

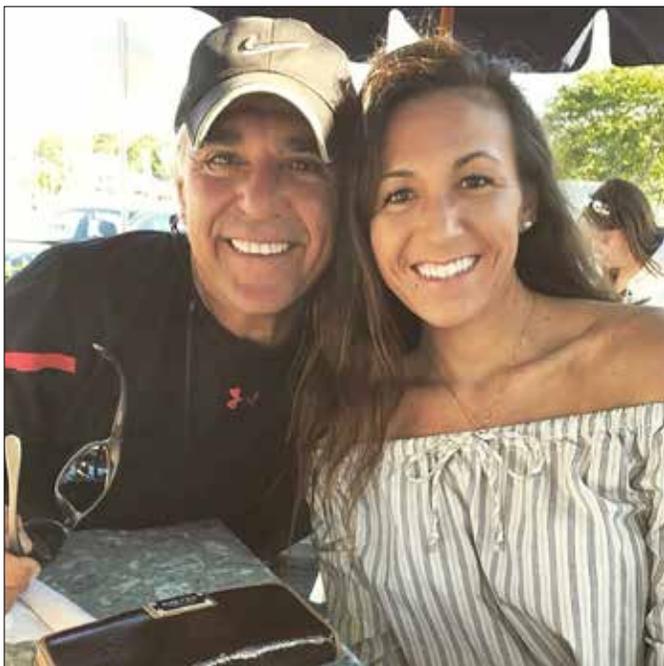
## Memorial tree planted in remembrance of Mark Tosti

By Linda Chuss

This June, coworkers and friends of Mark Tosti, a life-long Milford resident and the maintenance supervisor at the courthouse, dedicated a newly planted tree and plaque on the grounds of the building in his memory. Tosti passed away from cancer in August 2021.

“There used to be a big, old tree there and it was a hassle for Mark to cut the lawn at that spot because of the exposed roots,” explained John Wallace, who worked with Tosti at the court for nearly 20 years. “That tree ended up dying and was cut down. We decided to plant a replacement tree there for Mark.”

Picking right up where Tosti left off, his replacement, Ron Perron, prepared the site and built the memorial. Lamberts Garden Center in Mendon helped with the tree, and Signs Plus in Milford, where



**Mark Tosti, shown with daughter Alicia, was a lifelong resident and maintenance supervisor in town who passed away in 2021.**  
*Courtesy photo*

Tosti once worked, made the plaque. Coworkers contributed flowers and funds.

“We started this a year

ago and by this summer, it

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## Milford Police to add two ATVs to force, create new policy



**The larger ATV purchased by the Milford Police in 2014.** *Courtesy photo*

By Scott Calzolaio

Milford police have been finding that much of their work takes place in the woods, and in order to adjust accordingly to the uptick of off-road calls, they've decided to write a new All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) policy.

Though the police already own one ATV, Police Chief James Falvey said during the July 10

Select Board meeting, it's a bit too big to maneuver through much of the town's forested areas.

“We have been having some rescue missions lately, and we've decided it would be better to have two, smaller, ATVs,” he said.

Falvey said the current ATV

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# America's longest walking trail to run through Milford

## East Coast Greenway hosted 50 million users last year

By Scott Calzolaio

America's longest walking trail, spanning from Maine to Florida, will soon run right through Milford.

A 2.3 mile segment of the Upper Charles River Trail running from Holliston to Bellingham will soon don signage touting "The East Coast Greenway."

The trail is partially on a former railroad corridor owned by the town, partially on-road, partially on New England Power Company property under a 99-year renewable lease agreement, and partially on two permanent easements, all according to a letter of endorsement from the Milford Select Board.

The East Coast Greenway hosted 50 million users in 2022 according to statistics on www.greenway.org. The route travels through 25 cities and 450 communities in total, making it the "most popular park in America."

The organization touts that making the connection is good for local business, and useful for unconventional transportation.

In a presentation to the

Milford Select Board on July 10, Chairperson of the Milford Upper Charles Trail Committee, Reno DeLuzio, discussed the success of the East Coast Greenway, and what it would mean to be a part of it.

"The cost of including the Milford Upper Charles River Trail into this Greenway," DeLuzio said, "is to install and maintain signage onto the trail."

The paved trail already exists and just needs some signage to be officially part of the Greenway.

There is one snag, noted DeLuzio.

The steep angle and crowded nature of Mount Pleasant Street makes the on-road part of the trail quite difficult.

"I came up with an alternate route," he said. "You can turn the corner and head down Beach Street ... up East Street, and East Street Extension to South Central."

South Central Street would lead to Beaver Street, skirt the Hopedale town line, and into Grove Street to Bellingham. DeLuzio said he's not sure if Bellingham plans to continue



The entrance to the Upper Charles River Trail, beside Sacred Heart Church on East Main Street. Source: Google Maps

the route.

The East Coast Greenway is currently about 35% complete, with about 1,050 miles

designated, and \$200 million invested.

"It's connecting people, and it's designed to go where

people live," DeLuzio said. "It connects locals and visitors, and they walk, run, bike, and more."



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# Milford Girl Scouts have a busy summer

Summer is the perfect time for Milford Girl Scouts to take a break from troop meetings, service projects, and badge earning and simply enjoy the great outdoors and have fun! Troops are able to fund these awesome adventures through the annual cookie sales program, which also teaches girls goal setting, entrepreneurship, and financial skills. Many of these adventures occur over the summer months to take advantage of New England's warmest months, which is great for visiting Six Flags amusement park, Davis Farmland, Kimball Farm, and other local attractions.

As a quick recap of Milford

Girl Scouts summer fun:

- Daisies (K-grade 1) have enjoyed trampoline parks, tie-dying, and pizza parties.
- Brownies (grades 2-3) have created unique Build-A-Bears and pet farm animals.
- Juniors (grades 4-5) have cheered on the WooSox and camped overnight on the baseball field in Polar Park.
- Cadettes (grades 6-8) have braved ziplines, water parks, and bumper boats/cars, and enjoyed huge ice creams and mini golf.
- High school Girl Scouts spent a day in Boston for a Duck Boat tour, IMAX movie, and shopping at Quincy Market,

and planned future trips to Montreal and other locations.

Lastly, a graduating troop had their final adventure together in Plymouth for a few days.

Their troop leader, Amy Croteau, says, "Summer trips, whether local or faraway, are the best adventures I have ever had with my girls over the years. I will miss these outings not just for them but for me too!"

For more photos of the summer adventures, check out the smiles and good times on the "Milford (MA) Girl Scouts" Facebook page.



Lying on ground, tents in back – Milford Junior (grades 4-5) Girl Scouts at the WooSox overnight. *Courtesy photo*



Milford Brownies (grades 2-3) on a recent visit to Kimball Farm. *Courtesy photo*



Milford Ambassador (grades 11-12) Girl Scouts recently took a trip to Montreal. *Courtesy photo*



Milford Junior (grades 4-5) and Cadette (grades 6-8) Girl Scouts attended a WooSox game this summer and sang "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." *Courtesy photo*

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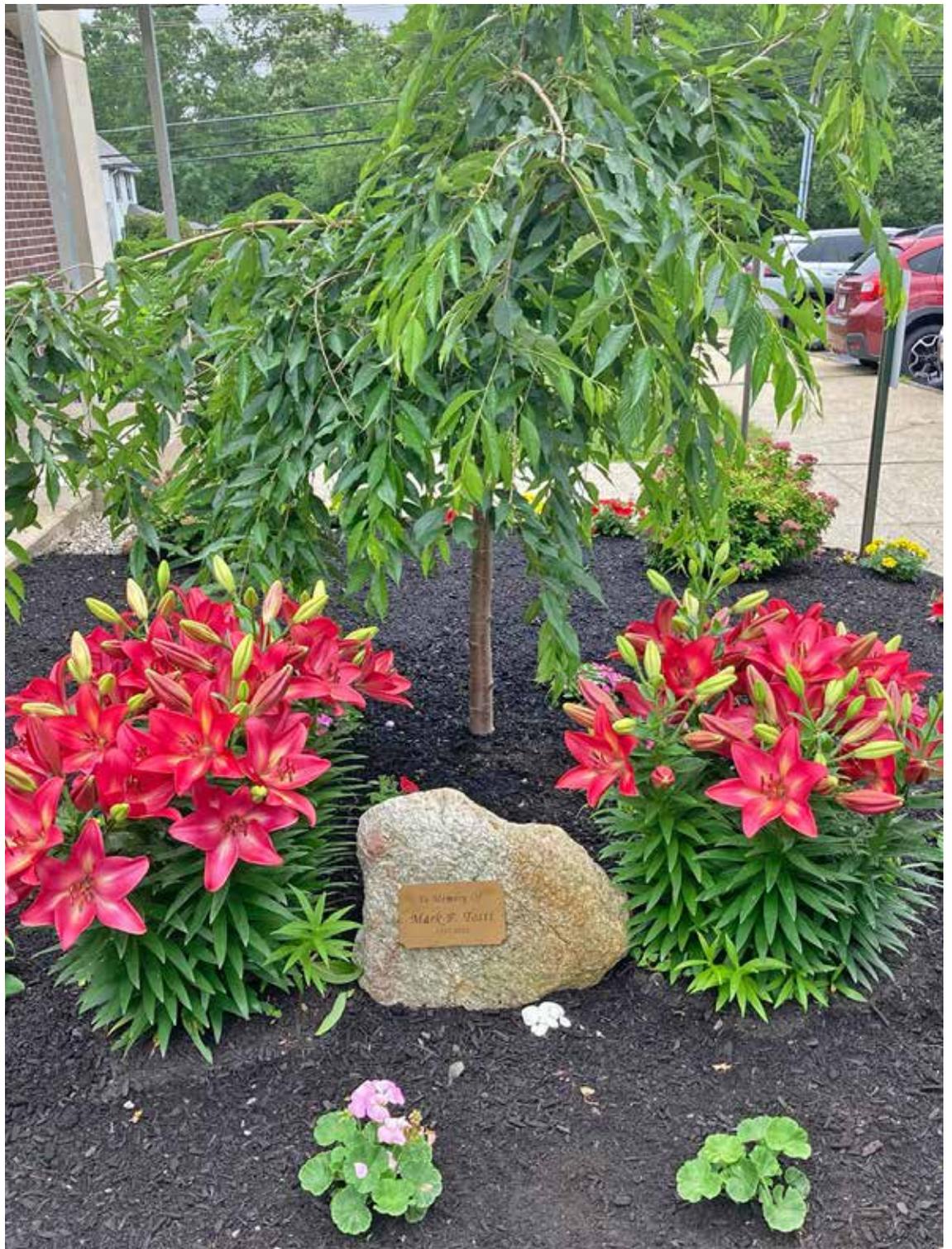
was in bloom for the dedication," said Wallace. "Judy Dagnese, Tosti's sister, attended. His daughter, Alicia Tosti, lives in Hawaii now and couldn't make it. Alicia and Mark were best friends and dedicated to each other. I hope my relationship with my children will be like that when they are grown.

