

Milford Girl Scouts 2024 Honorees

Bridging and Awards Ceremony recognized present and past awardees, honored sponsors

Milford Girl Scouts celebrated the end-of-the-year with its annual Bridging & Awards Ceremony held on May 31, 2024, at the Milford High School auditorium. The organization is composed of over 150 girls from kindergarten through 12th grade, spread across 16 troops, accompanied by over 75 adult volunteers. Girl Scouts take part in community service projects, field trips, badge activities, and camping, while making new friends and giving back to the community in all that they do. The ceremony celebrated the girls' accomplishments and shared a heartwarming slideshow of fun times over the past year. The evening began with a beautiful singing of the National Anthem by Girl Scout alum, Natalie da Cunha.

In recognition of Girl Scouts' highest awards, quite



Gold Award recipient Elena Papula and Milford Selectman Mike Walsh. *Courtesy photo*

a few middle school students earned their Bronze Award for community projects that included building bird houses along the Milford Bike Trail by Makayla Barlow; beautifying the park at Louisa Lake by the girls of Troop 64892 (Jacquelyn Bennet, Regina Cincotta,

Elyse Fagone, Samantha Fenneuff, Kaylee Files, Grace Iacovelli, Makayla Keenan, Amelia Kimball, Sophia Long, Kitana Matteson, Kennedy McGovern); a playground refresh at her

GIRL SCOUTS

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Residents invited to peek inside North Purchase District School on August 11



The Milford Historical Commission will hold a lawn gathering at North Purchase District School on Aug. 11 at which visitors can peek inside the 1832 school building, and view historical materials on the lawn. *Courtesy photo*

The Milford Historical Commission will hold a lawn gathering at the North Purchase District School, 261 Purchase Street, on Sunday, Aug. 11, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors will be able to peek inside this 1832, one-room

schoolhouse where a teacher taught nearby students grades 1-8.

District schools were established before neighborhood

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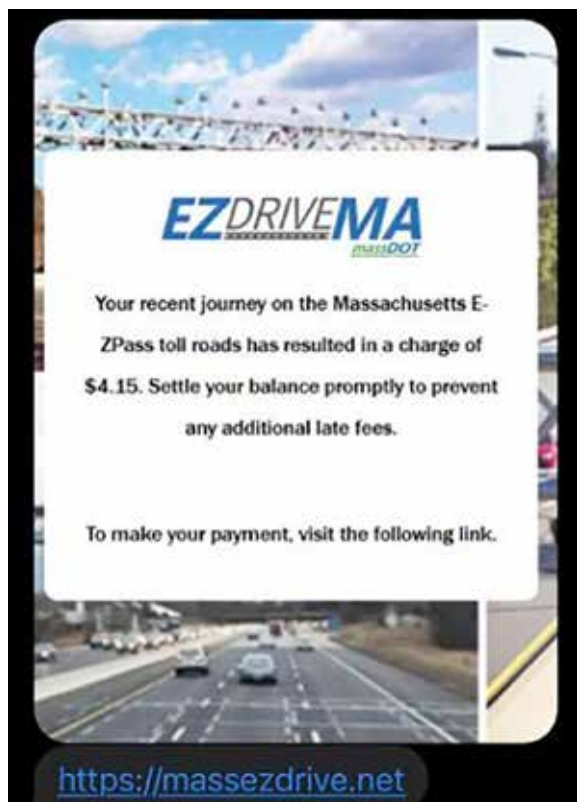
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Police warn of new scam that looks like text from E-ZPass or MassDOT

The Milford Police Department is warning residents about a new scam that appears to be from Mass DOT and E-ZPass.

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Source: Facebook @MilfordMAPD



Milford 'Yellow Dot' program alerts first responders to medical or behavioral conditions



The Town of Milford participates in the Yellow Dot program.

According to www.milford-police.org, "The Yellow Dot is a program that provides first responders with quick access to critical medical information about the occupants of a motor vehicle in the event of an accident or health emergency. This program is perfect for anyone [who] has a loved one with a medical or behavioral condition." The program is free.

How it works

Yellow Dot stickers, and additional information, are available at the Milford Police Station and the senior center.

Police will also deliver a sticker to your home (call the station to make arrangements). Place the sticker on the driver's side rear window of the car. "In the event of an emergency, the Yellow Dot Decal alerts responders that critical medical information is in the glove compartment of the vehicle."

Why it works

Milford Police Chief Robert Tusino said the Yellow Dot initiative has been an effective tool for the town. "What this does is it gives a 'heads up' to the officers. It really helps the officer gain a perspective on the people that he or she is interacting with."

Source: milfordpolice.org/yellow-dot



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Pacella named to University of Notre Dame's dean's list

David J. Pacella of Milford has been named to the dean's list in the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business for outstanding schol-

arship during the Spring 2024 semester. Students who achieve dean's honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

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MHS Boys' Volleyball earns 3rd straight final four bid

Semifinal appearance comes after move to top division



Milford boys' volleyball punched its third straight ticket to the final four this year. Photo credit: Athletic Director Peter Boucher

By Chris Villani

New division? No problem for the Milford High boys' volleyball team. After earning spots in the state semifinal game in Division II in each of the past two seasons, the Scarlet Hawks marched to the final four again this spring after being bumped up to Division I.

"I thought we played pretty well in the tournament," said head coach Andrew Mainini after MHS bowed out against Needham in the semifinal.

Milford knocked off Newton South, Lincoln-Sudbury, and

Methuen enroute to the final four. The Scarlet Hawks staged a comeback during the first set of the LS match, and earned sweeps against Newton South and against Methuen in the round of eight.

"We ran into Needham and there is no other way to put it, we didn't play well as a team and they didn't really make too many mistakes," Mainini said. "It was kind of a disappointing end to the season, but it was a great road getting there."

Alex Guerra continued to lead the MHS attack through

the postseason and picked up his 1,000th career kill in the Methuen match.

"One thousand kills is even more rare than scoring 1,000 points in basketball," Mainini said. "That was a really cool accomplishment for him."

Arthur Gomes served well for MHS during the playoffs. The Hawks also received a boost from freshman Mayck Moreira.

"He served really well for us in our last two wins and helped us get both of those victories," his coach said.

Milford is graduating nine se-

niors, most of whom were in the starting lineup at some point this season. Mainini is still optimistic for next year.

"It's a big loss, but we were able to see some of our younger talent get on the court this year and we are excited about that," he said. "People might not be expecting us to be good next year, but we expect to be good."

In addition to Moreira, Milford figures to be led by Gus Da Silva next season after he emerged as the second leading attacker on the floor at the end of this spring. Mainini said the

program also has young talent and depth at the setter position. The impact made by the class of 2024 will also reverberate, Mainini said, pointing out that this group was the first to play together since 7th grade in the newly-established middle school program. Mainini said their dedication to improving rubbed off on the rest of the team.

"These guys were great leaders, because they modeled high expectations for themselves and for the younger guys," he said. "They set us up for success for the next couple of years."

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Milford Dana-Farber patient with breast cancer hosts 'Chemo Coffee Talk' podcast from infusion chair

BOSTON - Carly Fauth of Milford has relied on the joyful and inspiring qualities of her closest friends and family for comfort throughout her cancer journey. Now she is providing wider insight into their most admirable traits while normalizing cancer for all in her new Spotify podcast, "Chemo Coffee Talk."

Fauth, a fitness instructor and mom of two sons who was diagnosed with breast cancer in January 2024, said she got the idea after being invited on a similar podcast to discuss her FitFun-Carly community embracing 15-minute daily workouts.

"I knew I wanted to have chemo buddies to take my mind off my anxiety. I was petrified not knowing what the treatments would feel like, when my hair would start falling out, how much strength I'd lose, and just the whole process from a physical standpoint," Fauth said.

"I also wanted to raise awareness that while nobody wants cancer, there are a lot of silver linings," she added. "We all go through things in life that are extremely unpleasant and hard to take. These times can often break you down to depths you never even knew existed and leave you questioning if you can handle it. It's in these moments, though, that you can sometimes find your biggest strength."

Recorded from her infusion chair during bimonthly treatment sessions at the Dana-Farber Brigham Cancer Center at Milford Regional Medical Center, each episode is approximately 20 minutes long - or

roughly the time it takes to savor a good cup of coffee. After giving a quick health update, Fauth discusses lessons learned from the quality she most admires in the person who is supporting her during treatment that day.

Past conversations have delved into the inherent kindness of her husband, Tim Fauth, assistant principal of Fuller Middle School in Framingham; the problem-solving skills of her former business partner, Lisa Campopiano; the humor of her younger brother, Chris Nyland; and the effortless style of her client, interior designer Brenda Chiaradonna.

Fauth has also involved some of her caregivers at Dana-Farber Brigham at Milford, including Associate Medical Director Natalie Sinclair, MD. Featured guests on the June 26 episode will include infusion nurse Lauren McCarthy, RN, who is a former Jimmy Fund Clinic patient.

Born with sacrococcygeal teratoma, McCarthy underwent surgeries at 1 day old and when the tumor grew back 16 months later. This August, she will celebrate being cancer-free for 28 years.

In her two years working at Dana-Farber Brigham at Milford, McCarthy said Fauth is her first patient to ask to do a podcast during treatment - or host one at all.

