

QVCC names new CEO

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KILLINGLY – Quinebaug Valley Community College officially has a new leader with the appointment of Dr. Karen Hynick to the position of Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Hynick officially began in her new position on July 1 succeeding interim CEO Dr. Rose R. Ellis who took over following the departure of Dr. Carlee Drummer who was named President of Columbia-Greene Community College in New York in 2019.

Formerly labeled as “President” of the college, the CEO oversees the day-to-

day operations of the college campuses in Danielson and Willimantic. Dr. Hynick is the fifth person to fill the position in the college’s history.

“I am deeply honored and excited to begin my role as the new campus CEO of Quinebaug Valley Community College,” Dr. Hynick said in a statement. “I look forward to working with the exceptional QVCC students, faculty, staff, and community members to continue our work supporting access, student success, rigorous academic programs aligned to workforce and transfer needs, and improving equity and student outcomes. This is a transformational time for

our college and the state as we navigate the COVID pandemic and its aftermath and as we move towards the one college concept of Connecticut State Community College to better leverage resources to support our students’ needs. I am confident in the vision of our collective future and the ability to work together to fulfill our mission to our students and our community and am excited to be part of the team.”

Dr. Hynick comes to QVCC from North Shore Community College where she held the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs since 2014 leading the development of several programs including

its Master Academic Plan, Early College with the Lynn Public Schools and other initiatives. She had also previously served as the Chancellor’s Fellow at the Minnesota State College and Universities, as the System Director for P-20 for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, as Dean of Academic Affairs and Student Support at Minneapolis Community and Technical College, and has taught at Leominster High School, Quinsigamond Community College, and several Department of Youth Service sites. Dr. Hynick holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Massachusetts,



Dr. Karen Hynick
a Master of Education from Worcester State University and an Ed.D. in Educational Administration from Bethel University, St. Paul, Minn.



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District #4 Award winners at the 102nd Connecticut Department American Legion Convention held in Trumbull on Saturday, July 10. The recipients (l to r) Putnam Police Chief Chris Ferace; Michael Vassar Post #13; Frank Poirier Post #101; Charles Crowley Post #21; Ronald P. Coderre District #4 Commander; Jim George Post #14; Perry Caldwell Post #26; Victor J. Kratz Post #13; Capt. Justin Lussier Putnam Police Department.

District #4 sweeps awards at American Legion 102nd Convention

REGION — The American Legion Department of Connecticut District #4, which covers Windham and Tolland counties, walked away from the 102nd Department Convention with a combined total of 13 Post or individual awards, according to District #4 Outgoing Commander Ronald P. Coderre of Post #13 – Putnam.

The Dobosz-Ertel-Laboc-Hanssen Post #14 of Rockville and Commander Jim George accounted for six of the 13 awards. Commander George received the Recruiter of the Year, Edward Carney, Jr. Award, National Gold Brigade Award, and Louis Molinaro Commander of the Year Award. Commander George was responsible for recruiting 53 new members to the Post, and establishing a Post membership of 427 members. The Post received the Elliot N. Morris and Frank H. Butterworth awards for exceeding its membership quota.

Outgoing Commander Coderre was the recipient of the prestigious Henry Mayer Award based on the District’s overall performance espe-

cially in the area of membership. District #4 was the only District of the seven districts in the Department of Connecticut to achieve more than 100 percent of its membership quota.

“District #4 developed a great group of officers and members that worked together as a team, bringing success to all the programs and events we endeavored. It was a wonderful group to be a part of and to share success as a team,” said Commander Coderre.

Charles Crowley Commander of Post #21 Danielson received the Department’s top honor when he was recognized with the Legionnaire of the Year Award. Crowley assumed the role of Commander of Post #21 three years ago and took the post, which was inactive and revived the membership. The Post was one of six 100 percent posts in District #4 this year. Under Crowley’s leadership the Post now boasts an active Color Guard, sponsors an Oratorical contest annually, supports Boys’ State and American Legion baseball and is active in the community in patriotic and

memorial events.

Victor J. Kratz of Putnam Post #13 was honored with the Peter Loux “Sergeant-at-Arms of the Year” Award for his dedicated service to American Legion, community, state and nation. The Putnam Police Department, represented by Chief Christopher Ferace and Captain Justin Lussier, received the Police Department of the Year Award. The award recognized the Department’s performance in the field of Children and Youth, Drug Education, community awareness projects and participation in patriotic observations. Post #13 Commander Michael Vassar received the 100% membership citation from Department Commander Jeffrey DeClerck.

The Boyd Saxton Award was presented to Perry Caldwell of Post #26 Stafford Springs. The award is presented to the Post and/or District Chaplain who exhibited spiritual guidance and performed the most duties of their office. Caldwell is the

VFW announces kick-off of annual \$30,000 scholarship competition

PUTNAM — Commander Hans Lowell and Auxiliary President James Bradley of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Albert J. Breault Post 1523, announced the kick-off of this year’s VFW’s Voice of Democracy Scholarship competition. Local high school students in public, private, parochial schools or being home-schooled have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Students must write and record a three-to-five minute essay on the selected theme using an audio CD or flash drive and present their recording, typed essay and completed entry form to their local VFW Post by Oct. 31. The 2021-2022 theme selected is “America: Where Do We Go From Here?” Students begin by competing at the local Post level. Post winners compete at the District level with the winner advancing to the state

competition.

All state first-place winners receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to tour the city, be honored by the VFW and its Auxiliary and receive their portion of \$154,000 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$30,000.

Each year, nearly 57,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Deadline for student entries is Oct. 31, and interested students should contact their schools office and teachers. For more information contact the Voice of Democracy Chairman Lisa Salisbury by email at vfwauxiliaryputnamct@gmail.com or use this link to get right to the application form. <https://vfwork-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Voice-of-Democracy-Entry-Form-Fillable.pdf>.

Eastern named a 2021-22 ‘College of Distinction’

WILLIMANTIC — Colleges of Distinction has recognized Eastern Connecticut State University for a variety of distinctions in its 2021-22 rankings, including badges of distinction for Public Colleges, Connecticut Colleges, Business and Education Programs, Career Development, Equity and Inclusion, and Military Support. Colleges of Distinction is a guide for college-bound students that recognizes undergraduate institutions that offer a well-rounded and individualized education.

The organization is a trusted resource for guidance counselors, parents and students, focusing on the four criteria of Engaged Students, Great Teaching, Vibrant Communities and Successful Outcomes to help prospective students find the best-fit college for them. Eastern has been recognized as a College of Distinction since 2009.

“We complete a thorough review of the programs in question before giving the awards,” said Tyson Schritter, chief operating officer for Colleges of Distinction. “We’re looking for such qualities as accreditation, breadth of program, advising and mentoring, integration of career services and successful outcomes for students. It’s wonderful to see how Eastern Connecticut State University really exemplifies these qualities.”

Founded in 2000, Colleges of Distinction has advocated for schools whose undergraduate experiences are grounded in a philosophy of engagement, teaching, community and outcomes. This philosophy has evolved over the last few years to inspire the team at Colleges of Distinction to create individual recognitions that focus on institutions’ specialized services for students.

Looking back at summers past



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This week, I thought I would again extract some newspaper tidbits and have a column with a little lighter flavor. In 1883 C. E. Woodis was selling fireworks at his establishment in Danielson across from the railroad station: “Torpedoes, Serpents, Pistol Caps, Tin Horns, Fire-Crackers &.” (WCT, June 27, 1883)

As I write, it’s another blistering hot summer afternoon. Imagine that it is the 19th century, and you are going to Danielson with your horse and buggy. The following fits the bill. “Public Watering Troughs. Editor Transcript-This community responds readily to any appeal in behalf of charitable and philanthropic objects, yet it seems to have strangely neglected the consideration of a matter of daily necessity, or rather daily humanity and kindness to man’s patient, suffering and much abused servant, the much neglected and thirsty horse. While drinking fountains of many kinds are abundant in Danielsonville for bibulous man, no public drinking place can be found for this tired and thirsty servant of man. To remove this almost reproach to us as a community, I suggest that two suitable watering troughs be procured; and to be placed at the intersection of Main and Reynolds streets (near the Congregational Church) and the other near the iron bridge. The cost of the two would be about \$80. They should be neat in appearance, and finished so as to be creditable to the borough. Water could probably be obtained at the above mentioned localities better than elsewhere

and better accommodate the public. I suggest an immediate subscription for this purpose, and believe that eighty or more men and women in this community will cheerfully give a dollar each for so praiseworthy an object--and I do not believe a tired and thirsty horse can be found that will say ‘neigh’. “ Joshua Perkins. (WCT, June 27, 1883).

