

Krafts honor Milford police officer Sanchioni and K9 Titan for heroic efforts

On Oct. 26, in celebration of National First Responders Day, the Kraft family and the Patriots Foundation recognized Milford Police Officer Brian Sanchioni and his K9 partner, Titan, ahead of the Patriots vs. Browns game.

Officer Sanchioni and Titan were honored for their heroic efforts in locating and rescuing a missing autistic child who was found in a stream earlier this year. To commend their bravery and service, the Patriots Foundation invited Officer Sanchioni



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Milford Police Officer Brian Sanchioni and K9 Titan were honored by the Kraft family and the Patriots Foundation on Oct. 26, 2025. Source: Facebook @PatriotsFoundation

Milford honors Beard, Candini, Heron at Veterans Day ceremony

The Citizens for Milford held a special ceremony on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, to honor local veterans.

The ceremony, originally planned for Draper Memorial Park, was moved to the Italian American Veterans Hall due to the bitter cold.

Participating in the ceremony were local veterans, clergy, Scouts, and others.

MHS student Camilla Costa sang the "Star-Spangled Banner," and Girl Scouts Kitana Matteson (Troop 64892) and Vera Iacovelli (Troop 65354) led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commander Eric P. Ruscitti and Jr. Vice Commander Tim McDonough, both representing the Italian American War Veterans Milford Post #40, presented



U.S. Army veteran Adam Beard, who served as a combat cavalryman in the Global War Against Terrorism in Iraq, was one of the featured speakers at this year's Veterans Day ceremony. Photo credit: Kim Smith

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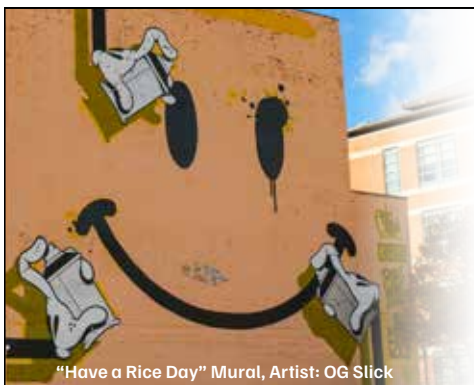
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Sheriff's Office provides over 70 coats for residents in need



In a social media post on Nov. 26, the Milford Police Department thanked the Worcester County Sheriff's Office "for providing over 70 brand new winter coats for those in need in our community. We are truly grateful for our continuing partnership." Source: Facebook @MilfordMAPD

Milford Public Schools Updates

Important Dates:
Dec. 24 through Jan. 2 - No School - Winter Break
Jan. 5 - School resumes

District News:

November was National Family Literacy Month, a wonderful opportunity to recognize and strengthen the reading and learning bonds within your household. Supporting literacy at home can be fun and interactive, creating lifelong learners! Try setting aside a daily family reading time, modeling the joy of reading by letting children see you read, and engaging in word games and storytelling. Crucially, take advantage of the vast resources available by planning a trip to Milford Town Library. The library offers a wealth of books, digital resources, and community programs—like storytimes and book clubs—that provide essential tools and engaging environments for your family to explore the world of literature together. Making literacy a shared, daily family activity is the key to educational success.

Milford High School

As part of the MHS Ben's Challenge, Ms. Catherine Fair (MHS Science Teacher) brought about 10 high school students over to Brookside to read with 1st grade students. Ben's Challenge is a social and mental health initiative MHS is sponsoring this year. Students and staff at MHS are undertaking a variety of projects, taking workshops and seminars, and hearing from speakers on a variety of projects with the goal of improving mental health and connection within

our school community.

The Milford High Vocational Program had the pleasure of volunteering at the Milford Senior Center. The students helped Senior Center staff serve their annual Thanksgiving dinner. With over 100 seniors attending, students completed tasks such as setting up and decorating tables, serving food, cleaning up, and taking orders. Our students engaged in many conversations, worked in a high pressure situation, and even had an occasional dance with the seniors! Thank you to MHS teacher Mr. Nate Gaucher for leading this effort with his students. Good for our kids, and good for our community!

