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#### Sarah Cammarata, age 105, is Medway's oldest resident, awarded Boston Post Cane

By Theresa Knapp

At age 105, soon to be 106, Sarah Cammarata is Medway's oldest resident. At a ceremony on March 6, she was awarded the Boston Post Cane.

The cane has been a New England tradition since it was established in 1909 by the Boston Post newspaper as part of a marketing gimmick. Initially intended to be awarded to the oldest male in each town, women became eligible in 1930. For those towns who still have a cane, it is awarded to the town's oldest resident.

Sarah lived by herself until she was 90 years old (and drove until she was 100) when she moved to Medway to live with her daughter and Roseann and son-in-law Kent Shor-



Sarah Cammarata is Medway's oldest resident. The Medway Historical Commission presented her with the Boston Post Cane on March 6. Photo credit: Theresa Knapp

ette. Their home was the site of a gathering of family, friends, and

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# LTP student writer is among top high school journalists in New England

Kaitlyn Richards has written for Medway & Millis Local Town Pages since 2023

By Theresa Knapp

The New England Scholastic Press Association (NESPA) has chosen Millis High School senior Kaitlyn Richards as one of the top high school journalists in New England.

"NESPA named Richards to its first-ever All New England High School Journalism staff, which recognizes the top high school journalists working on newspapers, yearbooks, broadcasts, or literary magazines throughout the six New England states," said NESPA in an email to Millis school officials announcing Richards as one of 17 regional recipients.

Richards is the editorin-chief of the Millis High School newspaper, *The Crim*son Post, and has also been a student writer for Medway & Millis Local Town Pages since 2023

"I am extremely excited to

be recognized as one of the top high school journalists in New England," said Richards. "This honor means so much to me, and I see it as a reflection of the dedication I have put into journalism during my four years of high school. I believe that the award indicates that I have excelled in the field, along with creating a real impact within the community. I have worked very hard with the Crimson Post and the Medway/Millis Local Town Pages during high school, making this acknowledgment all the more meaningful. I am thankful to everyone who has helped me get to this point and to the impact journalism has had on my education."

Richards believes the award "is a great way to represent Millis in a field that is different from many other students." She hopes to continue with

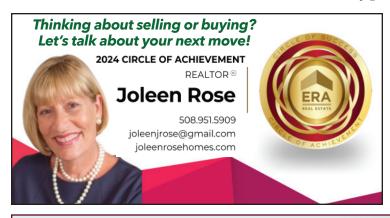


Kaitlyn Richards, a senior at Millis High School and a student writer at Medway & Millis Local Town Pages, has been selected by the New England Scholastic Press Association as one of the top journalists in New England. Courtesy photo

journalism in college (she has not yet chosen which school) by joining a student publica-

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town officials which began with the official presentation of the

Flat Roofs

Boston Post Cane to Sarah by Medway Historical Commission Vice Chair Paul Russell.

Upon receiving the award, partygoers asked if Sarah had any advice for them. "Keep dancing," she said with a laugh. When asked what her favorite food is, she said, "I love pasta - pasta and cannoli, of course" - because she grew up on Hanover Street in Boston's North End -

and her favorite drink is a "gin martini, bone dry, three olives."

Sarah says some of her favorite things to do are to sing (including "You Make Me Feel So Young" which she sang to the crowd), dancing (she was a com-

petitive ballroom dancer), playing Bingo (she plays to win), and spending days at a supportive day group at both the Bellingham

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#### **Boston Post Cane: Origins of the tradition**

On August 2, 1909, Mr. Edwin A. Grozier, Publisher of the Boston Post, a newspaper, forwarded to the Board of Selectmen in 700 towns\* (no cities included) in New England a gold-headed ebony cane with the request that it be presented with the compliments of the Boston Post to the oldest male citizen of the town, to be used by him as long as he lives (or moves from the town), and at his death handed down to the next oldest citizen of the town. The cane would belong to the town and not the man who received it

The canes were all made by J.F. Fradley and Co., a New York manufacturer, from ebony shipped in seven-foot lengths from the Congo in Africa. They were cut to cane lengths, seasoned for six months, turned on lathes to the right thickness, coated and polished. They had a 14-carat gold head two inches long, decorated by hand, and a ferruled tip. The head was engraved with the inscription, — Presented by the Boston Post to the oldest citizen of (name of town) — "To Be Transmitted". The Board of Selectmen were to be the trustees of the cane and keep it always in the hands of the oldest citizen. Apparently no Connecticut or Vermont towns were included (at one point it was thought that two towns in Vermont had canes, but this turned out to be a bit of a myth).

The custom of the Boston Post Cane took hold in those towns lucky enough to have canes. As years went by some of the canes were lost, stolen, taken out of town and not returned to the Selectmen or destroyed by accident.

In 1930, after considerable controversy, eligibility for the cane was opened to women as well.

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For more information, visit www.bostonpostcane.org Source: www.bostonpostcane.org/origins-of-the-tradition



Family, friends and Medway town officials gathered on March 6 to honor Sarah Cammarata, center, as the town's oldest resident at 105 years old. Photo credit: Theresa Knapp



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tion.

"I was truly impressed by Kaitlyn's work and naming to the first All New England High School Journalism staff," said Millis High School Principal Patrick Nash. "I couldn't help but feel proud of Kaitlyn's accomplishments and so happy that she was deservedly recognized for all of her work."

Nash describes Richards as conscientious, hardworking, and detail oriented. "She is impressive in putting her thoughts together, whether it be for a newspaper article or a mock trial in her law class."

Nash added, "Anytime a recognition like this happens in our 'Small School, Big Family," we celebrate the accomplishment as it really means a lot. Our students have been performing at such a high level this year with amazing accomplishments. Our staff are working incredibly hard to grow and support all of our learners. As a staff, we are elated when a rec-

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> Kaitlyn Richards, Millis High School senior
>  Medway & Millis Local Town Pages student writer

ognition like Kaitlyn's occurs."

Millis School Committee Chair Robyn Briggs said, "Kaitlyn's work with the Crimson Post and the Medway & Millis Local Town Pages has already had such a positive impact on our community, and this well-deserved recognition highlights the exceptional quality of her journalism. To be selected as one of only 17 students across all of New England is an extraordinary achievement, we could not be more proud."

To enter the contest, Richards submitted a portfolio of her work [bit.ly/NESPArichards2025], a résumé of her journalism experience, and a reflective essay. To be included on the staff, a panel of judges determined her portfolio represented excellence in at least one area of journalism.

Richards and her cohort will be recognized on May 2 at the annual New England Scholastic Press Conference in Boston.

To read more about Richards and the other recipients, visit www.insta-gram.com/p/DG4Jkk8xHqp/.

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Inscription on top of cane, "PRESENTED BY The Boston Post to the Oldest Citizen of Medway. TO BE TRANSMITTED"

and Medfield Senior Centers. She also enjoys Saturday evenings at Medway Café.

Roseann says her mother is a

happy person who does not judge others, likes to laugh, and can be a bit sassy at times. "She comes from a lot of spunky ladies; my grandmother was very spunky, too."

The afternoon concluded with a review of old photos, taking new photos, more singing and dancing, and cake.

Sarah Cammarata will celebrate her 106th birthday in June.