"When I first started working at the court, we quickly became very good friends," said Wallace. "I think about him every day. He always greeted me with a warm welcome and a big smile that made me forget my troubles right then. We used to give each other a hard time, in a joking way."

Wallace also appreciated Tosti's generosity. "He'd cut lawns for people who needed the help. If you needed some obscure repair, he's the first one you'd call. Mark could fix anything and always had tools in the back of his truck just in case someone needed help."

When Tosti drove around Milford, his hand was almost always out the window, waving to people he passed. It seemed nearly everyone in town knew Tosti, and everyone who knew him was fond of him. That relationship with so many people is among his most memorable traits, according to Wallace.

When Wallace, Perron, and others see the tree and Tosti's name on the stone at the court, their memories of him will once again make them forget their troubles.



Memorial to Mark Tosti at the Milford District Court was dedicated in June. Courtesy photo



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# Failure to plan: Is it planning to fail?



Mark Freeman

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Consider these suggestions:

- **Establish and quantify your goals.** Throughout your life, you’ll have short-term goals, such as an

overseas vacation or a home renovation, and long-term goals, the most important of which may be a comfortable retirement. You’ll want to identify all your goals and put a “price tag” on them. Of course, it’s not always possible to know exactly how much it will cost to achieve each goal, but you can develop reasonably good estimates, revising them as needed.

- **Create an investment strategy to achieve your goals.** Once you know how much your goals will cost, you can create the appropriate savings and investment strategies to potentially help you reach the needed amounts. For your retirement goal, you will likely need to contribute regularly to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. But for shorter-term goals,

you may need to explore other types of investments. For all your investment moves, though, you’ll need to consider your risk tolerance. You won’t want your portfolio to have such a high-risk level that you’re constantly uncomfortable with the inevitable fluctuations of the financial markets. On the other hand, you won’t want to invest so conservatively that you jeopardize your chances of achieving the growth you need to reach your goals.

- **Control your debts.** We live in an expensive world, so it’s not easy to live debt-free. And some debts, such as your mortgage, obviously have value. But if you can control other debts, especially those that carry high interest rates, you can possibly free up money you can use to boost your savings and investments.

- **Prepare for obstacles.** No matter how carefully you follow the strategies you’ve created to achieve your goals, you will, sooner or later, run into obstacles, or at least temporary challenges. What if you incur a large, unexpected expense, such as the sudden need for a new car or a major home repair? If you aren’t prepared for these costs, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments – and every time you do that, you might slow your progress toward achieving your goals. To help prevent this, you should build an emergency fund containing several months’ worth of living expenses.

- **Review your strategy.** When you first created your financial strategy, you might have planned to retire at a certain age. But what if you eventually decide to retire earlier or later? Such a

choice can have a big impact on what you need from your investment portfolio — and when. And your circumstances may change in other ways, too. That’s why it’s a good idea to review your strategy periodically to make sure it still aligns with your up-to-date objectives.

None of us can guarantee that our carefully laid plans will always yield the results we want. But by taking the right steps at the right times, you can greatly improve your chances.

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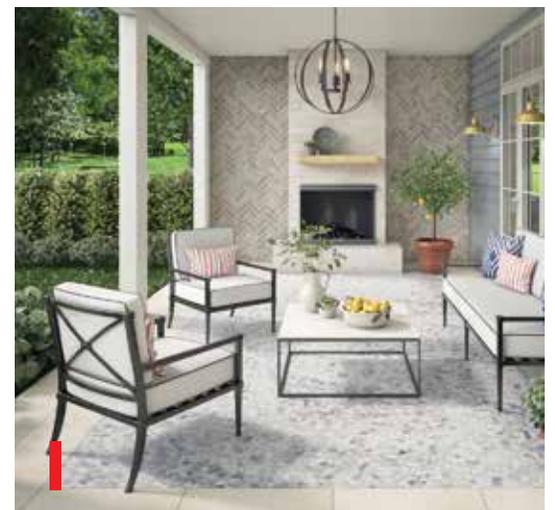
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was just used a few days ago for a search, and to station officers during the fireworks for the 4th of July celebration.

The idea for the smaller ATVs would be almost strictly for searching. The larger ATV is equipped with tools for extraction and transport, while these smaller vehicles are built for speed and dexterity in wooded areas.

Milford Police purchased the larger ATV in 2014, a Polaris Ranger 9000 of the same year. That vehicle is outfitted to carry a paramedic, a patient, and a cab that can fit five total.

So far, he said, 20 officers have been trained to use the ATVs by the Massachusetts Environmental Police, with more signed up to do so.

Select Board member and

former Milford Police Chief Thomas O'Loughlin agreed with the course of action and said it will be an important new tool for police to get their work done safely and quickly.

"I think the chief is doing a great job of ensuring the safety of our officers," said O'Loughlin. "The fact that this policy is geared towards the safety of our officers, it's critical. We've tapped the resources of the Environmental Police, and they're the pros when it comes to going offroad."

The rest of the board was in unanimous agreement about the benefits of the new ATV policy.

"I believe this is a good policy," said Select Board Chairperson Paul Mazzuchelli. "It's just another tool for enforcement in areas that are difficult for the regular, routine equipment and vehicles to get to. I think this is a great idea."

# Calling all singers



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open rehearsals will be held affording potential new members the opportunity to sing with the chorus before formally joining. Open rehearsals will be held on August 28, September 11 and 18. Auditions are not required, however, it is recommended that singers possess a fundamental understanding of music and a commitment to work at weekly mandatory Monday rehearsals.

GMCC's Golden Jubilee Celebration will conclude with two holiday concert performances:

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For more information visit our website at [www.greatermilfordcommunitychorus.org](http://www.greatermilfordcommunitychorus.org).

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*By Roger M. Kaldawy, M.D.  
Milford Franklin Eye Center*

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With offices located in Milford, Franklin and our new office in Millis, our own award-winning surgery center in Milford and a support staff of 50, we are proud to be the leading medical and surgical eye care center in the area and one of the major eye care centers in the State. We are also one of the rare ophthalmology practices to own and operate our own surgical center; the Cataract Surgery Center of Milford. No longer need to travel miles and hours to have cataract surgery! Experienced eye physicians/ surgeons and 5

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Dr. Roger Kaldawy is an experienced eye physician and surgeon and the area's only full-time specialist in corneal diseases. Having completed his training in Ophthalmology at the University of Rochester and his fellowship in Cornea and Refractive Surgery at the prestigious Department of Ophthalmology of the University of Iowa, Dr. Kaldawy served as Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Boston University where he was Director of the Cornea and External Disease program and trained fellows and residents in Ophthalmology. Some of the physicians he trained are now in academic and private practices in Massachusetts and around the world. Dr. Kaldawy published research articles in peer-

reviewed academic journals and has been invited as a guest speaker to many prestigious academic programs in the US and around the world. Dr. Kaldawy is proud to be the first surgeon in central Massachusetts and among a handful of surgeons in the State to have performed DSAEK corneal transplantation. With special interest in cataract surgery, Dr Kaldawy has performed over 30,000 procedures and surgeries and was the first surgeon in the area to offer the highly advanced accommodating implants. Dr. Kaldawy was the first surgeon in the area to offer bladeless laser assisted Femto cataract surgery. This laser procedure is offered locally at the Cataract and Laser Surgery Center of Milford. Dr. Kaldawy also serves as the Medical Director of the Cataract Surgery Center of Milford.