Fifty Milford High School students recently explored the fascinating world of forensic science and cybersecurity during a field trip to Bridgewater State University. The visit offered hands-on learning experiences inside the university's Forensic Science Laboratory and Cyber Range, where students participated in real-world simulation activities. Chaperoned by Career Counselor Ms. Deborah Monteiro, PLTW Biomedical Science Teacher Mr. Tim Walsh, and Computer Science Teacher Mr. Dan Nelson, students had the opportunity to engage with university faculty, test out forensic techniques, and experience cyber defense simulations firsthand. Students were fully immersed in their respective simulation experiences — analyzing evidence, running

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the Colors.

U.S. Army veteran Dennis “Jack” Candini, who served in the Vietnam War in communications and intelligence roles and was named Grand Marshal of this year’s Veterans Day parade, led the remarks.

Also speaking in the ceremony were U.S. Army veteran Adam Beard, who served as a combat cavalryman in the Global War Against Terrorism in Iraq; and Deborah and Michael Heaney, the daughter and son-in-law of U.S. Army veteran Lawrence J. Heron, who served in World War II and was severely wounded days after landing on Omaha Beach.

After the ceremony, members of the Waters Corporation Veterans Employee Resource Group presented a wreath honoring veterans at the World War I monument

The Veterans Day Parade is organized by the Milford Department of Veterans Services.

Peter Scandone, who is chairman of the Veterans Day Ceremony committee, served as master of ceremonies.

A recording of the entire ceremony can be found on MyMilfordTV at <https://bit.ly/MilfordVeteransDayCeremony2025>.

Citizens for Milford is a volunteer, nonpartisan, grassroots organization, which includes a diverse group of citizens who care about our community. Participation in our projects and events is open to everyone in Milford. Learn more at CitizensforMilford.com.



Michael and Deborah Heaney are the son-in-law and daughter of Lawrence J. Heron (1920-1995), a World War II U.S. Army veteran, who was honored at the ceremony. Photo credit: Kim Smith



Girl Scouts Kitana Matteson (Troop 64892) and Vera Iacovelli (Troop 65354) led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. Photo credit: Kim Smith



Milford High School student Camilla Costa sang the “Star-Spangled Banner.” Photo credit: K



U.S. Army veteran Dennis “Jack” Candini with his grandchildren. Candini served as Grand Marshal of this year’s Veterans Day parade. Photo credit: Cathy Mitchell



U.S. Army veterans Paul Bradley and Adam Beard, members of the Waters Corporation Veterans Employee Resource Group, presented a wreath honoring veterans at the World War I monument in Draper Park. Photo credit: Kim Smith

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

ADAM BEARD is Vice President of Global Service at Waters Corporation in Milford, where he has worked since 2004. Prior to his career at Waters, Beard served eight years as an officer in the United States Army Air Cavalry, including service with the 82nd Airborne Division and the 3rd Infantry Division. In 2003, he led troops into Iraq as part of the first unit into the country during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Beard is a decorated combat veteran who was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his service in Iraq. He also served as Commander of an Air Cavalry Troop and was Distinguished Honor Graduate from his U.S. Army Aviation Flight School class. Beard helped found and lead Waters Corporation’s Veterans Employee Resource Group and is a resident of Holliston.

DENNIS “JACK” CANDINI served as Grand Marshal of the 2025 Milford Veterans Day Parade. Candini is a retired Milford High School teacher and lifelong resident of Milford. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in December of 1965, and following duty assignments in the United States, was promoted to sergeant, and transferred to Vietnam in September 1967. He served with the USA Special Security Group as Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, then spent three months at Military Assistance Command headquarters in Saigon as a Communications Center Supervisor. Candini was then sent to the 4th Infantry Division at Pleiku, where he was the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of his unit, whose mission was the dissemination of intelligence to the 4th Infantry Division units throughout the II Corps in the central highlands. Upon completion of his tour in October 1968, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service. He returned home and completed his education at Suffolk University in 1971 and a master’s degree in business administration in 1976. Candini taught at Milford High School until he retired in 2004.