As mentioned, there were public drinking fountains. “Twenty pails of water were used at Edward Dexter’s free drinking fountain last Saturday. Generous is our fellow-citizen to furnish it.” (WCT, July 4, 1883).

The July 4, 1883 Windham County Transcript carried the following ad, “Amariah Wood of this place has leased the Wildwood Park for the season, and is running it in a very pleasing manner to horsemen. Those who contribute toward keeping the track in good order have an unmolested right to use it, and it is often occupied by Putnam, Dayville and Danielsonville gentlemen who drive fast horses.” The racetrack is visible on the southeast side of Alexander’s Lake on a 1900 blueprint Map of Alexander’s Lake and land leased to The People’s Tramway Company from the Alexander Estate at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center.

In East Killingly all the mills on Whetstone Brook stopped for the week of the Fourth of July. (WCT, July 4, 1883).

We seem to have had a lot of thunderstorms lately, but I guess severe storms are a yearly occurrence. Thankfully I have not heard of such extensive damage as was reported about a storm in the July 24, 1904 Windham County Transcript. “Danielson was visited on Monday night with one of the most severe electric storms it has seen in years. Reports come in from all points of the damages caused by the lightning. In South Killingly the barn belonging to Mr. Pellerin was struck and burned to the ground, together with its contents, consisting of eleven head of cattle, two

horses, a considerable quantity of hay, many new pieces of machinery and numerous other things...On Tatnic Hill, near the village of Brooklyn, a barn of the premises of Charles Parker was burned to the ground. A barn belonging to Hugh Gorman, two miles west of here, was also burned, together with considerable hay. A large dwelling house, with all its contents was destroyed in Mashentuck. A barn near Killingly and also South Killingly were also burned. Three horses pastured near North Street, who had taken refuge under a large oak tree, were instantly killed. Two of them were owned by Israel Bennett, one being the old and well known race horse, Athol. The third horse was owned by A. A. Chase. Another horse nearby was made totally blind. From East Killingly, South Killingly, Williamsville and Brooklyn came innumerable accounts of small damage to property and crops, caused by lightning. A peculiar freak of the electric fluid was the igniting of several stacks of oats in the field near Allen Hill. They were totally destroyed.”

The same issue reported on a Firemen’s Drill. “A special drill for the members of the entire fire department was held last Thursday evening, under the personal direction and supervision of Chief A. P. Woodward. A prize of a handsome pair of lanterns was offered to the hose company which made the fastest time in getting to the hydrant, laying 250 feet of hose and getting water. Minnetexit Hose Co., No. 1 and Pioneer Hose Company No. 2, were the contestants in the above contest. (General Putnam Steamer Co. and the Rattler Hook and Ladder Co. were also on drill against time)...Both companies reached the hydrant at about the same time, but Pioneer was the first to get water...The winning team consisted of A. W. Logee, foreman; John Gordon, Charles Nado, Walter Chase, Albert Friswell, Frank Moore, Ira Warren, Ralph Young, Robert Fulton, and Nathan Ray. Minnetexit team was composed of Dominick Nado,

foreman; Daniels Bosquet, A. Gamache, John Goodall, W. F. Woodward, Edward Maher, John Jaeger, Joseph Bodo, John O’Brien and Fred Short. The Rattler Hook and Ladder Co. left their station in borough Hall at the signal, drove to the residence of William A. Johnson, opposite the park, raised their ladders and had a man on the peak in four minutes and twenty-seven seconds. A splendid showing for the company ”

The next few tidbits are to remind you how different Killingly was at the beginning of the 20th century. I’m sure some of you recall the old trolley tracks in various parts of Northeastern Connecticut. “The 10 a.m. electric car from Central Village was derailed Sunday in the vicinity of the Dyer Dam.” (WCT, July 28, 1904)

How many of you are old enough to remember a working blacksmith shop in Danielson? “The three-story blacksmith and wood-working shop on Mechanics Street was sold Monday to George I. Eaton. The property was owned by H. C. Torrey.” (WCT, July 28, 1904)

Does anyone remember a stable in Danielson? “W. E. Randall, D.V.S., of Providence, may be found at R. P. Bennett’s stable, rear of Sprague House (Attawaugan Hotel). (WCT, July 28, 1904)

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, July 2021. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 (when it reopens) or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call 860-779-7250 (when the Historical Center reopens). Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, CT 06239.

VFW kicks off annual Patriot’s Pen essay competition

PUTNAM — Commander Hans Lowell and Auxiliary President James Bradley of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Albert J. Breault Post 1523, announce the kick-off of the VFW’s annual Patriot’s Pen youth essay competition. Middle school students in grades 6-8 in public, private,

parochial schools or being home-schooled have the opportunity to compete and win thousands of dollars in national awards.

The VFW enacted the Patriot’s Pen competition in 1995 to encourage young minds to examine America’s history, along with their own experi-

ences in modern American society by composing a 300- to 400-word patriotic-themed essay. The theme for the 2021-2022 competition is “How Can I Be A Good American?”

Students begin by competing at the local Post level. Post winners advance to District competition with District winners

advancing to the state competition. State first-place winners compete for their share of thousands of dollars in awards, and the national first-place winner is awarded \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Each year, more than 138,000 students participate nationwide. Deadline for student entries is Oct. 31, and inter-

ested students should contact their schools office and teachers. For more information contact Patriot’s Pen Chairman Lisa Salisbury by email at vfwauxiliaryputnamct@gmail.com or go right to the website at: <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Patriots-Pen-Entry-Form-Fillable.pdf>.



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Area students receive degrees at Clark University’s Commencement ceremonies

WORCESTER, Mass. — Clark University awarded 490 Bachelor’s degrees, 501 Master’s degrees, and 10 doctorates, and conferred three honorary degrees during the University’s 117th Commencement ceremonies. Graduates were urged to ask the hard questions, drive change, and even occasionally stir some trouble. Among the graduates were:

Hoween Flexer, of Danielson, graduated with a Master of Public Administration . Flexer is a member of the Alpha Epsilon Lambda honor society.

Kendyll L. Smith, of Brooklyn, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Hoween Flexer, of Danielson, graduated with a Master of Public Administration . Flexer is a member of the Alpha Epsilon Lambda honor society.

Emily R. Vincent, of North Grosvenordale, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Community Youth and Education Studies, and Music.

Caitlyn Elizabeth Bavosi, of Pomfret Center, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Management.

Mackenzie C. Stewart, of Pomfret Center, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Management.

The weekend’s events marked President David Fithian’s first Clark Commencement ceremony since he himself graduated from the University in 1987. In his remarks, Fithian praised the persistence shown by this year’s graduating class in transcending the many disruptions posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“When you began your Clark journey,

you could not have imagined what your junior and senior years would entail. Your grace, resilience, and adaptability throughout has been remarkable,” Fithian told the Class of 2021. “While I certainly would never have wished this experience on you, I do believe you may nevertheless extract from it a strength of spirit and resolve that is remarkable, and that may reinforce your own sense of what you are capable of overcoming.”

President Fithian said the Clark degrees that the students earned represented more than the culmination of formal study. They were also a “gateway to a life of learning.”

“Every opportunity to question, whatever the motivation - curiosity, confusion, uncertainty, defiance - is an opportunity to hear something you may not have heard before,” he said.

“At the end of each day, ask yourself, in the quiet of your own counsel, what did I learn today? And then do it again tomorrow and the next day.”

James McGovern, United States Representative for the Massachusetts 2nd Congressional District, delivered the Commencement address and urged graduates to speak up for what they believe in, even when it’s hard to do so. McGovern recalled the accomplishment of his friend, the late Congressman John Lewis, to lead 600 peaceful protesters on a 50-mile march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965 to bring attention to Alabama’s discriminatory voting policies. Despite being beaten and barely escaping with his life, Lewis marched again a few weeks later. Subsequent demonstrations captured the awareness of the nation, and just four months later, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act.

McGovern stressed that issues like climate change, gun violence, racial

injustice, and inequality will never improve unless like-minded people come together to demand change. He urged the Class of 2021 to become the “biggest class of troublemakers that Clark University has ever graduated” in service to a better nation and world.

“When the historians pick up their pens to write the story of this century, I know you’ll give them something to write about. That you’ll challenge convention. That you’ll change our world.”

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees were conferred on McGovern; Liberat Mfumukeko, MBA ‘94, former secretary-general of the East African Community; and Naomi Oreskes, the Henry Charles Lea Professor of the History of Science and affiliated professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Harvard University.