Dr. Jorge Arroyo is our practicing vitreoretinal specialist and Chief of Retina Service. He received his undergradu-



ate degree at Amherst College, medical degree at Yale University School of Medicine, and completed his ophthalmology residency at the University of California, San Francisco, and vitreoretinal surgery fellowship at Duke University Eye Center. Dr. Arroyo has over 20 years of experience training doctors and fellows at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical School/Harvard Medical School. Dr. Arroyo is a member of the Retina Society, Macula Society, American Society of Retina Specialists, the international Club Jules Gonin, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Dr. Arroyo is the immediate past president of

the New England Ophthalmological Society and continues to serve as a board member. Dr. Arroyo has published over 60 publications in peer-reviewed journals on macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinal vein occlusion, vitreomacular traction syndrome, and retinal detachment.

Dr. Shalin Zia, O.D. received her Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University in 2014 and her Doctor of Optometry from Indiana University in 2018. She moved to Massachusetts from the Midwest after get-

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# Milford Regional recognizes employees for their decades of service

A number of long-standing employees were recently recognized for their decades of service and dedication to Milford Regional Medical Center. The hospital held a ceremony to acknowledge the long-term employees, including several who have worked at Milford Regional for more than 40 years.

The ceremony began with a welcome from Milford Regional Medical Center Vice President of Human Resources Alice Hall and Milford Regional President and CEO Edward J. Kelly provided the ceremony's opening remarks. Members of the hospital's senior management team then presented the employees with awards of recognition.

"I sincerely believe that an organization is only as great as its employees and that is certainly true of Milford

Regional," said Kelly. "I feel incredibly privileged to work alongside the devoted staff of Milford Regional who show up to work each day, committed to providing exceptional services to those we care for."

Several of the employees honored have worked at Milford Regional for 40, 45 or 50 years.

Those employees honored for 40 years of service include Carol Giardino of Franklin, Diane Hill of Millbury, Jayne Leahy of Marlborough, Kathleen Perdoni of Milford and Cheryl Volpicelli of Milford.

Milford Regional employees honored for 45 years of service include Rose Galimi-Hayes of Uxbridge, Deborah Grenier of Dayville, CT and Debra Tredeau of Northbridge.

And, honored for her 50 years of service is Marilyn Nydam of Uxbridge.

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ting married. Dr. Zia has many years of experience, spending several years in private practice. She enjoys seeing patients of all ages. She is proficient in routine eye care, contact lens fitting, and diagnosing and treating various eye diseases. In her free time, she enjoys working out, listening to podcasts, and spending time with family.

Dr. Adams, graduated from John Carroll University, Bachelor of Science, summa cum laude, in 1995. He completed his Masters in Biochemistry from Ohio State University in 1997. In 2003 he received his Doctorate from the New England College of Optometry. Dr. Adams has advanced training in corneal pathology, specialty contact lenses, ocular disease, and laser refractive surgery.

Dr. Mai-Khuyen Nguyen joined Milford-Franklin Eye Center from the New England Carpenters Benefit Fund – Vision Center, where she served as Head of Optometry. She has over 10 years of experience in comprehensive eye exams for adult, geriatric, pediatric, and special needs populations. Her experience includes performing contact lens fitting and managing contact lens complications. Dr. Nguyen is also experienced in glasses fitting and lens edging. Her charitable activities include participating in Boston Cares program and the Boston Special Olympics.

Dr. Donald L. Conn, OD will join our team in our state-of-the-art medical offices in Franklin, Milford and Millis starting August 2022. Dr. Conn is a comprehensive optometrist offering

the latest in comprehensive eye care for the entire family. Dr. Conn earned his Bachelor of Science from College of the Holy Cross in 2016. He then went on to earn his Doctor of Optometry degree from New England College of Optometry in 2021. He completed a residency in ocular Disease and Primary care at the Bedford VA in June 2022. His clinical experience also includes clinical rotations at Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, Boston Medical Center, and South Boston Community Health Center. Dr. Conn will join our team in August of 2022. He is experienced in providing care to patients of all ages including adults, geriatrics, and pediatric populations. Outside of work Dr. Conn enjoys long distance running and spending time with friends and family.

Dr. Purvi Patel, OD originally from the tri-state area, received her bachelor's degree from The College of New Jersey in 1996 and her Doctor of Optometry from the State University of NY College of Optometry in 2000 through a joint accelerated B.S.-O.D. program. She then completed a residency in Ocular Disease and Special Testing. In 2003, Dr. Patel joined the New England College of Optometry as Clinical Assistant Professor. Through her role as Director of Eye Care Services at Whittier Street Health Center and then The Dimock Center, one of the largest community health centers in Boston, Dr. Patel brings with her teaching and leadership experience. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, with a history of publishing, presenting, and lecturing. During the last 10 years, Dr. Patel has transitioned to direct care and

worked in collaboration with ophthalmology. Most recently, Dr. Patel completed a postdoctoral certificate for the treatment & management of glaucoma. Dr. Patel has clinical interests in diabetes, glaucoma, community-based eye and vision care, public health & epidemiology. Dr. Patel currently lives in Dover, MA with her husband and 3 daughters. She enjoys traveling abroad, reading and tennis.

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From mud kitchens to Socratic Seminars to woodwork to watershed mapping, the 2.9- to 14-year-old students are exchanging ideas, listening to other perspectives, thinking critically, advocating for themselves, justifying their choices, and taking risks as they take part in project-based learning in mixed-age classrooms. The students demonstrate a true sense of purpose, a deep involvement, and great pride in their endeavors as they engage in authentic work. Faculty are committed to maintaining an integrated program where learning is hands-on and new information is accessed through in-depth investigations. Touchstone believes in following student interests and provid-



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own abilities, the capabilities of others, and how they support each other's growth.

Touchstone's progressive education is made possible with a community and a social fabric where children feel known and safe to make mistakes. The faculty is continually looking for ways to thoughtfully pursue new ideas, new possibilities and new approaches to engage, empower and inspire our students and partner with families. Adaptation and innovation are what

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To learn more about this community of joyful learners or to schedule a tour contact Juliana Fuchs, Admissions Coordinator, at julianaf@touchstoneschool.com or 508-839-0038. The school is located at 54 Leland Street in Grafton and is online at www.touchstoneschool.com.

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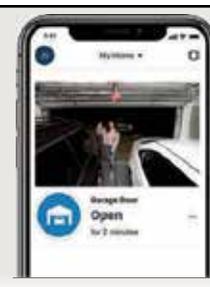
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# BVT announces third trimester Commendation List

## Acknowledging academic and vocational achievements

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) has released the Superintendent-Director's Commendation List for the third trimester of the 2022-2023 school year. To be named to the Commendation List, students must meet rigorous standards, such as maintaining a grade point average of 88 percent or above in each technical, related, and academic course for the trimester. To view the complete list, visit [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/3tcommendationlist](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/3tcommendationlist).

The following students, grouped by grade level and hometown, were named to the third trimester Commendation List:

### SENIORS (Class of 2023)

#### Milford

Jack Abbiuso, Information Technology; Jaclyn Bader, Engineering & Robotics; Zachary Barnes, Information Technology; Jason Cardente, Electronics & Engineering Technology; Colin Chambless, Engineering & Robotics; Dilon Costa,

Electronics & Engineering Technology; Marcella Ferreira, Construction Technology; Lauren Gobbi, Dental Assisting; Ana Guaman, Construction Technology; Matthew Hynes, Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication; Allison Kee, Health Services; Rillary Madruga Ferreira, Engineering & Robotics; Ashley McIsaac, HVAC&R; and Joshua Schorn, Culinary Arts.

### JUNIORS (Class of 2024)

#### Milford

Igor Freeman, Engineering & Robotics; Benjamin Kinsella, Multimedia Communications; Leah Neves, Construction Technology; Whitney Russo, Health Services; Emma Sanborn, Painting & Design Technology; and Lizmary Vidal-Sanchez, Dental Assisting.

### SOPHOMORES (Class of 2025)

#### Milford

Lacey Coffman, Multimedia Communications; Jack Eastwood, HVAC&R; Adriana Hawkins, Culinary Arts; Matthew Hunter, Biotechnology;

Charbel Jebara, Electronics & Engineering Technology; and Joel Puri, Engineering & Robotics.

### FRESHMEN (Class of 2026)

#### Milford

Nicholas Diatalevi, Electrical; Andrew Dolan, Health Services; Cecelia Dualu, Dental Assisting; and Miguel Machado, HVAC&R.

*About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT)*

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, Blackstone Valley Tech creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills.

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## Employment spotlight

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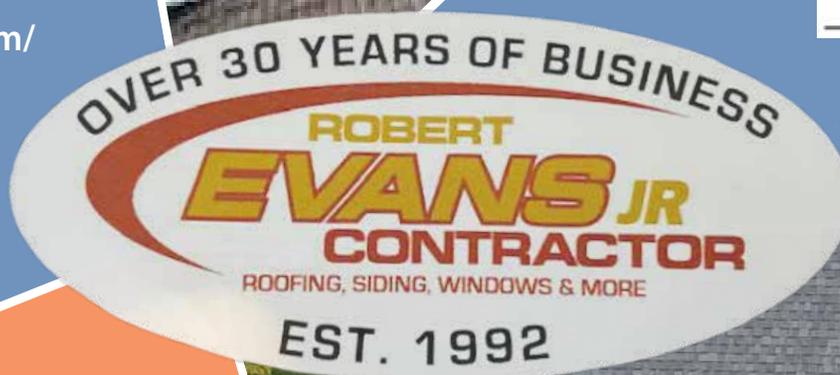
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# Library issues survey, seeks input on programming



The Youth Services Staff at the Milford Town Library wants to hear from you about what programs (for ages birth-18) you'd like to see offered, what services or resources might be helpful, and most importantly when the most convenient time to schedule programs might be. With how busy our families are, it would be impossible to find a time that suits everyone, but it's important to us that we are doing the best we can to schedule programs during popular times.