DEBORAH and MICHAEL HEANEY are the daughter and son-in-law of Lawrence J. Heron (1920-1995), a World War II U.S. Army veteran. On June 6, 1944, Heron landed on Omaha Beach. Days later, near Cherbourg, he was in charge of an ammunition detail when a white phosphorus shell exploded in his hands, resulting in cruelly severe burns to his face and body. This explosion also blinded him. The Lawrence J. Heron Post #6 Disabled American Veterans chapter was named in his honor at the dedication ceremony in 1945, the only such DAV chapter to have been named for a living veteran. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart, European African Middle Eastern Ribbon with one battle star, Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Source: Citizens of Milford

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Kraft and Dr. Dana Kraft prior to kickoff.

Source: Facebook @PatriotsFoundation

and his family to meet Robert



MPD's Brian Sanchioni and K9 Titan on the jumbotron while being honored as part of National First Responders Day. Source: Facebook @MilfordMAPD



MPD police officer Brian Sanchioni and K9 Titan were honored by Dr. Dana Kraft and Robert Kraft as part of National First Responders Day at Gillette Stadium on Oct. 26. Source: Facebook @MilfordMAPD



Robert Kraft of the Kraft Foundation with Milford Police Officer Brian Sanchioni and K9 Titan at Gillette Stadium on Oct. 26, 2025. Source: Facebook @MilfordMAPD

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The real meaning of diversification in investing



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In the world of investing, we've all heard the phrase, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." It's solid advice that emphasizes the importance of diversifying your investments. Unfortunately, some people misinterpret this wisdom to mean they should avoid consolidating their investment accounts and keep their money spread across multiple financial institutions, often working with several different financial advisors.

However, when financial

professionals talk about diversification, they're referring to diversifying your investment assets, not your accounts. There's a big difference between the two, and confusing them could hurt your financial future.

Scattered accounts may affect costs, paperwork and advice.

When your assets are spread among multiple financial institutions, you could face several drawbacks. First, you're likely paying more in fees than necessary. Multiple providers often mean multiple account fees, transaction costs and mutual fund expenses that can add up quickly. Generally, the more assets you have with one financial provider, the more opportunities you have for reducing or eliminating these costs.

Managing scattered accounts also could create a paperwork nightmare. You'll receive multiple monthly statements and numerous tax forms, making it much harder to see the big picture of your financial health. This complexity can lead to missed opportunities and poor decision-making.

Perhaps most important, working with multiple financial advisors may result in conflicting advice and duplicated investment strategies. Without a comprehensive view of your entire portfolio, each financial advisor may recommend investments that don't work well together, potentially delaying your progress toward reaching financial goals.

There's strength in consolidation. Consolidating your accounts with a single financial advisor offers numerous benefits. You'll have opportunities to develop a closer, more comprehensive relationship with someone who understands your complete financial picture. This financial advisor can provide informed guidance and help eliminate the conflicting advice that may come from working with multiple professionals.

Consolidation also makes it easier to implement a well-diversified portfolio that fits your level of risk tolerance. When all your investments are in one place, you can see exactly how your assets are allocated and make strategic adjustments as needed.

It becomes simpler to gauge aggregate investment returns, assess your portfolio assets and rebalance when necessary.

For retirement planning, consolidation can be especially valuable. IRAs at different providers can be consolidated at any time without tax consequences when assets are transferred directly between providers. When you retire, your 401(k) can typically be rolled over into an IRA, streamlining your retirement income strategy.

True diversification still matters. While consolidating accounts makes sense, diversifying your actual investments remains crucial. A good financial advisor will help you carefully build a balanced mix of stocks and bonds appropriate for your age and goals. As you approach retirement, this typically means shifting toward a more balanced portfolio that still provides growth to combat inflation while offering stability and income.

Diversification goes beyond just stocks and bonds. Take bonds, for instance: You can diversify by bond type (mu-

nicipal, corporate and government), bond maturity (through a strategy called "laddering") and bond sector to spread risk across different parts of the economy.

How to get started. If your retirement savings and investment accounts are scattered among various financial institutions, consider consolidating everything with one trusted financial advisor. The streamlined record-keeping, potential for reduced fees and comprehensive financial guidance can help improve your wealth-building potential while making your financial life simpler to manage.