### **Medway Superintendent Armand Pires Named 2025 Massachusetts Superintendent of the Year**

The Medway School Committee is proud to share that Dr. Armand Pires was named the 2025 Massachusetts Superintendent of the Year by AASA, The School Superintendents Association, during the group's national conference held in New Orleans from March 6 to

Dr. Pires was nominated by a colleague from the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, which is an AASA Affiliate Association. He will be honored with the award during the November Superintendent of the Year Gala and

"The Medway School Committee is proud to celebrate Dr. Pires as Massachusetts Superintendent of the Year," said Medway School Committee Chair Cindy Sullivan. "His dedication, visionary leadership, and commitment to student success has made a great impact on our schools and our community."

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The National Superintendent of the Year Program pays tribute to the talent, vision, and problem-solving abilities of the men and women who lead our nation's public schools. The program is meant to recognize outstanding leadership of active, front-line superintendents. The criteria for the award include leadership for learning, communication skills, professionalism, and community involvement.

"Under Dr. Pires' leadership, we have seen progress in student achievement and innovative programs," Chair Sullivan said. "He works collaboratively with educators, families, and the community to ensure that every student has access to high-quality education and opportunities for success. This well-deserved recognition is a testament to his hard work and passion for education. On behalf of the Medway School Committee, we congratulate Dr. Pires on this outstanding achievement. We look forward to continuing to build on the progress made under his leadership."

Dr. Pires has been the superintendent of Medway Public Schools for nearly 10 years, first coming to the school district as a middle school principal in 2010, then spending two years as assistant superintendent and director of curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

He is also the current president of the Massachusetts As-

sociation of School Superintendents, serving a one-year term that started in May 2024.

A native of Central Falls, R.I., Dr. Pires originally sought a career in public health before realizing his true calling as an educator about 28 years ago during his graduate studies when he accepted a job as a grants coordinator and a physical education teacher in the Needham Public Schools. A graduate of Rhode Island College who gained a master's degree from the Boston University School of Public Health, he went on to earn his doctorate in education from the University of Rhode Island.

Throughout his time leading Medway Public Schools, Dr. Pires has been recognized for strengthening core programs, including moving to tuition-free full-day kindergarten, embracing best practices in literacy education through the science of reading approach, expanding open access to Advanced Placement courses, growing the district's Project Lead the Way courses, and gaining designation for three Innovation Path-



**Superintendent Dr. Armand Pires** was named the 2025 Massachusetts Superintendent of the Year by AASA, The **School Superintendents Association.** (Photo Courtesy Medway Public Schools)

ways from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents and AASA also recognized him for effectively managing significant and continuing budget challenges.

In addition to his accomplishments with academic programming and fiscal management, Dr. Pires was early to recognize the crisis in student mental health, calling for the creation of a Director of Wellness position and embracing the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) framework that was established by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"The result has been a comprehensive and innovative approach to student programming," according to a statement published by AASA, celebrating the accomplishments of Dr. Pires. "He is recognized as a leader among his peers."

Dr. Pires thanked his colleagues, mentors, and the Medway School Committee for all of their support, crediting them for making all of this possible.

"This recognition reflects the collective effort of the outstanding teachers, administrators, and staff of the Medway Public Schools who are supported by our amazing School Committee," said Dr. Pires. "I am deeply honored. Thank you to the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents for this acknowledgment and to all of my colleagues and mentors who inspire me every day to do this work to ensure the success of all students."

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Family-run Affordable Junk Removal takes the stress out of cleanups

By Christie Vogt Contributing Writer

Whether it's one old fridge in the garage or an entire home of unwanted goods, the team at Affordable Junk Removal offers a cost-efficient, stress-free approach to waste management. "You don't lift a finger," says owner Jason Schadler, who started the company along with his wife Christine in 2005.

The business offers sameday service for both residential and commercial clients across eastern and central Massachusetts and northern Rhode Island. In addition to junk removal, the company rents 15yard dumpsters.

As a family-owned and operated company, Schadler says Affordable Junk Removal has lower overhead costs and is more accessible than national competitors. "I answer my phone 24 hours a day," he says. "I was on vacation in Italy and Portugal, and I was still answering my phone on the beach. When you call us, you get me — not an automated machine!"

Schadler says the company has an environmentally friendly approach to disposal in which it recycles items when possible, properly disposes of non-recyclables and resells many items at the Schadlers' secondhand store, Resellables. "We opened that store in Bellingham because we hated to see things thrown away," Schadler says. "We have four kids and sustainability is extremely important to us."

During the business's early days, Schadler provided junk removal on nights and weekends when he wasn't busy working at a machine shop. Eventually, the business grew into a full-time endeavor, and the Schadlers invested back into the company with new equipment and techniques. "When I first started, for example, we didn't have any tarps.



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I'm driving around and things are flying out of my truck," Schadler laughs. "I'm like, 'Oh my god, I need a tarp."

Schadler says his wife Christine "was equally as involved" in getting the business off the ground. "She handled the backend while I did the heavy lifting, all while she was working at EMC," he says. "Fast forward 17 years, and we both work full time managing the company as well as other endeavors. Business is doing great; it has grown tremendously to a fleet of trucks and dumpsters, and we've also been able to buy a pizza place, The Corner Market in Holliston."

In addition to delivering an in-demand service to the community, Schadler is appreciative that Affordable Junk Removal has helped provide a work-life balance that suits his family. "It allows me to be able to do what I like doing and spend time with my kids," he says. "I'm home to see my babies play softball and do all that stuff. We are also able to give back to the communities we serve."

As for Medway and Millis in particular, Schadler says they are proud to have many repeat customers and friends in the area. Hidden Hill Farms in Millis does all the business's welding work, and Affordable Junk sponsors the local girls high school hockey team. The Schadler family's go-to candlepin bowling alley, Ryan Family Amusements, is also located in Millis

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One of the best parts of his job, Schadler says, is meeting and getting to know new people and developing relationships with returning customers. "We are really grateful for the repeat business and the chance to form connections



Christine and Jason Schadler, shown here with their children, started Affordable Junk Removal in 2005.

with residents across the MetroWest area," he says.

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In addition to the gallery, the free annual festival will include a Broadway review, face painting, chalk art, crafts, dance lessons, improv games, a photo booth and more!

Millis resident? Come join us! The Millis Cultural Council, our local chapter of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, is seeking new members! The MCC gives small grants to local artists and hosts an annual art festival showcasing local artists and performers. This volunteer opportunity is a wonderful way to get involved in our community and make new friends!

For more information, please contact millisculturalcouncil@ gmail.com.



Submitted by the Millis Cultural Council

### **Coffee & Conversations at** Millis library

month. "Coffee & Conversations: Less debate, more understanding" holds a meeting from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Mil-

On the last Saturday of each lis Public Library. All political perspectives are welcome and respected.

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The cookie donation will bring a bit of sweetness and appreciation to service members and their families, aligning with the Girl Scouts' mission to give back to the community. The collaboration between Medway's Girl Scout troops and Thanks to Yanks highlights the importance of supporting those who have served the country and ensuring they feel valued.

The donation is part of an ongoing effort by the Girl Scouts to engage in community service and make a positive impact.

For more information about the Girl Scouts or Thanks to Yanks, please visit www.gsema. org or www.thankstoyanks.org.



### Donor-advised funds: A smart way to give



Mark Freeman, CEPA

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and take a larger deduction in that tax year. And you can claim that deduction, even though the DAF may distribute funds to charities over several years.

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duction for your donation.

While these potential tax benefits can certainly make a DAF an attractive method of charitable giving, you should be aware of some potential tradeoffs. Once you contribute assets to a DAF, that gift is irrevocable, and you can't access the money for any reason other than charitable giving. Also, your investment options are limited to what's available in the DAF program you've chosen. And DAFs can incur administrative costs in addition to the fees charged on the underlying investments.

