regional collaboration as it relates to Homeland Security. Each of the 38 cities & towns in the Capitol Region must sign off on having CROG coordinate this regional effort.
- There is a resolution under New Business to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement that would allow CROG to act as our agent with respect to these funds for the region.

#### Farmington Fire Marshal Mutual Aid

- This is a Mutual Aid Agreement between Plainville and the Town of Farmington. The Towns voluntarily enter into this Fire Marshal Mutual Aid Agreement pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes("CGS") 5 7-310 for the purpose of providing the opportunity to share authorized fire marshal staff and resources among the two towns for emergency responses.
- Farmington, a larger town with more personnel, has agreed to sharing the Fire Marshal and four Fire Inspectors. These individuals will be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

#### Future Middle School Discussion

- Now that we have had a chance to digest the presentation from Mike Zuba of SLAM, I wanted to update the Council on the next steps forward.
- I believe there is consensus that based on the presentation of July 24th the demographics and enrollment projections show that closing the middle school is not an option, which leaves us with 1). Renovate as New, or 2) Maintenance Plan.
- Based on those two options, I think it makes sense to do the following before holding our next meeting: Request updated numbers from CSG for Renovate as New; update numbers from BOE/ Town on Maintenance Plan; Review application process and reimbursement rate with the State of CT - Office of School Construction Grants & Review (OSCG&R); review and update bond analysis and debt service schedule with Rob Buden and Bond Consultant.
- Once the information is obtained, reconvene a joint meeting with BOE to discuss the findings.
- Bring new Superintendent up to speed on process and set date for public forum.

## Happenings

### Reported at the Town Council Meeting on August 21, 2023

*Andy Cirioli, Assistant Town Manager*

#### FALL BULK PICKUP

Fall Bulk Pickup is scheduled to start on Monday, September 11, 2023 and end on Monday, October 30, 2023. See page 6 for details

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY

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- Annual Book Sale by the Friends of the Library
- Friday, September 8, 2023, from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM and Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Plainville Public Library
- Fill a bag of books for \$3.00 per bag. Cash or check only.

#### CENTRAL CT

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber of Commerce Meet & Greet for Plainville Business Owners

- Thursday, September 7, 2023 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM at the Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott in Plainville • \$20 per person, includes food. • Register online at: [www.centralctchambers.org](http://www.centralctchambers.org)

#### Business After Hours for Businesses

- to Meet and Build Relationships with other Businesses
- Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Plainville Funeral Home
- No cost, refreshments will be provided
- Register online at [www.centralctchambers.org](http://www.centralctchambers.org)

#### SENIOR CENTER

For information on Senior Center programs, call the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

All programs are free Details on pages 18 & 19



**From the Desk of:****Cal Hauburger**

*Economic Development &  
Special Projects Coordinator*

**White Oak Update:** The Town issued an RFP for Hazardous Building Material contractors to address necessary abatement within the existing structures. The hope is that work will begin shortly after. Based on the timelines received in the proposal responses, the goal would be to have the buildings abated with State approval around the end of the year. The goal would be to have this set to be published around the end of the year, coinciding with the required timeline for Manafort Newport to finalize and present a Master Development Plan to relevant boards and commissions. While a fair amount of time away, the current goal is to have a soil abatement contractor in place for work to begin when weather allows in 2024.

**Community Video Series:** My office has been contacted by CGI Communications about updating the Community Video Series currently posted on the Town's website. The first video iteration was completed in 2019 and is outdated in terms of Town staff, programs, and some of the highlighted developments. I will be putting together a packet for the Town Council to review and give their approval at their August 21st meeting.

**Tax Abatements:** At their June 19th meeting, the Town Council formally ratified the Tax Fixing Agreement for Americold. The benefit is "capping total taxes at \$850,000 for a period of 10 years unless Americold secures additional personal property or completes additional expansion of the building from the original design". Even with the abatement in place, Americold will become the second highest taxpayer in Town, trailing only CT Commons. The Tax Fixing Agreement has been executed by both Americold and the Town Manager. It is not anticipated that there will be any delay in applying the abatement with the next available Grand List.

**I have been in contact with Camp Pickleball regarding the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding for future tax benefits. I'm anticipating it will be executed in short order.**

**Development:**

- The Planning & Zoning Commission will be reviewing a plan for a subdivision at 109 Park Street, the parking lot of the former Parson Buick. The application is seeking approval to utilize the residential zoning label and create 3 single family lots.

- An application has also been received seeking a special exception for a mixed-use commercial/residential building at the former Cottage Restaurant located at 427 Farmington Avenue. The plan includes demolishing the existing building and garage and constructing an 18,000 square foot facility split over two levels of 9,000 square feet each. The first floor will house commercial and office space, and the second floor will have 1-bedroom and efficiency apartments. A public hearing is required and will be scheduled for September 12th.

- Mott Corporation continues to expand their location on Spring Lane, recently adding two separate control area outbuildings to increase their services.

- 50 West announced their closure at the end of July. We're actively working to advertise that property and hope to infill in short order.

- Don Bigote has recently reopened their doors following some interior flooding back in December of 2022. Following months of work, operation has resumed to a warm welcome from the community.

**That is all for this month's update. I hope you all are enjoying the end of your summer. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to reach out. Cal Hauburger** P: (860)793-0221 x7178  
hauburger@plainville-ct.gov

*(Excerpts from Cal's report)*

**Renters Rebate**

State law provides a reimbursement program for renters who are elderly or totally disabled, and whose incomes do not exceed certain limits.

Persons renting an apartment or room or living in co-operative housing, or a mobile home may be eligible for this program.

Renters rebate applications are accepted between now and October 1st. **Visit [portal.ct.gov/OPM](http://portal.ct.gov/OPM)**

**PLAINVILLE  
Property Transfers**

**365 Woodford Ave Unit 32:** Bret Grala and Marta Koakowska of Plainville to John and Kristin Caldarola, \$195,000 on 6/7/2023

**69 Northwest Dr Unit 25:** Brandon T. Loehle of Plainville to Agnieszka Tasak, \$220,000 on 6/7/2023

**8 Cassidy Dr Unit 8:** Labelle Randall L. Est and Brandy Thibault of Plainville to Kristine H. Mach, \$169,000 on 5/10/2023

**130 Shuttlemeadow Rd:** Gagnon Claudine M Est and Michelle Boucher of Plainville to Havaloc Powell, \$120, 5/10/2023

**49 Lincoln St:** Carver Sandra J. Est and Carter J. Hart of Plainville to Danny L. Walker and Kathy L. Nearing, \$351,000 on 6/7/2023

**138 Shuttlemeadow Rd:** Lowell H. Barger and Kerry L. Daddabbo of Plainville to Robert Townes \$250,000 on 6/12/2023

**191 Whiting St:** Denise A. Mongillo of Plainville to Saleen Khan, \$1,000,000 on 6/7/2023

**116 W. Main St:** Gary R. Maglio of Plainville to Melanie Makula, \$299,900 on 6/13/2023

**4 Meadowland Cir:** Lori Rosborg of Plainville to Joseph A. Siton, \$333,500 on 6/16/2023

**172 Broad St Unit 40:** Richard A. and Sue A. Dziura of Plainville to Bryan and Heather Shane, \$335,000 on 6/14/2023

**190 Willow Brook Dr Unit 47:** Newport Willow Brk Partne of Plainville to Patricia Fairwood, \$474,185 on 6/16/2023

**8 Tillage Ct Unit 8:** Sanjay and Romita Jain of Plainville to Hana Effendi \$425,000 on 6/13/2023

**24 Prentice St:** Mastermind Inv Group LLC of Plainville to Kerry L. Daddabbo and Lowell H. Barger, \$280,000 on 6/13/2023

**34 Canterbury Ln:** John J. and Linda G. Simeone of Plainville to Jason Russell, \$331,000 on 6/14/2023

**5 Rosewood Dr:** Osak Theodore Jr Est and Mary Osak of Plainville to Wandy V. Rojas, \$30,625 on 6/23/2023

**N/A:** Denise Price and Michelle E. Kline of Plainville to Joshua M. McDonnell, \$210,000 on 6/27/2023

**196 Willow Brook Dr Unit 196:** Newport Willow Brk Partne of Plainville to Kathleen Binkowski and Patrick J. Murray, \$455,000 on 6/27/2023

**64 Macarthur Rd:** Raymond T. and Debra L. Swanson of Plainville to Jared and Samantha Orazio, \$336,000 on 6/27/2023

**N/A:** Patricia Fairwood of Plainville to Jeoung R. Cho, \$360,000 on 6/29/2023

**166 Willow Brook Dr Unit 39:** Newport Willow Brk Partne of Plainville to Cheryl A. and Barry A. Berk, \$480,209 on 6/30 /2023

**36 Beckwith Dr:** Dorothy Mikulak of Plainville to Jd Investment Prop LLC, \$181,000 on 7/18/2023

**27 Meriline Ave:** Joshua Levesque of Plainville to Judith Colborne, \$250,000 on 7/18/2023

**Seneca St:** Joanna Kanicki of Plainville to Nayashawn Abdulhaqq, \$383,000 on 7/10/2023

**N/A:** Bb & G Holdings LLC of Plainville to Salamour Prop Hldg LLC, \$425,000 on 7/17/2023

**155 Willow Brook Dr Unit 36:** Newport Willow Brk Partne of Plainville to Nancy A and Neil H. Wasserman, \$496.486 on 7/18/2023

**N/A:** James J. and Ann L. Stanulis of Plainville to Rgk Properties LLC \$145,000 on 7/11/2023

**N/A:** Oak Land Developers LLC of Plainville to Walter Chambers, \$267,500 on 7/18/2023

**Autumn Ln:** James R. Borck and Norma O. Bartley Of Plainville to Dolores J. Iannini, \$371,000 on 7/11/2023

**37 Plum Tree Rd:** Dorothy A. Strickland of Plainville to Twm Development LLC \$135,000 on 7/17/2023

**214 Broad St:** Mary C. Tully of Plainville to Sara Mancini, \$350,000 on 7/11/2023

**33 Norton Pl:** Federal Natl Mtg Assn of Plainville to Jamie Delgado, \$220,500 on 7/17/2023

**6 Black Birch Rd:** Lester T. and Teresa B. Nadolski of Plainville to Konrad and Joanna Kaniecki, \$399,000 on 7/12/2023

**26 Ledge Rd:** Mary Fusco of Plainville to Kenneth and Pamelas Mckinnon, \$270,000 on 7/10/2023

**36 Ledge Rd:** Alexandria D. Edman of Plainville to Tabetha and Victor Paradis, \$450,000 on 7/18/2023

**53 Woodland St:** Donnell G. and Susan E. Devine of Plainville to Jean Iris, \$320,053 on 7/17/2023

**35 Norton Pl:** Josephine A. Daddese of Plainville to Vanessa Williams, \$169,900 on 7/13/2023

**182 Willow Brook Dr Unit 182:** Newport Willow Brk Partne of Plainville to Brenda Vigneault, \$399,850 on 7/12/2023

**100 Northhampton Ln Unit 13:** Lisa C. Ziernicki of Plainville to Natalie and Patryk Sliwinski, \$220,000 on 7/24/2023

**17 Beckwith Dr:** Heather L. Grover of Plainville to Nicholas J. and Kimberly R. Arnold, \$230,000 on 7/25/2023

**130 Shuttlemeadow Rd:** Irmr Home Improvement LLC of Plainville to Sara G. Keller and Kyle J. Mickel, \$236,000 on 7/25/2023

**8 Duval Ln:** Sebastian Beraducci Lt and Rebecca A. Beraducci of Plainville to Robert Torres, \$300,000 on 7/25/2023

**7 Eastwood Dr:** Mildred B. Brayman Lt and Marlyss Gage of Plainville to Andrew J. Stearns, \$360,000 on 7/25/2023

**206 Willow Brook Dr Unit 42:** Newport Willow Brk Partne of Plainville to Lorna O. and Mark H. Zammatt. \$464,220 on 7/26/2023

**482 East St. Unit 3:** John Guzzardi of Plainville to Shanda Flores, \$79,500 on 7/25/2023

**N/A:** G & Anna Reinwald Lt and Theresa R. Boains of Plainville to Kristen M. Couture and Jeffrey M. Gaita, \$265,000 on 7/26/000 on 7/26/2023

**Town of Plainville****On-Demand Bulk Pickup Policy**

The Town of Plainville has an on-demand policy for the collection of bulk pickup. Residents who currently have curbside rubbish and recycling collection from the Town can request one bulk pickup per calendar year free of charge for acceptable large items that do not fit in normal rubbish collection. Please visit the Town of Plainville website for a complete list of acceptable bulk items.

Residents can receive one bulk pick up, free of charge, per year. **Bulk collection will take place on Mondays during the following fall period: September 11th, 2023 through October 30th, 2023**

**Eligible residents must call CWPM, LLC at (860) 793-6721 to schedule a pickup.** When calling, you will need to provide your name, address, phone number and a description of the items to be collected. Calls must be scheduled by property owners/landlords; this includes multi-family residents (2-5 units). **Calls placed by 3:00pm Friday can be scheduled for collection on Monday. Bulk items should be placed curbside no more than 24 hours before your scheduled pickup. Bulk items must not block or create a safety concern for sidewalks or walkways.**

**Questions can be referred to Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 x7176, or you can refer to the Public Works Department page on the Town of Plainville website, [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com)**

**PLAINVILLE VETERANS****MEMORIAL WALL**

The Memorial Wall is located on the main floor of the Plainville Municipal Center adjacent to the Town Clerk's Office. Visitors may view the Wall during normal business hours. If you are interested in adding a Veteran's name to the Wall, applications are in the Municipal Center, Senior Center, and VFW Post 574.