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

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Police officer transported to hospital after Main Street fire

On Mon., Nov. 3, at 4:38 p.m., the Milford Public Safety Communications Center received a 911 call reporting smoke in the building at 72 Main Street in Milford.

Arriving at 4:43 p.m., members of the Milford Fire Department began investigating the smoke condition within the mixed-use premises of the Turtle Tavern and residential apartments. Shortly after arrival at 4:46 p.m., the Milford Fire Department located fire extending through the outside of the building.

At 4:51 p.m., as firefighters worked the fire, Sergeant Patrick Dailey of the Milford Police

Department was informed of a resident still on the third floor of the smoke-filled building. Taking lifesaving measures, Sgt. Dailey proceeded to the third floor apartment with low visibility and poor breathing conditions in attempt to rescue the resident only to find the apartment empty.

During an evacuation of the neighboring buildings, the resident was located already outside. Sgt. Dailey was transported to Milford Regional Hospital for smoke inhalation treatment, where he was later released.

“Sergeant Dailey’s selfless actions reflect the dedication and courage of our officers” said

MPD Chief of Police Robert Tusino. “I’d like to commend Sgt. Dailey’s bravery and reinforce my gratitude for our partnership with the Milford Fire Department to minimize further tragedy...My thoughts are with the residents, as well as the owners of the Turtle Tavern.”

Firefighters from several towns remained on-scene battling the fire until after 11 p.m.

A large portion of Main Street and the surrounding area remained closed as crews worked to clear the remnants of the building.

Source: Milford Police Department

Commission seeks new members

The Milford Commission on Disability is currently seeking new members. The Commission meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. The Commission advocates for and

protects the rights of people with disabilities in our community.

If interested in joining, please submit an application for appointment to the Milford Select

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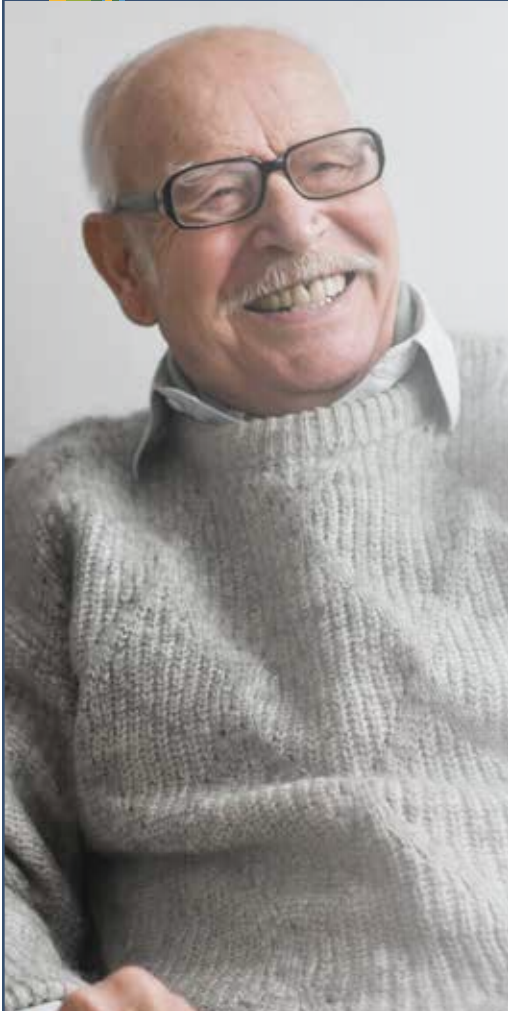
Police hosted Trick or Treat With A Cop 3



On Halloween, the Milford Police Department hosted Trick or Treat With A Cop 3. Guests enjoyed food from The Rail Trail Flatbread Co., Donut Drops and Coffee from Honey Dew Donuts Milford, candy, and a visit with Comfort K-9 Titan who sported his costume all day long.