You may want to consult with your financial professional about other potential benefits and tradeoffs of DAFs and whether a DAF can help you with your charitable giving goals. Also, different DAF sponsors offer different features, so you will want to do some comparisons. And because DAFs can have such significant implications for your tax situation, you should consult with your tax professional before taking action.

If a DAF is appropriate for your situation, though, consider

it carefully — it might be a good way to support your charitable giving efforts for years to come.

Contact Mark today to discuss this topic or any of your financial goals.

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### A Winning Addition – Dr. Kylee Eagles Brings Sports Medicine and Nutrition Expertise to Medway

By Jennifer Russo

If you have ever experienced muscle or joint pain, you know that it greatly impacts quality of life. It can limit mobility, make daily tasks seem almost impossible to complete, and cause an incredible amount of frustration and stress. Maybe it was a rotator cuff tear in a baseball game or a pulled hamstring while out on your morning jog. Perhaps it was a strained back muscle caused by shoveling snow, knee pain caused by something you aren't sure of, or a case of tendonitis or arthritis. Whatever the malady, it is important to seek the care of a specialist to analyze the root cause so that further damage is avoided.

Dr. Kylee Eagles, renowned for her expert and compassionate care on the South Shore, has recently moved her practice to Medway, offering a welcoming space nearby for those looking to heal, regain their mobility, or achieve their personal health

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goals. She is looking forward to continuing along the path that she believes she was born to follow.

"I grew up in the healthcare world, with both of my parents being chiropractors. I remember when I was twelve, I was helping my dad over the summer and one of his high school patients had some shoulder pain during a personal training session. He took him aside and adjusted his rib since it had misaligned, and I remember looking at him and telling him that this was what I wanted to do. I thought it was awesome that the patient was able to continue with his workout and not cause any additional injuries because of a doctor having that knowledge and fixing it right away. Every decision I have



made since that moment has been toward becoming the best sports medicine doctor I can be," shares Dr. Eagles.

And she truly loves what she does, believing that medicine isn't just about treatment, but building strong and meaningful relationships with her patients. With everything she learned in school, her residency and fellowship, she still credits patients with teaching her new things every day.

"I believe in lifelong learning. You need to constantly learn new things in order to be great at what you do. In medicine, there are always advancements being innovated every day. Sometimes I will have patients come in with a unique issue and I'll investigate treatment options. If there is a new procedure that I think would be beneficial to them, I will do everything to learn that procedure so I can help. I want to fix their problem, that is my ultimate goal," says Dr. Eagles.

Dr. Eagles is triple board certified in family medicine, sports medicine, and obesity medicine, and has an additional certification in sports nutrition, so comprehensive care is the main focus of her practice.

"If an athlete has an injury or finds that there are repetitive injuries, it is critical to get to the root cause of the problem. Sometimes there is a nutrition deficiency, or they are not fueling themselves properly, or another issue that needs to be addressed. So, factoring in the nutritional conversations are just as important," shares Dr. Eagles.

As a runner, weightlifter, and former competitive swimmer herself, she genuinely strives to ensure that her patients have all the tools they need to remain strong and healthy. Understanding what her patients are going through, she will try to find ways to help them (both athletes and non-athletes) stay active so that they don't become sedentary and find themselves injured again.

"We aren't meant to sit still. Not being active throughout our lives causes all of the side effects of that. Obesity, depression, diabetes, heart disease, joint pain, and even anxiety can all be caused by not moving our bodies. And injuries often happen when someone isn't being consistent in their movement," says Dr. Eagles.

When might you seek treatment for pain? Here's what to pay attention to.

"Any sharp pains, stiffness, weakness or limitations to being able to move around easily are red flags," she says. "Early care can ensure the ability to stay strong and active, enjoying all of life's moments as they come."

Dr. Eagles is now accepting patients of all ages at her new office, located at 68A Main Street in Medway. The building also includes a lab, x-ray, and urgent care so patients don't need to travel to multiple locations for treatment. Call to schedule an appointment at (508) 321-2844 or visit https://www.milfordregionalphysicians.org/doctors/eagleskylee-do for more information.

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Asset allocation is not influenced by emotions; it is a strategically, diversified portfolio spread across different asset classes to help smooth out market fluctuations and reduce overall risk. For example, if stocks are down, then bonds or real estate or gold may be performing well to help offset.

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Source: Medway Public Schools

cade" when the S&P 500 index total return including dividends from 2000-2010 was -9.1%. Correct, \$1 million invested on Y2K was ~\$910,000 ten years later.

Elsewhere from 2000-2010, positive returns and outperformance was captured in index funds of developed international stocks, emerging market stocks, U.S. small cap stocks, U.S. high-yield bonds, U.S. REITs (Real Estate Investment Trusts), commodities, gold, cash and U.S. bonds.

Speaking of the U.S. Aggregate Bond index, \$1 million invested became ~\$1,840,000. Because of this divergence, the S&P 500 index didn't catch up to the U.S. Aggregate Bond index until 2017, or 17 years later. If you're in the distribution stage of your life (i.e. retirement), that's not good.

Asset allocation models vary and ideally are based on timelines for the need of funds in a financial plan, not your age. How one invests a Roth IRA, Traditional IRA or taxable brokerage account could be different and should align with "when" and "how much" the plan projects to draw from each account.

#### Ignore at Your Own Risk.

When investors ignore asset allocation, they risk making decisions based on emotion. During market highs, greed sells lagging asset classes. During downturns, fear sells into panic without a plan back into the long-term strategy. These emotional responses create market timing and remove your foundation.

So remember, during times like these, your portfolio cares about asset allocation — a foun-

dational strategy to help you manage risk, smooth out market volatility, and stay on track to meet timelines of your financial goals.

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8:30 AM- 12:30 PM Friday

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Tuesday, April 1 at 12:00 PM

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COFFEE with the DIRECTOR: Upcoming Community Survey

Join Millis COA Director Anne-Marie Gagnon for a discussion of the community survey and needs assessment all residents age 60 plus will be receiving in the mail soon in partnership with the UMass Boston Gerontology Institute Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging. This survey will help us to serve you better!

Wednesday, April 23 at 10:00 AM

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#### A Year of New Friendships and Fur-tastic Adventures at Dogtopia

By Jennifer Russo

Whether you added a new pup to your home over the holidays, are planning on doing some travel without your furry friend or have been looking for just the right place where you can leave your favorite canine companion for the day, Dogtopia understands that dogs are more than just pets, they are a part of your family.

Dogs are unique in that they are full of unconditional love, they give all of themselves to the people who care for them, expecting nothing in return except some food and attention. They bring a joy to their owners that can't really be described, so finding a caregiver for them is an important choice for any pup-parent.

Dogtopia is committed to giving these extended family members a happy, loving, and safe environment to play and learn in. With their state-of-the-art facility, impeccable safety standards, and certified animal-loving team members who are expertly trained to meet the needs of every pup, dog moms and dads can rest assured that their animals are very well taken care of and having a fabulous time.

Dogtopia, located in the Franklin Village shopping area, aims to be a haven for dogs by creating a fun and engaging environment for them while their owners are busy with work, errands, vacations, or other responsibilities.

"We want your pup to look forward to coming here. Nothing makes us happier than when one of our furry clients shows up and their tails are wagging in excitement to start their day with their friends," says Dogtopia Director Amy Hughes.