"I think it's a great way for Carly to come in feeling excited because treatment can be very anxiety-provoking and daunting," said McCarthy, whose four grandparents - and more



Carly Fauth of Milford is pictured hosting the "Coffee Chemo Talk" podcast with her brother, Chris Nyland, during a bi-monthly treatment at the Dana-Farber Brigham Cancer Center at Milford Regional Center. On June 26, her featured guests will include infusion nurse Lauren McCarthy, RN, a Franklin resident who is a former Jimmy Fund Clinic patient. Photo courtesy of Carly Fauth

recently, an aunt - were also treated at Dana-Farber. "When I was a kid, I remember all the nurses and staff were so nice, and the atmosphere was so inviting, which made it easier when I had to come in for check-ups. It was always my goal to work at Dana-Farber and give back, and it's been everything I hoped for - and more, honestly."

Fauth said she feels "privileged" that McCarthy and other clinicians at Dana-Farber Brigham at Milford have joined her most trusted circle. She wants others diagnosed with

cancer to know they, too, can "live with it and through it" - especially when similarly surrounding themselves with "really great people whose support has the power to lift you up and change your experience."

"Cancer treatment is not fun at all, and I can't wait until it's over, but I feel accomplished," Fauth said. "The response [to the podcast] has been over-the-top, with people enjoying it and even submitting additional questions they want me to answer. I hope it's helping others as much as it's helping me."

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What to know before 'reversing' your retirement



Mark Freeman

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If you've retired, you may have thought you closed the book on one chapter of your life. But what happens if you need to "reverse" your retirement?

Due to higher inflation and rising interest rates, many retirees are taking out more money from their retirement accounts than they had originally an-

anticipated. As a result, some are headed back to the workforce. If you're thinking of joining them, you'll need to consider some factors that may affect your finances.

First, if you've been taking Social Security, be aware that you could lose some of your benefits if you earn over a certain level, at least until you reach your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. Specifically, if you are under your full retirement age for the entire year, Social Security will deduct \$1 from your benefit payments for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit, which, in 2024, is \$22,320. In the year you reach your full retirement age, Social Security will deduct \$1 in benefits for every \$3 you earn above a different limit, which, in 2024, is \$59,520.

Social Security will only count your earnings up to the month before you reach your

full retirement age, at which point your earnings will no longer reduce your benefits, regardless of how much you earn. Also, Social Security will recalculate your benefit amounts to credit you for the months your payments were reduced due to your excess earnings. Social Security also allows you to pay back early benefits received if you withdraw your application within 12 months of starting benefits. This move could help you receive substantially higher benefits at full retirement age.

Your Social Security isn't the only benefit that could be affected by your earnings. Your Medicare Part B and Part D premiums are based on your income, so they could rise if you start earning more money. Also, your extra income could push you into a higher tax bracket.

Nonetheless, you can certainly gain some benefits by returning to the working world. Obviously,

you'll be making money that can help you boost your daily cash flow and possibly reduce some debts. But depending on where you work, you might also be able to contribute to a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. And regardless of where you work, you'll be eligible to contribute to an IRA. By putting more money into these accounts, you may well be able to strengthen your financial position during your retirement years. You might also be able to receive some employee benefits, such as group health insurance — which could be particularly valuable if you haven't yet started receiving Medicare.

In addition to the potential financial advantages of going back to work, you might get some social benefits, too. Many people enjoy the interactions with fellow workers and miss these exchanges when they retire, so a return to the workforce, even if it's on a part-time basis, may

give you an emotional boost.

In the final analysis, you'll want to weigh the potential costs of going back to work against the possible benefits. There's no one right answer for everyone, but by looking at all the variables, you should be able to reach a decision that works for you.

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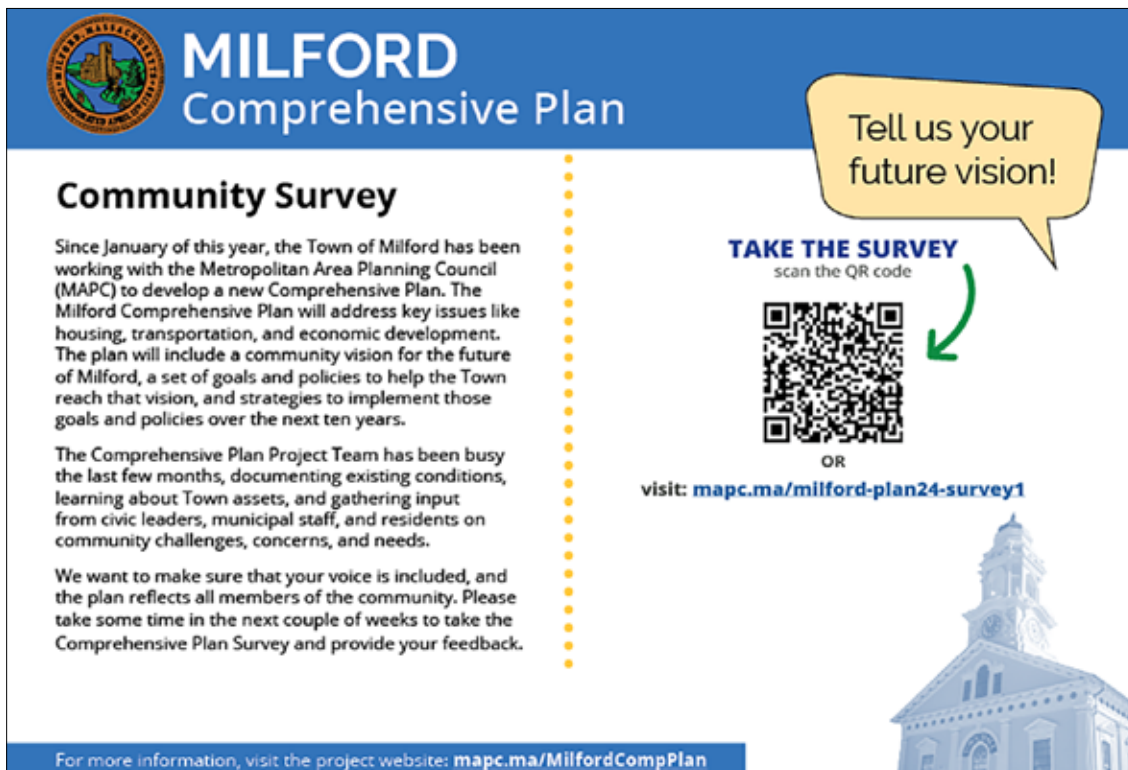


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The Comprehensive Plan Project Team has been busy the last few months, documenting existing conditions, learning about Town assets, and gathering input from civic leaders, municipal staff, and residents on community challenges, concerns, and needs.

We want to make sure that your voice is included, and the plan reflects all members of the community. Please take some time in the next couple of weeks to take the Comprehensive Plan Survey and provide your feedback.

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For more information, visit the project website: mapc.ma/MilfordCompPlan

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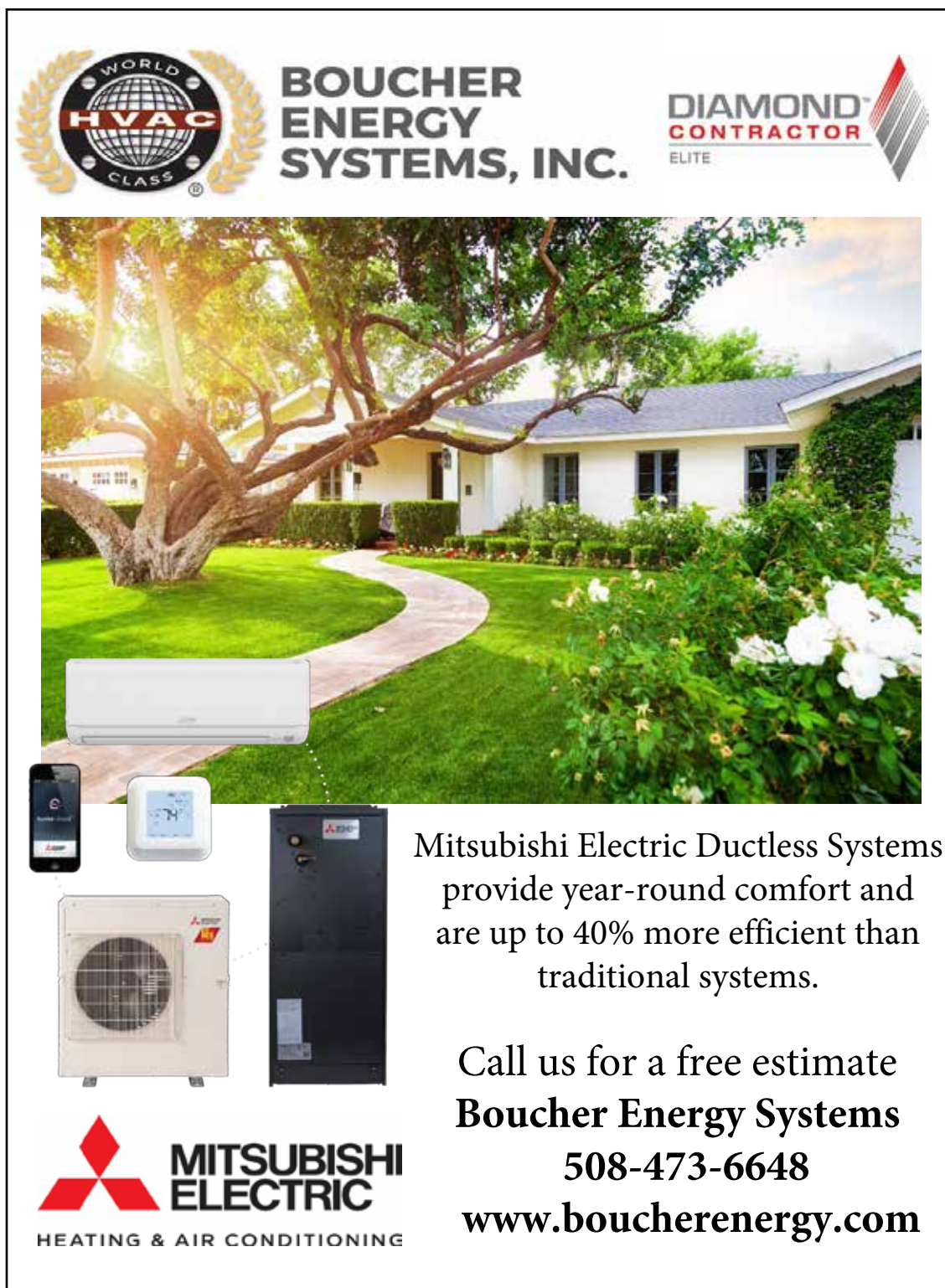
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Rambo is FIV positive and currently lives with several other FIV positive cats. They all get along very well. Many cats with FIV can lead normal lives, both in quality and duration. They should be monitored closely for infections and dental issues. Regular veterinary

checkups and a high-quality diet are recommended to ensure that Rambo remains healthy.