**Information or Questions on Voting Contact:**

**Susan Abram**

**Democrat**

**Registrar of Voters**

**860-793-0221 Ext. 7161**

**Beth Gasparini**

**Republican**

**Registrar of Voters**

**860-793-0221 Ext. 7162**



## Health and Wellness EXPO

(Wellness offerings, Health options, Crystals, Jewelry, LOCAL crafters, and Local businesses)

VFW Hall Post 574

7 Northwest Dr. Plainville

September 17th

12 PM to 4 PM

Readers, Naturopath, Counseling, Books, Natural Balms, Organic supplements, Replacement Windows, Traveling Farmer, Massage, Tumblers, Clothing, Soaps, CBD's, Candles, Sound Healing, Natural minerals, Handbags, Pain Patches, Salves, Gourds, Health Resources, Healing Modalities, Local Art, Reiki, Jewelry, Balms, Crafts, Travel, Essential Oils, Honey, Syrups, Tinctures, Natural Personal Care Products, Natural Supplements, Crystals, Auricular Therapy, & MORE!!

INDOOR & OUTDOOR Vendors

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holistic-benefit-expo-tickets-623009808107>

## Statewide Benefit 11th Bi-Annual Holistic Expo Sunday, October 15th

### John LeBeau Announced as Fall Health Expo's Keynote Speaker

The 11th Bi-Annual New England Passport to Health and Wellness EXPO keynote speaker will be John LeBeau, INHC, an orthomolecular researcher, integrative nutrition health consultant and holistic practitioner. His keynote topic, Covid-19, Vaccines and Controversies – Find Your Truth, will offer information and solutions for multiple health issues facing the public. The EXPO takes place October 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bristol, Connecticut.

Over the last 25 years, LeBeau's research in orthomolecular/functional medicine and integrative nutritional therapies has led him to his practice in natural health and wellness. Giving individuals options to the standard approaches to chronic disease and illness is a major priority. Over the last 3 years, his research and practice has shifted to Covid-19 and vaccine toxicity. He works on eliminating all toxic issues from the body. His patients include medical professionals locally and from around the country. His lecture will take place in the Atrium at 1 p.m. with a Q&A following the presentation.

You can reserve seating on EventBrite at [EventBrite.com/e/Passport-to-Health-and-Wellness-Expo-Keynote-Speaker-Lecture-Tickets-698158239087](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/Passport-to-Health-and-Wellness-Expo-Keynote-Speaker-Lecture-Tickets-698158239087).

The expo will feature speakers on the half-hour, over 75 vendors and readers, free raffles all day, and a grand prize of a Hilton overnight stay with breakfast for two, as well as a free sound healing event from 4-5 p.m.

The Passport to Health & Wellness Expo, co-sponsored by the Fairfield & Southern Litchfield Counties and New Haven & Middlesex Counties editions of Natural Awakenings, is a free event to the public with advance tickets available on EventBrite.com. All door proceeds will be donated to the Children's Health Defense New England Chapter.

For more information, call Shirley Bloethe at 860-989-0033, email [YourHolisticEvents@gmail.com](mailto:YourHolisticEvents@gmail.com) or visit [YourHolisticEvents.com](http://YourHolisticEvents.com). Location: The Bristol DoubleTree by Hilton, 42 Century Dr, Bristol, CT.

**“Welcome” Volunteers: To verify the Religious Directory monthly for changes.**

**Work from home or at Hometown Office & name your own hours.**

**Questions: Call 860-747-4119 P.S.**

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## Hartford HealthCare

Leaja Johnson,

Community Outreach Assistant

860.406.6864

[Leaja.Johnson@hhchealth.org](mailto:Leaja.Johnson@hhchealth.org)

### Call-In Support Group

Looking for a safe space? Talk to a professional about the questions and or concerns you may have regarding dementia. Every Friday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. starting Friday, Sept. 1, there will be a call-in support group facilitated by Kristine Johnson, dementia specialist, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging.

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

### Virtual: Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Do you care for someone diagnosed with dementia? A support group provides emotional, educational and social support. Topics include: communication techniques, caregiver support, benefits of activities, and stages of the disease, family dynamics and safety issues. Join the class on Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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

### Open House at The Orchards at Southington set for Sept. 7

SOUTHINGTON – The Orchards at Southington, a beautiful independent and assisted living community located at 34 Hobart Street, is hosting an open house on Thursday, Sept. 7 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Visitors will be able to learn more about how the concerns of a personal home can be put aside for the perks of a senior living community, safety precautions, and supportive services.

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

The Orchards at Southington, a not for profit member of Hartford HealthCare Senior Services, offers independent and assisted living at 34 Hobart St., Southington. For more information about The Orchards at Southington, visit <http://southingtonorchards.org>.

### Open House at Arbor Rose at Jerome Home set for Sept. 12

NEW BRITAIN – Arbor Rose at Jerome Home is a lovely independent and assisted living community located at 975 Corbin Ave., is hosting an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Visitors will be able to learn more about the community we serve along with the endless services we provide for our seniors.

Registration is recommended. To reserve a time, call Karen Alix, retirement counselor at Arbor Rose at Jerome Home, at 860.229.3707.

Arbor Rose at Jerome Home, which is affiliated with Hartford HealthCare Senior Services, offers independent and assisted living with memory care on the campus of Jerome Home, located at 975 Corbin Ave. in New Britain. For more information about Arbor Rose at Jerome Home, visit [jeromehome.org](http://jeromehome.org). Open House at Cedar Mountain Commons set for Sept. 13

### Open House at Mulberry Gardens set for Sept. 27 SOUTHINGTON

Mulberry Gardens, is an independent and assisted living community located at 58 Mulberry St., will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, Sept. 27, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Visitors will be able to learn more about how living at a senior community can be rich, varied schedule of social, cultural, and recreational opportunities. Registration is recommended.

To reserve a time, call Marie Terzak, retirement counselor at Mulberry Gardens, at 860.276.1020.

## Welcoming Volunteers at a Place for You

HARTFORD- Are you looking for opportunities to share your passion and bring a sense of comfort to the lives of others? Become a part of the Hospice Volunteer Team with **Hartford HealthCare at Home**. Our Team has one of the most extensive volunteer programs in the region.

### As a volunteer we offer you:

- Visiting opportunities throughout the state that can be tailored to your area of preference.
- Monthly education and support opportunities.
- The opportunity to be part of a committed group of volunteers who are appreciated and well supported.
- There is a place for you that will fit your needs.

### Opportunities include:

- Visiting homes and/or facilities to offer companionship for patients and respite for caregivers.
- Providing activities such as reading, singing and playing music.
- Offering massages and reiki sessions.
- Coordinating certified pet therapy teams.
- Providing emotional support, companionship, bereavement, veteran and vigil support when needed.
- Offering administrative support.

The team is planning a series of trainings in the fall to prepare prospective volunteers with classes on the history and mission of hospice, care and comfort of the dying, spirituality, grief and bereavement, and other necessary topics to enable you to safely provide care to patients at end of life. After the training we will start the on-boarding process. Join our amazing group of hospice volunteers by attending our upcoming training classes on Zoom.

### Prospective volunteers are encouraged to attend all five sessions.

- Thursday, Sept. 14, 5-7pm.
- Tuesday, Sept. 19, 5-7pm.
- Thursday, Sept. 21, 5-7pm.
- Tuesday, Sept. 26, 5-7pm.
- Thursday, Sept. 28, 5-7pm.

### OR

- Thursday, Oct. 5, 1-3pm.
- Thursday, Oct. 12, 1-3pm.
- Thursday, Oct. 19, 1-3pm.
- Thursday, Oct. 26, 1-3pm.
- Thursday, Nov. 2, 1-3pm.

For more information or to register for these training series, please contact staff in the region where you live.

### Windham, Tolland and Hartford counties:

Manager of Volunteer Services Laurie Steiger at 860.405.7126 or [laurie.steiger@hhchealth.org](mailto:laurie.steiger@hhchealth.org).

### New London County:

Volunteer Coordinator Constance Kendros at 860.515.9889 or [constance.kendros@hhchealth.org](mailto:constance.kendros@hhchealth.org).

### Litchfield, New Haven, Fairfield and Middlesex counties:

Volunteer Coordinator Holly Beck at 203.321.3008 or [holly.beck@hhchealth.org](mailto:holly.beck@hhchealth.org).

### Hartford HealthCare at Home

provides the highest quality in home care enabling individuals to achieve maximum independence, to participate in their own plan of care, and to live with dignity. To learn more, visit <https://hartfordhealthcareathome.org/>

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**Ryan LaQuerre C.P.A.**

Phone 860-747-4559

Fax: 860-793-2634

106 East Street Plainville



### NEW TRIP—FULLY ESCORTED VIKING RIVER CRUISE TRIP MEETING

*You Are Invited / Open to the Public*

**Danube Waltz Cruise, April 27—May 5, 2024**

9 Days, 7 Nights from Passau, Germany to Budapest, Hungary, including everyone's favorite—Vienna, Austria. From \$2,999.00 (plus airfare) for twin outside stateroom.

Learn all about this exciting adventure & see a video explaining the cruise, the ship and all you will do.

Flyers available with details.

Call the Senior Center to register for the meeting.

**YES / OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

### Thinking About Starting A Business In Plainville?

*Always check with the Economic Development Commission*

**For assistance Contact:**

Cal Hauburger, Economic Development Director  
Call 860-793-0221 Ext. 7178

# “HAPPY & HEALTHY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!”

## SEPTEMBER<sub>1</sub>

- 1ST MARILN MAY
- 4TH MARY LOU FERNANDEZ
- 8TH BOB CORNUSH  
STEVE MARTINO
- 9TH RITA BOLTON, NEW JERSEY
- 10TH ED RAPACKY
- 13TH LYNETTE HIDAY
- 14TH JOAN BERGENTY  
CHRIS WAZORKO
- 17TH BARBARA DAVISON  
TRUDY KIJANKA
- 21ST MARGARET ARCARI  
ROBERT MICHALIK
- 23RD COURTNEY BERGENTY  
GERT LACOMBE
- 24TH BRIANNE BERGENTY  
NANCY O TOOLE
- 25TH JOANNE EDMAN
- 29TH MARC MILO



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## HAPPY 38TH ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER 7TH

### WAYNE & SANDY KLAPPRODT

WITH LOVE, MOMMA

#### TO SUBMIT A BIRTHDAY:

Anniversary, Engagement or Wedding Announcement

**E-mail To:** plainvillehometown@gmail.com

**Mail To:** Hometown Connection 27 Sherman Plainville, CT

Call 860-747-4119 *It Pays to Advertise!*

Please submit your wishes on/or before the 15th of each month

### Happy Anniversary to Businesses

#### Celebrating an Anniversary????

*Doctor, Lawyer, Merchant or Chief*

*Email = plainvillehometown@gmail.com*

*or Call 860-747-4119*

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### Support Your Local Businesses

### By Shopping in Plainville First!

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- 10. 007'S CREATOR
- 11. ADULT MALE
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- 13. CLOTHS SPREAD ON A COFFIN
- 15. BREEZE THROUGH
- 16. LADYFISH GENUS
- 19. IT'S GOOD TO TAKE THEM
- 21. NOBLE-GOVERNED TERRITORY
- 23. MEMBERS OF U.S. NAVY
- 24. CARD GAME RESEMBLING RUMMY
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- 30. WOMAN'S CLOAK
- 34. S. AMERICAN PLANT
- 35. PROHIBIT
- 36. OFFENSE
- 41. DISH SOAP BRAND
- 45. OTTOMAN MILITARY COMMANDERS
- 46. ANCIENT GREEK CITY
- 47. MAKES UNHAPPY

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- 1. PLANT OF THE NETTLE FAMILY
- 2. FIT TO BE SOLD
- 3. RATHER
- 4. COLLECTED
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- 7. AGELESS
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- 13. TV NETWORK
- 14. THEY \_\_\_
- 17. COOKING HARDWARE
- 18. U.S. ARMY TITLE
- 20. IRON-CONTAINING COMPOUND
- 22. SWISS RIVER (ALT. SPELLING)
- 27. FORMER FRENCH COIN
- 28. ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES
- 29. TAXI
- 31. HELPS LITTLE FIRMS
- 32. WOEFUL
- 33. MIDWAY BETWEEN NORTH-EAST AND EAST
- 37. GLOWING
- 38. TASKS WHICH SHOULD BE DONE
- 39. AN INFORMAL BODY OF FRIENDS
- 40. INTRINSIC NATURE
- 41. NEURAL STRUCTURES
- 42. BREWS
- 43. WHERE SHIPS UNLOAD CARGO
- 44. SINGER
- 47. SINO-SOVIET BLOCK (ABBR.)
- 48. SOUTHWEST SCOTLAND TOWN
- 49. MOST WORTHLESS PARTS
- 51. VISCOUS
- 52. PUT TO WORK
- 53. OLD WORLD, NEW
- 58. SWISS RIVER

**Answer on page 27**

### NOTARY PUBLIC:

## KATHY PUGLIESE

50 West Broad Street PLAINVILLE, CT 06062

Phone 860-987-8705

## THE Central Connecticut Tea Party

Southington, Cheshire, Plainville  
Bristol and Meriden

Pd. for by: The members of the Tea Party



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

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

**Joan Raves:** My mother-in-law moved into the new Blesses House located on East Main Street (*former Peterson Restaurant*) after she sold her house. We invited her to live with us but she wanted to be independent, with her own mini condo. We are happy she is happy. (That is all that matters.)