In his concluding remarks to the graduates, President Fithian told the graduates, “Take pride in who you are and what you are capable of. You have unlimited potential to do good, be compassionate, and shape those around you.”

For more about Clark’s Commencement visit the web.

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow’s most daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through 33 undergraduate majors, more than 30 advanced degree programs, and nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.



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District chaplain as well as serving in the same capacity for Post #26.

Frank Poirier of Post #101 Somers was awarded the Neale V. Cabral Plaque as the Post Adjutant of the year. Post #101 also received the Howard I. Jacobs Award as the medium sized (101-300 members) Post to reach membership quota.

“It’s been rewarding to serve as District #4 Commander for the past two years. Despite the rural nature of our area, the 13 Posts in the District came together to form a cohesive, dedicated and successful unit,” concluded Coderre.

The Posts in District #4 are: Post #13 Putnam; Post #14 Rockville; Post #19 Willimantic; Post #26 Stafford Springs; Post #52 Coventry/Mansfield; Post #62 Ellington; Post #67 North Grosvenordale; Post #91 Moosup; Post #95 Hebron; Post #101 Somers; Post #111 Woodstock; Post #203 Eastford.



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United Way awards \$3 million to assist those recovering from effects of COVID-19 pandemic

REGION — United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut has awarded \$3 million to local community organizations that are addressing the long-term health, economic and educational impact of COVID-19 on children, adults and families.

“As several people return to pre-pandemic activities, we know that for many children, adults and families the impact of the pandemic will be longer-lasting,” said Paula S. Gilberto, President and CEO, United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut. “Our United Way is working with Community Partners to assess potential gaps in resources and to ensure a more comprehensive approach in helping people recover from the long-term effects of the pandemic.”

The awards, which were approved by United Way’s Board of Directors at its June meeting, focus on:

Youth Success: Summer learning and enrichment programs for children who experienced a challenging school year, and quality early childhood education and early literacy programs aimed at students reading proficiently by the start of fourth grade.

Economic Mobility: Employment programs that help people get good jobs with opportunities for career advancement along with financial education and opportunities to build savings.

Basic Needs: Rent, utility and food assistance, and a connection to important income supports, such as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), that help families struggling to make ends meet stretch their monthly budgets.

Of the \$3 million awarded, \$213,000 will support programs running this summer for local children to help prevent learning loss and keep students on-track for academic success.

“We are so grateful to the generous

donors and workplaces in our region who have come together to support local children and families this year,” said Gilberto. “When you give to United Way, you are supporting a network of partners who are working together to meet the complex needs of people in our region, efficiently and effectively. United, we will recover from the long-term effects of COVID-19.”

About United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut

United Way brings people and resources together to address immediate needs


and finds long-term solutions for the wellbeing of children and families. For more information about United Way and ways to partner visit: <https://unitedwayinc.org/get-involved/for-companies/>.

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Local students graduate from Eastern

WILLIMANTIC — Hundreds of students graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University this spring 2021 semester. The University’s 131st annual Commencement Exercises occurred on campus on May 15 and 16.

Maxwell Chace of Brooklyn graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Keeling Chiu of Brooklyn graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Sociology.

James Christopher of Brooklyn graduated with a Master of Science in Secondary Education.

Andrew Clark of Brooklyn graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology.

Benjamin Klawitter of Brooklyn graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies.

Alena Klee of Brooklyn graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology.

Mikko Koivisto of Brooklyn graduated with a Master of Science in Secondary Education.

Matthew Mlyniec of Brooklyn graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Earth Science.

Marissa Poulin of Brooklyn graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

Emily Rainville of Brooklyn

graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Elementary Education.

Ivy Roy of Brooklyn graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Art.

Jacqueline Dupuis of Danielson graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences.

Morgan Harriott of Danielson graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences.

Aaron Jocson of Danielson graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in New Media Studies.

Aboy Rone of Danielson graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Finance.

Ashley Spalty of Danielson graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology.

Jaycen Bizzle of Dayville graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Victoria Bryer of Dayville graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology.

Paige Norgren of East Killingly graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

Brandon Gaudreau of Rogers graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

Cassidy Bonin of Woodstock Valley graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology.

Hannah Bowen of Putnam

graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Zachary Cutler of Putnam graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences.

Angelica Desrosiers of Putnam graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Shai-Lin Gothreau of Putnam graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Nicole Marcoux of Putnam graduated with a Master of Science in Organizational Management.

Andrew Morrison of Putnam graduated with a Master of Science in Organizational Management.

Haley Russo of Putnam graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences.

Hanna Russo of Putnam graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work.

Sarah Langlois of Quinebaug graduated with a Master of Science in Early Childhood Education.

Danica Seney of North Grosvenordale graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Sarah Langlois of Quinebaug graduated with a Master of Science in Early Childhood Education.

Maggie Gibeault of Thompson

with a Master of Science in Organizational Management.

Elizabeth Jourdan of Thompson graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Communication.

Allyson Vandi of Thompson graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work.

Emma Kellermann of Eastford graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in New Media Studies.

Elise Schiavetti of Eastford graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Jourdan Fulchino of Pomfret Center graduated with a Master of Science in Early Childhood Education.

James Hemeon of Pomfret Center graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Mathematics.

Allen Horn of Pomfret Center is an Honor Scholar who graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in History.

Sylvia Lawrence of Woodstock graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work.

Morgan Reynolds of Woodstock graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

Cameron Saracina of Woodstock graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work.

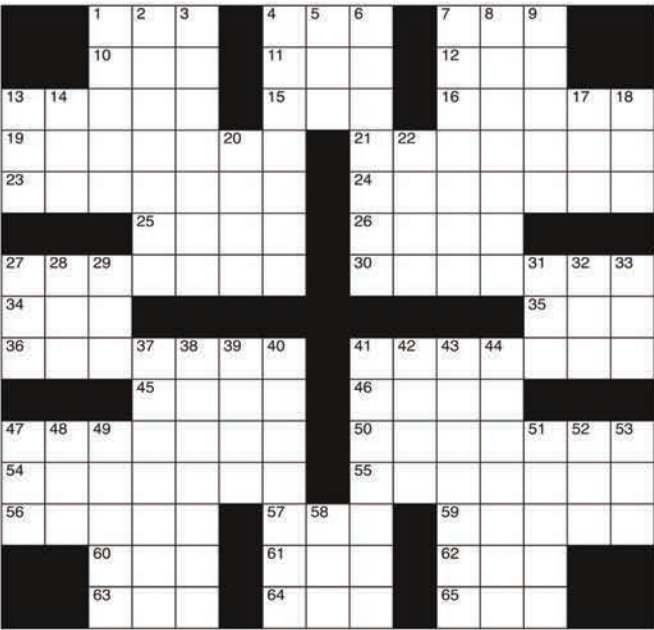
Cassidy Bonin of Woodstock

Valley graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology.

Since 2009 the University has held Commencement at the XL Center in Hartford. Due to COVID-19 health and safety protocols, the University’s 131st Commencement was held outdoors on the grounds of nearby Windham Technical High School. Two sessions for 2021 undergraduates were held on May 15 to manage social distancing, as well as a separate session for graduate students. On Sunday, May 16, the Class of 2020 returned to campus for an in-person ceremony.

Eastern presented honorary degrees to Saturday’s three commencement speakers, including Jeffrey Flaks, president and CEO of Hartford HealthCare; Mark Boxer, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the University of Hartford; and Maryam Elahi, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut.

Over the course of the two days, 700 undergraduates of the Class of 2021, 61 graduate students, and more than 200 members of the Class of 2020 attended the Commencement Exercises, along with more than 2,000 guests for the four events.