Source: Facebook @MilfordMAPD

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Town Meeting and Election Information: Nomination papers will be available Jan. 5 for Town Meeting seats. The following persons are also up for re-election at our Annual Town Election (April 7, 2026):

- Thomas J. O'Loughlin - Select Board
- Amy E. Hennessy Neves - Town Clerk
- Scott J. Crisafulli - Highway Surveyor
- Steven Borges - Board of Assessors
- OPENING - Board of Health
- Edward Bertorelli - Library Trustee
- Mary Frances Best - Library Trustee
- Paul J. Braza - Park Commissioner
- Martha White - Planning Board
- Leonardo L. Morcone - Sewer Commissioner
- Michelangelo Bon Tempo - Town Moderator
- Charles E. Reneau - Tree Warden/Gypsy Moth Superintendent
- Brendan Rickert - School Committee
- Michael Aghajanian - School Committee
- Katherine E. Consigli - Housing Authority
- Scott J. Crisafulli - Vernon Grove Trustee
- Chase Filosa - Vernon Grove Trustee
- Philip Ciaramicoli - Water Commissioner

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- Pr. 2 - (1) two-year opening & (3) one-year openings
- Pr. 3 - (2) two-year openings & (8) one-year openings
- Pr. 4 - (2) two-year openings & (8) one-year openings
- Pr. 6 - (6) one-year openings

Submitted by Milford Town Clerk

Milford Family & Community Network CFCE - December 2025

As our Session 1 playgroups come to a close at the Milford Family & Community Network CFCE, we would like to remind you that our offices will be closed from Dec. 24 through Jan. 2 for winter break. Take a look at our upcoming programs and call the office at 508-277-4981 to register:

Desserts and Discussions

Join Miss Harmony for this parent-led conversation on Wednesday, Dec. 17 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Mini Chefs

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Cozy Winter Day

Wear your pajamas and listen to a story on a cozy winter day on Wednesday, Jan. 14. Registration is required.

Playgroup Registration for Session 2 Registration for the Spring Session of the Playgroups in Milford and Hopedale will be taking place daily from Monday, Dec. 15 through Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and also Monday, Jan. 5 through Thurs-

day Jan. 8, 2026 from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Milford Family and Community Network Office. Lottery will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026. Registration forms will be made available in the office and on our website.

For more information on MFCN CFCE playgroups and/or programs, feel free to visit our website calendar or contact us at 508-277-4981 or familynetwork@milfordma.com, online at milfordpublicschools.com/milfordfcn, or on Facebook at Milford Family and Community Network CFCE.

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Free library Puzzle Swap on Dec. 13

Milford Town Library will host a Winter Puzzle Swap on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Puzzles will be on the display table by the main entrance. Patrons are welcome to take home one or more puzzles, and leave a puzzle or puzzles if they want. (These are not part of the library's collection and are free to take

home - they do not need to be checked out.)

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EVO ICL: Is this the New Lasik?

By Roger M. Kaldawy, M.D.

In the late 1990s and early 2000s, LASIK became the crown jewel of refractive surgery. Patients rushed to correct their vision, thrilled by the idea of being free from glasses and contacts. Over time, however, some of LASIK's limitations became clearer: cutting and thinning of the cornea, potential for worsened dry-eye symptoms, night-vision issues, and concerns about corneal stability — especially in thinner corneas — as well as challenges in achieving precise intraocular lens calculations if cataract surgery is needed later in life.

A new technology has since emerged in the United States — the EVO Visian ICL (often simply called “EVO ICL”) — and its adoption has grown rapidly since FDA approval in 2022. Designed for adults with moderate to high myopia, with or without astigmatism, EVO ICL offers a compelling alternative to LASIK.

What makes EVO ICL dif-

ferent — and increasingly preferable?

Unlike LASIK, EVO ICL does not remove or thin the cornea. The lens is placed behind the iris and in front of the natural crystalline lens, leaving the corneal architecture untouched. There is no flap creation, no tissue removal, and no weakening of the cornea.

Because the cornea remains intact, the risk of corneal ectasia — a rare but serious complication associated with LASIK — is virtually eliminated in properly screened patients. EVO ICL also tends to minimize dry-eye symptoms, since the corneal nerves are not disrupted as they are during laser-based procedures.

Night-vision problems such as glare or halos, often reported after LASIK, are less common with EVO ICL. Because the eye's optical system remains more natural and unaltered, patients frequently report crisp, high-quality vision even in dim light.