We believe Rambo will be happy in a calm home with a family that understands that he will need to be given time to adjust to his new life. Rambo enjoys sitting in a condo by the window watching the birds and chipmunks. Do you have a big window that would look even better with this handsome boy sitting in it?

For more information on Rambo or the other cats at The Milford Humane Society, please visit <https://www.milfordhumane.org>

Summer eye safety

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

We all use sunscreen to protect our skin, but don't forget to protect your eyes as well. Summertime means more time spent outdoors, and studies show that exposure to bright sunlight may increase the risk of developing cataracts and growths on the eye, including cancer. The same risk applies when using tanning beds, so be sure to protect your eyes from indoor UV light as well. Sunlight reflected off sand and water can cause photokeratitis, the condition responsible for snow blindness, so beach- and pool-goers: Take note.

Independence Day is just around the corner. Your 4th of July holiday usually ends with enjoying professional fireworks and maybe even lighting a few of your own in the backyard. Before you light your first bottle rocket or sparkler, let's talk about the dangers of fireworks and how to keep you and your loved ones safe.

Most firework injuries happen in a one-month span from late June to late July. Each year approximately 16000 people visit an emergency room because of a fireworks-related injury, and there are 18 deaths. The number of people sustaining minor injuries not requiring an ER visit is thought to be much higher. The most common injuries are to the hands and fingers, legs, head, face, ears and arms. Sometimes people pick up packs of fireworks at the grocery store thinking they're safe because they're small and don't produce large displays. Often, these are the fireworks we give or use close to children. Consider the number of ER trips these common, "safer" fireworks cause each year. Many of us think the people most at risk of getting injured are those lighting the fuse, but bystanders are the most at risk. Those on the sidelines account for 65% of all ER visits for firework-related injuries.

Eye injuries caused by fireworks are very common and can have devastating effects. Your eyes are delicate, and any fireworks injury could potentially cause permanent damage. Sparks, flames, smoke, and flying pieces of debris are all hazards inherent in any display. The four most common eye injuries are: detached retina, scratches on the cornea, ruptured eyeball and burns. Any eye injury can lead to long-term vision problems or even blindness. If your eye has been hurt, seek medical attention right away. Please leave fireworks to the professionals and let's all enjoy a safe 4th.

UV radiation, whether from natural sunlight or indoor artificial rays, can damage the eye's surface tissues as well as the cornea and lens. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the dangers UV light can pose. By wearing UV-blocking sunglasses, you can enjoy the summer safely while lowering your risk for potentially blinding eye diseases



and tumors. It is important to start wearing proper eye protection at an early age to protect your eyes from years of ultraviolet exposure.

Everyone of any age and any degree of skin pigmentation is susceptible to UV damage. Children are particularly susceptible to UV damage. People with light colored eyes may have an increased risk of certain eye diseases tied to UV exposure, including eye cancer. Some studies show that people with certain eye diseases such as retinal dystrophy may be at greater risk for UV-related sun damage.

Cataract is a clouding of the eye's lens. The lens must

be clear in order to focus light properly onto the retina. Extensive exposure to the sun is one of the major reasons why we develop cataracts. Cataract surgery is by far the most common surgery performed in the United States.

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Milford's first Free Little Art Gallery at town library

The Milford Cultural Council has introduced the town's first Free Little Art Gallery ("FLAG") which can be found on the grounds of the Milford Town Library.

A FLAG is like a Little Free Library, but for small works of art rather than books.

The artwork inside is made by anyone of any age who chooses to participate. Visitors who see something they like in the gallery can take it home for free or create something that they want to add to the gallery for others to enjoy.

While it is not necessary for people to make art in order to take art, the MCC does hope that visitors will consider making something for the gallery throughout the year. MCC has provided art supplies that can be picked up at the library via the reference desk.

Artwork that is no more than four inches in height is generally sought for the gallery. Work can



Milford's first Free Little Art Gallery can be found on the grounds of the Milford Town Library. Source: @MilfordCulturalCouncil on Facebook

include small canvases, ceramics, hand-made jewelry, knitted pieces, painted rocks and more.

Questions about the FLAG

can be sent to the council by email to CulturalCouncil@townofmilford.com.

Source: @MilfordCulturalCouncil on Facebook

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In order to be eye smart in the sun, the American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends the following:

Wear sunglasses labeled "100% UV protection": Use only glasses that block both UV-A and UV-B rays and that are labeled either UV400 or 100% UV protection.

Choose wraparound styles so that the sun's rays can't enter from the side.

If you wear UV-blocking contact lenses, you'll still need sunglasses.

Wear a hat along with your sunglasses; broad-brimmed hats are best.

Remember the kids: It's best to keep children out of direct sunlight during the middle of the day. Make sure they wear sunglasses and hats whenever they are in the sun.

Know that clouds don't block UV light: The sun's rays can pass through haze and clouds. Sun damage to the eyes can occur any time of year, not just in summer.

Be extra careful in UV-intense conditions: Sunlight is strongest mid-day to early afternoon, at higher altitudes, and when reflected off of water, ice or snow.

By embracing these simple tips you and your family can enjoy the summer sun safely while protecting your vision ... And if you have a cataract and it's time for surgery, remember that new technologies exist to optimize vision and outcome: Bladeless laser cataract surgery is a major advancement in cataract treatment, is FDA approved and embraced by top Ophthal-

mologists in the US and around the world.

At Milford Franklin Eye Center, we offer in-house optical service with the best in UV protection sunglasses. And if you need cataract surgery, Dr. Kaldawy is proud to have been the first surgeon in the area and among the first in Massachusetts to offer bladeless laser assisted cataract surgery. We are happy to have been pioneers of this technology in our communities.

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Montgomery Lodge A.F. & A.M. and The Knights Templar of Milford donate Project Delta stuffed animal kits

Montgomery Lodge A.F. & A.M. is proud to announce the donation of Project Delta stuffed animal comfort kits to the Milford Police Department. This generous contribution is part of Montgomery Lodge's ongoing commitment to support local first responders and aid children in crisis within our community.

Project Delta provides stuffed animal kits to first responders to help comfort children during traumatic or frightening situations. Each kit contains three stuffed animals designed to be a valuable tool for officers. These kits will ensure that officers are equipped to offer immediate comfort to children in need.

Worshipful Master Michael Marques of Montgomery Lodge commented, "We are honored to support our friends in the Milford Police Department through our donation of Project Delta kits.

Our Lodge is dedicated to

serving the community and we believe that this contribution will make a positive impact on the lives of children who need it most."

Montgomery Lodge A.F. & A.M. has a long-standing tradition of community service and support. This donation exemplifies the Lodge's mission to assist and uplift the community, demonstrating the values of Freemasonry through acts of kindness and generosity.

About Montgomery Lodge - A.F. & A.M. Chartered by Most Worshipful Grand Master Paul Revere in 1797, Montgomery Lodge A.F. & A.M. is a Masonic Lodge located in Milford, MA, dedicated to the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Through various charitable efforts and community involvement, the Lodge strives to make a positive impact on the local community. For more information about Montgomery Lodge A.F. & A.M. and



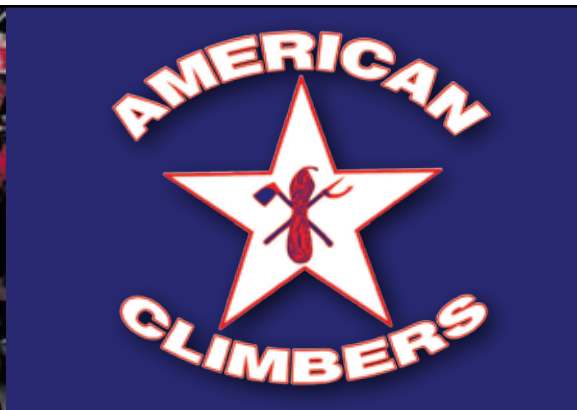
Brothers of Montgomery Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons presenting Milford Police Officers with Project Delta Comfort kits. (Bro. John Hinthorne, Founder Middle from Delta Lodge In Braintree, Bro. Matthew Spittler, far left; Bro. Alfred Spittler, third from right and Worshipful Mike Marques Far Right of Montgomery Lodge) Courtesy photo

its community initiatives, please visit facebook.com/montgomerylodgeAFAM.