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4. Payroll firm

7. Monetary unit of Macao

10. Cooking vessel

11. Cow sound

12. Hairpiece

13. Spoon-shaped surgical instrument

15. Mother

16. Remove from record

19. Foolish

21. Mailman

23. Unit of data size

24. Stirred

25. Deceptive movement

26. We all have one

27. Direct from pasture beef animal

30. A person's own self

34. Helps little firms
35. Deep, red-brown sea bream

36. Tumbler

41. A short section of a musical composition

45. Young woman (French)

46. Wings

47. Wine bottles

50. Thin layers of rock

54. Opposite to

55. American state

56. Uncertainty about something

57. Basics

59. Indian seaport

60. Owed as a debt

61. Buffer solution

62. Unit of work or energy

63. Soviet Socialist Republic

64. One point south of due east

65. Born of

CLUES DOWN

1. Small stem bearing leaves

2. Female Bacchanalians

3. Mediterranean city

4. Measures electric current

5. Arrived extinct

6. Edible butterflyfish

7. Causing wonder or astonishment

8. Behaviors showing high moral standards

9. Ancient Irish alphabets

13. Footballer Newton

14. Utilize

17. Sum of absolute errors

18. Opposite of the beginning

20. Shoe company

22. Algerian port city

27. Girls organization (abbr.)

28. Type of cell (abbr.)
29. Swiss river

31. When you hope to get there

32. Fall behind

33. Expresses distaste, disapproval

37. Volume containing several novels

38. Less sharp

39. Food for the poor

40. Having made a valid will

41. Royal estates

42. Relating to wings

43. Japanese three-stringed lute

44. Taking something through force

47. Angry

48. Before the present

49. Showy ornaments

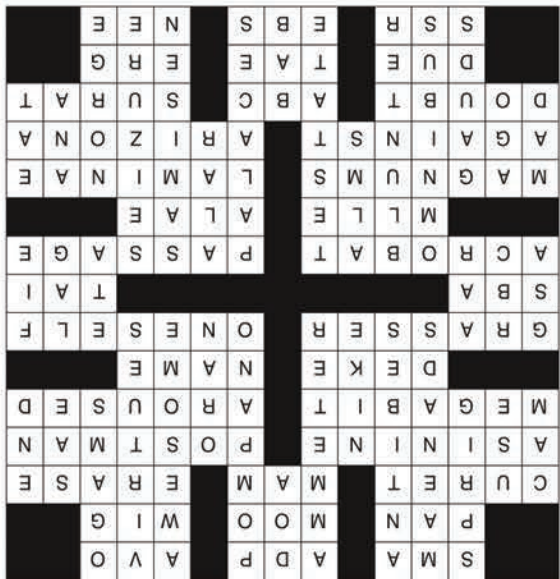
51. Norway

52. Comedienne Gasteyer

53. Consume

58. Founder of Babism

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EASTFORD REC COMMISSION TO HOLD FUN RUN

Photo Courtesy

After taking a year off for Covid-19, the Eastford Recreation Commission is excited to host a fun run on Saturday July 24 at 9 a.m. The course begins at the Eastford School and is an easy 1.5 miles so the whole family can participate. People are free to run, walk or bike. “It is going to be really great to see families back together having some fun – and for a good cause,” said Rec chair Paige Brown. The registration fee is \$15 for adults, \$10 Kids ages five to 12 years old (Cost capped at \$40 per family). Proceeds will be for the benefit of the Eastford Food Bank to help those in need in these complicated times. Registrants will receive a free tee shirt. To register, go to <https://www.eastfordct.org/Page/97> and click on the “Register Here” link.

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Jonathon Bickelhaupt of North Grosvenordale named to Emerson College Dean’s List

BOSTON, Mass. — Jonathon Bickelhaupt, a native of North Grosvenordale has been named to Emerson College’s Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 semester. Bickelhaupt is majoring in Creative Writing BFA and is a member of the Class of 2024. The requirement to make Emerson’s Dean’s List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

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Thompson Spirit of 76 cancelled following severe thunderstorm

THOMPSON — A severe rain-storm shortly after qualifying began forced the cancellation of the Samuel Adams Wicked Hazy IPA Spirit of 76 at Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park on Wednesday, July 7. The event will not be rescheduled due to a lack of open dates.

For much of the day, it appeared the worst of the thunderstorm would split around the Thompson area and allow for racing. However, the storm closed back together and began pelting the track during the second heat race. Hard rain continued for nearly 45 minutes, leaving significant standing water on the racing surface. Officials determined the track could not be dried in time to complete the program at a reasonable hour, leading to the cancellation.

All general admission ticket wristbands, pit pass wristbands, and entry fees will be honored at the Truly Hard Lemonade Midsummer 75 on Wednesday, Aug. 11, which features a \$5,000-to-win event for the Outlaw Open Modified Series. The full event schedule will be announced at a later date.

For more information about the American-Canadian Tour, contact the ACT offices at (802) 244-6963, media@acttour.com, or visit www.acttour.com. You can also get updates on Facebook and Twitter at @ACTTour.

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UMass Lowell names local students to dean's list

LOWELL, Mass. — Local residents have been named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Among those recognized for achieving academic distinction for the spring 2021 semester at UMass Lowell are:

- * Faith Boateng-Afranie of Danielson, majoring in nursing
- * Lindsay Roberts of Putnam, majoring in sound recording tech

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HAVE BREAKFAST WITH THE LEGION



Photo Courtesy

American Legion Post 111 celebrated another breakfast on the post grounds Saturday, June 19. Woodstock's American Legion invites all veterans and their families to enjoy an egg-bacon-cheese sandwich and coffee from 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 24. The post offers these free breakfasts on Saturday once a month. Membership is not required. Please stop by and meet us at 22 Stone Bridge Rd. in South Woodstock.

Roseland Cottage hosts Party at the Pink House July 31

WOODSTOCK — Roseland Cottage's fourth annual Party at the Pink House—Saturday July 31, 6 to 8 p.m.—will celebrate "La Vie en Rose."

Whether that means "life in the pink," "life through rose-colored glasses," or even "life in rosy hues," a garden party at Roseland Cottage is a fantastique place to celebrate Edith Piaf's timeless song. Join other enthusiasts of the rosy life while enjoying Taylor Brooke wine and beer, hors d'oeuvres by Mack's Catering, dessert from the Inn at Woodstock Hill, live music, and a fun after-hours peek inside the Bowens' celebrated cottage—the striking home where they spent their summers, raised their family, and entertained guests, including four U.S. presidents. Pink attire and all things pink are always welcome. In fact, they're encouraged!

Be there or be rectangulaire!

Must be 21 or older. Tickets are \$45. Advance purchase is required. Proceeds support the continuing preservation of this New England icon and its unique landscape.

Please call 860-928-4074 for more information, or register online here: <https://my.historicnewengland.org/12661/ros-party-pink-house>

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Danielson holds inaugural food truck event

DANIELSON – Downtown Danielson held the first of three Kickin’ it in Killingly Food Truck Events for 2021, the first of their kind for the town bringing trucks for all different tastes, literally, to Furnace Street for an afternoon of tasty fun.

Eight food trucks were on hand for the event, with choices ranging from

barbecue sandwiches to ice cream, bison burgers, kettle corn and more. Music, a touch a truck event and a moon bounce added some family-friendly fun and entertainment to the day while families enjoyed a taste of local flavor. Food Truck events will also be held on Aug. 14 and Sept. 11.

Photos Jason Bleau



Canterbury Kettle Corn allowed visitors to see the corn being popped right before their eyes before they took a bag home.



The crew Ra Ra's Ice Cream of Moosup hard a work putting together icy treats.



Local band Mixtape provided the musical entertainment with a mix of classic and modern hits.



A large crowd turned out to try all the different tastes of the food truck event filling Furnace Street to near capacity.



Customers wait patiently for a juicy bison burger from Creamery Brook Bison.



A cook for Off the Griddle of Sterling puts together an order.



Young Lincoln of Danielson explores a fire truck courtesy of the Danielson Fire Department who held a touch-a-truck event as part of the festivities.



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Poetry at Roseland Park series continues

WOODSTOCK — Three more free poetry readings will be held this summer at Roseland Park, 205 Roseland Park Rd. in Woodstock, in the beautiful outdoor amphitheater. This series is being held from 2-4 p.m. on the following Sundays: July 25, Aug. 15 and Sept. 26. These readings are for people ages 14 and up. Books will be available for purchase. Folding chairs or camp chairs are recommended for a more comfortable time. Besides featured readers there will be an open mic segment at each event as time allows.

This is the second year for these events and the series was expanded due to its great popularity. Covid guidelines will be met.

Featured poets on the 25th will be Massachusetts author Robert Eugene Perry; Candace Curran, twice named as Western Massachusetts Poets' Seat Laureate; Heidelberg University student Jayce Porter, (presenting an art song) and T'Challa Williams, co-found-

er of Hartford's L.I. T. Heath Blue will be the open mic featured reader and National Beat Poet Laureate for 2020, Paul Richmond and finalist in the Montreal International Poetry Contest and Woodstock resident Karen Warinsky will also perform in the open mic.