Another major advantage is that EVO ICL is reversible and

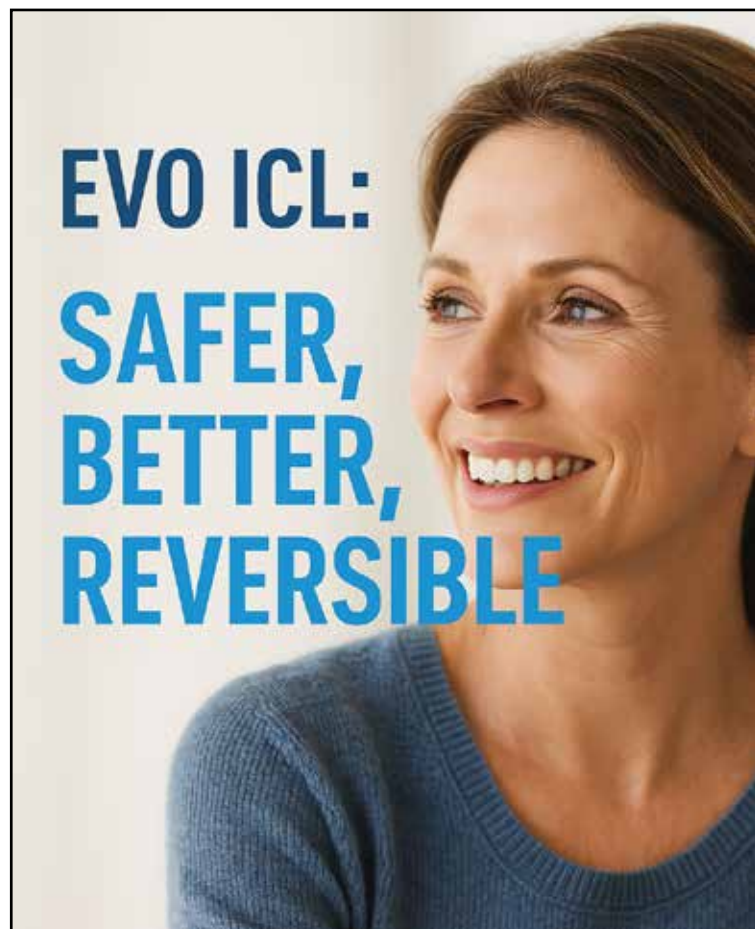
additive rather than subtractive. The lens can be removed or replaced if needed, preserving the eye's natural anatomy. This feature becomes especially important later in life when cataract surgery may be needed. Since the cornea is untouched, calculations for premium intraocular lenses — such as multifocal implants that restore both distance and near vision — remain highly accurate.

Across the country, surgeons are reporting rapid growth in EVO ICL procedures since its approval. More patients are asking for it, more practices are offering it, and the procedure has quickly become a mainstream choice for vision correction.

Clinically, LASIK remains an excellent option for patients with mild to moderate myopia, healthy corneal thickness, and no significant dry-eye history. But for patients with thinner corneas, higher prescrip-

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Heating equipment leading cause of residential fires, carbon monoxide

State Fire Marshal urges heating fire safety

With temperatures starting to fall into the 30s, Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is reminding residents protect themselves and their loved ones from some of the most common home heating hazards.

“Most of Massachusetts will see some of the coldest weather since last winter over the next few days,” said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. “Heating equipment is the leading cause of carbon monoxide at home and the second leading cause of residential fires. Whether you’re using gas, oil, solid fuel, or space heaters to keep warm, be sure you keep safe, too.”

State Fire Marshal Davine said there were more than 6,400 heating fires in Massachusetts from 2020 to 2024. These fires

claimed eight lives, caused 153 injuries to firefighters and residents, and contributed to over \$52 million in damage. And in 2024 alone, Massachusetts fire departments reported finding carbon monoxide at more than 4,700 non-fire incidents.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Every household needs working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of their home. Check the manufacturing date on the back of your alarms so you know when to replace them: smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms should be replaced after 5 to 10 years depending on the model. If your alarms take

alkaline batteries, put in fresh batteries twice a year when you change your clocks. If it’s time to replace your alarms, choose new ones from a well-known, national brand with the mark of an independent testing lab such as UL or Intertek/ETL. Select smoke alarms with a sealed, long-life battery and a hush feature.