This survey should take around five minutes to complete

but will make a huge impact on how we can best serve our youths and families, so we sincerely thank you for your time in advance.

The survey can be found at [bit.ly/MTL\\_YSS\\_survey](https://bit.ly/MTL_YSS_survey) and will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, August 25.



# Electronics Recycling Day on Sept. 16

The First Congregational Church of Milford is sponsoring an Electronics Recycling Day on Saturday, September 16 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The church will ensure that 99% of dropped off items will be reused and recycled.

All computer monitors, computers, parts and accessories, faxes, copiers, printers, scanners and TV's can be recycled. Recycling fees range from \$5 to \$35 per item. Cell phones can be recycled at no charge and will be donated to charities that recycle and reuse them. The recycling vendor will erase and shred all hard drives at no additional cost.

This event is an easy and



fun way to dispose of the old electronics in your garage, basement, attic and offices. So start setting them aside now and bring them to the church parking lot on Saturday, September 16. A drive through process will allow those donating to quickly drop off their

items where help will be available.

The First Congregational Church Electronics Recycling event is held twice a year during April and September. We very much appreciate the support of those who have previously chosen to responsibly recycle with us and look forward to continuing to offer this recycling opportunity.

Drop off in the church parking lot at 4 Congress Street. in Milford (opposite Draper Park, next to the Post Office). Please enter the lot from the Church Street entrance. Cash payments only, please.

For more information, contact Martha at 508-904-4471.

# FTD support group at Milford Regional Medical Center

*Supporting those with loved ones afflicted with Frontotemporal Degeneration*

Milford Regional Medical Center will host a free, monthly support group for family members of loved ones afflicted with Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD) or others impacted by the condition. The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD) will lead the monthly meetings.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Meetings are held the last Saturday of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

FTD is the most commonly diagnosed dementia in individuals under the age of 65. The condition initially impacts behavior or language and, like all dementias, it is neurodegen-

erative. To learn more about FTD, visit [theaftd.org](http://theaftd.org).

To register for the support group, email your name, email address, phone number and mailing address to [msanford@milreg.org](mailto:msanford@milreg.org). Additional information will be provided once registration is complete. Call 508-422-2827 with any questions.

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Sky required some extra care

when he first came to the shelter so he was separated from his mother and siblings. The rest of the family has all been adopted and Sky is still here waiting to make his forever home with you!

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# Town Hall welcomes new Human Resources Director



Adriana Robaina of Charlton started on July 31 as the new Human Resources Director for the Town of Milford. Courtesy photo

By Scott Calzolaio

Adriana Robaina of Charlton has been named the new Human Resources Director for the Town of Milford.

Robaina was appointed during the July 10 meeting of the Milford Select Board, and started on July 31. She replaced Kristin Melpignano who left earlier this year after three years of service to the town.

Robaina has an extensive background in human resources, and a history of working with both municipalities and private businesses.

Town Administrator, Richard Villani, recommended Robaina after sifting through 47 other applicants. The pool was narrowed to four candidates to be interviewed, before landing on Robaina as their final decision.

Robaina was most recently employed in Southbridge as the town's

Human Resources Director and Assistant Town Manager.

"I'm excited and honored to have been selected," Robaina said in a statement to the Milford Free Press. She said she's "deeply committed to fostering a supportive, collaborative, and engaging work environment," and very much looks forward to working with the staff.

"I am also committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace," she said, "driving innovative ways to deliver on the commitment of the Town of Milford being a great place to work."

Robaina comes with a bachelor's degree in business administration science from Nichols College where she is now completing a dual master's in business administration and organizational leadership. She is fluent in English and Spanish.

"I believe she'll be a valuable addition to the town," Villani said. "Obviously, she'll have some big shoes to fill, but she seems very knowledgeable."

Select Board Chairperson Paul Mazzuchelli pointed out the benefit of hiring someone with experience working for a municipality versus working for a privately owned company.

"What I appreciate is the municipal experience she has," Mazzuchelli said. "There's a big difference between private and municipal, it's a big factor."

He said that Robaina's education, and the "gumption" she has to continue that education, says more than enough about her attitude and commitment to qualify her for the position.

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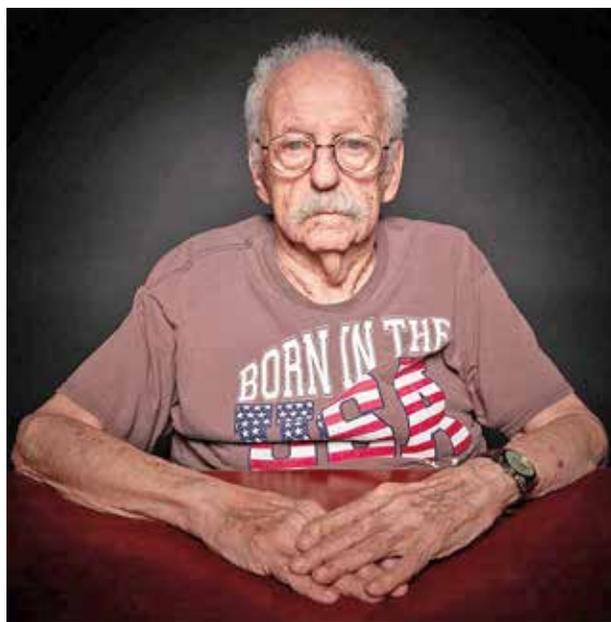
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# Exhibit 'The Day After Yesterday: Portraits of Dementia' opens Aug. 29



The Hopkinton Center for the Arts (HCA) announces a moving exhibition entitled "The Day After Yesterday: Portraits of Dementia." It opens on August 29 in the Lotvin Family Gallery at the Hopkinton Center for the Arts. The exhibit will close September 29.

The exhibit was created by artist Joe Wallace and delves into multifaceted aspects of dementia, including physical, emotional, community, and health care issues. The exhibition of portraits juxtaposes images of individuals living with dementia

with younger photographs of the subjects, accompanied by brief narratives about their lives.

The goal of this travelling exhibit is to destigmatize those living with dementia. To tell a more complex and complete story of those living with the disease and its effect on their families and loved ones. As one man featured in the exhibition noted, "Don't believe the narrative that life is over. I want my voice to help get people to treat us the same as they did before we got the diagnosis. We may change some, but we are the

same people!" Wallace feels strongly that an artist must not be afraid to

show not only the fear, loss and despair, but also the love, connection, dignity, and powerful humanity that always remain—in the subjects, in the care-partners, and in the families and communities. That is the only path to evolve the narrative and have a positive social change.

Trained as a journalist, Joe Wallace has been a portrait photographer and storyteller for twenty years. Like many, Wallace has a deeply personal connection with dementia. His maternal grandfather and hero, Joe Jenkins, had Alzheimer's. His maternal grandmother Elizabeth Ponder (Bebe) had vascular dementia. And in recent years, his mother Barbara has begun her journey with the disease.

The gallery exhibition at the HCA comes just ahead of the September 30 release of Wallace's new book: "The Day after Yesterday: Resilience in the Face of Dementia" which is available for pre-sale online. One reviewer noted that the book is "a deft combination of narrative and portraiture that breaks the taboo around dementia, replacing the fear and futility with empathy and nuance."

Entrance to HCA's Lotvin Family Gallery to view the exhibition is always free. The HCA is also pleased to offer private and group docent tours upon request. For more details including hours, call 508-435-9222 or visit the HCA's website at www.hopartscenter.org

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# Local residents make Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology

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• Kevin Roche of Milford, MA  
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### Two Information Sessions will be held in person and via zoom using the link on the website

1. Medway Town Library located at 26 High Street Medway at 6pm on Thursday July 27, 2023
2. Medway Senior Center located at 76 Oakland Street at 10am on Saturday August 12, 2023

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Date	Milford	Amount
07/28/2023	4 Lena Lane	\$430,000
07/28/2023	35-36 Prospect Heights	\$520,000
07/27/2023	17 Salvia Drive	\$600,000
07/27/2023	27 Vine Street	\$340,000
07/27/2023	29 Vine Street	\$330,000
07/26/2023	11 Shadowbrook Lane #8	\$210,000
07/26/2023	19 Pond Street	\$455,000
07/26/2023	6 Park Avenue	\$685,000
07/25/2023	3 S Central Street	\$560,000
07/25/2023	10 Shadowbrook Lane #24	\$210,500
07/24/2023	5 Tina Road	\$805,000
07/24/2023	5 Kraft Road	\$615,000
07/24/2023	7 Walker Avenue	\$440,000
07/24/2023	2 Northbrook Circle	\$720,000
07/24/2023	19 Kellett Drive	\$715,000
07/21/2023	25 Shadowbrook Lane #19	\$275,000
07/21/2023	2 Quinshipaug Road	\$615,000
07/20/2023	19 Alden Street #A	\$290,000
07/19/2023	22 Short Street	\$400,000
07/17/2023	26 Eben Street	\$632,500
07/17/2023	9 Country Club Lane #B	\$370,000
07/13/2023	7 Woodland Court #A	\$470,000
07/12/2023	339 Purchase Street	\$506,000
07/11/2023	13 Hillcrest Drive	\$607,000
07/07/2023	63 Fruit Street Ext.	\$425,000
07/06/2023	9 Dewey Circle	\$387,000
06/30/2023	16 Water Street	\$520,000
06/29/2023	23 Princess Pine Lane	\$620,000
06/29/2023	12 Princeton Drive	\$551,000
06/29/2023	9 Yale Drive	\$395,000
06/29/2023	4 E Wood Street	\$405,000
06/29/2023	3 Huff Road	\$835,000

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# SCHOOLS

## Stacy Middle School second trimester Honor Roll

Stacy Middle School Principal, Mrs. Caridad Lopez has announced Stacy Middle School's Honor Roll for Trimester Three.