The Franklin Dogtopia location has three spacious playrooms where the dogs are placed based on their size, temperament and play style. Safety is always the first priority, and there are a number of protocols in place to ensure the pups' wellbeing, such as certified staff, compressed rubber flooring to reduce impact on the dogs' joints, soundproofing, a climate-controlled environment, and pet-friendly cleaning supplies.

Dogtopia requires a meet and greet for new clients, so that they can find the best placement for

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the pup, since all dogs are different. Each dog needs to be fit for an open play environment, and they conduct a thorough temperament test during this visit to better understand how the pup prefers to interact with others.

"We want to safely socialize the pups so they can release their energy, while getting lots of exercise and having fun," shares Hughes. "We have agility exercises, brain games, and more. It's an activity-filled day that will leave pups happy and fulfilled, so when they go home, they can relax and snuggle with their families."

All dogs need to be at least 12 weeks of age and must be up to date on all required vaccinations (Rabies, Canine Influenza, DHPP, and Bordetella). Dogs 7 months old and up must also be spayed/neutered. If you don't have the records on hand, Dogtopia is able to call your vet and obtain them for you.

For those who welcomed a new pet to the family this year, Amy shares some important tips:

- 1) Early socialization is extremely important so that the pup understands how to act within different environments and becomes more desensitized to distractions.
- 2) Be consistent with everything and have a routine in place that the pup can expect. A certain mealtime, play time, bedtime, potty time, etc. can make all the difference.
- 3) Be patient and calm while training. All dogs are different, and no pup is perfect. Praise for good behaviors and calmly correct those that need improvement.

"If the dog is still a puppy, we do offer a puppy pre-school that can help dogs acclimate early and be more adaptable," she says. "Bringing any pup into Dogtopia is always a win, because they will learn to safely socialize, have fun playing in a structured way, and reinforce good behaviors that make home life even smoother."



Dogtopia promises peace of mind for dog parents, with live webcams in every playroom that can be looked at any time, and periodic report cards to keep them in the loop.

In addition to daycare, boarding and spa services are also available. Homestyle crates are set up comfortably for rest and that feeling of "home away from home" and pups can even be pampered with a bath, nail trim and blueberry facial!

Dogtopia operates with a community mindset, with events that clients can take part in with their pups, such as a craft day where pups create gifts for their human parents, themed dance parties, Mini Mondays which offer specialized play for small dogs, and more. They even recently had a Santa and pup photo op and an ugly sweater party.

In addition to helping the community by caring for local pets, the Dogtopia Foundation also comes together to raise money for important causes, such as service dogs for Veterans. Stay tuned to learn how to help them with these efforts.

Does your pup need a place for socialization, exercise, love, and endless fun? Take advantage of a special, limited time offer – for just \$99 a week, your pup can enjoy unlimited daycare visits. This deal won't last long, so grab it while it's available!

Learn more about Dogtopia of Franklin Village and their amazing services by visiting https://www.dogtopia.com/massachusetts-franklin-village/or check out their Instagram at @DogtopiaFranklinVillage.



#### **Check out our April Events!**

#### Puppy Pre-School \* Every Saturday

Welcome to Puppy Preschool! Is your pup ready to learn, play, and grow? Enroll them in our Puppy Preschool and set them up for success!

- Socialization with fellow puppies
- Fun games and activities to boost confidence
- Puppy playtime and bonding with other furry friends

#### Gotcha/Birthday Day \* April 2nd

It's birthday and gotcha day celebration time! Today, we're celebrating all the pups with birthdays this month. Join us in the festivities and let's make their special day unforgettable! Happy barking birthday to our furry friends!

#### Mini Mondays \* April 7th & April 28th

Treat your little furry friends to a fun-filled day just for them! From games to cuddles, we have activities that will make their tails wag with joy! Reserve their spot today!

#### Siblings Day \* April 10th

Siblings Day is the perfect day to celebrate the pups who share a home or special bond! Don't miss out - We'll be having a photo shoot for our dynamic duos!



#### Woofstock \* April 15th, 16th, & 17th

Break out the disco balls and clear off the dance floor, it's WOOFSTOCK! Our daycare will be decorated festival-ly for 3 days of musical fun: from classic disco, to high-energy rock, to nostalgic '90s hits - we'll have beats that every pup can bark to!

#### Wellness Wednesday \* April 23rd

Mark your calendars! This Wednesday, we're focusing on dog wellness with special activities and tips to keep our pups thriving. Come join the fun and learn how to give your furry friends the best care possible!

#### Foundation Friday \* April 25th

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### Millis High School receives \$6,400 financial literacy grant

The State Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment (OEE), in partnership with the Division of Banks (DOB) and the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation (OCABR), announced the 2024-2025 recipients of the Financial Education Innovation Fund Grant.

Millis High School received a grant in the amount of \$6,400.

Following a competitive application process that concluded in November, the state agencies awarded grants to 58 schools, totaling \$201,272. This funding will allow Massachusetts high

schools and special education programs to host financial education fairs, known as Credit for Life Fairs, for their students.

Of the 58 recipient schools, six received funding as Seed Applicants and will host fairs for the first time.

For the second year, participating schools that have a large population of low-to-moderate income students will receive an additional \$500. Seventeen schools received this additional funding to bring much-needed financial education to students in the state's most vulnerable com-

munities

"Financial literacy is the foundation for a more stable future, and Credit for Life Fairs empower our students with the tools they need to succeed," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "These hands-on experiences give young adults the confidence to navigate real-world financial challenges and make informed decisions as they step into adulthood."\

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melodies. Join us on Saturday, April 12, at 2 p.m. at First Parish of Westwood, 252 Nahatan Street, Westwood, and on Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 725 Washington Street, Holliston.

The repertoire features beloved classics and cultural gems, such as Sweet Caroline and Eleanor Rigby. Soulful traditional songs like Loch Lomond and Down in the River to Pray will transport listeners to a unique musical land-

vibrant celebration of global music and the power of women's voices.

General admission tickets are \$20; students and seniors (65+) are \$15; and children 12 and under are free. Performances are not suitable for children under age 6. Tickets can be purchased beginning March 10 through our website (www.exsultet.us) or at the door prior to the performance.

### MAPC scholarship deadline is April 18

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council is offering a new scholarship to a high school senior, in the Greater Boston region, who is interested in the field of planning.

The \$1,000 "Planning Our Communities: Reimaging the Region" scholarship can be used at a college or university of the recipient's choice.

Graduating high school seniors from a secondary school from Medway and Millis, or any of the 101 cities and towns in the Greater Boston region (see full list at bit.ly/MAPCscholarship), who are committed to advancing a more equitable, sustainable,

collaborative, and climate-friendly region through studies in the fields of Climate; Community Engagement; Community, Housing, and Economic Development; Environmental Protection; Geographic Information System (GIS) and Spatial Analysis; Inclusive Mobility and Transportation; Municipal Governance; Planning; Public Health; Public Policy; and/or Sustainable Development and Preservation.

The deadline to apply is April 18, 2025.

For more information, including the application and guidelines, visit bit.ly/MAPC-scholarship.

Abigail Miller of Millis to run for the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team

On April 21, Abigail Miller of Millis will run to defy cancer as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team in the 129th Boston Marathon®.

Along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, they will run Massachusetts' historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to collectively raise \$8.5 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year marks the 36th annual running of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC). One hundred percent of the money raised by the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team benefits Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research,

which supports promising science research in its earliest stages. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised more than \$132 million for the Barr Program to date.

In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be recognized by the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A), which organizes the Boston Marathon. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team offers its members extensive fundraising support, training guidance from 1976 Boston Marathon Men's Open Division Champion Jack Fultz, and team training runs. Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners who are not time-qualified for the Boston Marathon receive an invitational entry into the race.