About Project Delta - Project Delta is a nonprofit organization

that provides stuffed animal kits to first responders for children in crisis. These kits are donated free of charge to aid officers responding to potentially traumatic or scary situations, offering comfort and reassurance to affected children.

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Summer Library Hours

The library will be closed on Saturdays during the summer. Saturday hours will return after Labor Day on Saturday, September 7.

Atelier Artists New Work 2024: Exhibit

An exhibition of new artwork by the Atelier Artists will be held at the library during July and August. This group of senior artists are part of an artists' collective founded by Sal Ferreira in 2007 to support and inspire each other in their artistic pursuits.

This year's artists have worked primarily in oil and acrylic with some watercolor and photography as well. While the artwork can be viewed anytime the library is open, we hope you'll also join us for an opening reception on Thursday, July 18 from 6 - 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and you'll have an opportunity to meet the



artists and perhaps, purchase an original piece of artwork for your home or office.

Adult Summer Reading Program

The 2024 Adult Summer Reading Program is here and response has been tremendous!

This year's theme is "Read, Renew, Repeat" and we're playing Adventure Bingo to connect with and enjoy all the wonderful resources that Milford has to offer. Everyone who participates will win a prize, but the more you

participate, the more tickets you will earn to put toward our Adventure Prize drawing and our Grand Prize drawing. We've got four amazing prizes to give away from several Milford businesses!

The Adult Summer Reading Program takes place Monday, June 24 - Friday, August 16. For program and prize details, visit our Adult Summer Reading 2024 page of our website: <https://www.milfordtownlibrary.org/reference-department/pages/adult-summer-reading-2024>

This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Town Library and supported by our friends at Craft-Roots Brewing, Depot Street Tavern, Milford Bicycle, Rail Trail Flatbread Company, and TJ Cafe & Games.

ESL Drop in Classes Summer Schedule

This summer, we'll be offering both day and evening English classes for adults at the library. These classes are FREE and drop-in style, no registration is necessary. Classes are held in the ESL classroom on the lower level.

Daytime classes will be held on Mondays at 2 p.m. on the following dates: July 22, July 29, August 5, August 12, and August 19.

Evening classes will be held on Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. for intermediate students and 7 p.m. for beginners on the following dates: July 15, July 25, August 8 and August 15.

Neste verão, ofereceremos aulas de inglês diurnas e noturnas para adultos na biblioteca. Essas aulas são GRATUITAS e presenciais, sem necessidade de inscrição. As aulas são ministradas na sala de aula de ESL no nível inferior.

As aulas diurnas serão ministradas às segundas-feiras, às 14h, nas seguintes datas: 22 de julho, 29 de julho, 5 de agosto, 12 de agosto e 19 de agosto.

As aulas noturnas serão ministradas às quintas-feiras, às 17h30 para alunos intermediários e às 19h para iniciantes, nas seguintes datas: 11 de julho, 15 de julho, 25 de julho, 8 de agosto e 15 de agosto.

Este verano, ofreceremos clases de inglés para adultos tanto diurnas como nocturnas en la biblioteca. Estas clases son GRATUITAS y sin cita previa, no es necesario registrarse. Las

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06/27/2024	21 Whip O Will Lane	\$601,000
06/26/2024	8 Grant Street	\$485,000
06/25/2024	14 Deluca Road	\$536,000
06/25/2024	3 Suzette Road	\$635,000
06/24/2024	5 Shadowbrook Lane #16	\$300,000
06/24/2024	21 Union Street	\$330,000
06/24/2024	35 Purchase Street #B1	\$370,000
06/21/2024	3 Sunwood Drive	\$575,000
06/21/2024	40 Princeton Drive	\$605,000
06/18/2024	31 Madden Avenue	\$470,000
06/18/2024	2 Emerson Lane	\$652,000
06/07/2024	6 Kennedy Lane #54	\$290,000
06/06/2024	16 Shadowbrook Lane #32	\$300,000
06/05/2024	31 Country Club Lane #C	\$418,000
06/05/2024	81 Hayward Street	\$550,000
06/04/2024	25 Shadowbrook Lane #3	\$312,000
06/03/2024	4 Sabatinelli Road	\$437,000
05/31/2024	246 Purchase Street	\$455,000

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The 3-bed, 3-bath, 1,930 square foot house at 40 Princeton Drive in Milford recently sold for \$605,000. Image credit www.zillow.com

Joint Operations and Thanks To Yanks hold collection to support current and former military

The Mendon location of Joint Operations recently coordinated with Thanks To Yanks for an extremely successful collection drive to gather items to support those currently deployed as well as those veterans in need of assistance. Thanks To Yanks is deeply appreciative of the efforts made by the management team at Joint Operations as well as to their generous customers. For additional information on Thanks to Yanks, please like them on Facebook @ thankstoyanks



(L to R) Michael Shain, founder and president of Thanks to Yanks; Danielle Lencioni, Joint Operations District Manager; and Jillian Roberts, District Project coordinator for Joint Operations. Courtesy photo

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clases se llevan a cabo en el salón de ESL en el nivel inferior.

Las clases diurnas se impartirán los lunes a las 14 horas en las siguientes fechas: 22 de julio, 29 de julio, 5 de agosto, 12 de agosto y 19 de agosto.

Las clases nocturnas se llevarán a cabo los jueves a las 5:30 p.m. para estudiantes intermedios y 7:00 p.m. para principiantes en las siguientes fechas: 11 de julio, 15 de julio, 25 de julio, 8 de agosto y 15 de agosto.

Center Book Group

The Center Book Group will meet on Tuesday, July 16 at 10 a.m. at the Milford Senior Center to discuss *Hello, Sunshine* by Laura Dave.

Dave, author of *The Last Thing He Told Me*, *The Divorce Party* and *The First Husband*, among other novels, creates the perfect recipe for a satisfying summer read with *Hello, Sunshine*. Readers will get to know

Sunshine Mackenzie, a culinary celebrity whose life gets upended in spectacular fashion when secrets are revealed. On the cusp of losing everything—husband, her show, her home—Sunshine embarks on a journey inward to self-awareness and acceptance.

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.

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The Milford Police Department provided a wide range of services between May 26 and June 24 related to motor vehicle stops, traffic enforcement, community policing, property checks, disabled motor vehicles, vehicle collisions, erratic drivers, parking violations, road hazards, noise complaints, disturbances, vehicle lockouts, various alarms, 911 misdials and hangups, trespassing, suspicious persons, harassment, fraud, larceny, identity theft, lost and found property, medical emergencies, family services, well-being checks, assist citizens, animal issues, and court appearances. They also provided mutual aid to Medway and Upton.

Entries of note include:
May 26 1:06 a.m., Central St., fight
May 26 7:29 a.m., Fairview Rd., neighbor dispute
May 26 10:58 a.m., Colonial Rd., vehicle towed
May 26 11:36 a.m., Fortune Blvd., shoplifting
May 26 12:06 p.m., Oliver St., larceny from motor vehicle
May 26 9:10 p.m., Oak Tree Dr., fireworks violation
May 27 3:15 a.m., Main St., suspicious motor vehicle, arrest made
May 27 5:25 a.m., Congress

St., missing person
May 27 11:02 a.m., Shalom Church, fire alarm, MFD dispatched
May 27 4:32 p.m., Birmingham Ct., fire alarm, MFD dispatched
May 27 9:11 p.m., Cedar St., dispute
May 28 9:33 a.m., Water St., funeral traffic
May 28 11:02 a.m., VIN check
May 28 1:58 p.m., Spruce St., breaking and entering
May 28 9:06 p.m., Maher Ct., fireworks violation
May 28 9:08 p.m., Medway Rd., outside fire, MFD dispatched
May 28 11:30 p.m., School St., disturbance, criminal application
May 29 3:44 p.m., E. Walnut St., fight
May 29 8:39 p.m., Fortune Blvd., pedestrian accident, MFD dispatched
May 30 2:43 p.m., Route 495 northbound, drone deployment
May 30 5:44 p.m., Water St., assault
May 30 7:38 p.m., Medway Rd., outside fire, extinguished
May 30 11:10 p.m., West St., appliance fire, MFD dispatched
June 1 1:50 a.m., Main St., animal complaint; dog tethering/confining violation and cruelty

to animal
June 2 7:30 a.m., S. Central St., animal complaint, MFD dispatched
June 2 9:09 a.m., Brookside Elem., assist schools
June 2 9:18 a.m., Metcalf Ave., outside fire, MFD dispatched
June 2 2:44 p.m., Ari's Way, neighbor dispute
June 2 4:17 p.m., Prospect St., fire/gas spill/leak
June 2 8:32 p.m., Prospect St., fire-smoke investigation, MFD dispatched
June 2 9:14 p.m., Senate Rd., disturbance
June 3 9:44 a.m., Milford Hospital, disturbance
June 3 2:53 p.m., Milford Hospital, assault
June 3 4 p.m., Medway Rd., road rage
June 3 7:20 p.m., Columbus Ave., outside fire, MFD dispatched
June 3 9:10 p.m., Congress and Exchange Sts., fireworks violation
June 3 9:33 p.m., Mt. Pleasant St., threatening
June 4 7:41 a.m., Claudette Dr., neighbor dispute
June 4 8:44 a.m., Woodland Elem, assist schools, checked and okay
June 4 9:47 a.m., Memorial Elem, assist schools, services

rendered
June 4 12:31 p.m., Congress St., funeral traffic
June 4 2:07 p.m., Stacy Middle School, assist schools, report filed
June 4 2:08 p.m., Milford High School, assist schools, report filed
June 4 2:41 p.m., Central St., dispute
June 4 3:05 p.m., Purdue Dr., fight
June 4 5:55 p.m., Pheasant Cir., neighbor dispute
June 4 10:11 p.m., Medway Rd., disturbance, report filed
June 4 11:51 p.m., Shadowbrook Ln., disturbance, peace restored
June 5 4:15 p.m., Stacy Middle School, disturbance, three arrests
June 5 4:50 p.m., Medway Rd., outside fire, MFD dispatched
June 5 11:58 p.m., Medway Rd., disturbance, arrest
June 6 12:54 a.m., Milford Hospital, unruly patient, services rendered
June 7 5:22 a.m., Stacy Middle School, k-9 deployment
June 7 4:07 p.m., Main St., pedestrian accident
June 7 4:32 p.m., Fortune Blvd., shoplifting
June 7 6:09 p.m., Medway Rd., shoplifting