This event is being sponsored in part by Sharpe Hill Winery, Linemaster Switch Corporation, Brunarhans, Inc., CR Premier Properties, St. Onge & Brouillard law firm, Weiss, Hale and Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, the Woodstock Airport, Ashford's Xtra Mart, Bank Hometown, Charter Oak Credit Union and The Rusty Relic, and Sweet Evalina's.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a canned good or household item to donate to the Reynolds family of Woodstock, who experienced a devastating house fire in June. Monetary donations will also be accepted and turned over to the family.



Care for caregivers the subject of next Veterans Coffeehouse

PUTNAM — The Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse will discuss support to the caregiver caring for someone 65 or older they live with and care for. The caregiver can be paid a tax free payment monthly and have supports by a RN and SW. This is a Medicaid based program so the 65 or older consumer would have to be eligible. ...sponsored by Candice Smith.

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- Bathing
- Dressing
- Walking
- Transferring (helping to get in/out of bed)
- Toileting
- Eating

Open to all veterans July 20 at the Elks Club, Putnam. Open at 8:30 p.m.; program stats at 9 p.m.

RIT students named to Dean's List for spring semester

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Rochester Institute of Technology announces its spring 2021 Dean's List! Undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their GPA is greater than or equal to 3.40 for nine credit hours of traditionally graded coursework; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete," NE, D, or F; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Chris Cheney of Woodstock, who is in the computing security program.

Shane McCarthy of Woodstock, who is in the physics program.

Andrew Simmons of Putnam, who is in the computer engineering program.

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neurs, innovators and researchers. Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls about 18,600 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

The university is internationally recognized and ranked for academic leadership in business, computing, engineering, imaging science, liberal arts, sustainability, and fine and applied arts. RIT also offers unparalleled support services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. The cooperative education program is one of the oldest and largest in the nation. Global partnerships include campuses in China, Croatia, Dubai and Kosovo.

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Keep it civil

One of the great things about being an American is the right to free speech. A recent uproar in a small community regarding a vulgar word prominently displayed for all to see on a main stretch of road prompted this editorial.

On commercial property, with specific sign ordinances, in a quaint New England town, there is a vulgar sign. One in which children of reading age, five and six years old, can easily look out the car window and sound it out and herein lies the problem. It's our job as adults, to set a high standard for our children and to protect them at all costs.


Now, while the First Amendment protects free speech, that does not include all speech, when it pertains to commercial or public property. Profanity is not always protected as well when it pertains to threats of incitement, fighting words, etc. or when used against a public official in a public forum.

Even so, just because you have the right to use profane language, does it mean you should? Can you get your point across without it? My father always told me there was a 'time and a place' for everything. If you know children could potentially see this profane language, is it the best choice to still put it on display? Further, not only should children not see this, but there are generations of people who come from a time when profanity could only be found in seedy areas of big cities. To them, it is even more offensive from the feedback we have received.

This is why movies, plays, music and books are given ratings, because then you have the choice on whether or not you or your children see it. In a public area, we think it's important to keep things classy, and set a better example as adults for our children. If you feel you need to use profanity in such a way, well sure that is your right, we all utter those words from time to time, however a display in a public place is a different animal.

Using a vulgar word, at the end of the day will not change anyone's mind about whatever it is you're upset about. It simply won't. Civil language is far more conducive to meaningful discussion and debate.

Dying in public has its hazards ...



POSITIVELY SPEAKING

GARY W. MOORE

One combination off them being I missed a publishing deadline for the first time in my life. I'm sorry. I'm on some heavy painkillers and anti-anxiety meds and my mind isn't quite as accurate as I'd like. I'm too late for a few of my publications but I'll give it my best shot.

I'm still here. I'm still writing. I'm still ringing the bell for positivity and optimism. For some, that's still good news. Unfortunately, for others, they'd rather my voice be silenced. My computer was hacked over the weekend and at the same time, my Facebook pages were all locked. Hopefully by the end of the day, all will be back up and running but as of now I'm only partially up.

Thank you for your understanding. As long as I am up and breathing, I will be back next week!

May God bless you all.

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @GaryWMoore721 and at www.garyw-moore.com.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Critical Race Theory hinders the American ideal of equality

To the Editor:

A reply to Lee Wesler's "History is our teacher."

Critical Race Theory is an unsubstantiated conspiracy theory pushed by blancophobes. Lee, go back and read your own seventh paragraph. "...race is truly an artificial formulation. All people carry the same genes."

Yes, as MLK's niece, Alveda King, often says, "There is only one race, the human race." Her uncle is most famous for looking forward to the day when "a man is judged by the content of his character, not the color of his skin." Yet the left is deploying Critical Race Theory in schools, the work-place, and the military. You back it up by stating it was hatched 40 years ago. Thank you for proving to all the readers it is the product of an actual conspiracy.

You called C. R. Theory "a (bleep) good one." Do tell. Yet you've implied there is no such thing as race, so logically people can only be segregated by ethnicity. There is the rub. Whites exist in many ethnicities. Every single American is a member of a minority group, be it Polish, Greek, Italian, Irish, Nigerian, French-Canadian, German, English, Indian, Swedish and etcetera. We are all minorities, and yes, we are all Irish on Saint Patrick's day, and we're all Italian on Columbus Day, and we all love to eat Greek pizza. We're all Americans who bring some love from the old country. Most of us in this region come from ancestors who came to America after the Civil War, yet the CRT which you so strongly support judges us by the color of our skin. Those whose roots are in New England for over 200 years trace their lineage to families which sent their sons to fight the Civil War.

Lincoln said, "This war will not end until every drop of blood drawn by the lash is repaid on the battlefield." And so it was. These men marched under the hot summer sun singing "He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free." And so it was. The itchy misery of sweating in a woolen uniform was replaced with the shock of hot lead tearing through flesh and ended with the searing pain of having a limb sawn off without anesthetic. A quarter million healthy young men, union soldiers, died this way and you sit in your air-conditioned office writing "therefore, it's possible to enforce a racist rule but not be a racist."

Lee, you closed your case with an all-too-familiar implied stand on principle. You wrote, "We cannot allow censorship to turn us back." There is alive among us a liberal man who stands on principle. That man is Law Professor Alan Dershowitz. He has publicly stated his intention to file a brief in support of President Trump's lawsuit against social media corporations over their censorship of him.

Then-candidate Joe Biden growled at podcaster Charlemagne Tha God, "If you don't know if you are going to vote for me or Trump, then you ain't black." Maybe Joe Biden is the one melanin-challenged American to whom Critical Race Theory applies- he's a "racist," but he doesn't know it.

Everyone has to stop saying the phrase "White Privilege" because I'm offended by it. That's your rule - If one person is offended, the whole country has to stop saying a word. From now on, you have to say "the WP phrase" instead. I'm also offended by the phrase "Critical Race Theory." Everyone has to call it "Critical Ethnicity Theory" now. Seriously, you made the rules. I'm offended, so you have to change. What? You don't like the taste of your own medicine? Awww, the poor dear threw a boomerang and thought it was a Frisbie. Maybe we could agree to let everyone speak freely again then. What do you say, deal?

Lee mentioned the words "Indian savages." This comes from the long list of King Georges offenses. «He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of Warfare, is an undistinguished Destruction, of all Ages, Sexes and Conditions." See, the ones recruited by King George were doing savage things to our people. Unfortunately for us, world history is dotted with similar incidents done by many ethnic groups. It happened, and the founders put it on the list.

Every last one of us is inferior to our Creator, but not inferior to any other man, including King George. That is the kernel inside America. It is the ideal we wish to pass on to the next generation. We are closer than ever to achieving it. We've come a long way. Please, everyone, don't let radicals ruin it.