### Principal's List

#### Grade 6

Aboalanin, Rami; Acquafresca, Aleah; Asu, Tanish Rao; Bandaru, Jaswanth; Barbosa, Gabriella; Bertoni, Jessica; Bien, Charlotte; Blackmar, Luke; Bourassa, Marcella; Bournazian, Madison; Brown, Jonathan; Cales, Mila; Capuzziello, Dante; Corbin, Jeffrey; Da Cunha, Leticia; D'Amico, Olivia; Flanagan, Brian; Gomes, Isadora; Guikema, Emelia; Held, Colin; Hughes, Lily; Kearnan, Meghan; Kearnan, William; Knapp, Ella; LaTour, Cameron; Lefter, Anela; Mancini, Keira; Marques, Leticia; Martinelli, Dominic; McDavitt, Adrian; Murphy, Isabella; Nashawaty, Kaylyn; Naves, Grace; Oliveira, Beatriz; Persico, Tessa; Previlige, Leah; Reneau, Alexa; Ridolfi, Michael; Saeteros Loja, Katly Janet; Sainvilus, Juniece; Sakthidasan, Joshika; Santomenna, Mia; Shepard, Owen; Stachowski, Sam; Vazquez, Emma; Vereker, Grant; Wright, Reagan; Wright, Riley

#### Grade 7

Abbiuso, Brian; Allen, Ainsley; Andrade, Daniel; Ateawung, Matthew; Boccia, Brayden; Brown, Andrew; Buckley, Aubrey; Carvalho, Daniel; Casey, McKenna; Charczenko, Maya;

Croeber, Kailyn; Dahmer, Zachary DeTore, Gabriella; DeTore, Jady; DiGiando, Samuel; Doyon, Khryss; Ettahiri, Sami; Geoffroy, Cody; Gomes, Davi; Grabau, Jennifer; Ibrahim, Maryama; Kerr, Nathaniel; Loscerbo, Vincent; Macchi, Avery; MacKenzie, Katelyn; Martins, Lucas; Murphy, Keira; Parke, Hannah; Pinto, Gabriella; Rizzo, Luke; Saguay, Bryan; Sanaguaray Moyon, Jhover; Stokes, Brooke; Sweeney, Grace; Sweeney, Rosemary; Usher, Annabel; Villalobos, Alani; Wild, Lilli

#### Grade 8

Aquino, Nathalia; Barrientos, Jocelyn; Belina, Dan Matthew; Bernardes, Manuella; Boulanger, Matthew; Cassemiro, Kayla; Cavaliere, Cayla; Cunningham, Reagan; da Cunha, Giana; Dalla Dea, Davi; D'Amico, Emma; Delaney, Catherine; DeLeon Leadenham, Maya; Denietolis, Brayton; DeTore, Lilliana; Ferreira, Samantha; Gaspard, Naedsa; Gomez Garcia, Mazie; Hall, Alexis; Hayes, Connor; Jansons, Emily; Kedski, Madison; Kee, Emily; Kenton, Nicholas; Lentini, Fiona; Lewis, Jayla; Lioce, Nicholas; Lyubkin, Lina; Maloney, Amelia; Martinez, Julia; Mastroianni, Raphael; McGrath, Michael; Miller, Lucia; Moreira, Mayck-Anthony; Murphy, Abigail; Nashawaty, Kyla; Neves, Lara; Peniche, Nathan; Perez-Rivera, Annais; Putnam,

Nicole; Ricca, Lucas; Sanborn, Madison; Scioli, Ava; Silva Hughes, Sophia; Stachowski, Alex; Tetreault, Benjamin; Turner, Arianna; Valis, Leo; Walthers, Charlotte; Webber, Shae; Whalen, Faith

### Honorable Mention

#### Grade 6

Abrantes, Benjamin; Auger, Annie; Barrientos, Leah; Bukeanya, Nicholas; Casale, Ethan; Cela Caguana; Kevin Connors, Reese; Curley, Meagan; da Costa, Luiza; De Souza, Gabriel; De Souza, Geovanna; De Souza, Jose; Antonio Demers, Kaia; Fagone, Stephen; Freeman, Junior; Harbachuck, Lily; Hausmann, William; Hawkins, Colin; Holland, Margaret; Huerta, Leslie; Ivins, Avery; Leverock, Jacob; Loja-Mendez, Chase; Martinez Quiroa, Sasha; Mayancela Guaman, Saywa; Mendes, Yasmim; Molina Zhunio, Kerly; Morais, Lucas; Oliveira, Julia; Padilla Munoz, Sebastian; Puri, Grayson; Richards, Henry; Silva, Fabiane; Sullivan, Isabella; Tanzi, Brittnie; Tetreault, Addison; Veo, Francesca; Vootla, Aakash

#### Grade 7

Arquillano, Wielz Jehuven; Asongafac, Glenn; Ballard, Reese; Caetano, Adriana; Castro, Ilda; Da Silva, Kayo; Da Silva, Sarah; Damata, Juliana; Day, John; De Oliveira, Yasmin; DeOliveira, Pedro; Fagundes, Lucas; Ferreira,

Gabriella; Goncalves, Gustavo; Grucelski, Brooklyn; Holland, Patrick; Kivior, Kevin; KokEnnen, Aiden; Magalhaes, Leah; Martin, Cydney; Medeiros, Kayla; Michalewski, Emma; Miller, Giovanna; Nosek, Gabriella; Pimentel, Isabela; Pires, Emali; Powers, Victoria; Rocha, Rykelme; Shannon, Gage; Silva, Caleb; Stokes, Samohi; Stoney, Josephine; Underwood, Evan; Voss-Leal, Brian; Webster, Nathan; Williams, Lauren; Zicherman, Cameron

#### Grade 8

Abreu, Samuel; Alvarado, Tyler; Aminmentse, Lorella; Boccia, Cloe; Boulos, Matthew; Caguana Caguana, Jennifer; Carter, Brodey; Cartier, Elise; Chapman, Angelina; Coelho, Sophia; De Sena, Bryan; Dickhut, Cameron; Farina, Rose;

Figueroa, Sofia; Gibson, Ashley; Gualpa, Crys; Gualpa, Jeff; Guaman Tacuri, Alexandra; Hodges, Emily; Howland, Connor; Hughes, Kailyana; Iannetti, Shaiann; Jenkins, Christopher; Kazarian, Guyanne; Kurzontkowski, Gracelyn; Langevin, Brody; Lico Luna, Melanie; McIsaac, Gavin; Moura, Laysa; Murphy, Amaya; Mutegyeki, Kaylah; Naves, Matthew; Oleksy, Lucy; Pinguil-Agualema, Katherine; Pomaquiza Quito, Nathalia; Portes, Kevin; Rappazini, Shaylynn; Ribeiro, Maria; Rowlands, Kingston; Roy, Mackenzie; Samuelson, Annabelle; Santos, Sophia; Schorn, Sarah; Seyfarth, Alexander; Soares, Brenda; Tessicini, Kylie; Torres, Kassalee; Vo, Justin; Webster, Julia; Whitney, Tyler; Williams, Brendan; Wright, Dylan; Zou, Benjamin

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## Milford Town Library Calendar of Events

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By Reference Department

### New Seating & Shelving

Browsing new fiction and non-fiction at Milford Town Library just got a lot more enjoyable. We've added comfortable chairs and more accessible shelving by the new adult book section. Tables are available with the chairs so pop in with your coffee or tea (must be covered with a lid) and stay a while.

### Center Book Group

The Center Book Group will meet on Tuesday, August 15 at 10 a.m. at the Milford Senior Center to discuss *Things We Never Got Over* by Lucy Score.

In the mood for a fast moving summer read? Meet Naomi Witt, a runaway bride on the run who reunites with her twin (evil twin) Tina in the rough around the edges town of Knockemout, VA. Naomi finds more drama than she left behind, including a very precocious tween niece and a bad-boy barber love interest.

To reserve a copy or to learn more about the Center Book Group, please call the Information Desk at 508-473-2145, ext. 219 or email Anne at [aberard@milfordtownlibrary.org](mailto:aberard@milfordtownlibrary.org).

### Heritage Recipe Collective

Last month, Erin kicked off the Heritage Recipe Collective with a recipe she chose from a

vintage Junior Women's Club cookbook. Carol Roth's golden delicious cake was a big hit with patrons and staff. This month Erin will be back with more samples. Stop in the week of August 15 to taste and see what's next.