Runners include cancer survi-

vors and patients, and family and friends of those who have been affected by cancer. Each team member must fulfill a basic fundraising commitment:

Invitational runners - runners who receive their entry from Dana-Farber have a minimum fundraising commitment of \$10,000.

Own entry runners - runners who have joined the DFMC after obtaining their own race entry have a fundraising commitment of \$4,000.

To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge,



visit RunDFMC.org or contact the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge office at (617) 632-1970 or dfmc@dfci.harvard. edu. Follow DFMC on Facebook: www.facebook/marathonchallenge. On Twitter: #RunDFMC.

Submitted by Dana-Farber Cancer Institute & The Jimmy Fund

Abigail Miller (left) and her mother at the Falmouth Road Race. Courtesy photo

### Millis Class of 1975 to celebrate 50 years

The Millis High School Class of 1975 will be recognized during the graduation ceremony for this year's class. It's a tradition - students from 50 years ago stand together and present themselves to the audience. Graduation begins at the high school on Thursday, June 5, at 6 p.m.

A reunion of the classmates will follow at the Boggestowe Fish & Game Club, 247 Ridge Street in Millis, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

Classmates from 1975 are encouraged to reserve seats at the graduation, and make reservations for the reunion. For more information, contact Debbi (Davis) Costello at dcostello 10@gmail.com.

### Friends of the Millis Library Spring Book Sale in April

The Friends of the Millis Public Library will hold its Annual Spring Book Sale on Sat., April 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Roche Bros. Community Room at the library.

In addition, there will be a Friends of the Library preview and sale for current members on Fri., April 4, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. New membership applications will be accepted that night. One great benefit of being a Friend is first pick of everything!

On Sun., April 6, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a special sale when each bag of books and

media will cost \$5 on that day.

A large selection of well-organized adult and young adult fiction, non-fiction and children's books in hardcover and paperback will be on sale, plus CDs, DVDs, puzzles, games and special finds and collections at fantastic prices. Credit cards are now being accepted for purchases. Proceeds help to support children's, youth and adult programs and the purchase of museum passes for the library.

For more information, visit www. millislibrary.org





### The b.LUXE **beauty beat**

#### **Gray-Blending for Women: Embracing Your Gray Hair in 2025**

By GINA WOELFEL

You may remember our "Gray-Blending" article from last March. Since then, a growing interest in blending gray hair has been all over social media. You've got questions, and we've got the answers! Here's your updated guide to gray-blending, with everything you need to refresh your look in 2025.

The world of hair color is undergoing a significant shift, with more women opting for grayblending techniques instead of fully covering their gray hair. While gray-blending has been around for years, a surge in demand for low-maintenance hair color has brought this innovative technique into the spotlight. By seamlessly blending natural grays with soft highlights and translucent color, gray-blending creates a fresh, modern look that feels soft and natural. Unlike traditional hair dyes that often leave a harsh line of regrowth, gray-blending offers a lived-in style that celebrates the beauty of aging, giving women more freedom and flexibility with their hair coloring routines. Women aren't just accepting their gray hairthey're embracing it as a symbol of strength, confidence, and individuality!

opaque wool tights. This application creates a uniform color that matches either your natural shade or your desired color but often results in a noticeable line of regrowth at the roots.

- Demi-Permanent Coverage: This method uses less pigmented dye to offer about 80% gray coverage. It provides a softer approach, allowing some natural gray tones to show through, similar to wearing sheer, colored pantyhose.
- No Coverage: This approach is a full gray embrace that leaves your natural gray and silver hair to take center stage. Using a clear gloss and brightening shampoo can eliminate brassiness and add shine. It's like wearing sheer, nude pantyhose—subtle, simple, and naturally beautiful.

Modern hair dyes offer a broader spectrum of colors and a more vibrant finish than their predecessors but still require salon visits every 4 to 6 weeks. Many women continue to use the same hair color for years, believing that their natural shade remains unchanged, even though their original hair color has likely shifted significantly.



It's easy to fall into a routine with hair coloring. While full coverage may have worked in the past, it's important to consider whether it remains the best option for you today.

#### Why is Gray-Blending For **Women So Popular?**

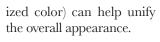
Embracing natural gray hair can be challenging for many women. Transitioning from a solid hair color to gray is often a significant emotional commitment. The rising popularity of gray blending offers a modern way to integrate gray hair with your natural or chosen color. It's an excellent option for those looking for a low-maintenance way to incorporate more gray into their style without immediately making a complete silver commitment.

#### **How To Transition To Gray-Blending**

For clients who've been coloring their hair for years but want to grav-blend or transition back to their natural color, there are

#### 1. Highlights and Lowlights:

If you're looking to minimize the appearance of gray roots, a stylist can strategically apply highlights or lowlights around your face, which softens the look of regrowth and adds dimension without creating a stark line of demarcation. Additionally, incorporating a few carefully placed highlights near your part can lift gray strands closer to your silver color. At the same time, a toner (used after bleaching or coloring to help neutralize brassiness and unwanted undertones, resulting in a more desired and custom-



Stop Covering Your Gray Hair!

- **2.** The Big Chop: If you're ready to take the plunge, cutting your hair short and allowing it to grow out naturally is a great option. It typically takes about 1.5 years for your hair to reach shoulder length, but regular trims can help eliminate any unwanted color.
- 3. Complete Silver Transformation: For many, the desire to go completely silver in one sitting is tempting. While some can achieve this in one session, it's a lengthy and costly process that can take up to 12 hours and may not always provide the results you expect.

Regardless of your method, a toner or tinted gloss is always recommended to ensure maximum brightness and a beautiful finish.

#### The Timeline for Gray **Blending**

The timeline for transitioning to gray hair varies for each individual. Factors such as your hair's health, the coloring method you choose, and the rate at which your hair grows will all influence your journey. Your stylist will typically want to see at least three to four months of hair regrowth to assess your gray pattern. While this timeline can differ from person

to person, it serves as a general guideline that helps your stylist create the most effective color plan for you moving forward.

Once you start the transition process, you can expect your maintenance and upkeep to be about eight to twelve weeks apart, depending on your chosen method. Typically, it takes about 3 to 4 salon visits to complete the process and get your hair to the desired state.

The best part? Nothing is permanent! If gray blending isn't your style, you can always return to your traditional color. Your stylist supports you every step of the way and ensures you look and feel your best.

#### **Curious How Gray-Blending** Can Work For You?

Visit b.LUXE Hair & Makeup Studio for a complimentary color consultation. Our expert stylists will help you navigate the world of gray-blending and find the perfect solution for all your needs.

2025 is the year for you to embrace your gray hair with style and confidence!

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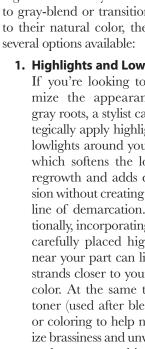
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### 'Empty Bowls' comes to Medway: Support hunger relief at Medway High School spring art exhibit

This spring, Medway will join the global movement to combat hunger through the Empty Bowls project. On May 7th from 6-7 p.m., Medway High School will host Empty Bowls, an event featuring handmade ceramic bowls crafted by the school's talented student artists. Attendees can purchase the bowls and proceeds from the event will benefit the Medway Village Food Pantry, helping to provide essential food

and personal goods to those in need in the community.