Best Regards,

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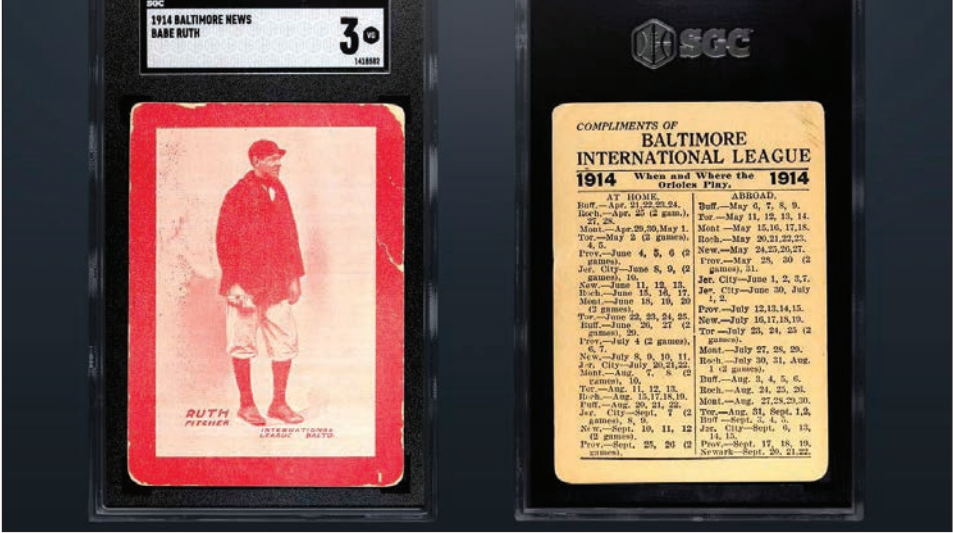
WAYNE TUISKULA

In recent columns, I've discussed how major investors are buying into the collectibles market. The trend is continuing, with one group of big-name investors purchasing an auction house and another group purchasing a coin and card grading company.

According to the Tampa Bay Times, "Sarasota's Certified Collectibles Group is selling a majority stake in its company to private equity firm Blackstone in a deal that puts the company's value at more than \$500 million." Blackstone's investors include NBA star Andre Iguodala, as well as rapper, song writer and music executive Jay-Z.

Other big-name investors recently purchased Goldin Auctions. According to Yahoo News Ken Goldin "sold Goldin Auctions to Collectors Holdings, a group owned by New York Mets owner Steve Cohen, hedge fund billionaire Dan Sundheim and venture capital investor Nat Turner." The terms of the deal weren't disclosed. The Los Angeles Business Journal wrote that Goldin also made another deal recently. They've partnered with Barstool Sports. Barstool Sports' website describes it as "a sports & pop culture blog covering the latest news and viral highlights of each and every day with blogs, videos and podcasts." Goldin hopes to capitalize on Barstool Sports' mostly younger audience and attract them to invest in sports memorabilia.

Along with these major investments, the digital age is bringing change to the way sports collectibles are sold. Leaf, Upper Deck and other card manufac-



turers have inserted patches from uniforms or slices of game-used bats inside sports cards. When these cards were first produced over 20 years ago, collectors could own a small piece of Michael Jordan's jersey or a slice of Babe Ruth's bat. MarketWatch reported that small investors are now able to own part of an item without having it literally sliced into pieces.

Collectable.com is offering the public an opportunity to invest in a \$6 million Babe Ruth rookie card in \$3 shares. According to MarketWatch, "Collectable is a platform that allows people to buy equity in memorabilia when they may not be able to afford the piece as a whole. This concept is similar to how brokerage firms like Robinhood offer fractional shares of public companies. Investors in the card can sell their fractional shares at any time, and if the card is outright sold at a higher price in the future, those investors would see a profit. The price per share of the collectible only changes when the item is sold, not on perceived value change."

The drawback that I see with this model is that you can only see a profit (or loss) when Collectable decides they

want to sell the card. However, in my opinion, it is still much better than cutting up a bat or jersey.

I'm happy to announce that I'll be returning to some in-person events soon. I'll be appraising items for the public at the John B. Gough House in Boylston, MA on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Looking ahead to the fall, I'll be teaching my "Evaluating your Antiques" class at Bay Path Evening School on Wednesday Nov. 10.

We have an exciting upcoming online auction featuring a Mickey Mantle card, a Roberto Clemente card as well as other baseball cards and memorabilia scheduled for August. Session 4 of our model trains, die-cast toys and models online auction will begin soon. Other events are also being scheduled. Visit our website for details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>.

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It was a quite spring morning in New England. Suddenly the music of the songbirds was shattered by a ruckus high in the trees. A red-tailed hawk, not far from his own nest was squealing and ducking as a half dozen Blue Jays took turns screaming and dive-bombing the larger, more powerful bird.

Mobbing, is a behavior in which a gang of smaller birds harass a larger predatory bird until it gives up and leaves the area. One can often see these larger birds soaring through the air with of slew of smaller birds nipping and pecking at it from all sides. The question immediately comes to mind, "Why would a red-tailed hawk, bald eagle or great horned owl let a bunch of smaller birds, like Jays, pester it? And why would a smaller bird take the risk of attacking these large predators? The answer, as is usually the case when animal behavior and ecology are involved, is complex. Some explanations seem relatively straightforward whereas others are more speculative. Here are three:

Small birds are afraid of their young, so they take a risk and gang up much like a pack of wolves gang up on a moose.

Since the smaller birds are agile it is not worth the larger bird's energy to attempt to kill them.

In short, mob intimidation works.

Mobbing is often seen in human behavior. Whether it takes the form of protests, lynchings, culture cancelling or viral social media attacks, it seems to work. While there may be some causes worth speaking against, it is often the case that many people involved in mobbings don't even know why they are there. It can also be true that the person or entity being attacked is superior to its attackers in many ways.

The most famous and egregious mobbing in history took place two thousand years ago in the public square, in the streets of Jerusalem and on a hill called Golgotha. In spite of His gentleness and goodness, Jesus was mobbed by

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How to do a mid-year wellness check on your investments: review, renew, rebalance

We always remind our clients that investing is not a “set it and forget it” proposition. Building wealth in order to achieve your goals requires smart strategy and long-term commitment. But maintaining a healthy investment portfolio also requires regular care and attention. In short, you have to continually Plan Well and Invest Well if you want to Live Well.

While some people are happy to check in on their investments frequently, most don’t have it at the top of their long-to-do list that’s already filled with life’s day-to-day responsibilities. And while there’s no need to check in daily or even weekly (that’s what your financial planner is for!), you should check in at least periodically.

The middle of the year is an ideal time to do a “wellness check” on your investments. With half the year behind you to evaluate the performance of your investments and the other half still ahead to see gains from any adjustments you might make, it’s a great opportunity to review your investments, renew your strategy and rebalance your investments as necessary to keep on track toward your goals.

Step 1: Review your asset allocation and performance

Just because you chose to allocate your investments in a certain way, that doesn’t mean you’ll always find your portfolio the same way you left it. Market forces may quickly begin to tweak it. For



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example, if stock prices go up, you may eventually find yourself with a greater percentage of stocks in your portfolio than you want. If stock prices go down, you might worry that you won’t be able to reach your financial goals. The same is true for bonds and other investments.

Do you have a strategy for dealing with those changes? You’ll probably want to take a look at your individual investments, but you’ll also want to think about your asset allocation. Just like

your initial investing strategy, your game plan for fine-tuning your portfolio periodically should reflect your investing personality.

Even if you’re happy with your overall returns and tell yourself, “if it’s not broken, don’t fix it,” remember that your circumstances will change over time. Those changes may affect how well your investments match your goals, especially if they’re unexpected. At a minimum, you should review the reasons for your initial choices to make sure they’re still valid.

Renew your commitment to your long-term strategy and goals.

Reviewing your portfolio can be stressful, particularly if it hasn’t performed as you’d hoped since you last checked in. But don’t panic. Instead, remind yourself of your long-term goals and renew your commitment to the long-game strategy that’s designed to get you there. Try to resist the impulse to change your strategy with every dip in the market or head-

line in the news. Timing the market correctly is very difficult; even professionals find it a challenge. Most people fare better by having an investment game plan that can weather good times and bad, and then sticking to it.

That being said, when asset allocations in your portfolio become unbalanced, you should absolutely work with your advisor to return to the right mix of investments for your strategy and your goals. Which brings us to the third and last step of the mid-year investment wellness check...

Rebalance your portfolio to match the markets and your goals.

Based on your portfolio review and overall strategy, decide what changes need to be made to your investments, if any, to stay on track toward your goals. If you’re finding that your portfolio has become unbalanced or is no longer aligned with your goals, consider how to adjust. You could maintain your current asset allocation strategy with part of your portfolio, and then with another portion, you could try to take advantage of short-term opportunities, or test specific areas that you and your financial advisor think might benefit from a more active investing approach. By monitoring your portfolio, you can always return to your original allocation.