We invite you to share your beloved family recipes with us by visiting our website, [www.milfordtownlibrary.org](http://www.milfordtownlibrary.org). Los formularios están disponibles en Inglés, Español y Portugués.

### ESL Drop in Classes

During August drop-in ESL Classes will be held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. All adults who want to improve their English listening and speaking skills are encouraged to attend these free classes. Classes are held in the ESL classroom on the lower level of the library. No registration is necessary. Class materials will be provided.

Durante Agosto, as aulas de ESL serão realizadas às terças-feiras às 19h. Todos os adultos que desejam melhorar suas habilidades de escuta e fala em inglês são incentivados a participar dessas aulas gratuitas. As aulas são ministradas na sala de ESL no nível inferior da biblioteca. Nenhum registro é necessário. Materiais de aula serão fornecidos.

Durante Agosto, las clases de ESL sin cita previa se llevarán a cabo los martes a las 7 p.m.

Se anima a todos los adultos que deseen mejorar sus habilidades para escuchar y hablar en inglés a asistir a estas clases gratuitas. Las clases se llevan a cabo en el salón de ESL en el nivel inferior de la biblioteca. No es necesario registrarse. Se proporcionará material de clase.

### Author Talk: Autism Advocate Jennifer Brunton, PhD

On Wednesday, September 13 at 7 p.m., author, parent, and Neurodivergent autism advocate, Jennifer Brunton, Ph.D., will be discussing her books, *The #ActuallyAutistic Guide to Advocacy: Step-by-Step Advice on How to Ally and Speak Up with Autistic Individuals and the Autism Community*, and *The #ActuallyAutistic Guide to Building Independence: Step-By-Step Practical Advice for Autistic Teens and Young Adults and Those Who Care about Them* (forthcoming, summer 2024), both written with Jenna Gensic, M.A.

*The #ActuallyAutistic Guide* takes an in-depth look at the key elements of effective, respectful, inclusive advocacy and allyship. Every topic was chosen, shaped, and informed by #ActuallyAutistic perspectives. She and Jenna are currently writing, and collecting surveys for, their second collaboration, *The #ActuallyAutistic Guide to Teen and Young Adult Advocacy and Activism: Step-by-Step Advice for Autistic Youth and*

*Those Who Care About Them.*

Jennifer holds a doctorate in sociology from Columbia University. At Columbia, she was a fellow throughout her many years of graduate school based on the quality of her academic work, but struggled to navigate departmental dynamics.

A neurodivergent parent of an Autistic son and a neurotypical daughter, Jennifer is passionate about making the world a better place for people who think, learn, and experience life in unique ways. Her parenting blog, Full Spectrum Mama, has been advancing civil rights for all—with a focus on neurodiversity and intersectionality—for more than 10 years.

### Tech Tuesdays

Join us on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 - 11 a.m. for a free drop-in library tech help session. We can help you get started on all the tech available at or through MTL—Libby, hoopla, Meescan (self-checkout), CWMARS app and more. Bring your questions and devices to the Information Desk for assistance.

### Virtual Program: Author Erica Cirino

Join us for a free virtual program on Monday, September 18 at 7 p.m. (EST). Author Erica Cirino will discuss her book *Thicker Than Water: The Quest for*

*Solutions to the Plastic Crisis.*

Journalist Erica Cirino brings readers on a globe-hopping journey to meet the scientists and activists telling the real story of the plastic crisis. From the deck of a plastic-hunting sailboat with a disabled engine, to the labs doing cutting-edge research on microplastics and the chemicals we ingest, Cirino paints a full picture of how plastic pollution is threatening wild-life and human health.

Visit the library events calendar at [www.milfordtownlibrary.org](http://www.milfordtownlibrary.org) for the program link.

### AARP Tax-Aide is looking for volunteers

The AARP Tax-Aide program is looking for compassionate and friendly people to join our team of volunteers. You will receive training and support to help you learn new skills, and you'll get a great feeling from helping elderly and low-moderate income people complete their tax returns. Volunteers are needed in several roles:

Counselors work directly with taxpayers filling out tax returns on-line. Previous tax experience is not required. You will get the training you need, and you will also receive IRS certification. Computer skills and internet access are required.

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becoming a volunteer, contact our local coordinator Kirk Joslin at [KirkNJoslin@GMail.Com](mailto:KirkNJoslin@GMail.Com).

You can also sign up for more information at: <https://mataxaide.org/interest/>

**Mark Your Calendars**

**Don Wilding: Cape Cod & the Portland Gale**

Wednesday, October 4 at 7 p.m.

**Carolyn Waters & The Rusty Mikes Vintage Blues Band**

Saturday, October 14 at 2 p.m.

**Friends of the Milford Town Library Fall Booksale**

Friday, October 27 4 - 7 p.m. (members preview)

Saturday, October 28 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (open to the public)

**Soccer Grannies**

Thursday, November 2 at 7 p.m.

**Shawna Foundation Library Poetry Tour (last stop)**

Wednesday, November 8 at 7 p.m.

**Felting Workshop with Kathy Rossacci**

Tuesday, November 28 at 7 p.m.

**SCHOOLS**

**Local Students who made UMass Amherst Spring 2023 Dean's List**

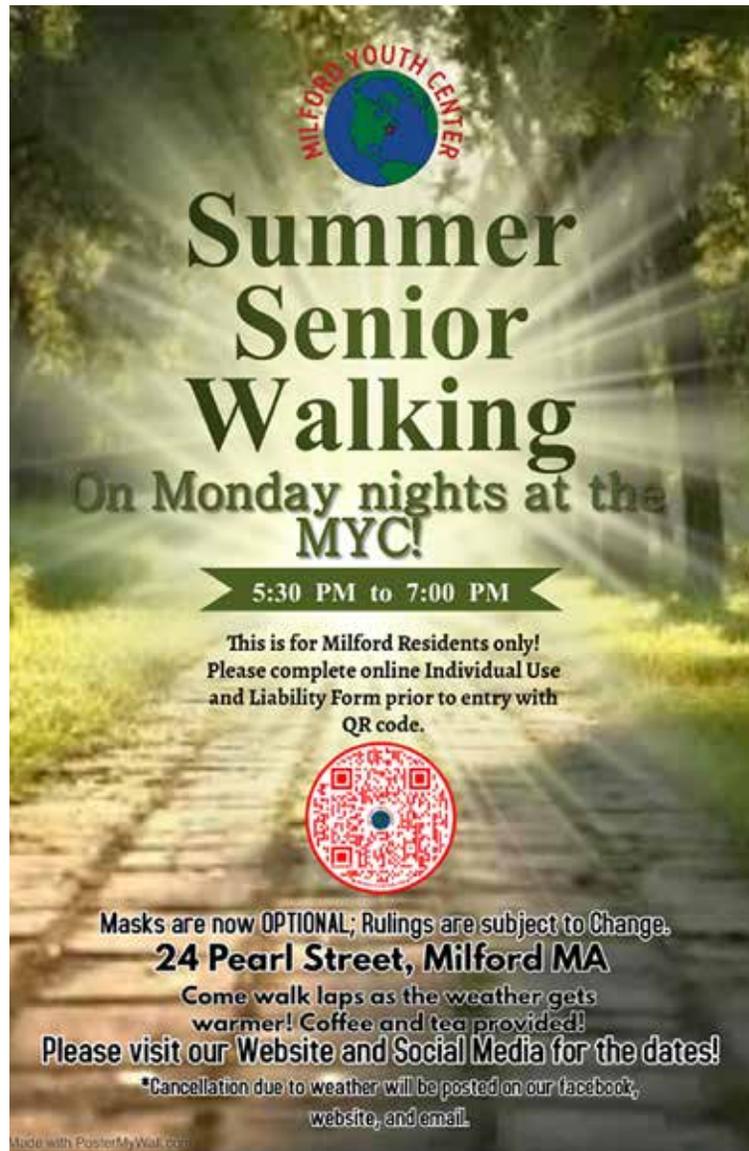
Below is a list of local Milford students who were named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the spring 2023 semester.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

- Hizara Amir
- Brendan Scott Barrie
- Aurelie Sylvie Belinette
- Joyce Anna Bishay
- Monica Botros
- Glenn Bryan A Cabral
- Mariana Figueiredo Moreira Carmo
- Blas Akazitli Cerda
- Joanna D'Attilio