**Sam Faves:** I live alone and I am eating well! I shop at Gnazzo Food Center because they make the best prepared meals. Thank you! Keith

**Email to:** plainvillehometown@gmail.com

**If you don't have a computer and have a Fave or Rave**

**Call 860-747-4119 and leave your message OR**

**Mail it to: Plainville Hometown Connection**

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

*Share your Faves & Raves with everyone!*

*Let's hear what you have to say, we need your comments!*

## Wheeler's 38th Annual Golf Classic Set

for September 13, 2023 at

### The Country Club of Farmington

*Mutual of America Financial Group Is Presenting Sponsor for Fifth Year in a Row; M&T Bank, & Others, Join Growing List of Supporters*

In 2022, the Golf Classic event grossed a record-breaking \$100,000 to support individuals and families in care through Wheeler's Basic Needs Fund, bringing the total amount raised since its inception to more than \$1.3 million.

**For more information, visit**

**WheelerHealth.org/Golf or**

**contact Sue O'Connell at 860.793.4214, 860-609-1583, or**

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## Welcome to New Owners & Businesses to Plainville in the last 6 months to year!!

**Salty Dog Tavern, 24 Whiting Street** – owned by Mike Miller. A second offering within the Hop Haus restaurant group, opened their second location on Whiting Street in the space previously occupied Hop Haus.

**BU Boutique, 442 East Street** – owned by Elba Roman. A recently opened boutique for women's clothing, specifically "retail apparel for all sizes with unique items" according to their website.

**Americold, 24 Northwest Drive.** A refrigerated distribution center for several grocery store chains owned by Ahold Delhaize, this location will serve as the hub of storage and distribution for the north east region.

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**Nonnie's Bakery, 104 East Main Street** – owned by Nella Lastrina. Taking over the former Mangiafico's location, Nonnie's offers a variety of traditional Italian baked goods, cookies, custom cakes and cupcakes, breads and pies.

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## Thomas Cole's

### "The Course of Empire"

By Francis Rexford Cooley

One hundred and ninety years ago Thomas Cole completed the first of five canvases making up his famed "The Course of Empire" series. The paintings give visual representation to the development of human civilization. The series begins with "The Savage State" followed by "The Pastoral State" (or "Arcadian State") into "The Consummation of Empire" to its "Destruction" and final state, "Desolation". Cole's series, painted during the American or New England Renaissance of the 1830s, served as a warning to the Early American Republic of the historical processes that all empires faced, declension and decline. Cole's series can be viewed as a visual representation of Edward Gibbon's theory of declension expressed in Gibbon's multivolume history "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" published in six volumes between 1776 and 1789, as well as playing with a number of ideals of the Early American Republic and American Renaissance.

The Savage State is the first painting in the series. The painting depicts a wild valley with a distant crag and shoreline. This landscape will be referenced in all five paintings of the series as "the Course of Empire" develops. In the first painting a Native American village and an abundance of game reference the "noble savage" concept of human development that influenced early American literature of the period, most famously in James Fenimore Cooper's "Last of the Mohicans" (1826). Cole was well aware of Cooper's work having painted four canvases based on Cooper's novel in the immediate aftermath of its publication (1826-1827). Conceptually "The Savage State" gives representation to an ideal state of existence between man and nature fitting within the emerging intellectual concepts encompassed within Cooper's work and the American Renaissance.

The Arcadian or Pastoral State is Cole's second painting in "the Course of Empire" series. Agriculture and shepherding rather than hunting is the primary occupation of food production. The painting features a temple and has references to mathematics, trade, and dance. The painting depicts what can be described as pre-urban ancient Greek with man in harmony with nature. The simple agricultural and pastoral references fit within the Jeffersonian concept of the yeoman farmer as the fundamental building block of a democratic republic, a concept Thomas Jefferson, himself, as President would bend in policy he expanded the United States well beyond its original thirteen states with the Louisiana Purchase and other policies that moved the Early Republic

towards empire in the early part of the 19th Century.

"The Consummation of Empire", Cole's third painting in his series, depicts a Roman style city at the peak of imperial power, built up, wealthy, vibrant with trade and people. Yet within the details of the painting are elements of decadence. The United States of the 1830s was prosperous, the Erie Canal, completed in 1825, had connected the Great lakes region and Midwest to the Eastern Seaboard. The War of 1812 removed the threat of European powers to American independence and had made New Orleans an American port opening the vast Mississippi/Missouri watershed to the Atlantic trading system. The American Renaissance in art, represented by Cole and what became known as the Hudson River Valley school of art, in literature, James Fenimore Cooper, and in architecture, steeped in classical Roman and Greek style, all gave the appearance of a vibrant, wealthy America rising to that of an Empire. Cole's third painting can be viewed as being reflective of his view of his contemporary society through the allegorical reference of Ancient Rome.

If "The Consummation of Empire" is an allegory of Cole's America, then "Destruction" is his warning to that society. The fourth painting in "the Course of Empire" series depicts the sacking and destruction of the formerly vibrant imperial city reflecting its decline and fall visually as Edward Gibbon had described "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" with the written word in his famed six volume set (1776-1789). Gibbon's concept of declension, the loss of virtue, as the primary cause of Rome's collapse through its own hubris and decadence is graphically illustrated in Cole's visual tour de force, a warning on the perils of internal rot all republics face.

"Desolation", Cole's last painting in the series. "The Course of Empire", shows the aftermath of "Destruction," the ruins of a once proud imperial city. Cole was influenced by the ancient ruins of the Roman Empire he saw travelling in Europe (1831). Those physical reminders of ancient Empires lost to the ages in "Desolation" become a visual means for Cole to warn his fellow Americans of the inherent dangers all empires eventually succumb to. As such Cole's series "The Course of Empire" still resonates today when viewed in its totality. It is a warning for the need of vigilance to preserve the Republic. As the Greek republics, Roman Empire, and Byzantine Empire all fell so too do all empires of their own excess and loss of virtue. The question for each generation is how to preserve their republic's virtues while avoiding hubris and decadence so that republic can be passed on to future generations who then will have the same question before them in hopes of forestalling "Destruction" and "Desolation" for as long as possible.

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## The 10 Commandments

Being of Catholic upbringing I always wondered why there were 10 Commandments. Here's my problem. Why ten? You don't need ten. I think the list of commandments was deliberately and artificially inflated to get it up to ten. It's a padded list. Here's what they did.

About 5000 years ago a bunch of religious and political hustlers got together to try to figure out how to control people, how to keep them in line. They knew people were basically stupid and would believe anything they were told so they announced that God had given them some commandments. Up on a mountain, when no one was around. God had given them the ten commandments. But let me ask you this. When they were sitting around making this stuff up, why did they pick ten. Why not 9 or 11? I'll tell you why because 10 sounds official, sounds important. They knew if it was, people wouldn't take it seriously. But 10 is the basis for the decimal system. It's a decade. It's a psychologically satisfying number, the top 10, the ten most wanted, the best 10 dressed. You get the idea. So having 10 Commandments was really a marketing decision. It's truly just a list. I'm going to show you how you could reduce the number of commandments and come up with a little more workable and logical. I'm going to start with the first three. I am the Lord thy God thou shalt not have strange Gods before me. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. Thou shalt keep Holy Sabbath. Right off the bat, the first three pure..... Sabbath Day Lord's name. Strange Gods. Spooky language, designed to scare and control primitive people. In no way does superstitious nonsense like this apply to the lives of intelligent civilized humans in the 21st century. Throw out the first three, you're down to seven.

Next, honor thy father and mother. Obedience. Respect for authority. Just another name for controlling people. The truth is, obedience and respect should not be automatic. They should be earned. They should be based on the parents performance. Some parents deserve respect, most of them don't period. Your down to 6. Now in the interest of logic-something religion is very uncomfortable with- we're going to jump around the list a little bit. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness. Stealing and lying. Well actually these two both prohibit the same kind of behavior. Dishonesty stealing and lying. So you don't need two of them. Instead you combine them and you call it thou shalt not be dishonest. Suddenly your down to 5. As long as we're combining, two others belong together. Thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife. Once again these two prohibit the same kind of behavior. In this case, marital infidelity. The difference is Coveting takes place in the mind and I don't think you should outlaw fantasizing about someone else's wife. But marital fidelity is a good idea so we're going to keep the idea and call this one: thou shalt not be unfaithful. Now we're down to 4. But when you think about it, honesty and fidelity are really part of the same overall value. So in truth you could combine the 2 honesty commandments and the 2 fidelity commandments and give them simpler language, positive language instead of negative and call the whole thing thou shalt always be honest and faithful. And now we're down to 3. They're going away fast. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods. This is just plain stupid. Coveting your neighbor's goods is what keeps the economy going. Coveting creates jobs, leave it alone. You throw out coveting your down to 2. Now the big one thou shalt not kill. Murder. The fifth commandment. But when you think about it, religion has never really had a big problem with murder. More people have been killed in the name of God then for any other reason.

All you have to do is look at Northern Ireland, the Middle East, Kashmir, the Inquisition, the Crusades, the World Trade Center to see how seriously the religious folks take thou shalt not kill. The more devout they are the more they see murder as being negotiable. It depends on who's doing the killing and who's getting killed. I leave you with my revised list of the 2 commandments. Thou shalt always be honest, and faithful to the provider and thou shalt try real hard not to kill anyone, unless of course they pray to a different invisible man from the one you pray to. Two is all you need, Moses could have carried them down the hill in his pocket. Final plea, thou shalt keep thy religion to thyself.

*Fall is my second favorite 4 letter WORD.....FOOD is my first.  
Happy Labor Day !!!!*

*John Gasparini*

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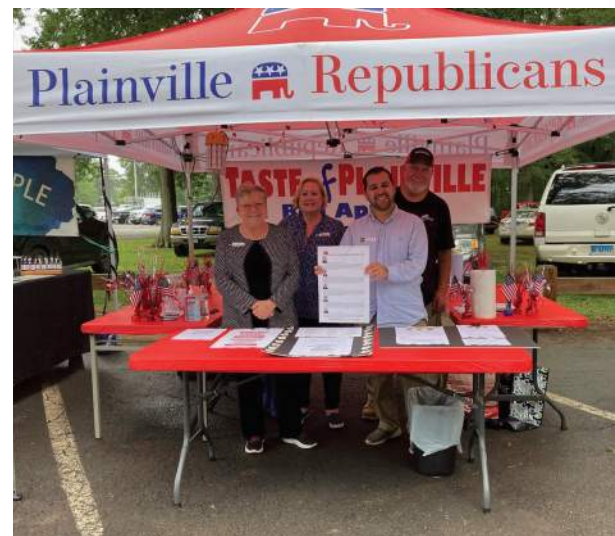


## A Firefighters Prayer

When I am called to duty, God wherever flames may rage, give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age.

Help me to embrace a little child before it's too late, or save an older person from the horror of that fate. Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shout, and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me, to guard my neighbor and protect his property. And if according to your will I have to lose my life, bless with your protecting hand my loving family from strife.





# 2023 PLAINVILLE'S HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL

## THANK YOU !!!

The staff of the Hometown Connection sends many thanks to the Plainville Fire Company and its army of volunteers for bringing back the **Hot Air Balloon Festival**

The many hours of organizing the event along with sponsoring the festival is much appreciated by our community. Special thanks to the Plainville Police Department, Buildings and Grounds and Roadways Departments for their extraordinary help



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## PHS Hall of Fame

Entering Plainville Sports Hall of Fame this year are:

**Christie Matteo (Class of 1992)**  
**Brian Sparks (Class of 2000)**  
**Todd Pagano (Class of 2001)**  
**Vito Barbagallo (Class of 2003)**  
**Desiree Pina (Class of 2008)**

The 2008 Plainville High School baseball team will also be inducted and longtime director **John Zadnik** will be presented with the Distinguished Service Award.

The induction dinner will be held September 30th at The Double Tree by Hilton in Bristol.

For additional information visit:

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## BACK to SCHOOL - WHO?

Plainville Adult and Continuing Education will offer evening programs, 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 and GED preparation, Adult enrichment (fee-based) programs will be available, too. For details, call 860-793-3209 or visit:

[plainvilleschools.org](http://plainvilleschools.org)

## Jake's Sport Talk



The entire Staff of the Plainville Hometown Connection wish to thank Jake Brown, our Sports Editor for the time he volunteered to cover all Plainville sports. He made us proud by his professionalism. Good Luck, Always.

## Kindergartners in Mrs. Keating's RAMP summer program class recently enjoyed a "letter hunt"



## BRIAN REAS NAMED SUPERINTENDENT FOR PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Superintendent of East Haddam, Connecticut public schools, Brian Reas, has been named the next superintendent for Plainville Community Schools, according to Plainville Board of Education Chair, Lori Consalvo. Reas will replace Interim Superintendent of Schools, Kevin Case.

The Plainville Board of Education contracted with Cooperative Educational Services (CES), one of six Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs) supporting public schools in Connecticut, to oversee the Plainville Community Schools' superintendent candidate search which began in the spring. The search process commenced with a public survey made available to community members and stakeholders in June. In addition, a series of focus groups were held with parents, teachers, administrators, students, town officials, and members of the community to gather feedback relative to the selection of the next Plainville superintendent. At the same time, the position was widely publicized, both locally and nationally. After reviewing applications, the Plainville Board of Education selected and interviewed potential candidates based on a profile developed from the data gathered through the survey and focus group processes, and ultimately and unanimously selected Reas as the candidate of choice.

Reas began his career as an educator serving as a special education teacher in both Windham and Hebron, Connecticut schools. He then became an assistant principal in the East Hampton, Connecticut school system, where he moved on to become the Director of Support Services until 2010, when he became the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services for the East Lyme, Connecticut school system. He has served in the capacity of superintendent of schools for the East Haddam, Connecticut school district since 2014.