June 7 6:45 p.m., Congress St., neighbor dispute
June 7 7:10 p.m., Vatolato Field, drone deployment
June 7 9:09 p.m., Lincoln St., fire alarm, MFD dispatched
June 7 11:22 p.m., Main St., disturbance
June 8 11:41 a.m., Water St., funeral traffic
June 8 12:03 p.m., Cunniff Ave., outside fire, MFD dispatched
June 8 7:21 p.m., Cedarview Cir., fire-other, MFD dispatched
June 8 11:28 p.m., Purchase St., disturbance
June 9 12:06 a.m., Mark Dr., fire alarm, MFD dispatched
June 9 6:45 p.m., Congress St., erratic operator, arrest made
June 10 3:27 a.m., Main St., assault, arrest made
June 10 11:23 p.m., Main St.,

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- June 11** 5:44 p.m., Main St., stolen license plate
- June 12** 12:07 p.m., E. Main St., shoplifting, arrest made
- June 13** 8:59 a.m., Mt. Pleasant St., outside fire, MFD dispatched
- June 13** 1:25 p.m., E. Main St., drone deployment
- June 14** 8:35 a.m., Main St., funeral traffic
- June 14** 10:22 a.m., S. Main St., funeral traffic
- June 14** 11:04 a.m., Jefferson St., fire alarm, MFD dispatched
- June 14** 12:02 p.m., Colonial Rd., fire alarm, MFD dispatched
- June 14** 2:13 p.m., Fino Field, tagging, one arrest
- June 14** 7:06 p.m., Mechanic St., threatening
- June 15** 1:33 a.m., Industrial Rd., fire alarm, MFD dispatched
- June 15** 7:13 a.m., Stacy Middle School, fire alarm, MFD dispatched
- June 15** 7:52 p.m., Claudette Dr., fire alarm, MFD dispatched

- June 15** 9:24 p.m., Pearl St., assault
- June 16** 12:01 a.m., Water St., unwanted person, taken to family/guardian/other
- June 16** 4:39 a.m., Spring St., fire alarm, MFD dispatched
- June 16** 11:58 a.m., Milford Hospital, unruly patient
- June 16** 12:29 p.m., Colonial Rd., fire alarm, MFD dispatched
- June 16** 6:13 p.m., Milford Hospital, unruly patient
- June 17** 10:42 a.m., Fortune Blvd., shoplifting, arrest made
- June 17** 11:11 a.m., Birmingham Ct., fire/natural gas leak odor, MFD dispatched
- June 17** 12:32 p.m., Muriel Ln., fire-other, MFD dispatched
- June 17** 4:30 p.m., S. High St., fire-odor investigation, MFD dispatched
- June 17** 8:21 p.m., Whitney St., fight
- June 18** 1 a.m., Stacy Middle School, fire alarm, MFD dispatched
- June 18** 10:14 a.m., Main St., fire alarm, MFD dispatched
- June 18** 12:08 p.m., Congress St., funeral traffic
- June 18** 2:26 p.m., Stacy Middle School, fire alarm, MFD

- dispatched
- June 18** 2:26 p.m., Highland St., outside fire, extinguished
- June 18** 7:34 p.m., Congress and Pine Sts., disturbing the peace
- June 18** 9:31 p.m., Luby Ave., outside fire, MFD dispatched
- June 19** 8:57 a.m., Governors Way, harassment
- June 19** 9:09 a.m., Fortune Blvd., shoplifting
- June 19** 2:47 p.m., Depot St., structure fire, MFD dispatched
- June 19** 6:09 p.m., S. Main St., erratic operator, arrests made
- June 20** 2:18 p.m., Deer St., attempted breaking and entering, arrest made
- June 20** 4:49 p.m., Stacy Middle School, tagging, arrest made
- June 20** 5:40 p.m., Farese Rd., neighbor dispute
- June 20** 6:40 p.m., Medway Rd., fire alarm, MFD dispatched
- June 21** 1:47 a.m., W. Walnut St., threatening
- June 21** 11:44 a.m., Congress St., funeral traffic
- June 21** 1:05 p.m., Medway Rd., vandalism
- June 21** 4:34 p.m., Carroll St., neighbor dispute
- June 21** 6:57 p.m., Fruit St.,

- fire-odor investigation, MFD dispatched
 - June 23** 12:01 a.m., Rich Rd., fire alarm, MFD dispatched
 - June 23** 11:49 a.m., Main St., fire-water problem/flooded, MFD dispatched
 - June 23** 4:54 p.m., Reservoir St., fire-dive team, MFD dispatched
 - June 23** 6:40 p.m., Water St., fight
 - June 23** 7:46 p.m., Fortune Blvd., fire alarm, MFD dispatched
 - June 24** 5:38 a.m., Maple St., prisoner info
 - June 24** 8:11 a.m., Depot St., repossession
 - June 24** 1:32 p.m., E. Main St., transformer fire, MFD dispatched
 - June 24** 4:39 p.m., Water St., motor vehicle fire, extinguished
 - June 24** 5:21 p.m., Luby Ave., domestic, report filed
 - June 24** 7:29 p.m., S. High Street, domestic, spoken to
 - June 24** 8:10 p.m., Gordon Dr., recreational vehicle in road, gone on arrival
 - June 24** 8:33 p.m., Lincoln St., fire alarm, MFD dispatched
- Source: www.milfordpolice.org/daily-call-log*

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schools. They were maintained by families living in the district, now by town taxes. Teachers were usually ministers or spinsters. Early photos, books, and historical maps will be available for viewing on the lawn, including pictures of the town, Main Street, the boot and shoe industry, and the granite industry. Parking is available on Huckleberry Circle which is a short distance north of the schoolhouse. For more information, please email Memorial-Hall@TownofMilford.com or call 774-462-3316 or 508-473-8571.

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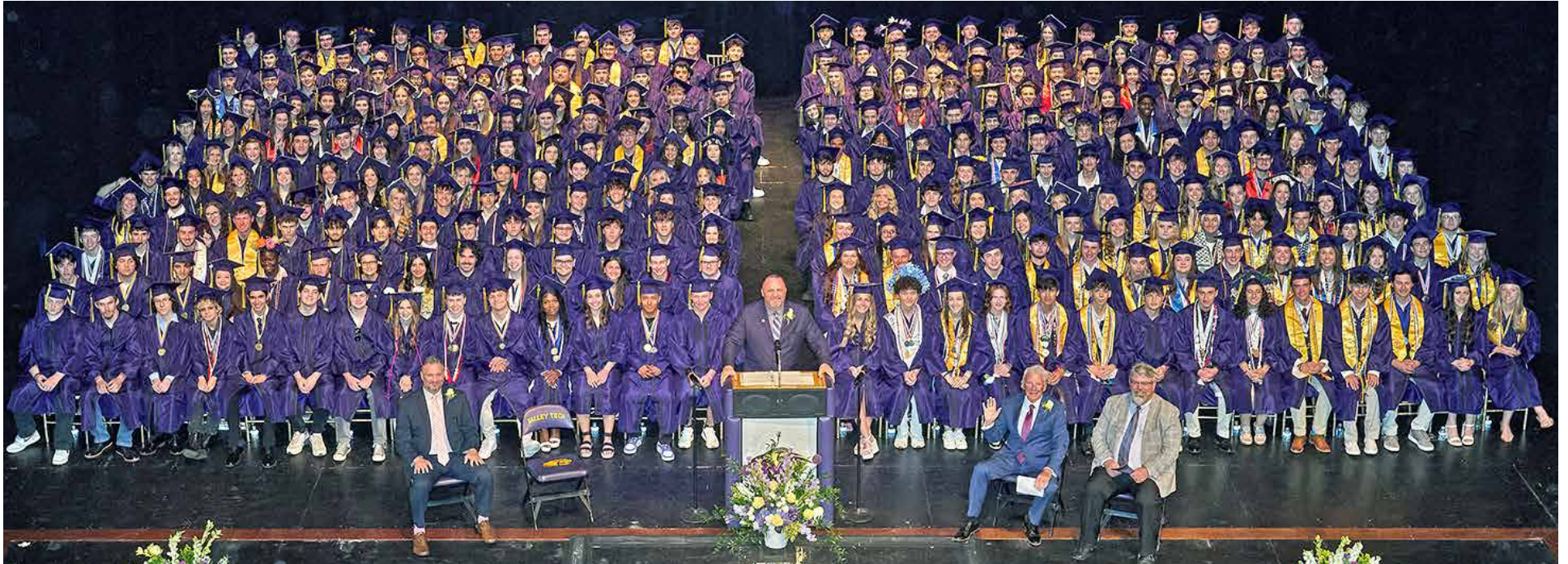
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The Blackstone Valley Tech Class of 2024 at their Commencement Ceremony. Photo credit BVT/Morin Studio

UPTON – The Blackstone Valley Tech Class of 2024 Commencement Ceremony was held at the Hanover Theatre & Conservatory for the Performing Arts in Worcester on May 30th. The evening ceremony celebrated the accomplishments of its 306 graduates with all the pomp and pageantry they deserve.