With the funds raised, the Medway Village Food Pantry will continue its vital mission of providing essential meals and services to individuals and families. In 2024, the organization served over 257,000 meals to those facing food insecurity, and this event will help ensure that this critical work continues.

This event will coincide

with the Medway High School Spring Art Exhibit, showcasing the creativity of students while supporting a meaningful cause. The Empty Bowls project, which has raised millions worldwide to fight hunger, offers attendees the opportunity to purchase beautiful, unique ceramic bowls and contribute directly to the fight against food insecurity. These bowls will serve as a powerful reminder of the many neighbors in our community who are struggling with food insecurity, and each bowl purchased contributes directly to providing meals and support to those in need.

"We are thrilled to bring Empty Bowls to Medway," said Noelle Jackson, Medway High School Art Teacher. "This event not only highlights the incredible talent of Medway's student artists but also provides our community with a chance to make a real difference.

By purchasing a bowl, attendees will be supporting the Medway Village Food Pantry, which helps so many families in our area."

Join us for an evening of art, community, and giving back. The event is free to attend, and guests are encouraged to bring their friends and family to show their support.

For more information on the Empty Bowls movement, visit emptybowls.

### The Charles River Chorale celebrates 40 years of music with magical spring concert

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May 3 at 5 p.m. at the Medway High School Auditorium. This special event marks the chorale's 40th anniversary, celebrating four decades of community and song.

Under the direction of Ashley Nelson-Oneschuk, the 100-member chorale will perclassics, traditional choral pieces, and pop songs that highlight the themes of hope, dreams, and the power of believing.

The concert will also feature Grammynominated Recording Artist and NBC's The Voice Finalist Michelle Brooks-Thompson, whose soulful renditions will elevate the evening,

and a performance by the Children's Choir, adding a vibrant, intergenerational touch.

"This concert celebrates 40 years of sharing the power of music with our community," said Nelson-Oneschuk. "We're thrilled

to mark this milestone with a performance that highlights the strength of hopes and dreams."

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### **Living Healthy**

### **Eye-Opening Surgery: Corneal Transplant Gives Patients a Clearer Outlook on Life**

Dan Liu, MD MILFORD FRANKLIN EYE CENTER

In May 2023, a landmark surgery was performed at NYU Langone Health: a whole eye transplant. During this surgery, the entire eye - in addition to a portion of the face – was transplanted from a donor into a living human recipient for the purposes of facial reconstruction. While we are likely decades away from performing eye transplants that can restore vision, there are more than 49,000 transplants of a different kind performed in the United States annually which can successfully improve vision and save sight: corneal transplants.

#### What is the cornea?

The cornea is the transparent, dome shaped surface that acts as the front window to the eye. It plays a crucial role in fo-

cusing light rays entering the eye in order to allow us to see clearly. When the cornea is damaged, it can become scarred, swollen, or opaque. In these cases, the visual effects can vary from increased light sensitivity, blurry vision, or even impaired vision to the point of blindness. Fortunately, for many individuals experiencing corneal damage, a corneal transplant, also known as a keratoplasty, may offer the opportunity to restore vision.

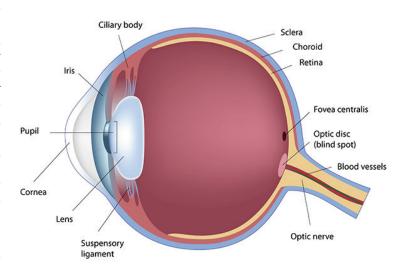
#### Who needs a corneal transplant?

There are various conditions, both genetic and acquired, that can affect the cornea and necessitate a corneal transplant. Common conditions include:

• Corneal dystrophies: These are inherited conditions that cause progressive clouding or scarring of the cornea. Fuchs' dystrophy is the most common of these dystrophies, which often runs in families. This is a condition in which the innermost laver of cells in the cornea, the endothelial cells, no longer function in keeping the cornea clear. As a result, fluid can build up in the cornea, causing it to be swollen and cloudy. Some patients with Fuchs' dystrophy experience debilitating glare, whereas other patients can experience significant loss of vision.

• Keratoconus is a common condition for which corneal transplants are performed. In patients with keratoconus, the cornea becomes increasingly cone shaped over time rather than remaining dome shaped. This can lead to loss

**Human Eye Anatomy** 



of vision as light rays bend or refract aberrantly off the irregularly shaped cornea. Individuals with keratoconus may experience progressive astigmatism and a decrease in vision.

 Other acquired conditions that may affect the health and clarity of the cornea include eve infections which can cause significant scarring, or even previous eye surgeries that can result in damage to the cornea.

#### What is a corneal transplant?

In diseases in which the cornea cannot be repaired with medications alone, an ophthalmologist who specializes in performing corneal transplants can restore the clarity and health of the cornea, as well as vision. In these sight saving surgeries, the diseased cornea is replaced with a clear, healthy cornea from a human donor who has generously chosen to donate their organs after death. Luckily, in the United States, there is a well established infrastructure for tissue procurement such that people who require corneal transplants do not need to be on a prolonged waiting list in order to have surgery. By replacing the damaged tissue, a corneal transplant can significantly improve a person's vision, enhance their quality of life, and reduce symptoms like

pain or sensitivity to light. In this era of modern medicine, corneal transplants are very successful and last up to 10 to 15 years, with many lasting more than 30 years.

#### Are there different kinds of corneal transplants?

Since the introduction of corneal transplants in the 1900s, these surgeries have evolved to become more efficient with faster healing times and better visual outcomes. Corneal transplants can be full thickness or partial thickness transplants.

- Penetrating keratoplasty (PK): Also known as a full thickness corneal transplant, this is the most traditional form of corneal transplant. In PK, the diseased cornea is removed by the surgeon, the donor cornea is sized to fit the patient's eye, and stitches are used to place the donor cornea in the eye. The surgery is performed when the cornea is severely scarred or damaged, affecting all of its
- Descemet's Stripping Endothelial Keratoplasty (DSEK): In DSEK, only the innermost layer of the cornea, called the endothelium, is replaced. The rest of the corneal layers remain intact. This surgery is often used to treat conditions





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### Millis Public Safety Log

According to safety logs, between Feb. 16 and March 15, the Millis Police Department spent the majority of its time on calls related to motor vehicle stops



and violations, general traffic control, alarms (burglar, master box), suspicious activity, escort/ transport, lost/found property, soliciting, larceny/forgery/fraud, general complaints, disturbances, and assisting citizens.

This is not meant to be an exhaustive list. Entries of note include:

Feb. 17 at 2:08 p.m., Main St., assault Feb. 21 at 10:09 p.m., Main St.,

disturbance Feb. 22 at 2 p.m., Country Village Way, fire, other Feb. 23 at 4:28 a.m., Klifford Cir., disturbance Feb. 24 at 2:22 p.m., Union St., abandoned motor vehicle Feb. 25 at 9:56 a.m., Stoney Brook Dr., serve warrant March 1 at 9:19 a.m., Plain and

Main Sts., disturbance March 4 at 7:44 a.m., Rose Rd. and Village St., vehicle fire March 6 at 7:31 a.m., Eden St. and Main St., vehicle fire March 10 at 8:39 p.m., Pleasant St., suspicious activity, arrest made

#### Millis, Chelmsford and State Police investigation leads to charges of child pornography, trafficking

Following a lengthy investigation, on Tues., March 11, at approximately 6 a.m., the Millis Police Detective Bureau, Chelmsford Police Department Detective Bureau, and the Massachusetts State Police Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit executed a search warrant and an arrest warrant at 23 Monument Hill Road in Chelmsford. David R. Silva was arraigned on that same day in Wrentham District Court, where he was released on \$25,000 cash bail. Silva pleaded not guilty to possession of child pornography; posing or exhibiting a child in the nude; and trafficking a person under 18 for sexual servitude.