- Jacob Dias
- Thomas Philip Donato
- Asish Rahul Eda
- Lillette Ehab Emile
- Patrick John Ewick
- Mina Amged Wadea Faragalla Zakhary
- Sarah Kathleen Flanagan
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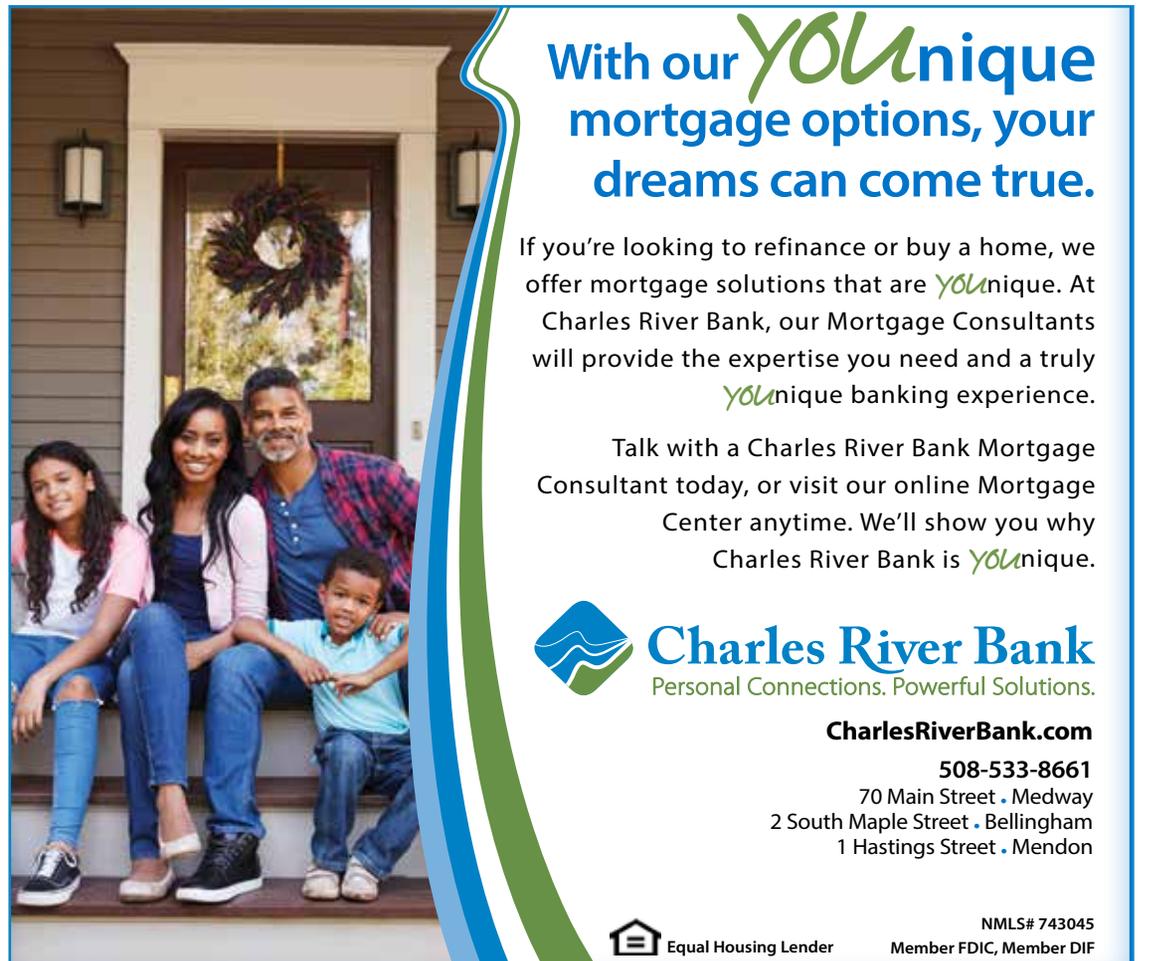
- Marian Emad Magharous
- Jack Brian Mahoney
- Katie Lyn Maietta
- Katelyn Manning Manning
- Lauren Elaine Masse
- Jenna Nicole Mastroianni
- Neha Mathew
- Isabelle Veronica McKee
- Priscilla Mota
- Tanyikeh Awungnkeng Muanya
- Marina Elisa Mucera
- Matthew Keith Panorese
- Margaret Reid Raleigh
- Daniel Ryan
- Katarina Marie Ryan
- Carter Sebastian Scudo
- Ketny-Julie Faria Sousa
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- Eliza Maddalena Valente



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# SCHOOLS

## Milford Regional student volunteers awarded \$3,500 in Scholarships

*Awards sponsored by the Perry Memorial Volunteer Scholarship and the Auxiliary of Milford Regional*



Milford Regional student volunteers Ryan LeVine, Julia Philbrook, and Gretchen Scotland were each awarded the Perry Memorial Volunteer Scholarship.

Milford Regional Medical Center student volunteers planning to pursue careers in the healthcare field were recently awarded scholarships totaling \$3,500. Three students were awarded the Perry Memorial Volunteer Scholarship and two students were awarded scholarships from the Auxiliary of Milford Regional.

Ryan LeVine of Hop-

kinton, Julia Philbrook of Uxbridge, and Gretchen Scotland of Franklin were the recipients of the Perry Memorial Volunteer Scholarship, each student receiving \$500. Applicants were required to have volunteered at Milford Regional, among several other considerations.

For more than 20 years, Bill and Anne Perry were dedicated

volunteers at Milford Regional Medical Center. The Perry's were known for their commitment to volunteerism and appreciation for education.

LeVine will be attending the University of Connecticut in the fall and would like to become a trauma surgeon. Philbrook will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the fall and hopes to become a dosimetrist, and Scotland is currently enrolled in Quinnipiac University with plans to become a physician's assistant.

The Auxiliary of Milford

Regional awarded two scholarships to high school seniors. Anchita Mahanta of Milford and Philbrook were each awarded \$1,000 from the Auxiliary. Mahanta volunteered in the Emergency Department at Milford Regional and hopes to study psychology at the college of her choice.

The Auxiliary serves Milford Regional through programs of education, community service, public relations, and support of volunteer services – along with supporting the hospital through fundraising efforts. Since its

founding, the Auxiliary has raised close to \$1 million, resulting in state-of-the-art equipment, advanced technology, key renovations, scholarships, expansions in patient care, and critical programmatic support.

“Milford Regional is very proud of these students and grateful to the Perry family and the Auxiliary for their continued support of our student volunteers’ pursuit of higher

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education," said President and

Chief Executive Officer Milford Regional Medical Center and Healthcare System Edward J. Kelly. "These scholarships are

an investment in the future of our local youth who are admirably working toward a career in the healthcare field."



**Milford Regional student volunteers Anchita Mahanta and Julia Philbrook were awarded scholarships from The Auxiliary of Milford Regional. Pictured front row L to R: are Anchita Mahanta, Auxiliary President Andra Stone, Julia Philbrook and Auxiliary member Patricia DiCostanza. Back row L to R are: Auxiliary member Beverly Carver, Milford Regional Director of Volunteer Services Elaine Wiley, Auxiliary member Terrie Sharp, and Auxiliary member Libby Loftus.**

## Local residents earn Dean's List Honors from MassBay Community College

The following local students have been named to the MassBay Community College Dean's List. They achieved this outstanding academic honor for the spring 2023 semester.

- Christopher Simmans of Milford, who studies Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Liam Flaherty of Milford, who studies Nursing
- Brian Beaudette of Milford, who studies Paramedicine
- Hannah Pickering of Milford, who studies Business Administration
- Gena Megelly of Milford, who studies Computer Aided Design
- Brandon McMahon of Milford, who studies Computer Science
- Debora Marcondes of Milford, who studies International Business
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## Ahrens earned academic honors from Florida Tech

Josh Ahrens of Milford has been named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List at Florida Institute of Technology.

To be included on the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more graded credits in a semester with a semester grade point average of at least 3.4.

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SPORTS

# Cornelius continuing baseball career at Rollins

**Milford ace hopes to make immediate impact**

By Chris Villani  
Sports Writer

Milford High School graduate Evan Cornelius completed a standout baseball career and will continue to pursue his athletic endeavors at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL.

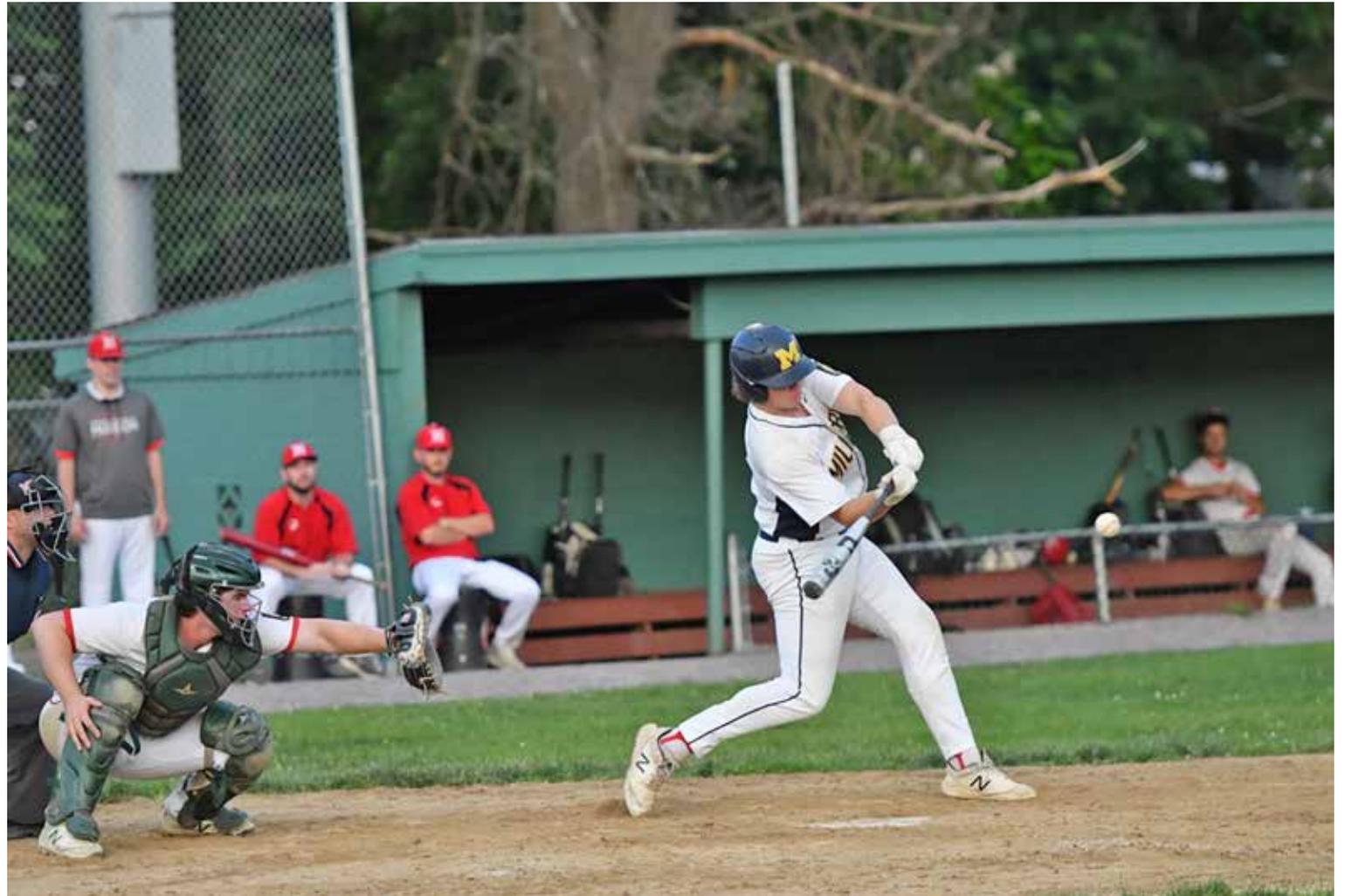
“It’s a beautiful place, a great location, and they have a great history and culture of winning down there,” Cornelius said. “They have a bunch of great guys and hard workers, it’s a program I wanted to be a part of.”