"From their first day of school, I encouraged this class to put their best effort into their work, work their hardest, and to leave Valley Tech just a little bit better than they found it," said Assistant Superintendent-Director/Principal Mr. Anthony E. Steele II in his opening remarks.

"The Class of 2024 met that challenge and then some. They have been outstanding stewards of their school, and after tonight, I do not doubt that they will carry that torch as BVT alumni."

The ceremony included a salute to the flag and the national anthem. Next, Yvette Martin, Director of Student Services, delivered the benediction. Then, John Kearney of Douglas and Amelie Botelho of Upton performed Abba's emotional hit song, "Slipping

Through My Fingers."

The speakers eloquently expressed the sense of community, connection, and a shared purpose that has shaped their time at BVT. Ella Rogozenski of Northbridge, Valedictorian, reflected on being welcomed into a community that celebrates diversity, embraces creativity and fosters innovation. Michael Borowski of Millbury, Senior Class President, expressed pride in being a "Beaver" for life. Eleanor Poirtras of Hopedale, Student Council President, felt a strong sense of community as a class and being part of the BVT

family. Lastly, Laney Beahn of Douglas, Salutatorian, recalled the moments, accomplishments, hardships, and experiences that have made this high school chapter worth remembering.

Assistant Principal Mr. Matthew Urquhart addressed the class and took a moment to acknowledge those who helped make this day possible. In closing, he congratulated them on reaching one of life's signature milestones and reminded them to be proud of what they have earned.

"Your determination, thoughtfulness, and ambition have taken you this far, and we know you have many more amazing goals to reach," said Superintendent-Director

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick. "You, the Class of 2024, are part of our legacy and forever a part of our collective experience. Impressed with everything you've accomplished so far, we cannot wait to see what you do next!"

Three hundred and six students concluded their dual high school education. They received a vocational certificate and a diploma, which certify mastery of competencies in their career-technical programs and a rigorous academic course of study. The evening celebration concluded with applause for the graduates as they tossed their caps into the air. To view the ceremony, visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/classof2024.






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synagogue by Jillian Karlin; and creating community blessing bags for those living with homelessness by Selina Cales and Lyla Fasulo.

The Silver Award is earned by Girl Scouts Cadettes in 8th grade and their projects included Pronoun Education by Felix Schepis, and a religious inclusive mural at Unitarian Universalist Church by Mila Cales and Ella Knapp.

Gold Award recipient Elena Papula earned her recognition by completing a mural at the Memorial Elementary School playground. Selectman Mike Walsh presented her with a citation from the Massachusetts State House given by Rep. Brian Murray and a citation from the Milford Select Board on her excellent accomplishment and contribution to the Milford community.

A highlight of the evening was the past recognition of Milford Gold Award recipients from 1991-2024 with many in attendance as Milford Girl

Scouts connected the past projects to the current. This list included projects such as teaching diversity through puppetry, developing a program in Milford for the proper disposal of American flags, building a vegetable garden at St. Marys and a sensory garden at Countryside Health Care Center, and construction projects such as a kiosk at Peppercorn Hill Trail and mountain bike bridge with NEMBA Trails.

All 21 women were introduced, along with their project, by longtime Girl Scout Jane Schroeder who was also a recipient in 1961 with her project of working with children's classes through the Easter Seals Speech Therapy Program. She gave a humorous recollection of her days as a Girl Scout with fond memories of all their adventures...camping rain or shine, trips, council events, meetings, and of course, selling Girl Scout Cookies...at 25 cents a box!

Surprisingly, she still keeps in touch with both her childhood Girl Scouts friends and her troop Girl Scouts girls. Jane states, "Memories of

being a Girl Scout leader for my daughter's troop, as well as another Milford Senior troop, remind me that it is an honor, privilege, and trust to meet with young women as they mature and adopt the values of Girl Scouting in their lives."

All in attendance were thrilled to hear from Jane and her experiences of the past 60 years of Girl Scouting.

Each year, Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts council recognizes its most valued volunteers and community partnerships, and Milford received several honors:

- Milford Fire was applauded as community supporters of Milford Girl Scouts as they are always welcoming for field trips and other special projects as girls work to earn their Safety Award.
- April Higaonna was awarded the Volunteer of Excellence for her passion in Girl Scouting, presented by her daughter with love.
- Faith Allen was awarded the Appreciation Pin for her involvement with her troop activities and running



Milford Girl Scouts Color Guard at the 2024 Bridging and Awards Ceremony. *Courtesy photo*



(L to R) Carolyn Deslaurier-Tate and Karen Raleigh (leaders of the graduating scouts) with April Higaonna and Faith Allen. *Courtesy photo*

the town activities of fall fundraising and scouting for food. It was presented by her daughter who said, "Mom, you rock!"

All of these volunteers are vital to the success of Milford Girl Scouts and appreciated by the council.

At the conclusion of the evening, girls were able to "bridge" to the next level of Girl Scouts. Each level was

celebrated with music, photos, and a symbolic crossing of the bridge to the next level. It is the most lively part of the evening with many dancing in their seats to the music and fun photos. The final bridging was eight high school graduates crossing over to adults and all the audi-

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Milford Public Schools Families: Summer Lunch Program: The Summer Meal Program will begin on June 24 and run until August 16. Free lunch will be served each day at Memorial Elementary School from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Memorial Elementary School is located at 12 Walnut Street in Milford.

Congratulations to Mrs. Sarah Boyle, Technology Integration Specialist, on being announced as the President-Elect for MassCUE for the 2024-2025 term. MassCUE is Massachusetts' leading organization for educators with a passion for digital teaching and learning. Mrs. Boyle has been with Milford Public Schools since 2014. She is a Google Certified Trainer, Seesaw Ambassador, and Pear Deck Coach. She holds MEd degrees in Educational Technology and Teaching English as a Second Language and Massachusetts teaching licenses in Instructional Technology, English as a Second Language, and Elementary Education. Additionally, she serves as an adjunct professor at Framingham State University.

The MHS Mental Health Awareness team has been working with Mark Cutler and Paul Piwko during FLEX Blocks this June to create a community song focused on mental health. Mark Cutler, founder of the Rhode Island-based Same Thing Project and an inductee in the RI Music Hall of Fame, and Paul Piwko, co-developer of the National Museum of Mental Health Project, have been instrumental in this initiative. Their collaborative effort, the Community Songwriting on Campus program, brings together the Same Thing Project and the

National Museum of Mental Health Project. The students are currently recording their song, which will soon be shared with the MPS community. Students involved in this process:

Eve Gergis (President), Molly Stoker, Lauren Flanagan, Kaylynn Strafello, Giovanna Weiner, Danica Crim, Evelyn Yaroshefski, Matthew Lioce, Katherine Liatsos, Mia Greeley, Lily Rivera, Owen Enright

Save the Date:

- 7/4: Independence Day Observed - School Offices Closed
- 8/26: No School for Students - Full Prof. Day Teachers
- 8/27: No School for Students- Full Prof. Day Teachers
- 8/28: First Day for Students (Grades 1-12), PreK Open House and Kindergarten Meet and Greet by Appointment
- 8/29: First Day for PreK Students and Kindergarten Meet and Greet by Appointment
- 8/30: No School-School Offices Open
- 9/2: No School- Labor Day- School Offices Closed
- 9/3: Kindergarten Meet and Greet
- 9/4: First Day for Kindergarten Students

Resources:

DMH Behavioral Health Hotline The Department of Mental Health has launched a new Behavioral Health Help Line that people can call or text at 833-773-2445. The helpline can help individuals and families navigate the behavioral health system and access treatment, including mobile crisis services. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in more than 200 languages. For more information, please see the FAQ. Anyone with questions or concerns about the helpline can

email the helpline director at Mio.Tamanaha@mass.gov.

Spanish:

El Departamento de Salud Mental ha lanzado una nueva línea, Behavioral Health Help Line (Línea de Ayuda de Salud Mental) a la que se puede llamar o enviar un mensaje de texto al 833-773-2445. Está disponible 24 horas al día, siete días a la semana en más de 200 idiomas. La línea de ayuda puede ayudar a personas y familias a navegar por el sistema de salud del comportamiento y acceder a tratamiento, incluyendo servicios móviles de crisis. Para más información, consulte FAQ (preguntas frecuentes). Cualquier persona que tenga preguntas o dudas sobre la línea de ayuda puede enviar un correo electrónico al director de la línea de ayuda a Mio.Tamanaha@mass.gov.

Portuguese:

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Milford High School

Congratulations to the Class of 2024! The Milford Public School community wishes all graduates the best as they enter their post-secondary education and/or career. MHS would also like to thank all individuals involved with making end-of-the-year activities for students memorable.

MHS held its first annual Arts Extravaganza at Milford High School on Wednesday, May 15, from 7 - 9 p.m. Performances by the MHS Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, and All School Orchestra were held in the audi-

torium, and the Chamber Choir and various small ensembles performed on portable staging throughout the first floor of the building. MHS Culinary Arts, Photography, Building Trades, Theatre Workshop, Videography, and Artisanal Arts held interactive demonstrations throughout the evening ranging from weather reporting to 3-D printing to culinary delights. It was a fantastic evening for the visual and performing arts and trades programs, and for the school community.