Another possibility is to set a bottom line for your portfolio: a minimum dollar amount below which it cannot fall. If you want to explore actively managed or aggressive investments, you can do so — as long as your overall portfolio stays

above your bottom line. If the portfolio’s value begins to drop toward that figure, you would switch to very conservative investments that protect that baseline amount. If you want to try unfamiliar asset classes and you’ve got a financial cushion, this strategy allows allocation shifts while helping to protect your core portfolio. This three-step “wellness checkup” for your investments does take a bit of time and effort, but just as with your regular health checkups, skipping it could be disastrous for your future. Having a knowledgeable and strategic partner can make the task a much lighter lift. See how we can help you to build and maintain a strong strategy to Plan Well, Invest Well, and Live Well at our website, whzwealth.com, or contact us at 860-928-2341 or info@whzwealth.com to get started today.

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Still time to plant vegetables



GARDEN MOMENTS

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Now is the time to plan and plant vegetables for a bountiful fall harvest. Planting now extends the harvest season for greater yield without expanding the garden.

Start by looking for vacant spaces in the vegetable garden. Fill areas that were not planted this spring or replant rows of quick maturing vegetables like lettuce, spinach, radishes, and beets that have already been harvested. Expand your search to other vacant spaces in flowerbeds, mixed borders, and containers.

Select vegetables that will have sufficient time to reach maturity before your growing season ends. Simply count the number of days from planting to the date of the average first fall frost in your area. Those in frost-free areas can plant longer season crops that benefit from maturing during the cooler months of fall.

Second plantings can be started from seeds or plants, if available. Check the back of the seed packet or plant tag to find out how many days each plant variety needs to grow and produce. Add a few weeks to allow time for harvesting. As long as there is enough time for the seeds to sprout, grow, and produce before the end of your growing season,

they can be added to the garden.

Fill your late season garden with lots of variety. Include root crops like beets, carrots, radishes, and turnips. Greens like leaf lettuce, spinach, collards, kale, and chard provide the basis for a great fall salad and some make great additions to stir fries. Try onions, kohlrabi, cucumbers, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and sweet corn for some variety. Just make sure the seeds or transplants will have enough time to grow and produce.

Some vegetables like broccoli, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts taste better when grown and harvested during cooler months. These along with other vegetables like spinach, mustard, lettuce, radishes, and leeks tolerate a light frost, giving you a longer harvest season.

Wait for the soil to cool before planting lettuce and other vegetable seeds that require cooler temperatures to germinate. Or start the plants indoors and move them into the garden as transplants. Help keep the soil cool by mulching plantings with shredded leaves, evergreen needles, or other organic mulch.

Water your gardens as needed throughout the season. New plantings will need a bit more attention when establishing roots during the hot summer months.

Extend the harvest season with a bit of frost protection or added warmth as needed. Cover plantings with floating row covers that allow light and water through while trapping heat around the plants.

Cold frames and high tunnels are



Photo Melinda Myers

For a fall harvest, plant areas in the garden that were not planted this spring or replant rows of quick maturing vegetables that have already been harvested.

other options that allow you to plant earlier and harvest longer. You will find ready-to-purchase options or instructions for creating your own season extending growing system.

Midsummer planting adds a few extra weeks, even months, to your harvest season. You will enjoy the garden-fresh flavor while benefiting from the increased nutritional value of your fall meals.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener’s Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

In the Studio

CYNTHIA SAARI

“In the Studio” is a newer feature for the Villager Newspapers. The Quiet Corner is home to many artists and makers, some of whom have national or international recognition for their work in fine art, handcraft, performing art, art education, and graphic art. In this semi-weekly series, we’ll talk with our artist neighbors and learn about their careers, current projects, and connections to our towns. We’ll also learn some “artspeak” terms in our conversations, demystifying some of those “artist words.”

In this issue we’re meeting with graphic designer, Julie Watt. It’s possible you have already met Julie at The Complex Performing and Creative Arts Center in downtown Putnam, as director of communications and visual arts instructor there. If you have not explored the Complex do check out the dynamic offerings there in person or online at <https://www.thecpac.org/>

Hi Julie! Thank you for taking the time for our interview today. I wanted to focus on your career as a graphic designer. My understanding is that a graphic designer pulls together all of the elements to create a product for a client, yes? That said, What are examples of the “end

product” a graphic designer makes?

A Graphic Designer can create products that include and often begin with Visual Identity and Branding; this is typically the first step and includes finding and creating the essence of a person / business with psychology and tone, images, typography and color theory. The products produced include the business and brand’s personality and can include logos, branding style guides, mood boards, etc. and are typically carried throughout multiple media. These products and this branding process can then grow and shift into Marketing and Advertising products, which helps clients to promote themselves and grow their business.

This could include print products, digital products, and these days tends to include quite a variety of products such as postcards and flyers, magazines (print and digital), books, packaging and package design, motion graphic design, T-shirt design, technical illustrations, magazine ads, posters, banners, billboards, infographics, signage, email templates, PowerPoint presentations, menus, social media ads banners and graphics, images for websites and blogs, etc. etc. More and more the expectations for a “Graphic Designer” have grown, and many times the word “Designer” can also mean Web Designer, Multimedia Designer, Photographer, Art and Creative Director, just to name a few.

What are the elements that go into a design?

Psychology, Color Theory, Typography, the Elements and Principles of Design, Design trends, Color trends, Fashion trends,

Photography (imagery), Visual Art, the History of Design, and of course the need or Intention of the design.

Who are your clients and how do they find you?

My wife and I own and Co-Direct The Complex and Nikki’s Dog House, so you will often find me on Main Street in Putnam. You can also find me teaching Visual Art classes at The Complex as well as teaching Graphic Design and Digital Media at Norwich Technical High School. My work currently tends to include personal projects for our businesses or for private projects when I am sought out. We also have a design business “JUNIC Creative” that will grow in the coming years: <https://www.juniccreative.com/>

What is your favorite part of creating a design?

Graphic Design is about using visual compositions to solve problems with psychology, typography, color and form. I would say my favorite part of design is in the problem solving. Another favorite part of the design is the ideation / brainstorming. I love the psychological aspect of figuring out the client; researching and digging and sketching to try to get to the place that just makes sense, when the visual solution matches the intention i.e., when you can look at the final product and without any verbal explanation understand from the typography, composition, visuals and color choices exactly who the client is, and what the client is wanting to say.

[OK. I was wondering what you meant by the “psychological” aspect of graphic design, and now I get it.]

What do you find the most challenging aspect of being a graphic designer?

Constantly looking around me and analyzing / critiquing © a menu, a logo, a sign, a flyer, a website...so much around us is designed and so often people don’t even realize it. It is amazing how much design affects humans, and ultimately how much a business can be affected by design.

In your opinion, what characteristics or “soft skills” does a graphic designer need to have?

In my opinion, a person who is a successful designer needs to be interested in people, in psychology, in trends, in understanding what makes people interesting and interested. You need to appreciate art and imagery, what people are attracted to and human emotion, in color and color theory, and in technology. Since much of what a designer does takes the essence of art and design and integrates computers and technology, you also should be interested in change and growth as technology continues to shift.

Tell is a bit about the training to be a graphic designer. Any suggestions on how to get started in this career? (or insights on your design path?)

Some Designers take the “typical” path of classes in high school and then college; some go to tech school, some are self-taught. There are so many varieties of educating these days. In the words of John Cage from his “10 Rules for

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Students and Teachers,” Rule #7 – “The only rule is work. If you work it will lead to something. It is the people who do all the work all the time who eventually catch onto things.”

My personal path began in Missouri, where I’m from. I went to college at Northwest Missouri State University and began my major as undecided, actually, then shifted majors from Journalism to Fine Art to Art Education. I wanted to be a teacher but simply did not feel I had the wisdom to teach at that point. With one year left, I moved to Boston and started and finished a Bachelor of Science degree in Graphic Design at Northeastern University. I have worked about 15 years in the industry; from a small print shop in Missouri where I was 1 of 4 employees and learned everything print while being a Production Artist, to a Direct Mail Marketing company as a Senior Graphic Designer, where our creative department was like an ad agency within a billion dollar national company. I was able to work on projects with national clients such as Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, TJMaxx, and Dicks Sporting Goods. The position included art, design, copywriting and a vast creative skillset in a team environment that I thoroughly enjoyed. From there I worked in New York City at Time Warner—one of the largest media companies in the world. It was an amazing experience, but working in the corporate environment was beginning to feel stifling to me, and I knew I wanted to teach.

At that point I moved back to Connecticut and to my job at Valassis Communications, and began a Master



of Fine Art program at Goddard College in Vermont. I graduated with an MFA in Interdisciplinary Art, which allowed me an opportunity to explore the idea of the concept and space between the disciplines, and push myself as an Artist and Educator. Since that time I have taught in multiple capacities with ages ranging from 5 years old to college level, and continue to have the opportunity to call myself an Artist, Designer and Educator.