During his tenure in East Haddam, Reas has been involved in all aspects of school district operations including the district's athletic complex referendum and construction project process, expansion of the district's World Language program (K-12), implementation of a districtwide inclusive practices program, development of an innovative teacher and administrator evaluation program, strategic planning, creating an online data warehouse for data based decision making, completing a districtwide curriculum revision process, developing a K-12 graduation competency framework, implementing a staff wellness program, and more.

Reas holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Connecticut and a master of education degree from the University of Hartford. Additionally, he earned both a sixth year certificate and an executive certificate in Educational Leadership from the University of Connecticut.

"The opportunity to serve the Plainville community as the superintendent is an honor, and I look forward to hitting the ground running in October. Learning more about the amazing students, families, staff, and community is my first priority as I begin to lead and learn with the Plainville school community," said Reas.

"Mr. Reas is the perfect fit for Plainville Community Schools. He brings a wealth of experience as an educator and administrator to our school district, and possesses a number of exceptional leadership qualities. He is collaborative, skilled in building relationships, communicative, professional and passionate about working with our students, staff, families and board of education members going forward," said Plainville Board of Education Chair, Lori Consalvo.

Reas was named the candidate of choice at a special Board of Education meeting held on August 16th; he will begin as Superintendent of Schools in Plainville on October 16th.

## PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER RECEIVES RECOGNITION



Plainville Board of Education member, Crystal St. Lawrence, recently achieved the level of Certified Board of Education Member in the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Board Member Academy for the 2022-2023 school year.

Crystal was one of nine board of education members recognized for their achievement in participating in numerous hours of board-related professional development activities. A board member must accumulate at least 20 credits to become a Certified Board of Education Member. Areas of study are designed to strengthen leadership skills and give members a firm foundation in the essential governance skills needed to carry out their responsibilities. These areas of study include Board Relations with the superintendent, with the community and with each other; Policy; Curriculum; School Finance; School Law; Labor Relations; and Board Operations.

"CABE is pleased to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of members of Boards of Education across Connecticut who have attained the Certificated Board of Education Member level," said CABE President Elizabeth Brown. "These board members have rightfully placed an importance on their own professional development, focusing on a range of relevant topics, including fiscal operations and positive school climate."

"The Plainville Community Schools Board of Education is so fortunate to have Crystal as a member. By attending these professional development opportunities through CABE, she has demonstrated life-long learning, serving as a great role model for her colleagues, staff, and students," said Interim Superintendent of Schools, Kevin D. Case.

## Students Enjoyed RAMP Summer Program



Students in Theresa Chew's class enjoyed a fun, interactive math lesson as part of the Plainville Community Schools RAMP Summer Program





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

### DIVORCE AND THE JUDGE'S DISCRETION

One of the biggest concerns people have when going through a divorce is what a Judge may order if their case goes to trial. The laws in Connecticut are very clear that a judge has wide discretion at trial. This article will take a look at just what the laws outline and why having an attorney to counsel you through the process is an invaluable asset.

When dividing real property, improved or unimproved land, as part of a decree dissolving a marriage, the Superior Court Judge must consider all pertinent evidence regarding the property in order to fix the nature and value of the property to be assigned. Relying on only one piece of evidence would undermine all other credible evidence and render the Court unable to make an equitable decision. Essentially, the laws main goal is to attempt to fix the nature and value of the property to be assigned. A judge may consider all actions that went into the purchase, maintenance, and improvement of the property. This may be monetary or nonmonetary contributions by the parties. So just because one party put up all the

money it doesn't mean the other party is not entitled to their share of the property at trial. How much they are entitled to receive is ultimately up to the judge at trial.

Personal property is divided much the same way by a judge at trial. Divorce court is a court of equity at its core. This means the judge tries to divide the parties' assets in a manner that is just and fair. It does not mean a 50/50 split of all assets is the standard. Since Connecticut is an all equitable state all of the parties' assets are on the table for division at trial. A good note exemplifying how equity does not necessarily mean 50/50 is that a trial judge may find more fault for the divorce by one of the parties, which could grant the lesser at fault party more of their assets. Not a 50/50 split by the judge, but more of an equitable decision based on what the court was presented.

While this does not cover everything, it should highlight the reality that if parties going through a divorce do not negotiate a separation agreement on their own they better be willing to have a judge decide. As always, if you ever find yourself in a legal proceeding, consult with a licensed attorney so that you may better understand and protect your rights.

### Attorney Thomas A. Wurz

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**Dr. Paulina Miklosz**

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- 4. Stimulates appetite:** commonly referred to as "the munchies", an increase in appetite is often desirable for those experiencing poor appetite and unintentional weight loss whether from a medical condition or due to a side effect of a treatment.
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**7. Post-traumatic stress disorder:** THC can help reduce symptom severity and frequency in individuals struggling with PTSD. With the right cannabis medicine protocol, THC may reduce one's anxiety, flashbacks, nightmares, hypervigilance and sleep troubles.

**8. Neuroprotective properties:** Studies suggest that THC may help protect brain neurons from degenerative effects that contribute to disorders such as Parkinson's disease.

The use of THC for medical purposes should be approached with caution and is best done under the guidance of a cannabis medicine clinician. THC can have side effects, including cognitive impairment, memory issues, and impaired coordination & balance. At high doses or in those predisposed to mental health disorders, THC can intensify anxiety and paranoia. Additionally, THC (and other cannabinoids) may interact with your current medication regimen, so it is important to discuss with your health professional if considering adding cannabis medicine to your routine. For guidance on medical cannabis use and CT Medical Marijuana Program certifications, please contact our clinic, Higher Med at (959) 900-8206 or check out our website at HigherMed.org.

Dr. Paulina Miklosz is a doctorally-prepared Family Nurse Practitioner with over 10 years of experience in primary care, population health and advanced diabetes management. She is the owner and medical director of Higher Med, a Plainville-based health clinic specializing in Cannabis Medicine.

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**Planning is underway for the 8th Annual Plainville PumpkinFest!! This year's event will be held on Saturday October 21st from 4:00 - 8:00 pm and we need many volunteers to make it happen so now's the time to jump on the bandwagon and get involved!**

If you'd like to be part of the planning, or would like to be a sponsor, advertiser or vendor this year, bring your husbands, wives, kids, neighbors, etc. to the meeting, we need all ages to get involved to continue making the Plainville PumpkinFest a SUCCESS!!

Kris Dargenio & Tammy Lombardo, Chairs - 2023 Plainville PumpkinFest 860.302.6627 (Kris) [www.plainvillepumpkinfest.org](http://www.plainvillepumpkinfest.org)



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# Take His Hand

By: Myke Roy

Ok, so you have seen a few of my "I Know a Guy" columns and you think you have me figured out. Well not so fast...I have known myself for over sixty years and I still don't have a clue about who I am. So I have decided to take the opportunity that I have been given to explore. The story I am about to share with you is true.

I was driving truck over the road, and I was fessin' (that is East Texas slang for getting ready) to settle in for the night. I had just found a parking spot at the T/A truck stop in Dallas, Texas. Having accepted Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior years earlier I knew that the only right thing to do was thank God for all my blessings. But on this night, I was throwing myself a huge pity party. I had just suffered though my second divorce, lost everything I worked for...again, struggled through a stroke, was living in my truck while I was paying off my home so my daughter would have a place to live, and was eating another cold can of Ravioli for dinner.

When I laid down, I decided to pray. My prayer went something like this. "Heavenly Father. I know I am not supposed to ask you to prove yourself to me; but if there were any way you could show me a sign, I would sure appreciate it right about now.

When I fell asleep, I had a dream. In that dream I dreamt that I died. When I died, I heard a voice that said, "because you believe it will be ok". What happened after that is unexplainable. I felt a peace come over me that can only be explained as total euphoria. I can tell you that I know without a doubt that Jesus and God are real.

**The next morning when I woke up, I wrote a song and titled it "Take His Hand"**

*Today you can hear that song if you go to YouTube and type in Myke Roy Take His Hand.*

*I have since started a Music Ministry devoted to sharing the good news of our Lord through music.*

*For more information you can contact Take His Hand Ministries at: mykeroy@yahoo.com or by calling 207-498-9904 and leaving a message.*



*I have shared my music from Caribou, Maine to French Lick, Indiana. I have sung my songs at nursing homes, assisted living facilities, campgrounds, open mics, and even funerals. If you would like to have me share my music for any special occasion, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

**Thank You and May God Bless.**

## THANK YOU PRESIDENT BIDEN

Perhaps many of you don't follow the news of late, after all it's kind of depressing but for those of you who might have missed it President Biden, his wife and all his secret service people went to Hawaii to view the disaster in Maui and the President announced he was going to give each household, that was devastated by the fires there, \$700. Not each person, each household. Seven hundred dollars to a family that has no home, no clothing, no vehicle, no food, no job and probably lost the major portion of their family, isn't that wonderful, how far is seven hundred dollars going to go?. Let us not forget Oprah Winfrey who went public saying how she went to Walmart and bought pillows, sheets and shampoo. She even got pictures of herself handing out pillows. Did anyone happen to tell her those people didn't have a bed to put those pillows on, but these stories sure made good PR for the President and Oprah. On September 28th of last year there was a hurricane in Florida. One woman attempted to contact FEMA and waited on the line for one hour and ten minutes and then the line went dead. Next she contacted The Red Cross and United Way with the offer to take into her home, an elderly couple after an entire retirement community in Kissimmee, Florida was flooded out and these people were forced to sleep in their cars or if they could afford it, rent rooms in low cost hotels. Red Cross and United Ways answer was, "SEND A DONATION." This woman did locate an elderly couple after calling some of those hotels she saw on the news and found a couple in their eighties that escaped the flood waters with only the clothes on their backs. They applied to FEMA for funds to replace the furniture, clothing, medications and household items that they lost, it will be one year on Sept. 28th and this couple haven't received a dime. Shame on our government! (They didn't even get a pillow from Oprah.)

# Life With Wanda



Every year a senior group holds a pot luck luncheon and the president asked his members to bring a dish. Knowing how short of cash everyone was he told them bring whatever they could, even if it was something they had around the house. He went on to say, being together was what he wanted most.

The day of the lunch Miss Mary Ellen arrived with a large zip-lock bag of peanuts. The director got a bowl from the kitchen and Miss Mary dumped the nuts into the bowl. As the guests walked by the table they scooped up a handful of the nuts. Many of the men returned and found her nut contribution a very tasty treat.

Mr. Fred returned several times and on his visit to the bowl Miss Mary was standing next to the table watching him. She remarked how she noticed he really seemed to enjoy the nuts and proudly let him know she was the one that had brought them and was so happy he was enjoying her contribution. Mr. Fred said they were indeed good and he had never tasted nuts with such a flavor. He said he noticed she hadn't eaten any. With that she replied, she couldn't eat nuts as she had no teeth. With that Mr. Fred replied, "Well if you can't eat nuts, why did you buy them?" Miss. Mary replied, "It's not the nuts I like it is just the chocolate coating they had on them."

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## The First Day Back to School

It can not only be overwhelming for the students but overwhelming for the parents as well! This Health Blog will give you some quick tips on how to start your year off right. The best part is you don't have to do it alone. At Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers of Plainville, we can help get you and your kids in the healthiest way to carry heavy back packs, picking up and setting down kids and supplies etc. We are here to help keep your body stay healthy and happy.

*The following health and safety tips are from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).*

### Backpack Safety

Choose a backpack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back. Pack light.

Organize the backpack to use all of its compartments. Pack heavier items closest to the center of the back. The backpack should never weigh more than 10% to 20% of your child's body weight. Go through the pack with your child weekly, and remove unneeded items to keep it light.

Remind your child to always use both shoulder straps. Slinging a backpack over one shoulder can strain muscles.

Adjust the pack so that the bottom sits at your child's waist.

If your school allows, consider a rolling backpack. This type of backpack may be a good choice for students who must tote a heavy load. Remember that rolling backpacks still must be carried up stairs, they may be difficult to roll in snow, and they may not fit in some lockers. And review backpack safety with your child.

*To help keep your back strong throughout the year call PTSMC of Plainville at (860) 517-8885.*

Make an appointment with one of our amazing physical therapist and let us create a personalized and tailored plan for your needs before the back pain becomes to much!

### Traveling To & From School

Review the basic rules with your student and practice any new routes or modes of transportation:

#### Bike

Practice the bike route to school before the first day of school to make sure your child can manage it.

Always wear a bicycle helmet, no matter how short or long the ride.

Ride on the right, in the same direction as auto traffic and ride in bike lanes if they are present.

*Use appropriate hand signals.*

*Respect traffic lights and stop signs.*

Wear bright-colored clothing to increase visibility.

White or light-colored clothing and reflective gear is especially important after dark.

*Know the "rules of the road."*

#### Walking to School

Children are generally ready to start walking to school at 9 to 11 years of age.

Make sure your child's walk to school is a safe route with well-trained adult crossing guards at every intersection.

Identify other children in the neighborhood with whom your child can walk to school. In neighborhoods with higher levels of traffic, consider organizing a "walking school bus," in which an adult accompanies a group of neighborhood children walking to school.

Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills. Because small children are impulsive and less cautious around traffic, carefully consider whether or not your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision. If the route home requires crossing busier streets than your child can reasonably do safely, have an adult, older friend or sibling escort them home.

If your children are young or are walking to a new school, walk with them or have another adult walk with them the first week or until you are sure they know the route and can do it safely. If your child will need to cross a street on the way to school, practice safe street crossing with them before the start of school.

Bright-colored clothing or a visibility device, like a vest or armband with reflectors, will make your child more visible to drivers.

### Eating During the School Day

Studies show that children who eat a nutritious breakfast function better. They do better in school, and have better concentration and more energy. Some schools provide breakfast for children; if yours does not, make sure they eat a breakfast that contains some protein.