On Monday, May 20, Milford High School held a celebration ceremony to highlight Milford High School's new Biliteracy Pathway and Seal of Biliteracy recipients. Congratulations to the following students:

Jenyfer Antunes, Michael Boulanger, Raphael Britto, Julya Caldeira, Mikaela Carvajal, Evelyn Chuqui, Vinicius Colonnetti, Andre Costa, Adila Da Silva, Jalise DeJesus, Isabelly Dias, Joao Do Carmo, Gabriela

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Stacy Middle School (SMS)

The Stacy Middle School community wishes all 8th grade students the best as they enter high school. The Semi-formal Step Up event was a success to do the collaborative work between the school and its partners. Thank you to all the staff, families, and community partners for making the end of the year celebrations for all students memorable.

Woodland Elementary School (WES)

Principal Kearnan is pleased to announce the seventh Council of the year nominated by their teachers for Leadership. There are many ways a person can show

Leadership: with their words, with their actions, with how they treat and inspire others. This group of students have been leaders in and out of the classroom during the school year. WES thanks them for their responsible and respectful choices, and the way in which they lead by example.

Leadership Grade 3: Matheus Miranda, Vincent Albano, Kaleb Bonnell, Isaac McDavitt, Analu Araujo, Charlie Langevin, Ana Alice Martins, Paige Slapak, Nora Laouraidi, Sophia Bento, Liliana Beattie, Hazel Parente, Evelyn Ponciano, John Lane, Marcela Machado, Emerson Mendez-Salazar.

Leadership Grade 4: Ryder Rebecchi, Grace Hartford, Francisco Da Silveira, Lila Consigli, Camden Walker, Riley Paradise, Lindsay Gomes, Ester Martins, Gina Asong, Jefferson Pomavilla Clavijo, Jonathan De Oliveira, Jethro Gaspard, Alice Da Costa, Connor Demeglio, Jayden Vega Santiago.

Leadership Grade 5: William Mitchell, Zina Varner, Sarah Paiva, Juan Largo Loja, James Caguana, Tanner England, Hasan Omar Alsheikh, Lisbeth Tenezaca Lema, Thallyta Nunes, Anna Held, Blake Hornberger, Arthur Farias, Anthony Gusniay Guaman, Rhea Mendonca-Young, Jake Stacey, Liam Britton.

On Wednesday, June 5, Woodland Elementary School held its

annual English Learner Reclassification ceremony, celebrating students who have achieved English proficiency and are no longer classified as English Learners. These students demonstrated their skills by passing the WIDA ACCESS test, which assesses reading, writing, speaking, and listening at a high standard. This year, a record-breaking 105 students, representing approximately 25% of Woodland's English Learner population, were reclassified. This milestone is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the students, their families, and the school staff. Many of these students began their educational journey with little to no knowledge of English, and through rigorous instruction and immersion, have attained a remarkable level of proficiency. As newly multilingual individuals, these students should be proud of their achievements, recognizing that their language skills are a valuable asset that will benefit them throughout their lives, enhancing cognitive abilities, creativity, and problem-solving skills. They are encouraged to continue using and developing their language abilities at school, at home, and within the community.

Memorial Elementary School (MES)

School Social Workers Anita Amante and Talita Rodovalho led a lesson for 2nd-grade classes at both Memorial and Brookside schools, aimed at fostering classroom community, inclusiveness, and a sense of belonging. The lesson began with a reading of Amigo by Carlos Zamora. Following the story, students engaged in a group discussion using prompt cards from the Lakeshore Diversity and Inclusion set (K-2) to explore questions and ideas

about diversity and inclusion. To promote movement and interaction, the lesson concluded with a "Find a Friend Who" activity, where students moved around the classroom to connect with their classmates. PTO Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Brookside Elementary School (BES)

During the first two weeks of June, Brookside Elementary School students participated in off campus learning experiences. Kindergartners participated at Capron Park Zoo, first grade students went to the Ecotarium, and second grade students went to Southwick's Zoo.

All Brookside Elementary School; students participated in Fun Day, a morning filled with physically fun activities in the morning followed by a presentation by Jungle Jim, a balloon magician in the afternoon.

The Brookside Elementary School community celebrated the accomplishments of second grade students and congratulated them as they prepared to move on to grade 3 at Woodland by holding the second annual Second Grade Parade, which was led by several MHS Class of 2024 graduates this year. PTO meeting is the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7 p.m.

Shining Star Early Childhood Center (SSECC)

Shining Star Early Childhood Center would like to thank everyone who joined them for the End of the Year Luau on June 11. The main playground was filled with happy smiles, colorful costumes, and lots of laughter. The PTO truly outdid themselves, preparing spectacular raffle gift baskets.

The SSECC staff hopes families enjoyed the wonderful celebration as much as they did.

PTO Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month unless otherwise posted.

Milford Family & Community Network CFCE (MFCN CFCE):

The Milford Family and Community Network (MFCN) CFCE has started their 6 Weeks of Summer Drop-In Playgroups. Playgroups are held on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., on a first come, first served basis and will end on August 15. These groups are designed for children from birth to 60 months and their caregiver(s).

Did you know that the MFCN CFCE offers 15 weeks of FREE registered playgroups in the Fall? The Session I Playgroup Registration will be taking place daily starting Monday, September 9 through Thursday, September 12, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the MFCN Office. Lottery will take place on Tuesday, September 17, and playgroups will start the week of September 23. For more information on any of our programs, feel free to call the office at 508-277-4981.

General Information on the MFCN CFCE Playgroups: All playgroups are FREE and intended for children from birth to 5 years old with their parent/caregiver, unless otherwise specified. For more information on MFCN CFCE playgroups and/or programs, visit our website at <https://www.milfordpublicschools.com/milfordfcen>, email us at familynetwork@milfordma.com or call 508-277-4981. You can always find, like and follow MFCN CFCE on Facebook at "Milford Family and Community Network CFCE."

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ence wishing them well as they embark on their next adventure.

The graduates then led the audience in singing the traditional Girl Scout song, "Make New Friends," followed by a gathering for girls and their families. As Dr. Seuss said, "Don't cry because it is over. Smile because it happened."

For more highlights, see Milford(MA) Girl Scouts on Facebook and Instagram. Submitted by Milford Girl Scouts



The Milford Fire Department was applauded as a community partner always willing to help the girls on their Safety Award. *Courtesy photo*



Cassidy Knapp, Makayla Barlow, Jillian Karlin, Lyla Fasulo, and Selina Cales each earned their Bronze Award this year. *Courtesy photo*

Going, Going, Gone! BVT to comply with records regulations

Class of 2017: Destruction of student records is August 1

UPTON – Attention Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School Class of 2017. Per state and federal regulations, temporary student records, including special education files (IEP), 504 plans, and student health records, shall be destroyed seven years after the student leaves the school. For the Class of 2017, this date is August 1, 2024.

Members of the Class of

2017 may request their temporary student record (any information not contained in their transcript) before the August 1 shred date by written request. If you want to obtain your record, please send a written request indicating the year of graduation and your name while in school to Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, Student Services Record Dept., 65 Pleasant Street,

Upton, MA 01568.

Student transcripts (a record of grades) shall be destroyed 60 years after the student leaves the school. For the Class of 2017, that date is August 1, 2077. An alum from that class may request a transcript from their graduation date: May 2017 through August 1, 2077.

If you want to retain your records, learn how at: www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/studentrecords.

Noise complaints prompt MPD to issue reminder

The Milford Police Department is asking residents to be mindful of their neighbors when it comes to noise.

MPD said in a June 25 social media post that the depart-

ment responded to over 900 noise complaints in the past year, adding "With summer and the [July 4th] holiday upon us, we'd like to remind our community that fireworks are

illegal in Massachusetts, people are allowed to have gatherings, keep the noise reasonable, the parking legal and be respectful of your neighbors."

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Milford High School Term 4 Honor Roll



Submitted by Milford Public Schools

Milford High School has announced its Term 4 Honor Roll, which includes the following students:

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Allaico, Charles Damian
Araujo, Nicholas Robert
Arquillano, Melson Jayven Labuca
Benjamin, Sonia Cordeiro
Bento, Gustavo Aragoso
Blackwell, Liam Bruce
Bonina, Camille Mary
Bonina, Grace Domenica
Brewis, Aidan Peter
Burns, Madelyn Concetta
Caguana, Billy Bryan
Callahan, Owen Thomas
Campoverde Calle, Marcia Narcisa
Candida, Anna Julia
Carney, Jada Mikayla
Carter, Damien Paul
Cavaliere, Ethan Anthony
Chaplin, Tatiana Carmen
Chapman, Mariella Irene
Choro Caguana, Deysi Gisela
Chuqui, Evelyn Lyzette
Ciccone, Nicholas Joseph
Consigli, Louis Felix
Creasia, Dominic Xavier
Da Silva, Adila Luila Soares
Davis, Madison Elizabeth
De Souza, Emilly Vitoria Ramos
Del Gobbo, Thomas
Denietolis, Amelia Rose
DeSouza, Kiarah Lee
Dexter, Kendall Jane
Dias, Xander Thomas
DiGiando, Andrew Scott
Doiron, Alexander Steven
Dominguez Campoverde, Byron Ivan