Silva has been ordered to stay away from and have no contact with the alleged victim and witnesses. He is also prohibited from contacting anyone under the age of 18 and is banned from using social media. His case was continued until April 1, 2025, for a probable cause hearing, and remains under investigation.

Source: Millis Police Department

### Friends of the **Medway Library May Book Sale**

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been a popular event. There are thousands of newly donated, gently used books and media representing a wide variety of interests, for adults and children.

The event begins with the "Friends-Only Sale" on Friday evening, May 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Members get first chance to preview and buy books. Memberships can be bought at the door or dues can be paid ahead of time at the library. A year's membership is only \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families.

The Public Sale is Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Books and media will be available at bargain prices, between 50 cents and \$2.00 along with a variety of specialty items.

The following Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., is the Bag Sale in which buyers may fill up reusable grocery bags for only \$5 each.

This year's sale features a large collection of Puzzles, DVDs and CDs as well as an expanded section of antiquarian books. Shoppers are bound to find something of interest.

The Friends accepts book donations year-round; a collection box is located at the bottom entrance of the library. For more information about donating, memberships, and volunteering, visit friendsofthemedwaylibrary.blogspot.com or email friendsofthemedwaylibrary@gmail.com

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that affect the endothelium, such as Fuchs' dystrophy.

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#### Do I need a corneal transplant?

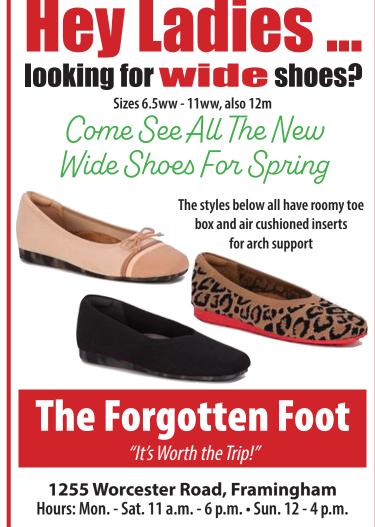
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### **Sports**

### **Nally Ready To Revive Millis High Baseball Program**

#### New Coach Star Athlete At Franklin High

By KEN HAMWEY Staff Sports Writer

Jack Nally, who's been hired as Millis High's new baseball coach, knows he's facing a Herculean task but he's ready to revive and rebuild the Mohawks' program.

Millis hasn't had a winning program since 2013 and its records from 2022-2024 indicate it needs help. The Mohawks were winless during the 2022 campaign (0-18) but still managed to get a playoff invitation, beating Nashoba Valley Tech before losing to Bourne. The 2023 squad was 6-16 and last year Millis finished 4-17.

A native of Franklin, Nally is only 23 but his youth could be a prime asset in leading the Mohawks to greener pastures. His athletic background as a player is phenomenal and although his coaching experience is limited, he excelled in his first year as an assistant for Franklin's successful football team last year.

Nally played football and baseball at Franklin High and at Wesleyan University where he majored in economics and graduated with a 3.5 GPA. As a wide receiver at Franklin, the 5-foot-10 Nally had 127 receptions in 26 games. That career number was a school record for three years.

"I'm pleased and excited for

the opportunity to coach baseball at Millis High," Nally said. "There'll be challenges but I look forward to great moments that our players will create."

Nally's coaching attributes are admirable — he's patient, relates to players well, is confident and committed.

"Patience is important because I want to be at Millis long term," he said. "That's where I want to be. I'm young but I've walked in the players' shoes and know what makes them tick. I'm confident in my leadership skills and I'm committed to the program." Millis Athletic Director Phinney, who played a major role in hiring Nally last November, is pleased he's on board.

"We're excited to have Jack Nally as our new head baseball coach," Phinney said. "At 23, Jack brings a fresh perspective and an undeniable passion for the game.

"His athletic background, having played football and base-ball at Franklin High and Wesleyan, has equipped him with the leadership skills and competitive spirit necessary as we look to improve the culture of our baseball program. We're confident that Jack's energy, dedication, and commitment to player development will help shape the future

of our baseball program."

Nally didn't waste any time after his hiring became official, meeting with most of the seniors and some sophomores. That opportunity gave his three senior captains — Talon Shepardson, Andrew Morse and Nick Hohman — a good idea of what he wants to achieve. All three are pitchers.

"My goals are to get the kids to enjoy baseball again," Nally said. "I also want the kids to improve and develop their skills. We also want to compete relentlessly each and every day and qualify for the playoffs. The power-ranking format and playing against top-notch teams in the Tri Valley League make a tourney berth realistic."

Nally is impressed with his captains and sophomore pitcher/infielder Brody Barrett.

"Talon, Andrew and Nick will be impressive leaders," Nally offered. "They said they want to turn the program around and they got players into the weight room.

"Talon hit .463 last year and led the TVL; Andrew led the team in earned-run average (2.84) and innings pitched; and I've heard that Nick is a quality outfielder who's got great range. Brody has a good fastball and was second in innings pitched. His future is bright. These four players are mature, eager to get started and they create optimism."

Nally, who's a full-time substitute teacher at Franklin High, coached wide receivers and defensive backs last fall for Coach Todd Kiley, whose Holliston teams dominated the TVL.

"I learned a lot from Todd," Nally said. "I learned about schemes and game-planning. He's a coach with a great demeanor and there's a reason for every move he makes. He trusted me with any suggestions and opinions."

Nally will also coach club baseball for the first time this year, with the Hock Valley Panthers, a team with players from Franklin, Bellingham and Milford.

One area where Nally will devote time is with Millis' youth baseball program. "I've spoken with the director and it's impera-



Jack Nally, left, coached wide receivers and defensive backs last fall for Franklin football coach Todd Kiley. Courtesy photo

tive that we get our numbers up in the youth league and on the varsity. We won't have a jayvee team but we will field a middleschool team this season."

Nally's athletic career includes three varsity seasons at Franklin in football and two in baseball. He was a wide-receiver and a defensive back and he played the outfield in baseball. He was a captain in both sports and a two-time Hockomock all-star in football.

"My top thrill at Franklin was winning the Super 8 Base-ball Tournament my sophomore year," he emphasized. "We beat teams like St. John's of Danvers and won the title by downing Central Catholic. In my junior year, we won the Hockomock League crown."

His 127 receptions in 26 football games was a program record that could have been higher but Nally sat out six games as a sophomore recovering from a separated AC joint in his shoulder.

At Wesleyan, Nally competed in the New England Small College Athletic Conference where he was a three-year starter at safety and in the outfield. He was an all-star in baseball and was selected as Wesleyan's Underclassman of the Year as a sophomore in football.

"My top thrill in college was winning the Little East football title by beating Amherst and Williams," Nally said. "The team that has the best record among those three squads is the Little East champ. We trailed Williams, 22-8, but scored 22 straight points for a 30-22 win. I had one interception in that game."

Nally's athletic philosophy is that "true competitors play to win but on a day-to-day basis it's more about reaching one's potential and enjoying an athletic journey." He also believes that life lessons can be learned in sports. "Players learn to overcome adversity, to be resilient, to lead and to accept responsibility," he offered.

Coaches that Nally admires and has learned so much from are Ian Bain (football), Zach Brown (baseball) and Peter Pasquarosa; Bellingham's TJ Chiappone and Doug Houston (baseball); and current Franklin grid coach Todd Kiley.