Most schools regularly send schedules of cafeteria menus home and/or have them posted on the school's website. With this advance information, you can plan on packing lunch on the days when the main course is one your child prefers not to eat.

Many children qualify for free or reduced price food at school, including breakfast. The forms for these services can be completed at the school office. Hunger will affect a child's performance in class.

Look into what is offered inside and outside of the cafeteria, including vending machines, a la carte, school stores, snack carts and fundraisers held during the school day. All foods sold during the school day must meet nutrition standards established by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). They should stock healthy choices such as fresh fruit, low-fat dairy products, water and 100% fruit juice. Learn about your child's school wellness policy and get involved in school groups to put it into effect. Also, consider nutrition if you child will be bringing food to eat during school.

Each 12-ounce soft drink contains approximately 10 teaspoons of sugar and 150 calories. Drinking just one can of soda a day increases a child's risk of obesity by 60%. Choose healthier options (such as water and appropriately sized juice and low-fat dairy products) to send in your child's lunch.

### Develop a Sleep Routine

Getting enough sleep is critical for a child to be successful in school. Children who do not get enough sleep have difficulty concentrating and learning as well as they can.

Set a consistent bedtime for your child and stick with it every night. Having a bedtime routine that is consistent will help your child settle down and fall asleep. Components of a calming pre-bedtime routine may involve a bath/shower, reading with them, and tucking them in and saying good-night to them.

*Have your child turn off electronic devices well before bedtime.*

Try to have the home as quiet and calm as possible when younger children are trying to fall asleep.

Insufficient sleep is associated with lower academic

achievement in middle school, high school and college, as well as higher rates of absenteeism and tardiness. The optimal amount of sleep for most younger children is 10-12 hours per night and for adolescents (13-18 year of age) is in the range of 8-10 hours per night. *See Healthy Sleep Habits: How Many Hours Does Your Child Need? For more information.*

### Making the First Day Easier

Parents should remember that they need not wait until the first day of class to ask for help. The best time to get help might be one to two weeks before school opens.

Many children become nervous about new situations, including changing to a new school, classroom or teacher. This may occur at any age. If your child seems nervous, it can be helpful to rehearse entry into the new situation. *Take them to visit the new school or classroom before the first day of school.*

Find another child in the neighborhood with whom your child can walk to school or ride on the bus.

If it is a new school for your child, attend any available orientations and take an opportunity to tour the school before the first day. Bring the child to school a few days prior to class to play on the playground and get comfortable in the new environment.

If you feel it is needed, drive your child (or walk with her) to school and pick her up on the first day, and get there early on the first day to cut down on unnecessary stress.

Make sure to touch base with your child's new teacher at the beginning or end of the day so the teacher knows how much you want to be supportive of your child's school experience.

Consider starting your child on their school sleep/wake schedule a week or so ahead of time so that time change is not a factor on their first couple of days at school.

*If you have any issues or concerns please call Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers of Plainville or visit us on the web at [www.PTSMC.com/Plainville](http://www.PTSMC.com/Plainville).*

*We hope that your back to school is great! If it is not because of aches and pain give us a call!*

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# Young at Heart.....Plainville Seniors

**PAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES** Maxine Kollar, Editor/Office Assistant

## September Events

### CHORAL GROUP RETURNS!!

**\*New Day and Time\***

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6th, 1:00 PM**

**SEEKING NEW SINGERS:**

**especially Altos and Lower Ranges.**

The Choral Group is seeking additional singers as it begins a new season of rehearsals and concerts. The group is free and there are no auditions or pressure. Rehearsals are the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM and performances are on Mondays.

Call 860-747-5728 to register

### SNAPPY SENIORS PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP at NORTON PARK

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 7th, 10:00 AM**

Meet just left of the skating park near the restrooms. We'll spend about an hour and a half taking pictures. There are picnic tables so you can bring a snack/lunch. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park.

### SKIN CANCER SCREENING

**MONDAY, SEPT. 11th, By**

**Appointment beginning 4:00 PM**  
Georgia Sterpka, APRN, will conduct a free skin cancer screening, by appointment only. Georgia can examine anything on your skin that you are concerned about and let you know if she thinks you should follow up with your own physician.

### CAREGIVING CONNECTIONS

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 12th, 10:00 AM**

Join your caring friends at the Senior Center as we support one another on our journeys and recognize the challenges and frustrations of 24/7 caregiving. You must register to attend. Call the Senior Center to register.

### WAS MARY TODD LINCOLN REALLY INSANE?

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 14th, 10:00AM**

**FREE Presented by**

**Joe Ouellette**

**"The History Guy"**

In 1875, more than a decade after her husband was assassinated, Mary Todd Lincoln found two men outside her room in Chicago. They had papers ordering her arrest. Taken immediately to a local courthouse, Lincoln found an all-male jury already waiting for her, set to determine if she should be institutionalized for insanity. The arrest—prompted by her only surviving son, Robert—was the culmination of decades of whispers about the former First Lady's behavior, and it has shaped her legacy to this day. Adapted from Mary Todd Lincoln—

### HELP FOR VETERANS

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 19, 10:00 AM,**

**BY APPOINTMENT**

Our new Veterans Service Officer, CT Department of Veteran's Affairs, Jason Coppola, will be at the Senior Center at 10:00 AM BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To schedule an appointment, call Jason at 203-805-6340.

### FRAUD ALERT BINGO

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 19, 1:30 PM at**

**Plainville Senior Center**

Join us for a fun, interactive way to learn about protecting personal information and finances...by playing BINGO! This program is offered by the CT Department of Banking. Call to register.

### CAREGIVERS TOOLBOX:

**A DINNER EDUCATION**

**FOR CAREGIVERS OF**

**ELDERS**

The Plainville Senior Center will hold a 5 week evening caregiver series beginning Wednesday September 20th and run through October 18th from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. The series will provide caregivers with the tools they need to allow their loved ones to remain safe and live at home for as long as possible while reducing caregiver burnout. There will be a light dinner served.

\*Sept. 20 The Many Faces of Caregiving:

How to offer help without taking away hope

\*Sept. 27 Memory: What's normal, what's

not? How to help your loved one balance

their health challenges

\*Oct. 4th Caregiving Guilt & Duty—

Real life solutions from a panel of

caregivers

\*Oct. 11th Legal Resources

\*Oct. 18th Tools for Caregiving

(homecare, respite, ADC, preventing

caregiver burnout)

Please register by calling the Senior Center

at 860-747-5728. Call Stephanie with any

questions.

\*Grant is given from the Plainville

Community Fund at the Main Street

Community Foundation

**MEMORY CAFÉ AT THE**

**SENIOR CENTER**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 21st 2:00PM**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**CALL THE SENIOR CENTER**

**TO REGISTER.**

Memory Café is a warm & welcoming

program for individuals with memory loss.

Anyone experiencing memory loss is welcome

to attend with their loved ones or caregivers. Memory Café is a social gathering with a safe,

supportive, & engaging environment that gives everyone a place to make new friends and interact

with others. Enjoy appropriate activities such as crafts, games, music & conversation. Memory Café, which meets monthly, is free and welcome to all. For more information about Memory Café or to sign up, please contact Karen Pagliaro or Stephanie Soucy at the Senior Center. This program is funded in part by Title III of the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. & the CT State Unit on Aging.

### SNAPPY SENIORS PHOTOGRAPHY

**STARTS NEW SEASON**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 21, 10:00 AM**

**CALL TO REGISTER (860)747-5728**

New members are welcome to join as Snappy Seniors Photography stars in 2023-24 season. Members with all kinds of cell and digital cameras, and various levels of photography experience, are welcome.

### COLON CANCER PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND BINGO

**MONDAY, SEPT. 25, 10:00 AM**

**Presented by Linda Ivey,**

**Outreach Educator, Hartford**

**HealthCare. Program is free.**

Colon Cancer is the 3rd most common cancer

for men and women in the United States.

Screening for this cancer can actually prevent

cancer cells from forming and has led to

reduced rates of this disease in older adults.

There are some health lifestyle choices that

can help reduce your risk. Please join us for

a short talk on this topic followed by a bingo

game based on the talk with prizes. Come

learn about some important information to

pass on to the younger adults in your life

also. Call the Senior Center to register.

### VETERANS' SOCIAL HOUR

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 26, 10:00 AM**

These monthly information and support

meetings are conducted by Sherri

Vogt, Veteran's Liaison for Hartford

HealthCare Senior Services. FOR ALL

VETERANS OVER 60 AND THEIR

SPOUSES. Call the Senior Center at

(860)747-5728 to register.

### THE "NOT-SO" EMPTY NEST GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN 15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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# Young at Heart.....Plainville Seniors

## PAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES Maxine Kollar, Editor/Office Assistant

**CONFERENCE  
TUESDAY, SEPT. 26th  
9:00 AM TO 1:30 PM  
PLAINVILLE SENIOR  
CENTER**

**Call 860-747-5728 to  
Register by Sept. 19th**

•“Big & Small Emotions of a Grandparent Raising a Grandchild”, presented by Chris Marino, Community Mental Health Affiliates.

•“When a Backpack isn’t Just a Backpack”, presented by the Plainville Police Dept.

•“Laughter Yoga”, presented by Judith Stonger, Wheeler Clinic/CT Clearinghouse.

Complimentary Breakfast, Luncheon & Ice Cream Dessert Bar Included. Raffle Prizes!

This program is funded in part by Title III of the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. and the State Unit on Aging, Plainville Senior Center and Plainville Youth Services. Breakfast provided by the Pines at Bristol.

### BOOK BUDS SEPTEMBER BOOK: “THE TWO FAMILY HOUSE ”

*by Lynda Cohen Loigman*

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27, 1:00 PM \*

**NEW Day and Time**

**COST: FREE!**

**FOR MEMBERS ONLY.**

**INSTRUCTOR:**

**KATHLEEN MARSAN**

The author delves into the lives of two brothers and their families. Unbeknown to the brothers, the wives share a secret which when revealed will shake the foundation of the house! Join us for a truly captivating discussion! Coffee and tea provided. Please be sure to register as there is limited space. The book is available at the main desk at the library.

### GOAT PARTY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2:00 PM—3:00 PM at Norton Park Pavilion

Bring the grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors! For the kids and the “kids at Heart”! Everyone can enjoy petting, feeding and snuggling with the goats! Don’ miss out on this fun experience with Got Your Goat from Washington Depot! Call the Senior Center to reserve your spot or register on-line at [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville).

(Clip & Post on Your Refrig!! -)

September 6, 2023 1:00 PM Choral Group Returns!! Seeking new singers: Call to register.

September 7, 2023 10:00 AM Snappy Seniors Photography Group at Norton Park.

September 11, 2023 Skin Cancer Screening. By Appointment beginning 4:00 PM. Georgia Sterpka, APRN, call to register.

September 12, 2023 10:00 AM Caregiving Connection support group. Call to register

September 14, 2023 10:00 AM Was Mary Todd Lincoln Really Insane?  
September 19, 2023 10:00 AM Help For Veterans. Call Jason Coppola at 203-805-6340 to make an appointment.

September 19, 2023 1:30 PM Fraud Alert Bingo. Offered by the CT Dept. of Banking.

September 20 – October 18, 2023 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Caregivers Toolbox: A Dinner Education for Caregivers of Elders. 5 Week caregiver series. Call to register.

September 21, 2023 2:00 PM Memory Café at the Senior Center-open to the public. Call for more information or to register.

September 21, 2023 10:00 AM Snappy Seniors Photography starts new season. New members welcome. Call to register.

September 25, 2023 10:00 AM Colon Cancer Prevention, Treatment and Bingo.

September 26, 2023 10:00 AM Veterans’ Social Hour. For all veterans over 60 and their spouses. Call to register.

September 26, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM at The “Not-So” Empty Nest Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 15th Annual Conference. Call to register by September 19.

September 27, 2023 1:00 PM Book Buds. Members Only. Enjoy a great book discussion on “The Two Family House” by Lynda Cohen Loigman. Call to register.

October 4, 2023 2:00 PM—3:00 PM Goat Party at Norton Park Pavilion. Everyone can enjoy petting, feeding and snuggling with the goats! Call to register.

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

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

## RONDA’S GOODBYE!

Wow! Where in the world do I even begin? I never dreamed that I’d be sitting down to write this “goodbye” message in our newsletter. Yes, you read correctly. After 36 years as the Assistant Director of this amazing Senior Center, I am leaving. I will be going to work as the Glastonbury Senior Center Supervisor.

It will be a wonderful, new challenge for me and I’m looking forward to bringing my knowledge and experience to the seniors of Glastonbury.

When I came to Plainville, I actually showed up a day early because I was so excited to begin my new job! Of course, Shawn was here and she has been an incredible leader and force since day one. I have learned so much from her! Together, we have been the “dream team” and have had so many tremendous accomplishments. We’ve grown our Senior Center, literally through two major building additions, increased the scope of our programs and services and have become (according to others), one of the “best” and “friendliest” Senior Centers in the State! It has truly been my “home away from home”.

There have been countless members, volunteers, instructors, and co-workers who I’ve become so fond of and that is what makes leaving difficult. I am grateful to all of you for making my work life such a phenomenal experience. A piece of my heart and soul will always be with the Plainville Senior Center

## RONDA: FAREWELL, THANK YOU & GOOD LUCK IN GLASTONBURY!

After 36 years, we will be celebrating the profound influence Ronda has had in our Center, in our community and statewide as well. Ronda’s creativity, passion for offering unique, interesting and over the top programs, classes and events, plus her dedication to serving all seniors in Plainville has made our Center one of the most vibrant and fun places to be in CT. As a graduate of Johnson & Wales Culinary Institute, she created our La Petite Café with a great cooking crew of volunteers. She works tirelessly to bring challenge and laughter to our Outdoor Adventures again with volunteers and lots of enthusiasm.