Donnelly, Brooke Jean
Driscoll, Maeve Elizabeth
Dutcher, Saige Josephine
Ellerbe, Skylah Elizabeth
Esmat, Gabriela Araujo
Esteves, Isabella Brunna
Fernandes, Patricia Almeida
Ferreira, Rafaella Maximiano
Fritts, Kacey Renee
Frye, Madeleine Gail
Gomes, Arthur Gabriel de Lima
Gorham, Grace Irene
Gosselin, Damien Michael
Guaman Tenezaca, Edgar Fabian
Hanlon, John Michael
Hanna, Mera Emile Youssef Mikhail
Hipolito, Jacob Anthony
Howes, Shane Francis
Jenkins, Izabella Cavalcanti
Jimenez Baez, Analayevka
Jones, Khloe Arthura
Kennedy, Sylas Andrell
Khoury, Oskar Alexander
Kocherha, Mykyta
Landry, Elise Chandonnet
LaPierre, Anthony Michael
Lawrence, Nathan David
Lee, Keith Alexander
Leite, Sarah Albuquerque
Liatos, Elizabeth Mary
Lobisser, Megan Grace
Macchi, Nicolette Brooke
Maddock, Benjamin Quinn
Mathew, Rhea
McGee, Sean Robert
McKee, Oliver Robert

Meda, Francesco
Medeiros, Sarah Emanuelle Goncalves
Mezzatesta, Davide
Michelson, Erin Lee
Mora Quendambu, Matheo
Morais, Andrew Joaquim
Moreto, Raphael Daniel Barbieri
Morey, Alison Marie
Morin, Brendan Thomas
Moura, Leticia Benevenuto
Naugler, Cailyn Grace
Nelson, Adrian Noelle
Normile, Olivia Rose
Ortiz, Kiara Lynn
Osnoe, Kylie Melissa
Pesantez Namina, Manuel Ermel
Phillips, Brooke Christine
Pires, Eliana Sofia
Pizzeri, Anthony Jon
Pointer, Matthew Gean
Putnam, Thomas Joseph
Quintanilla Suarez, Giselle
Ramos, Ava Marie
Rankins, Brittney Elizabeth
Rocha Campos, Samara Renata
Rondeau, Makayla Autumn
Rosenberger, Cheyenne Angeline
Silva, Lethicia Lara de Souza
Soranzo, Flavio
Sparkes, Dylan Mathew
Tessicini, Makayla Elaine
Tome, Luara Ribeiro Salgado
Tran, Violet Gia
Varandas, Isabella Fatima
Ventura, Sarah Marie
Veo, Jack Anthony
Viana, Mario Henrique
Westerman, Cody Peter
Westerman, Olivia Irene
Wilkinson, Gavin Dewar
Wilson, Caleigh Catherine

Class of 2025

Antunes, Jenyfer Stefany Lopes
Baccari, Mikayla Grace
Baglione, Olivia Rose
Ballard, Tyler James
Belina, Ethan Matthew Damalerio
Bethel, Taryn Janet
Bilodeau, Tyler Constantine
Boulanger, Michael Domenic
Braga, Emily Vitoria Melo
Brickley, Mallory Janet
Brown, Molly Marie
Buckley, Jack Stephen
Carter, Ian Raymond
Carvajal Santana, Mikaela Salome
Casman, Lindsay Taylor
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Donovan, Declan Robert
Donovan, Riley Janice

Donovan, Sean Charles
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Dulak, Brianna Lillian
Enright, Owen Matthew
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Fabry, Luke Maxwell
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Fernandes, Gabriela Rose
Fernandes, Kemilly Prates
Ferreira, Alexandra Cailyn
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SPORTS

Milford High Baseball back among the best

Scarlet Hawks earned first final four bid since 1997

By Chris Villani

None of the players on this year's Milford High baseball team were anywhere close to being born the last time the program was among the final four teams in the state. Even head coach Alex Dion was a young child.

Milford marched to the final four this year before falling to Walpole, once again putting the storied program among the best in the state.

"It was a really good group of guys and a great senior class," Dion said. "It was a great experience being able to get a Milford team back to the state semifinals and to finish in the top four in the state in the regular season."

Dion said his team picked a bad time to have a tough night, as it did against Walpole, but he had no regrets for the season.

"To have the experience of playing on a stage like that was great," he said. "They played hard, they competed, they got everything out of it."

After a pair of single-digit victory totals coming out of the pandemic, Milford won 13

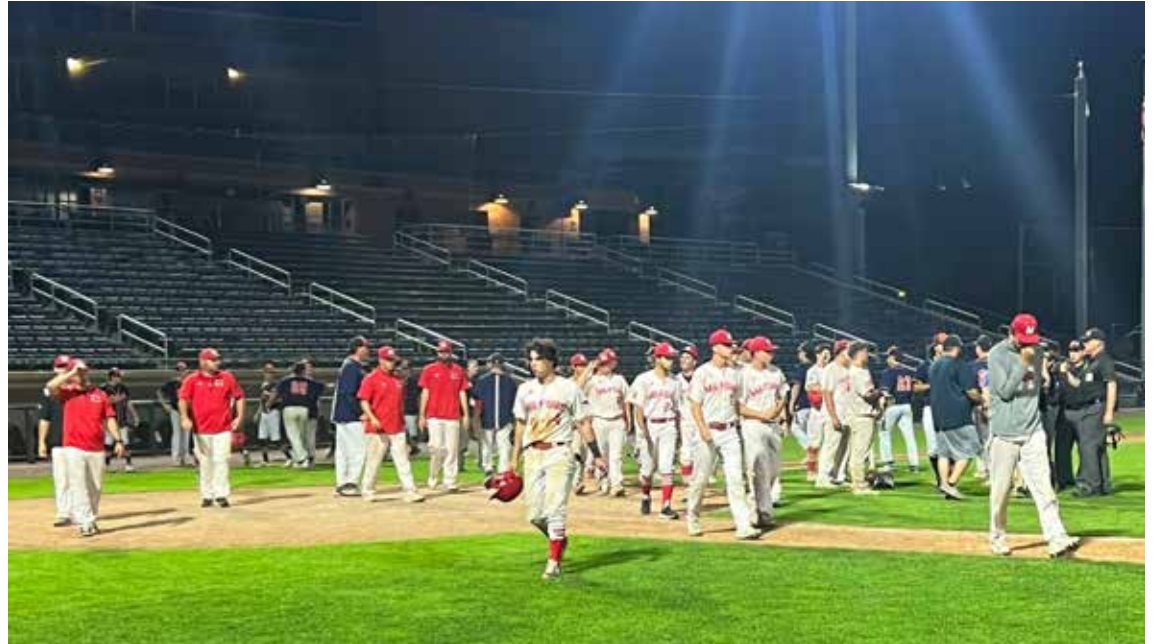
games last year and earned 17 wins this spring. The last time a Milford team went this far in the tournament was 1997, when the Scarlet Hawks advanced to the state title game.

Keith Lee capped off his high school career by catching every game and hitting in the three spot in the order. Dion called Lee "our leader on and off the field."

Nick Koch was Milford's top player through the tournament, Dion said, and the Carter brothers — Damien and Ian — carried the burden on the mound. Damien Carter won the first-round game, Ian earned the win in the second game after closing out the first, and the two games back to start the last two games of the year. The pair, along with Anthony Lapierre, threw the vast majority of the innings for the Hawks.

Starting second baseman Lou Consigli was another key cog, hitting in the two-spot and finishing second on the team in hits. "He is another guy who provided a lot of leadership on the field," Dion said.

Dion said a season like this



Milford walks off the field in Lowell after falling in the state semifinal. Photo credit: MHS Athletic Director Peter Boucher

has the chance to have a long-lasting effect.

"We saw a lot of young players at our games towards the end," he said. "Having those young kids watch a group of varsity players do what they do is incredible. I don't think the seniors really understand the impact they have made on Milford baseball as a whole."

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SPORTS

Strong start for Milford Legion

Post 59 eyes top of Zone 4 standings



Post 59 lines up before an early season game at Fino Field. Photo credit: Joey Mahoney

By Chris Villani

The Milford Legion baseball team is out to a solid start to the 2024 summer despite a couple of significant injuries, and manager Steve DiVitto said his team should be good enough to compete with the best teams in a very talented zone.

“This is the best zone in the state, we know that it is a highly, highly competitive zone,” DiVitto said. “We are going to compete for it though. We have six teams that make the playoffs this year and there are just as many teams that

could win it.”

Milford picked up wins in five of its first eight games despite losing Nick Koch and Louis Consigli to season-ending injuries.

“Those are two outstanding players at the top of our lineup,” DiVitto said. “We are just going to keep batting. The guys have done a great job continuing to play and play hard. We are starting to gel a little bit, which is great.”

Driving the Milford offense has been catcher Keith Lee, a Milford High product. Four of

his first seven hits of the season went for extra bases, including three doubles and a home run.

“The kid just hits,” DiVitto said. “I am not sure the last time I saw someone hit a ball as hard as he does every single time he is up.”

Damien Carter is a player who has caught fire at the plate though the early part of the season and DiVitto praised his contributions on the mound as well. Ian Carter put together a strong pitching outing against Northbridge early in the year and went toe-to-toe with a

Hudson starter considered one of the best in the area.

Nipmuc’s Josh Giancola is another strong two-way threat, hitting north of .300 and not surrendering an earned run through his first six innings. “He has done a great job at the plate, and on the mound,” his skipper said.

Sean McGee delivered three extra base hits and a .346 average through the first eight games of the year. DiVitto said McGee is “just rock solid.”

Milford is hoping to drum up significant interest in the

team this summer through a number of theme nights at home games, including Alumni Night on July 7. That game will feature a pregame ceremony honoring the 2013 and 2014 Post 59 teams, the last two to win state championships. The evening may provide some inspiration for this year’s team.

“We have been competitive in every game we have been in,” DiVitto said. “We expect to continue to be competitive and compete for a playoff spot and hopefully a chance to win the zone.”

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