Nally also is thankful for Phinney's administrative support. "Derek helped to introduce me to the Millis community and as it's A.D. he wants the program to head in the right direction," Nally said.

Opening day for Millis' baseball team was a home game against Norton on March 31. Win or lose, it's the start of a coaching career that should involve lots of success.

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### **Sports**

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- 1. Stay positive. It's important to remember that the decision was probably based on the economy or other external factors.
- 2. Be professional. If you handle yourself with decorum, your employer may be willing to serve as a reference, recommend you to vendors, and even provide assistance with interviewing and résumé building. Plus, if their economic situation continues to improve, who's to say they won't hire you back?
- 3.Account for every penny. Review your terms of employment and claim any money owed to you from bonuses, commissions—even unused vacation. Also, find out if you are entitled to a severance package. If not, file for unemployment benefits right

- away since it may take weeks to process.
- 4.Replace lost benefits. If your spouse works, see if you can add yourself to his or her health care plan. If not, you can apply for COBRA coverage within 60 days of termination and extend your health care benefits for 18 months. Similarly, you may want to purchase an affordable term life insurance policy to help replace any workplace coverage you may have had.
- 5.Evaluate your retirement plans. While some employers allow you to leave your 401(k) in place, it may not always be the right move. Have a financial professional look the plan over and see if you are better off rolling over the funds into a traditional IRA or Roth IRA.<sup>1</sup>
- 6.Network-Network-Network. You never know where your next job will come from, so take advantage of every networking opportunity. Also, be sure to use social media platforms like LinkedIn to help connect with people online and let them know you're looking.

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Elementary-aged children can join our weekly chess club that

to join us for Toddler Jam on starts on April 7th from 5-6 pm. Our monthly STEAM workshop is on April 29 at 4 pm. Sign up your child to read to a dog on April 9, starting at 6 pm. Children and families can stop in for a family yoga session on Saturdays at 11.

Teens and tweens can join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Makerspace for hangouts from 2:30-3:30. Read the Rainbow book club is April 29 from 4-5. Our Metrowest Satellite night at the Medway Public Library is April 4 starting at 6 pm.

Adult programs include the Medway Library Book Discussion Group that meets on April 3 at 1 pm, the Oh Shoot Photography Club that meets on April 3 at 7 pm, the Medway Fiber Arts Group that meets on April 1 at 15 at 6, and Adult Game Night

that meets on April 24 at 6 pm.

Have a textile repair issue? Bring it by the Morning Mend in the Makerspace on April 12 at 10:30. Find out about Deborah Sampson on April 3 at 7 pm, learn about the heritage craft of rope mats on April 5th at 10:30, the Art of Pysanky on April 10 at 6:30 pm, and virtually explore tales from the Brothers Grimm on April 22 at 7 pm.

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### **Millis Beautification** Day is April 12

The Millis Lions Club and Millis DPW will be sponsoring its 20th annual Don Reynolds Millis Beautification Day clean up Sat., April 12, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, meeting at Millis Town Hall to register and grab your supplies, assignment and info. All ages are making an impact with this ongoing problem.

We had a great turnout last year and we hope for the same this year.

So many Millis "pluggers" (picking up trash on walks and runs) are making a visible difference on our roadways, parks, and schools daily. Millis Garden Club and Millis High School Environmental Club regularly

A great way to meet people through scheduled cleanups

all over New England is Keep Mass. Beautiful which can be found online at www.keepmassbeautiful.org. Mass Improvement, Harrison McPhee, and CJW Landscaping are local businesses that continually volunteer muscle and expertise. We welcome local businesses to join us; for more information, contact millisbeautificationday@ gmail.com.

Litter is illegal. it's a \$100 fine. It's collecting along our roadways where a litterer thinks no one will see them. But for volunteers picking up after them, it's frustrating and sad. It's a complicated issue, we must not be complicit, It impacts our environment and how people perceive the places we live.





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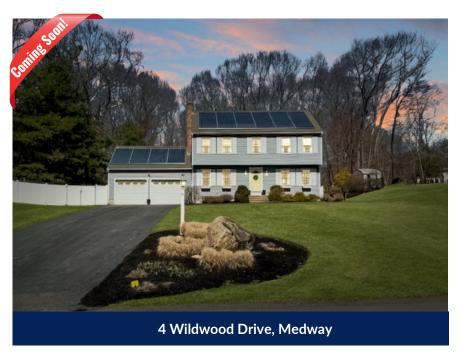
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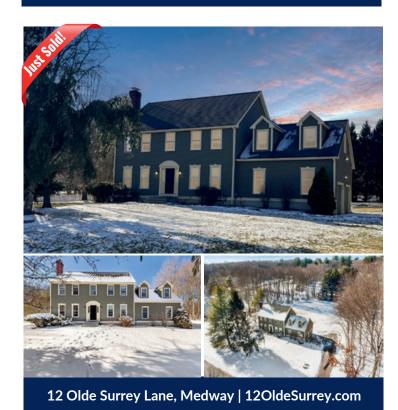
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### Millis students venture abroad to Dominican Republic during February vacation

By Kaitlyn Richards Student Writer

This year during February school vacation, 13 students, accompanied by two teachers from Millis High School (MHS) traveled and stayed in the Dominican Republic for nine days. After overcoming a chaotic day of flight cancellations on Thursday, Feb. 13, the students departed from the United States on Friday, Feb. 14, and arrived in the Dominican Republic on the same day.

The trip featured four nights in the iconic town of Cabarete on the northern coast of the island, then three days on the southern coast in the nation's

capital, Santo Domingo. During these days, students not only participated in fun adventurefilled activities including surfing, horseback riding, and snorkeling, but they were also able to experience some more impactful visits. Among these, the students helped Caberete Sostenible, a local community garden that allows the delivery of fresh fruits and vegetables to the residents of the town. During this time, students learned the ins-and-outs of gardening and the importance of organization for the town. Additionally, students visited the DREAM Project, which is a school that helps serve youth in Cabarete. MHS students were able to help with a science project

and then play fun games with the younger students.

"The school trip to the Dominican Republic was certainly a life-changing experience and an incredible way to experience a different culture," said one of the students who went on the trip. "I really enjoyed all of the activities we did, and I also enjoyed learning more about the Dominican Republic through the various volunteer opportunities. I would love to go back and continue to expand my knowledge."

This trip was extremely rewarding for all of the students who participated, and all of the students truly enjoyed their experience. The trip was the perfect balance between volunteering



Millis students in the airport. Source: Yvonne Fitzgerald, Millis High

and fun activities. Next year, MHS students will be traveling

across the Atlantic to a fun-filled week in Spain, Italy, and France.

#### Millis Polar Plunge raises over \$10k for Special Olympics

On March 15, the 2025 Millis Mobile Plunge raised more than \$10,000 for Special Olympics Massachusetts.

At press time, the Millis Police & Fire team had raised \$10,822, according to its www.fundraise. specialolympicsma.org page.

Millis Police Chief Chris Soffayer shared the event on Facebook. "Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, and supported this event—we are so proud to share that Team Millis Police & Fire was named the Top Fundraising Team," said Soffayer. "This year's plunge helped to raise over \$10,000 for Special Olympics Massachusetts. This event wouldn't have been possible without the incredible

community support, and we're grateful to be part of something that makes such a difference."

Donations are still being accepted at bit.ly/MillisPolar-Plunge2025.

Source: @millispolice on Facebook

Right: Millis Police Chief Chris Soffayer with JohnMichael Kearns



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