She created our Grandparents Raising Grandchildren with staff help and brought to light the needs of loving families raising their grandchildren or nieces/nephews which includes the only statewide yearly Grandparents Conference.

She also developed a fitness center designed for all abilities and strengths.

*These are just a few of the ways  
Ronda has touched us all!!*

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## WE NEED YOUR HELP! DO YOU SPEAK SPANJSH, POLJSH, FRENCH OR RUSSJAN?

Once in a while, someone comes to us for help or calls and we cannot communicate because of language. Would you help us understand and translate? Call Shawn at the Senior Center. 860-747-5728



# OBITUARIES

## Jaqueline Ruthie "Jackie" (Smith)

### Casida

82 of Plainville, beloved mother, sister, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on June 30, 2023. She was the wife of the late Carter "Corky" Casida, Jr. with whom she shared 58 years until his passing in 2021.

Born on May 16, 1941, in New Britain, she was one of four daughters to the late John and Lena (Derita) Smith. A graduate of New Britain High School, she spent many years working in customer service as the head cashier at Big Y in Plainville, where she was known for her warm smile and friendly demeanor. She was a woman of many talents and interests, but above all, her family and friends meant the world to her. She was the ultimate hostess of holidays and family picnics, who looked forward to entertaining and creating lasting memories for all who attended. She was also a talented baker, especially known for her Christmas cookies, which were always eagerly anticipated. A woman with an infectious love for life and adventurous spirit, she and Corky enjoyed many travels, exploring new places and experiencing different cultures and both had a love for the outdoors, the beach, swimming and going clamming on the shores of Rhode Island. As a devout Catholic, and longtime member of Our Lady of Mercy Church, her faith was a significant part of her life and provided her with great comfort and strength. Proud of her Irish/Italian heritage, her life was a testament to the power of love, the strength of faith, and the joy of living each day to its fullest. Her memory will live on in the hearts of her family and friends, and she will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her son, Keith Casida, her daughter Kimberly Ferro, her sisters Joan Dorio and her husband Samuel, and Linda Riera, along with many nieces and nephews. She was a proud Nana to her adored grandchildren, James V. Ferro, III, Brittany Ferro, and Kylie, Brooke, and Cara Casida. She was predeceased by her sister Elaine Wilcox Riera, her brother-in-law John J. Riera, Jr., and her sister-in-law Joyce Casida Akatyzewski and her husband Richard Akatyzewski.

In lieu of flowers, Jackie may be remembered with contributions to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd, #4b, Southington, CT 06489 or at [www.alz.org/ct](http://www.alz.org/ct)

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, followed by burial at St. Joseph Cemetery. To share memories or online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

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No mulch is allowed in front of any cemetery markers. It is difficult to maintain the placement of the mulch when mowing the grass or during the process of cutting weeds around the stones. Please help us keep the cemetery tidy and clean. Thank You!

## ~ Paul L. Hinman ~



77, of Plainville, formerly of Burlington, passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness on Sunday, July 2, 2023 at the Hospital of Central CT New Britain General Campus. He was the devoted and loving husband to Victoria (Grouten) Hinman for 27 years.

Paul was born on March 10, 1946 at Bristol Hospital son to the late Howard and Julia (Kundra) Hinman. He grew up in Burlington, attended local schools and graduated from Lewis Mills High School Class of 1964. Paul proudly served our country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam Era and was honorably discharged. Together, Paul and Vicki settled in Plainville and have been residing in the same home for over 35 years, where many cherished memories were shared over the years. A perfectionist and master tinkerer, Paul maintained their home and garage where he spent many hours repairing and restoring a plethora of things and friends were always welcome to drop by for a beer. A classic car enthusiast, Paul acquired several different cars through the years and attended many car shows where he was awarded countless trophies wherever he brought his "babies." A man of his word and dedication to keeping everything in order, his cars were always meticulously cleaned and he took great care of them along with his beard and his head of hair that was always well up-kept.

Paul was the co-owner of Hinman & Sons Lumber Mill in Burlington for many years, taking great pride in his family name, following behind the longevity of generations of family members who ran and operated the company. Founded in 1830, the company continues to serve the community of Burlington and beyond today. In addition, Paul owned and operated Forest Products Service for many years, meeting many acquaintances and business associates along the way. Paul was a lover of the outdoors, a man's-man, and an extremely talented craftsman. He was well-respected by all who met him and was a genuine, loyal friend. Paul leaves behind a legacy of love, hard work, and determination, and will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

In addition to his wife of 27 years, Victoria (Grouten) Hinman, Paul leaves behind his daughter, Lori Schaffrick; his son, Christopher Hinman; his grandchildren, Madison and Cassidy Schaffrick, and Nickolas Hinman and his mother, Michelle Brown; his brother, Michael Hinman and his wife, Debra; his sister, Mary Willis and her husband, John; his loyal best buddy, Jim Kavanaugh; and several nieces, nephews, extended family members and a large circle of friends. Paul was predeceased by his brother, H. Peter Hinman.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. Words of remembrance followed by full military honors. Burial was held at Center Cemetery in Burlington. Donations in memory of Paul can be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 ([stjude.org](http://stjude.org)) or to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), 424 E. 92nd St, New York, NY 10128-6804 ([aspca.org](http://aspca.org)). For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com).

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## ~ Michael S. Holcomb ~



59 of Bristol, passed away tragically while doing what he loved on August 6, 2023. A devoted father, son, brother and friend, his life was a testament to the power of hard work, generosity and indomitable super-human spirit.

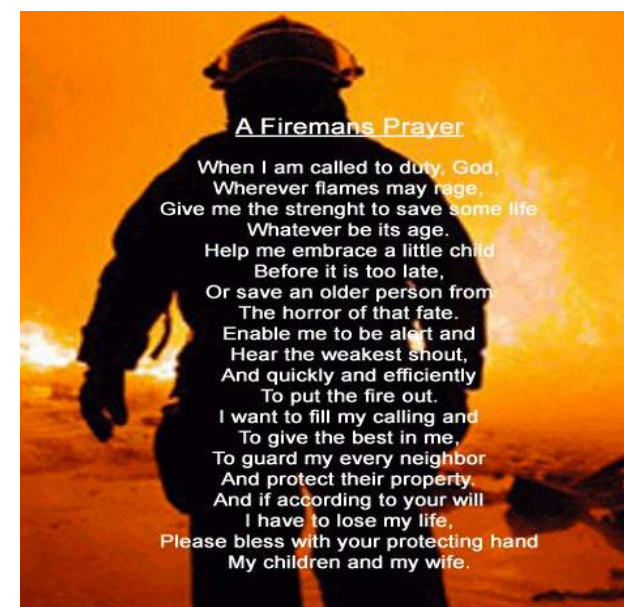
Mike was a man of many talents

and passions, but above all, he was a man of integrity. Raised and educated in the Plainville, he developed a strong work ethic that would guide him throughout his life as he carried on the many generations of his family's business Holcomb Tree Inc. He was a passionate arborist with affection for nature that spanned all four seasons. His love for the outdoors was not limited to his work; it was his playground and his sanctuary where he enjoyed hiking, biking, and riding his motorcycle. Evidence of his kind and gentle spirit, Mike was an animal lover who fed and cared for all of the wildlife in his yard, and shared a mutual admiration for his two adored cats. He was also an avid reader and pop culture enthusiast, always ready with a fascinating fact or a compelling story to share and chuckle about. Among his many talents, Mike had a knack for baking. He loved making baked goods for others to enjoy, a simple act of love that brought joy to those around him. He was a good neighbor and friend, always ready to lend a hand or a listening ear. He had a tough, strong exterior but beneath that was a sentimental and sensitive soul that was as selfless and generous as they come. A man who lived simply and loved unconditionally, he was a devoted dad who created priceless memories for his two adored children, most especially on holidays and special occasions that were always filled with laughter, love, baked goods and yes, a piñata. In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." Mike was a success beyond measure; truly one of a kind who will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

He leaves his children who were his world, Juliana (Holcomb) Bilodeau and her husband Jon and Matthew Holcomb; his mother, Sue (Taylor) Holcomb; his brothers, William (Bill) Holcomb III and his wife Debbie, David Holcomb and his wife Kelly, Tim Holcomb, and Jim Holcomb and his wife Hillary; his sister Sue Hincks and her husband Andy; his step-mother, Valerie Holcomb; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins; along with countless friends. He was predeceased by his father, William Holcomb, Jr and his high school sweetheart and the mother of his children, Dorothy Holcomb.

In lieu of flowers, a Go Fund Me has been created for his family to which contributions can be made at In Loving Memory of Michael Holcomb

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St Plainville. Words of remembrance led by Life Celebrant Jesse Gnazzo will be shared. To share memories and online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)





## OBITUARIES

### ~ Ann Wadhams Cobrain ~



formerly of West Hartford, passed away peacefully on July 25, 2023. Born July 17, 1926 in Waterbury, she was one of four children of the late John M. Wadhams, III and Sela Frost Wadhams. She was a 1943 graduate of Torrington High School

and an alumna of Mount Holyoke College, where she excelled as a Math major. Ann graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1947 and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She remained connected to her alma mater as class agent and Treasurer for 30 years.

Ann met the love her life, Joseph "Hugh" Cobrain, in 1942 and they married in 1947. They lived in Hamden and she worked as a bank teller while Hugh completed his degree at Yale. They then moved to West Hartford and Ann happily devoted herself to raising their children. The most important thing in her life was always her family. Later, she worked as a tax preparer, spending 15 years doing tax returns for trust accounts at a large bank in Hartford. Upon retirement, she put her skills to good use as a volunteer tax preparer for AARP, providing much needed assistance to elderly citizens for 14 years.

Ann was involved in her community for many years as a member of the First Church of Christ, Congregational, where she volunteered on several committees and as a Sunday School Teacher. She also served as a Brownie Troop Leader and pursued a variety of other volunteer opportunities in town. She was a member of the Mount Holyoke College Club in Hartford and served on the Board of the Slope 'N Shore Club in New London, NH, where she and Hugh had a much-loved summer home for 23 years. Her many interests, included tennis, paddle tennis, cross country skiing, hiking, sewing and bridge. Ann enjoyed spending time with friends, but above all, she was devoted to her family. She was a rock: wise, supportive, reliable, encouraging, considerate, respectful, unfailingly polite, and nice to everyone she met. She left behind many wonderful memories and will be deeply missed.

Ann is survived by her children Sarah Cobrain (Plainville), Candace Doersch and husband Bob (Avon), and David Cobrain and wife Val (Santa Fe, NM); grandchildren Karen Doersch, MD/PhD (Rochester, NY) and Carl Doersch, PhD (London, UK); sister-in-law Nancy Wadhams (Goshen) and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Hugh; siblings Barbara Youngbluth, Sela Barker, and John M. Wadhams, IV; and daughter-in-law Patricia Cancelli.

Celebration of Ann's life will be private. Those who wish may send a contribution in her memory to McLean Home Care and Hospice, 75 Great Pond Road, Simsbury, CT 06070 or First Church of Christ, 12 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107.

*In Loving Memory*



### ~ Wanda Jane (Hughes) Janowski ~



passed away July 12, 2023 at the age of 101. Wanda was born on August 21, 1921 in Donovan, IL to the late Agnes M. and John R. Hughes. She was a resident of Plainville for many years. Wanda grew up in Indiana and graduated from

West Lafayette High School and attended Purdue University. She was a Staff Sergeant in the Women Marines during World War II, a Girl Scout Leader, past President of the Plainville Woman's Club, a member of the Friends of the Plainville Library and CT Library, the AARP, New Britain Institute, Women Marines Assoc., Plainville Historical Society and member of the United Methodist Church of Plainville. Wanda retired from the New Britain Public Library where she worked for 24 years in the Children's Dept.

Wanda's survivors include two sons, Peter J. and Daniel J. Janowski of Plainville; two daughters and a son-in-law: Sandra and Frank Hook, Jr. of Maui, HI and Mary Jane Abram of Bristol, CT.; three grandsons Peter L. Janowski of Plainville, Shane Abram of Terryville, CT and Todd Abram and wife, Eva, of FL.; 4 great grandchildren: Zachary, Abby, Evan and Ethan and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Zonda Mosier and her brothers, John W., Ralph E. and Walter J. Hughes and by her former husband, Peter C. Janowski.

Memorial donations may be made to the Book of Remembrance of the United Methodist Church, 56 Red Stone Hill Plainville, CT 06062 or to the Friends of Plainville Public Library, 56 East Main Street, Plainville, CT 06062.

Funeral services were held at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, followed by burial with military honors at West Cemetery Plainville. Family and friends gathered one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com).

### ~ Donald T. Moon ~



passed away at home on August 3, 2023 at the age of 79 shortly after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Don grew up on his family's farm where, working alongside his uncles, he developed the strength and work ethic that served him well as the owner and operator of Don Moon's

Auto Repair for 35 years. But cars were more than a job for Don, they were a passion. He began racing at 15 and a half years old and continued for the next 23 years. After he retired from racing, he put his heart and soul into keeping the memories of Plainville Stadium alive, archiving the history of the stadium and planning and organizing 14 reunions. Don and his 1955 Ford Crown Victoria were also fixtures at cruise nights all over New England.

With his deep, booming voice and his ever-present cowboy boots, Western shirts, and turquoise jewelry, Don was a larger than life presence who greeted everyone with a "How ya doing?" and delighted in making the people around him smile. He was devoted to his friends and family and spent as much time as he could catching up with the people he loved, either over the phone or over coffee and pastries.

