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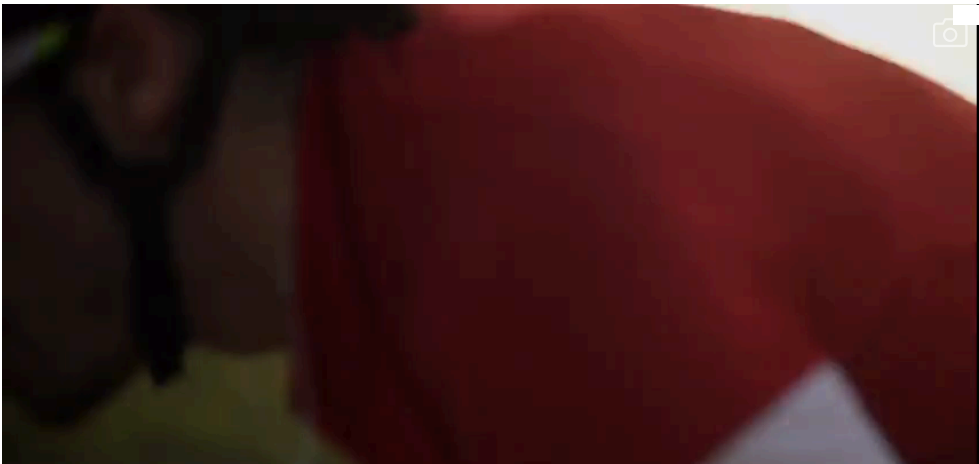
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His route went through parts of Connecticut and New York, including Plainville and surrounding towns. He would often sleep in caves and make stops along the way, where residents would provide him with food.

Mike Allen, producer and host of the podcast "Amazing Tales from Off and On Connecticut's Beaten Path," will be the guest speaker.

The program is free and the public is invited. Advance registration is required. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The center is located at 29 Pierce St.

For more information or to register, email your name, phone number and number of tickets to [plvhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:plvhistorical@gmail.com).

# Main Street Community Foundation achieves accreditation

BRISTOL — The Main Street Community Foundation, which serves Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott, recently achieved accreditation from the Community Foundations National Standards program.

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The program establishes legal, ethical, effective practices for community foundations.

## Orchard Valley Garden Club of Southington to meet

SOUTHINGTON — Sebbi Milano, head grower at Winterberry Gardens in Southington, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Orchard Valley Garden Club of Southington on April 22 at the American Legion Hall.

The club will gather at 9:45 a.m. and the program will begin at 10 a.m.

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Milano will talk about industry trends and answer gardening questions.

Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. A \$5 guest donation is requested.

The American Legion is located at 64 Main St.

For more information, visit [orchardvalleygardenclub.weebly.com](http://orchardvalleygardenclub.weebly.com).

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## April programs at the Plainville Public Library

PLAINVILLE — The following programs will be held at the Plainville Public Library, 56 East Main St.

- Homeschool Hangout, Tuesday, April 15 from noon to 2 p.m. For all ages. Drop-in crafts and social activities for home-schooling families.
- Kids Crafternoon: Animal puppets, April 15 at 3 p.m., For grades K-5. Turn a paper bag into an animal puppet.
- Cupcake Wars, Wednesday, April 16, at 3 p.m. For grades 6 to 12. Battle it out in three rounds of cupcake wars. The winner of each category will receive a prize. Registration required.
- Invention Convention, Thursday, April 17 from noon to 5 p.m. For grades K-6. Create inventions with recycled materials and craft supplies provided by the library.
- Pajama Storytime: April 17 at 6 p.m. For ages birth to 12. Bring a stuffed animal and blanket and wear pajamas.
- Plant Pals: Tuesday, April 22, 3-5 p.m. For grades pre-K to 5. Decorate a container, plant seeds and take home a pet pal for Earth Day.
- Teen Advisory Board, Wednesday, April 23 at 4:30 p.m. For grades 6 to 12. The board is a volunteer-based club that helps librarians plan events, suggests books to add to our collection and more.
- Little Scientists: Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m. For ages 3 to 6 with a caregiver. Learn about early science concepts through stories, experiments and crafts.
- Babies and Ones, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. For ages birth to 23 months with a caregiver. Features books, fingerplays and music.
- Twos and Threes, Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. For ages 2 to 3 with a caregiver. Stories, rhymes and movement for toddlers.
- Preschoolers and Families, Fridays at 9:30 a.m. For ages 3 to 5 with a caregiver. Music, movement, stories and themed crafts. Siblings and family groups welcome.

For more information, visit [plainvillect.com/library](http://plainvillect.com/library).

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## Plainville High School March 'Students of the Month'

PLAINVILLE — The Plainville High School Career and Technical Education Department has selected three students as its March “Students of the Month.”

Brady Wieczorek was selected for business and finance, Max Brzostek was selected for technology and engineering, and Jayden Castro was selected for culinary arts.

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