Rollins, a Division II program, is coached by Jon Sjogren and advanced to the national title game last year after finishing third in the country in 2022. Cornelius said he got in touch with Sjogren after being recommended by MHS head baseball coach Alex Dion.

Cornelius said he is hoping to work his way into the starting rotation right away, but added that he’s willing to be flexible depending on what the team requires.

“I want to be a guy who will do whatever is needed,” he said. “I think the plan is for me to become a pitcher, but I have always played the field at first base, so if I can be a fit with the team in that aspect, I would be more than happy to do that.”

Since the Milford Legion season came to an end, Cornelius has been spending a few days a week in the weight room, lifting and working on baseball-specific



**Evan Cornelius is excited to continue his baseball career at Rollins.** Photo credit Steve Bassignani

workouts and a program that was put together for him during the offseason.

Cornelius’ transition to the college level comes after a high school career that saw him achieve success in both football and baseball. On the baseball diamond, Cornelius was part of a

Milford High team that snapped a drought of nearly a decade and hosted a playoff game.

“Beating Beverly at home was a highlight,” he said. “We beat a really good team and we made it to the semifinals.”

Cornelius was also a cornerstone for Post 59 this summer,

helping the Milford squad to a regular season Zone 4 title.

Cornelius said he is going to be a business major and likely focus on management. He is going to play fall baseball this year to get ready for the spring season. Cornelius said he is looking forward to the new chal-

lenges ahead.

“I am really excited about starting college and being on my own,” he said. “I will be accountable for everything I do with work and school and baseball and how I balance everything. It’s my chance to be a new person down there in college.”

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SPORTS

# Milford Legion season ends in zone playoffs

## Post 59 run cut short after two straight losses

By Chris Villani  
Sports Writer

After a 21-win regular season, Milford Legion had its season ended quickly in the postseason when Post 59 dropped back-to-back games against Hudson and Northboro.

“We just ran into a buzzsaw,” Milford manager Steve DiVitto said. “I think it doesn’t take anything away from how well our kids played all year long, but it happened, and it is what it is.”

Milford grabbed an early lead against Hudson but saw it slip away after some uncharacteristic defensive miscues. Still, Post 59 had a chance to tie the game in the 7th inning, but a line out with two runners on ended the threat. DiVitto said a missed opportunity against the Hudson ace early in the game came back to bite his team.

“We had the bases loaded and no one out in the third and we only got one run,” he said. “That was a big spot against a really good pitcher. We knew it was going to be a tight game and it was.”

In the nightcap, DiVitto said his team “came out flat, and Northboro had a lot of energy, plain and simple.”

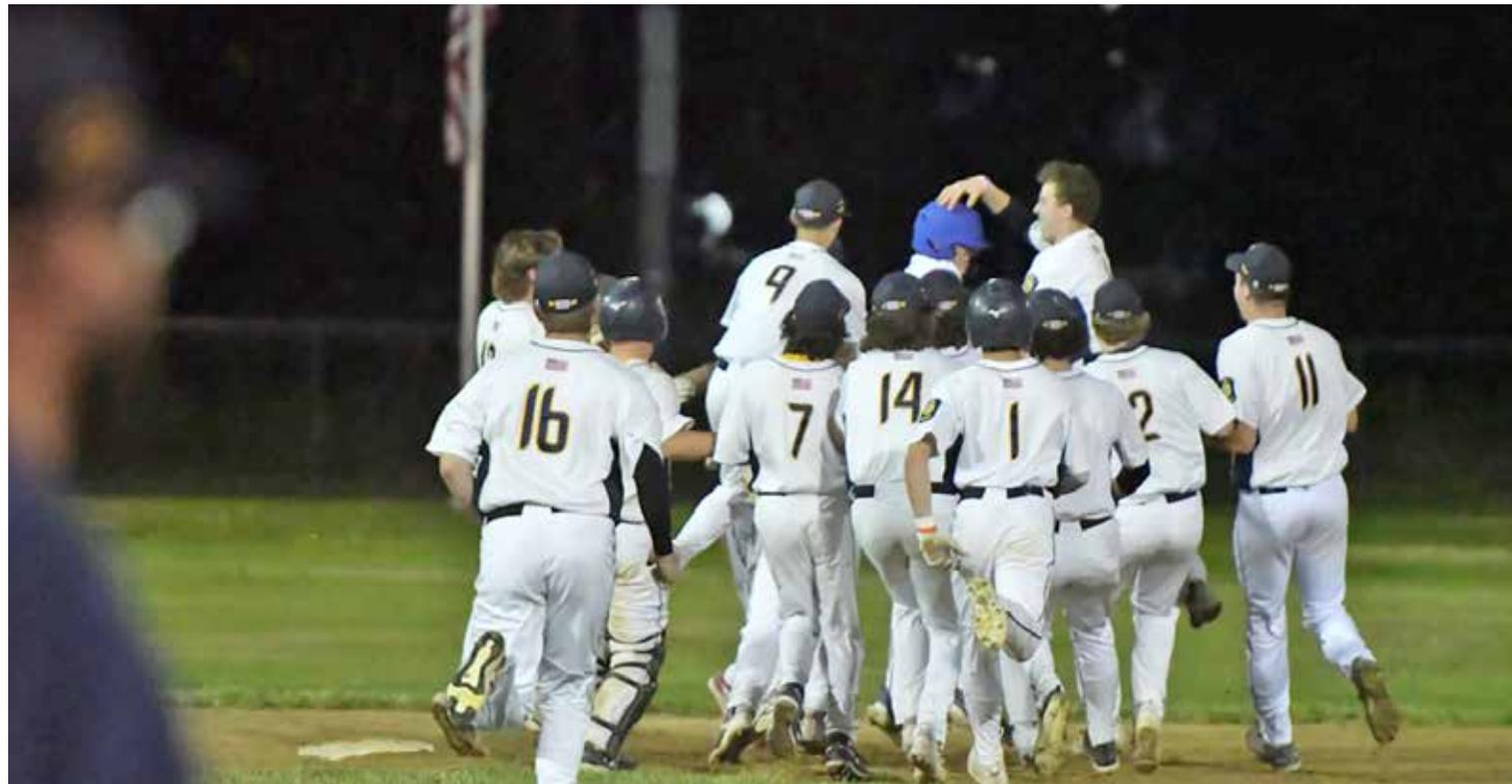
Milford is only expecting to lose five players from this year’s 22-4 squad. Keith Lee is a likely leader for next summer’s team after posting a .561 on base percentage.

“This will be his fourth year, the guys call him ‘Mr. Legion,’” DiVitto said. “He knows what this is all about.”

Sean McGee is also eligible to return after driving in 17 runs this year hitting near the top of the order. Nick Koch and Lou Consigli are other potential impact players in 2024.

“Nick had a great summer, he really established himself and he is someone we are going to count on, he is becoming a heckuva player,” DiVitto said. “Lou’s a true gentleman of the game. He is a tough son of a gun.”

DiVitto said he hopes that the summer his team had is



Milford Legion is hoping for more celebrations in 2024 after an early playoff exit. Photo credit Steve Bassignani

not overshadowed by the quick playoff exit.

“We came up short, but from the beginning of the year, I don’t think we envisioned a 22-4 mark,” he said. “It came after

we won 27 games last year and graduated a lot of guys. It was not a rebuild, we reloaded.”

With fewer new faces on the field, the skipper is hoping that Milford has a bit of a chip on its

shoulder heading into 2024.

“We have the potential for a lot of these guys to come back

next year,” DiVitto said. “And we have a lot of unfinished business.”

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