Don is preceded in death by his mother, Elizabeth Moon, his father, Joseph Moon, and his grandson, Dalton Stuart. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Moon, his son, Donald Moon, his daughter, Maureen Stuart, his son-in-law, Logan Stuart, and his granddaughter, Shaylin Stuart.

Calling hours for Don were held at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 North Main Street, Southington. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Plainville Historical Society, 29 Pierce St. Plainville, CT 06062 or Plainville's Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman St. Plainville, CT 06062.

### ~ Marcelle (Marcie) Mary (Lemieux) Jennings ~



89, of Plainville, formerly of North Brookfield, MA, passed away peacefully after a short illness on Monday, July 10, 2023 at UConn Health John Dempsey Hospital, Farmington Campus, CT. Marcie was predeceased by her husband

Alan G. Jennings and is survived by her children David L. Therrien and his wife Karen E. Therrien, Diane M. Therrien and her fiancée Jeffrey L. Gamelli, Sr., Debra L. Therrien, her grandchildren Bryan Pelletier and his wife Kiki Pelletier, Jessica M. Therrien, David A. Czako and his fiancée Molly McGuigan, David R. Therrien, step-grandchildren, and great grandchildren Matthew Ericksen, Ephraim Ericksen and Toby Pelletier. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother caring deeply for all of her children beginning in 1957 to present. She will be sorely missed by her family and many friends.

Marcie was born Marcelle Mary Lemieux on August 28, 1933 at home in North Brookfield, MA and resided with her father, mother, aunt and 4 siblings in North Brookfield, MA. She graduated from North Brookfield High School, married a former U.S. Marine and moved at first to Newington and then to Southington, CT to start a family. A devoted mom, David, Diane and Debra Therrien grew up with her in Southington, CT where she worked in clerical jobs, took care of her children, made sure every need was met and that all three had a wonderful childhood. Her children would grow up to have careers in banking, software implementation, the insurance industry, the U.S. military, law enforcement and one became a lawyer.

She loved the Boston Red Sox and would often conference with her brother Lenny in Massachusetts simultaneously watching a game together, especially if the Sox played the Yankees. She remembers the good ole days when Carl Yastremski and Rico Petricelli and more recently when "Big Poppy" played. I think the Red Sox owe much their annual team spirit to Marcie, arguably their most devoted fan.

As the years passed, she met and married Alan (AL) Jennings who would predecease Marcie dying from a massive heart attack. Their marriage was filled with love and Al helped fill the void of a Dad to her children.

Marcie had a few very close friends and they would often get together and meet for a Dunkin Donuts coffee or talk for what seemed forever over the telephone. She loved to take a trip to the Mohegans' casino or play a 10-card game of bingo. She was no stranger to a deck of cards and loved watching Pat Sajak on the "Wheel of Fortune." Family vacations and picnics were enjoyed throughout the years and she never forgot to celebrate everyone's birthday, anniversary or the major holidays.

A devout Catholic, she rarely if ever missed Sunday mass and we all knew not to call her between 10am to 10:45am when she celebrated daily mass on television.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Marcie will be laid to rest in Saint Joseph Cemetery in North Brookfield, MA at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Marcie can be made to Blue Rider Stables, 15 Farm Lane, Great Barrington, MA. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com).



# OBITUARIES

## ~ Sergio Sciucco ~



a man of faith, love, and passion, was called to his eternal home on Friday July 21, 2023. He is now reunited with his beloved wife of 72 years, "Bella" Yolanda (Cianchetti) who predeceased him in 2021. Born on February 6, 1932, in beautiful Frosinone, Italy, he was the first born of 17 children

to the late Sante and Christina (Ferretti) Sciucco.

Sergio was a man who knew the value of hard work from a young age. At just seven years old, he gave his first haircut, and by the age of thirteen, he operated his very own barbershop. Married to the love of his life in 1949, his journey led him to the United States at the age of nineteen, where he continued his craft, cutting hair at the Sanitary Barbershop for an impressive seventy-four years; having given his final cut on July 13th. His reliability and dedication to his work were a testament to his character, a man who believed in the dignity of labor and the joy of service.

A descendant of Pope Pius IX, Sergio was a devout Catholic and a longtime communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church. Known to often proclaim, "Choose God" a mantra that he lived by and passed on to his loved ones, his faith was the cornerstone of his life, guiding his actions and decisions. Sergio was a proud Italian who cherished his heritage. He loved tending to his garden, making wine, curing meats, and crafting homemade ricotta gnocchi and other Italian specialties. His love for his culture was evident in the way he lived his life, embracing the Italian traditions of family, food, and faith. Having all of his family at the table to eat brought him the most joy..."tutti la famiglia a tavola a mangiare" ... "all the family at the table to eat"

Sergio is survived by his loving family; his son Anthony Sciucco, and his wife, Barbara, his daughter Diane (Sciucco) Connelly and her husband, Patrick. He was a devoted "Pa" to his three granddaughters, Christina and Chelsea Connelly and Shaina (Sciucco) Fabrizio, her husband John, and their daughter Elianna Fabrizio to whom Sergio was a proud "Poppi". He also leaves his brother and best friend, Tomasso; his sister Luiga "Gina" Negrone and his brother Arnaldo; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family and decades of clients that became friends.

His life was a testament to the power of faith, the importance of family, and the joy of living a life filled with passion and purpose and he will be missed dearly.

Sergio's family extends their sincerest gratitude to the Hospital of Central Connecticut-New Britain, 2 East Wing and the Hartford Healthcare at Home Hospice teams for their support, care, compassion and going above and beyond to make Sergio's final days dignified and comfortable.

In lieu of flowers, Sergio may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, PO Box 233, Plainville, CT 06062 or Our Lady of Mercy Church 19 S. Canal St, Plainville CT 06062.

Funeral services were held from Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.co](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.co)

## ~ Jeannie (DiDonno) Muzyk ~



loving wife, mother and grandmother, died peacefully on Saturday, July 15, 2023, just shy of her 97th birthday. She is now reunited with her late husband, Alexander, with whom she shared 65 years of marriage prior to his passing in 2014. Born and raised in New Britain,

Jennie was one of five children to the late Felix and Mary (Sarrah) DiDonno. A graduate of New Britain High School, she and Alexander raised their three children in Plainville. Jennie worked for the State of Connecticut, retiring after many years of dedicated employment. Remembered for her love for dancing, Jennie was proud of her Italian heritage and cooked many specialties, with her famous pizzelles being a favorite that everyone looked forward to. She loved her family dearly, and being surrounded by them often brought her the greatest amount of joy.

She will be missed by her children, Carolyn Ferrari and her husband Michael of Windsor, Paul Muzyk and his wife Cindy of Bluffton, SC and Sharon Scricca and her husband Tom of Plainville; along with her two beloved grandchildren, Justin Camerato and his wife Ashley of New Britain and Kyle Camerato and his fiancé Jesse of Bristol and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister Marie King and her brothers Vito, Andrew and Phil DiDonno.

Jennie's family extends their gratitude to the staff at the Summit of Plantsville, who became a second family to her during her five year residency.

In lieu of flowers, Jennie may be remembered with contributions to a charity that is meaningful to the donor.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St Plainville. A prayer service was held followed by committal at St. Joseph Cemetery Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)



## ~ Joan C. Albert ~



66, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 24, 2023 surrounded by her loving family at Civita Care Center at Newington after a brief, courageous battle with breast cancer.

Joan was born on December 28, 1956 in Southington, CT daughter of the late Jean and Yvette (Bouchard) Albert. Outgoing and adventurous, Joan loved being with people. She was a trailblazer- first in the family to fly and first to graduate college. Her interests were wide-ranging – she loved music, dancing and spending time in nature. She truly enjoyed dancing with her friends at various events, never skipping a beat. Joan was a proud member of the Mountain Laurel Ski Club in Ludlow, VT and was active with the social events and activities at the Lodge. She loved being surrounded by family and friends, especially her adored grandchildren, with whom she spent "Gigi Saturday's" cherishing every second of every moment. She was a loving and generous person, whose joyful laughter will echo in all of our hearts. She will be missed dearly.

## ~ Dale C. Sharp ~



85 of Plainville, affectionately known as "Sharp" to many, passed away peacefully on July 8, 2023 surrounded by his devoted family, joining his beloved wife of 54 years, Nancy, in eternal peace. Born on December 25, 1937, in Chatham, NY, he was one of three children to the late Albert

and Catherine (Folmsby) Sharp. Raised and educated in upstate New York, Dale learned to drive a truck at the young age of 10 while going to work with his father. This early introduction sparked a lifelong passion for truck driving, a career he pursued for over 35 years with Tilcon. His tan left arm, a testament to his many hours on the road with his arm out the window, was a familiar sight to all who knew him. Dale's love for truck driving was so infectious that it was passed down to other members of his family. In his leisure time, Dale was a longtime seasonal camper at Wolf's Den. His love for the outdoors was only surpassed by his love for his family, whom he cherished dearly. A diehard Boston Red Sox fan, Dale was also known for his flashy dressing style, rarely seen without his trademark flat top hat. He was incredibly social and friendly, quickly earning the nickname of "mayor" during his 22-month stay at Apple Rehab where he leaves many friends and caretakers. His warm personality and genuine kindness made him a favorite among his peers and loved ones. His passing leaves a void in the hearts of many, but his memory will live on in the stories shared, the laughter remembered, and the love he gave so freely. Dale was the proud father to Wayne Sharp and his wife Kathleen, Cheryl Dutko and her husband Francis, Dennis Sharp and his wife Pamela, and Wendy Gauthier and her husband Raymond; and was affectionately known as "Pops" to his cherished 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his two sisters, Joyce Signor and Ruth Maher and leaves his nephew Kevin (Mary) Maher, and niece Kathleen (Philip) Barker of NY. In lieu of flowers, Dale may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, PO Box 233, Plainville, CT 06062 or the Petit Family Foundation, PO Box 310, Plainville, CT 06062. Family and friends gathered in celebration of Dale's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. He will be laid to rest privately at a later date. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

Joan is survived by her daughter, Kathleen Satalino and her husband, Matthew; her adored grandchildren, Ellie and Leo Satalino; her sister, Theresa Nadolny and her husband, Richard; her brother, Charles Albert and his wife, Kara; her brother, John Albert and his wife, Camille; her sister, Michelle Elsasser and her husband, Jamie. Joan had a very large extended family -- simply too many to list here. But we would be remiss if we didn't say thank you to Maryanne Miller and her husband, Scott and Diane Witik, who helped Joan in her final months. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews, Colleen Barry and her wife, Katie Smith, Ray Barry and his partner, Amanda Masters, Ryan Albert, Bowden Albert, Max Elsasser, as well as her great nieces and nephews, Evan Barry and Albert Smith. She is now reunited with her parents and her best friend of many years, Kathleen O'Brien.

Family and friends gathered at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A service in celebration of Joan's life was led by life celebrant Jesse Gnazzo. Donations in memory of Joan may be made to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, 54 S. Canal St, Plainville, CT 06062. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com).





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

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



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Plainville Community Schools welcomed new and returning faculty and staff members back to school for the 2023-24 school year during the annual Convocation event held on August 28th at Plainville High School. Plainville Community Schools Teacher of the Year Mikayla Wells addresses colleagues during the Convocation program. District faculty & staff members recognized for 15, 20, 25, 30 and 40 years of service to Plainville Community Schools. Interim Superintendent of Schools Kevin Case addresses school district faculty and staff at the 2023-24 Convocation program.



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The officer then asked Betty what was in the bottle in her cup holder. Betty replied, "Water."

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Thank you.

A. *Yes, no problem. World War 1, June 28th, 1914 and ended November 11, 1918 and World War 11 September1, 1939 and ended September 2, 1945.*

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To submit questions call 860-747-4119

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Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of the month

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

**Answers**

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**From My Balcony**

By Jeannette Hinkson


I haven't written lately but what I see from my balcony lately isn't very good. Everywhere you go, everything you do and everyone you seem to deal with, I feel, are there to rip you off. Those you think are honest turnout to be anything but. Trust is something of past, and doing business on a hand shake could be your downfall. Promises are something you can forget about and I feel everyone you ever trusted is ready to take advantage of you. You are safe from no one.

Being in Florida, one of the things I found foremost is the medical profession. In the old days of the west, when gold was found the prospectors described their find as a "Honey hole or honey spot." Florida is just that when it comes to the medical profession.

In Florida when you go to a doctor you might sit in the waiting room longer than your actual visit with the doctor. My visits consist of a worker taking my blood pressure and after a wait the PA comes in, says, "Hello, how are you doing. Are you still taking the same medications as last month?" Then after looking at his or her laptop you get the great news. "Well, I think you're doing just fine. I'll see you in four week." That little visit cost my insurance \$385. and cost me about three hours out of my day.

This past week I transported a neighbor to the hospital after she had fallen twice. When the nurse in the ER read off the number of medications she was taking I couldn't believe they number over twenty pills, some twice a day. No wonder she was dizzy and fell. I have spoken to many of my senior friends and this is the norm.

I believe there is a song written for the doctors in Florida, as it goes, "If you can't make it there, you can't make it anywhere." If you dare question anything you are passed on to a specialist. I wonder, do these doctors really want to cure you or are you a cash cow? *"In the past 6 years I've been told I have everything from leukemia to kidney failure. I just keep smiling and reading the obits, if I don't see my name it's a good day!"*



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Christopher Wazorko

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#### Board of Education

Foster S. White  
Crystal St. Lawrence  
Rebecca Martinez

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#### Constable

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Michael Verrett  
William P. Garrity

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#### Library Board of Trustees

Rebecca Ireland

### Republican Party

#### Town Council

Katherine M. Pugliese  
David Underwood  
Deborah Tompkins  
Jacob Rocco  
Joseph Catanzaro

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#### Board of Education

Roberta Lauria  
Jered Bruzas  
Jonatan Onisto

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#### Constable

Ezio Capozzi, Jr.  
Rick Drezek  
Danny Carrier  
Rejean Carrier

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#### Library Board of Trustees

Dan Ciesielski

## Revised Hours

It began Monday, August 21st, the Plainville Municipal Center, Recreation Department and Youth Services Department have adjusted their hours:

**Monday to Wednesday,  
8 a.m to 5 p.m.**

**Thursday, 8 a.m to 6 p.m.**

The Municipal Center, Recreation Department and Youth Services Department will be closed Friday.