Where do you teach?

You can find me teaching Visual Art classes at The Complex and also teaching Graphic Design and Digital Media at Norwich Technical High School. I have also been an Adjunct Professor at The University of New Haven and at Three Rivers Community College within the Design and Digital Media departments in years’ past, but not currently.

I find that teachers are often students, and artists (more often than not) wear many hats. Any comments on that?

Yes, I absolutely agree. I often tell my students that we are learning together,

with and from each other. What would life be without growth and questioning and learning? Wearing many different hats gives different perspectives and keeps us pushing.

Can you share a couple of examples of your designs with brief descriptions?

This is the most recent visual identity and logo design created for Nikki’s Dog House rebranding. The business began 41 years ago, and the hope here was to keep the authenticity of the original while translating into a more current solution. The visual identity included a family-feel target audience with a warm and welcoming consistent color pallet with circular shapes and composition, while expanding to an old fashioned yet edgy text and branding. This logo rebrand is consistent with and carried over to multiple media and advertising products, as well as the redesign of the interior space.

Thank you so much for sharing with us today. You are incredibly accomplished and talented; it’s been a plea-

sure to learn about your career. I’ll conclude here with a wonderful line you wrote to express your philosophy. I found it on your “Linkedin” page*.

Delight in the moment, dwell on the positive, demonstrate the admirable.

*online network for professionals

Word of the day

typography “Typography is the visual component of the written word,” Practical Typography beautifully explains. All visually displayed text, whether on paper, screen or billboard, involves typography.

logotype v. logomark

A logotype is the name of a company that is designed in a visually unique way for use by that company. Most of the time when people refer to a logo, they’re referring to the brand’s logotype. A logomark [or brandmark] generally does not contain the name of the company and instead more abstractly represents that company using a symbol or mark.

<https://buffer.com/library/53-design-terms-explained-for-marketers/>

mood board : an arrangement of images, materials, pieces of text, etc. intended to evoke or project a particular style or concept. (Oxford dictionary)

About the writer: Cynthia Saari (Woodstock) is a nationally recognized framework glass artist. She has exhibited her work & taught for over 20 years; her glass beads have been included in numerous publications & invitations. Cynthia offers talks & workshops in the Quiet Corner; she is an adjunct professor of art at a local college.

LEGALS

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Zoning Board of Appeals has scheduled a Public Hearing for Monday, July 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., for 64 Pulpit Rock Road – Patrick & Deirdre Monahan – variance for front yard setback – to be held at the Woodstock Town Hall, Meeting Room 1. Chairman Martin Nieksi.

July 9, 2021
July 16, 2021

Public Notice To Bus and Taxi Operators

The Arc Eastern Connecticut is applying for a capital grant under Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities of the Federal Transit Act, as amended in the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act [FAST] legislation, to replace a vehicle to be used in meeting special transportation needs of Seniors and/or individuals with disabilities in North-

eastern Connecticut.

Any interested transit or paratransit operator in the proposed service area may review the proposed application by contacting Kathleen Stauffer, CEO at 860-889-4435, 125 Sachem Street, Norwich, CT 06360.

A public hearing will be held if requested by interested parties.

Any comments should be sent to The Arc Eastern Connecticut, 125 Sachem St., Norwich, CT 06360 with a copy to the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, **125 Putnam Pike, Dayville, CT 06241** (860-774-1253). Comments must be received no later than seven (7) days following the publication of the Legal Notice.

July 16, 2021

TOWN OF BROOKLYN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION

At the regular meeting of the Planning

and Zoning Commission on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, the following actions were taken:

1. SD21-002 Subdivision Application to create two building lots at 53 Proulx Street (Assessor’s Map 41, Lot 85), 1 acre, R-10 Zone, Applicant: A Kausch & Sons- APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.

2. SD21-003 Subdivision Application to create four building lots at 111 Day Street (Assessor’s Map 42, Lot 32), 6 acres, R-30 Zone, Applicant: CNG Holdings, LLC-APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.

Dated this 8th day of July 2021

Michelle Sigfridson
Chairman
July 16, 2021

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All residents and non-residents of the Orients Heights Fire District liable to pay a property tax in the Orient Heights

Fire District are notified that by virtue of a tax warrant placed in my hands, I am directed to collect a tax of .60 mills on the dollar, which was laid on the Grand List of October 1, 2020. Said tax becomes due and payable on July 1, 2021 with 30 days to pay without interest. As soon as such tax becomes delinquent, it shall be subject to interest at the rate of one and one half percent of such tax for each month or the fraction thereof, which elapses from August 2, 2021. Minimum interest is \$2.00.

I will be accepting mail in payments only, make checks payable to Orient Heights Fire District and mail to: Orient Heights Tax Collector, 34 Bonneville St., Danielson CT 06239. A copy of each tax bill must accompany payment so proper credit may be recorded. Those wishing a receipt must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Cheryl Lukowski, Tax Collector
July 16, 2021

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- 1965: THE MONT BLANC TUNNEL LINKING FRANCE AND ITALY OPENS.
- 1969: APOLLO 11 TAKES OFF FROM FLORIDA. IT BECOMES THE FIRST MISSION TO LAND ASTRONAUTS ON THE MOON.

New Word

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How they SAY that in...

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SPANISH: Vacaciones

ITALIAN: Vacanza

FRENCH: Vacances

GERMAN: Urlaub

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GET THE PICTURE?

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ANSWER: BICYCLE TIRES

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Solve the code to discover words related to ice cream . Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 14 = E)

A. 8 15 7 5 14 26
Clue: Iced over

B. 9 14 4 4 14 15 2
Clue: Sweet treat

C. 6 15 14 19 25 22
Clue: Thick and smooth

D. 4 3 26 9 19 14
Clue: Ice cream with toppings

Answers: A. frozen B. dessert C. creamy D. sundae

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

5	8	7	6	4	9	3	2	1
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3	4	2	8	1	5	9	7	6
6	1	4	5	3	8	2	6	7
6	2	8	4	9	7	5	1	3
7	5	3	2	6	1	4	8	9
8	7	1	3	5	4	6	9	2
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Safety tips for novice motorcycle riders

Millions of motorists traverse the country's roadways when the weather allows. An increasing number of those motorists are seeing the sights while riding motorcycles.

Riding a motorcycle can be an awe-inspiring experience much different from riding inside a car or truck. According to the motorcycle information resource Biker Report, 1.5 million Americans owned a motorcycle in 2018. Even though motorcycle accidents have declined in recent years, a recent report by the Governors Highway Safety Association, a nonprofit organization representing state highway safety offices, indicates that, when adjusting for miles traveled, motorcycle fatalities occur 28 times more frequently than fatalities involving passenger vehicles. Alcohol and drug impairment, distraction and an aging motorcycle population have contributed to the elevated accident risk among motorcycle riders. However, inexperience also plays a role.

By adhering to certain safety measures, novice riders can avoid various risks and stay safe as they get more acclimated to their motorcycles.

- Get your license. It is essential to ride with a license. In the United States, riders are required to have a motorcycle license or endorsement in addition to a driver's license to legally ride a motorcycle. Depending on where riders live, a motorcycle safety course may be a prerequisite to getting a license and can help riders improve their skills on a motorcycle.
- Enroll in a safety course. A safety course can teach riders various strategies, including emergency evasive maneuvers. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation offers courses for riders, who can check to see if any such courses are available in their areas.
- Wear a helmet. Many states require motorcycle operators and riders to wear helmets when bikes are in operation. Helmets are required by law in Canada across all provinces and territories. The U.S. Department of Transportation also recommends a full-face helmet as an added safety option for novice motorcycle riders. Biker Report states that a helmet can reduce risks of brain injuries from a motorcycle accident by up to 67 percent.
- Wear protective clothing. In addition to helmets, jackets and other protective gear can reduce the risk of injury for riders involved in crashes. A 2011 study published in the journal Accident Analysis and Prevention determined there was a significantly reduced risk of injury to the upper body when riders wore fitted body armor.
- Practice in a closed environment. It is essential that motorcycle riders grow accustomed to riding the bike they will be taking out on the road. Doing so in a parking lot or a closed course enables riders to get a better feel for the throttle grip and brakes and steering. Riders can gradually increase their time on the motorcycle and skip long distance trips until they feel comfortable on their bikes.

In addition to these tips, novice riders are urged to be as visible as possible while on the road. Bright or reflective items can make motorcycle riders stand out. With these safety measures in place, novice motorcycle riders can reduce their risk for accidents and injuries while on the road.











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