The Plainville Senior Center adjusted hours are: Monday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Senior Center will be closed on Fridays.

For further information and updates about the four-day work week oilot programm visit the municipal website, [plainvillect.com](http://plainvillect.com)

## Catalyst Fund

The Catalyst Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain is accepting grant applications for one grant of up to \$15,000 to be awarded in November addressing the 2023 topic of prison reentry. Organizations in Plainville, Berlin, New Britain and Southington were invited to respond. For more information Visit: [cfgnb.org/requests-for-proposal](http://cfgnb.org/requests-for-proposal)

## Plainville Community Fund Annual Bountiful Basket Raffle Competition will be held at Gnazzos's on October 5, 6 & 7.

All proceeds from the raffle will support the Plainville Community Fund - a community based permanent fund established in 2006 .....

*"to enhance the quality of life for all Plainville residents."* This is a great opportunity for local businesses or individuals to support the entire Plainville community. The Plainville Community Fund will accept basket donations from both businesses and individuals. If you are interested in donating a basket, or would like additional information, please reach out to: Kelly Perrotti at 860 919-7538 or Deanna Gelt at 860 989-9772. Tickets for the Basket Raffle will be sold to the public at Gnazzo's providing shoppers with an opportunity to purchase tickets for chances to win various baskets.

## Interested in historic homes of Plainville? We have the program for you!

On Saturday September 16th at 1:30 PM at the Historic Center, our member Rachel St. Onge will do a fascinating presentation on local homes that existed when we incorporated in 1869 and still exist today. It is based on the 2019 work of the Snappy Seniors group at the Senior Center.

You can register by emailing:

[plvhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:plvhistorical@gmail.com)

Please include name, number of people, and phone number. Hope to see you.

## Main Street Community Foundation Grant Applications Now Available!

Fall grant cycles are now open at Main Street Community Foundation! MSCF is currently accepting applications from nonprofit organizations serving the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, and Wolcott. **Applications are being accepted for the following:**

**Men & Boys' Fund** - The deadline to apply is September 22.

**Women & Girls Fund** . The deadline to apply is September 15.

**.Interested organizations should contact Kate Kerchaert, Director of Grants & Programs, at [kate@mainstreetfoundation.org](mailto:kate@mainstreetfoundation.org), or another member of the grantmaking department, at 860.583.6363 for a preliminary discussion of their proposal at least one week prior to the deadline.**

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## Late Summer 2023

## OLD SCHOOL

September arrives here at the Historic Center. Our Summer Exhibit, Life on Hamlin Pond, has closed. It was enjoyed by daily visitors throughout July and August and those who attended our reception for the photographer, Francis Cooley, our State General Assembly Representative.

The Historical Society plans an exciting season of programs and Rachel St. Onge, our Membership chair, has launched her yearly outreach to our members and beneficiaries. Your continued interest and support are so appreciated.

We remain busy on Monday and Wednesday mornings, greeting guests and doing special research, while taking care of business. We regularly have requests from people with Plainville roots from all over the country interested in their family history. Our volunteers are busy fulfilling them. There is growing interest in vintage homes here as a new generation invests in our community. Lucie, who loves old houses, does in-depth histories, upon request of the homeowner, as we build a file for future researchers. We are still interested in Sears Houses.

Don't miss the piece in this issue authored by our President Gert LaCombe about the enchanted bungalow on Red Stone Hill. Built in the 1920s as a caretaker's cottage on the Norton family estate, it is now privately owned. The main house belongs to the Petit family.

*We are still looking for a year 2000 Plainville High School yearbook. It is the only one missing from our collection.*

*We look forward to seeing you this new season.*

After the West Plain District School House, at the corner of Broad and Washington Street burned down on July 15, 1872, under suspicious circumstances, a new school was built on "the south side of Broad Street."

On January 6, 1874 it was dedicated and opened. The first Principal was Charles Ames. It had classrooms for five grades, and a bell tower across the hall from the Principal's office. It served the entire town, except for 36 students who attended the White Oak School near the Great Pond. Enrollment was for 391 students, with a regular attendance of 352. A Kindergarten was added the following year at the insistence of a group of mothers. That wooden Broad St. School building stands today. The bronze bell, stamped 1874, is in the Linden St. School front yard. There are numerous tales of the bell and the schoolboys. If you have one you can share it with us.

*Remembering..... back to school in Plainville*, absolutely required a trip to Mundy's for new shoes, then new underwear and socks, a metal lunch box with a thermos bottle. School supplies included a 3-ring notebook and paper, pencils, a pen and some ink for it. Yellow Ticonderoga #2 pencils (like the teacher used) were special. A new wardrobe would be required after a summer growth spurt. It would be time for a haircut, too. Remember a fresh new season scent in the building that first morning, after the janitors had cleaned and polished everything, and you would be ready to meet friends and classmates and the new teacher.

## Thank You! Powder Puff Girls!

Thank you to Helen and Mary Farone for all the help with the Powder Puff feature and identifying pictures of the Girls for us. We still have two pictures that are unidentified. If you recognize either of these girls please e-mail us at plainvillehistorical@gmail.com



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**Due to the recent passing of Don Moon, the 2023 Plainville Stadium Reunion is Canceled.**

**It will return for 2024**

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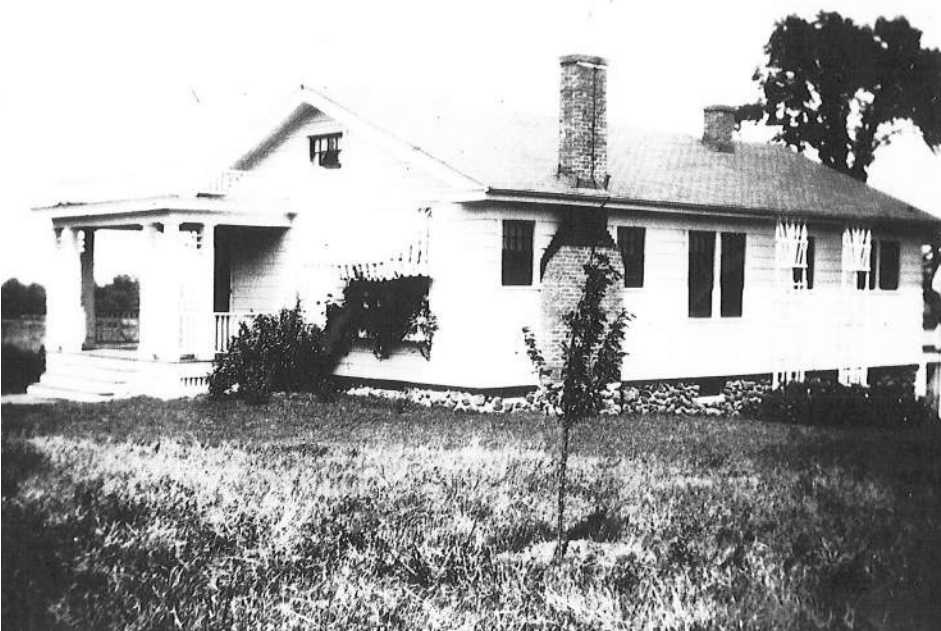
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## Charles H. Norton Estate



## LIFE ON HAMLIN POND

It was a perfect summer Sunday. The Historical Society welcomed visitors to the Historic Center for a rare opening on the week end. Plainville and Southington's State Representative in the General Assembly presented a photographic display and an interesting talk on the unique glacial pond nestled within a nest of highways and railroad tracks. Seekers of nature and a bit of respite from routine relished the time out and opportunity to visit and make new acquaintances.

Rep. Cooley spoke of the plant and abundant wild life at the "kettle hole" the Tunxis Indians named the Great Pond, its important place on our history and its continuing additions to our ecosystem.

### We are still interested in the Mom & Pop Stores

This picture of Tom Maskery in his store. The Maskery Market on 140 West Main Street is submitted by Paul Maskery of his father.

Our file of Mom & Pop Stores is growing  
Thank you for your assistance.



### LEROY TURNER MASON Custodian of the Charles H. Norton Estate

By: Gertrude LaCombe

Leroy was born in Winchester, Massachusetts on January 19, 1884 to John North Mason and Emma Mansfield Mason. His father's family history goes back to the American Revolution. Both of his grandfathers were ministers, giving him a Christian and well respected family background.

He had one brother, Edward, who spent most of his working life as the Far Eastern Representative for Standard Oil. He also had two sisters, Margaret and Elizabeth, who both became teachers. While Elizabeth was attending school she met Elizabeth (Betty) Norton, the adopted daughter of Charles Norton. At this time Leroy was working in Winchester, Massachusetts as a driver for a doctor. It came to Elizabeth's attention that Mr. Norton was in need of a driver. This seemed like a perfect fit for her brother. Leroy had been a very sickly child and his vocal cords were injured, making it difficult for him to speak clearly and have a secure future.

Mr. Norton had recently retired in 1917 from the company he founded and by 1922 the construction of his new home in Plainville was complete. It was at this point that he brought Leroy to Plainville to be the driver and caretaker of his estate. Leroy was a very intelligent man and had acquired much

knowledge of farming. He grew large gardens, raised chickens and maintained a large apple orchard for Mr. Norton.

In 1919 my father Arthur Gould and his family came to Plainville and purchased a farm on West Main Street. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in town where Leroy also attended church. My father's sister, Augusta, sang in the church choir. Arthur and Leroy had much in common and would often consult one another on farming matters. Thus, a relationship grew between the two. Augusta was just about Leroy's age and could understand his speech impediment well, and so it was that through the friendship of the two men she became Leroy's future wife. When Mr. Norton learned of their intent to marry, he had a little white caretaker's bungalow build for them on his estate. Augusta and Roy were married in front of the fireplace and they later adopted a little girl and named her Nancy Louise. I have many fond memories of family gatherings and special times spent at the little white bungalow with the Mason family. Their daughter, Nancy, later on was also married in front of the bungalow fireplace to Russell Modeen.

After the Masons' retirement and the death of Mr. Norton, his daughter Elizabeth purchased a home for Leroy and August in Bristol nearby their daughter's new family and continued to support the couple. The estate was later sold to Dr. Iannotti and she retired to Camden, Maine.

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### HOUSEKEEPING

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The Plainville Historical Society has received a grant from the Connecticut Humanities for 2023. The grant helps to fund our operating costs and to continue offering the quality programs and services to which we are committed.





# REMEMBERING PLAINVILLE'S DON MOON



## LOCAL RACING LEGEND

*By:  
Thea Bissell  
Don Moon's  
Niece*

**Donald Moon**, local business owner and patriarch of the Plainville racing community, died on August 3, 2023 at the age of 79 shortly after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

A lifelong Connecticutian, Don grew up on his family farm in a house filled with aunts, uncles, and his beloved grandmother who would call the family in for meals by shouting “mangiare, mangiare”. Working alongside his uncles on the farm, he developed the strength and work ethic that led him to become an entrepreneur, serving as the owner and operator of Don Moon’s Auto Repair for 35 years.

Cars were an early passion for Don, and he began racing at 15 and a half years old, kicking off a driving career that spanned 23 years and becoming known as “the flying number 9”. With his signature Western shirt, cowboy boots, and turquoise jewelry and his deep booming voice that greeted everyone he met with a “how ya doing?”, Don became a legend in the local racing community. Even after he hung up his steering wheel, he devoted himself to archiving the history of the Plainville Stadium and organized 14 reunions for stadium alumni. Don and his 1955 Ford Crown Victoria were also mainstays of the New England cruise circuit, and his presence drew other former racers and car enthusiasts to the events.

His participation in local cruise nights was only one way he expressed his love for the nostalgic. Don would scour flea markets for treasures to bring home, with vintage Coca-Cola items being a favorite of his. He would use his finds to create spaces that reflected his flair for style and earned a reputation for “moonifying” things, whether it be creating a small automotive museum in a backyard shed or decking his camper out in so many lights that it looked like a piece of Times Square had landed in the middle of the forest.

Don racked up many trophies and awards throughout his time racing and cruising, but it was the relationships that he made that he valued most. Don was happiest when he was sitting, coffee and danish in hand, reminiscing about old rivalries, trading tips about stubborn engines, and catching up on the latest news.

Don is survived by his wife, Kathy Moon, his son, Donald Moon, his daughter, Maureen Stuart, his son-in-law, Logan Stuart, and his granddaughter, Shaylin Stuart. He will also be remembered by his many brother- and sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews, and other devoted family members and friends.

## Mystery House #1 Following Up

The mystery house #1 was immediately identified. Thank you to the couple who promptly responded with the address and some history on it. This information will be placed in our vintage house file with its picture. Do you know where House #2 is? Please reply to our e-mail address:

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Email: revdon@cccplainville.org  
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Praise & Worship.....9:45-10:00

Church Service.....10:00 a.m.

### Bible Study

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

### Board Meetings

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

Gladys Floyds Missionary Society (2nd Sun)

Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)

Lay Council (1st & 3rd Sat)

9:30 a.m.

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

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

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## SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**WORSHIP TIME: 10:00 AM**

**Sunday School: TBD**

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Saturday 4:00 P.M.

### Sunday

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Junior Church Ages 4-8 11:00 am

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