Natural Gas and Oil Heat

If you have a furnace, water heater, or oil burner, have it professionally checked and serviced each year. This will help it run more efficiently, which will save you money and could save your life. Always keep a three-foot “circle of safety” around the appliance clear of anything that could catch fire. Never store painting supplies, aerosol cans, or other flammable items near these appliances. If you smell gas, don’t use any electrical switches or devices: get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1 right away.

Solid Fuel Heating

If you use a fireplace or a stove that burns wood, pellets, or coal, always keep the area around it clear for three feet in all directions. This circle of safety should be free of furniture, drapery, rugs, books and papers, fuel, and any other flammable items. To prevent sparks and embers from escaping, use

a fireplace screen or keep the stove door closed while burning. Use only dry, seasoned hardwood and don’t use flammable liquids to start the fire. When disposing of ashes, wait until they are cool and shovel them into a metal bucket with a lid and place it outside at least 10 feet away from the building.

Have your chimney and flue professionally inspected and cleaned each year. Most chimney fires are caused by burning creosote, a tarry substance that builds up as the fireplace, wood stove, or pellet stove is used. If burning creosote, sparks, embers, or hot gases escape through cracks in the flue or chimney, they can cause a fire that spreads to the rest of the structure. Annual cleaning and inspection can minimize this risk. Contact the Massachusetts Chimney Sweep Guild or Chimney Safety Institute of America to identify reputable local companies.

Space Heaters

Keep space heaters at least three feet from curtains, bedding, and anything else that can burn. Plug them directly into a wall socket, not an extension cord or a power strip, and remember that they’re for temporary use. Always turn a space heater off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

When purchasing a space heater, select one that’s been tested and labeled by a nationally recognized testing company such as UL or Intertek/ETL. Newer space heaters should have an automatic shut-off switch that turns the device off if it tips over. Unvented kerosene space heaters and portable propane space heaters are not permitted for residential use in Massachusetts, State Fire Marshal Davine said: the risk of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning that they pose is too great.

Create and Practice a Home Escape Plan

Everyone should have a home escape plan that accounts for two ways out of every room, and everyone should be able to open the doors and windows along the way. Remember that children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need extra assistance.

More Home Heating Safety Tips

The Department of Fire Services offers a wealth of home heating safety information, including the “Keep Warm, Keep Safe” tool kit for local fire departments, caregivers, and service providers, on the DFS web site.

Submitted by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services

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tions, greater astigmatism, or those thinking ahead to future cataract surgery, EVO ICL is quickly becoming the preferred option. Many surgeons are now offering it even for mild myopia because of its safety, comfort, and strong outcomes.

In short, LASIK may now represent the past for many patients and practices, while EVO ICL stands as the future of refractive correction. Both have their place, but the shift is unmistakable: more people are choosing EVO ICL for its safety, reversibility, comfort, and compatibility with future vision care.

At Milford Franklin Eye Center, we are proud to be at the forefront of this evolution. Dr. Roger Kaldawy is among the first surgeons in the region

to offer EVO ICL technology in our state-of-the-art surgery center. With over 30,000 intraocular procedures — and an even higher number of laser cases — Dr. Kaldawy brings unparalleled experience to this advanced form of refractive surgery. He and his colleagues are committed to helping you achieve your vision goals: reducing your dependence on glasses and contacts while protecting your long-term eye health.

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Milford residents to perform in The Nutcracker

Performances in Milford on Dec. 13-14

The Greater Milford Ballet's will hold its production of "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 13 and Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. at the Milford High School.

Milford residents in lead roles include Camille Williams as Grandmother and Mother Ginger; Mia Santomena as Columbine and Dew Drop Fairy; and Lucia Miller as Angel Princess.

Other roles played by Milford residents include Peyton Arthurs (Party Child, Soldier, Chinese Corps, Polichinelle), Lisa Caso (Party Guest), Ellie Dimaio (Elf, Small Angel, Polichinelle), Soleil Etienne (Small Angel), Zara Etienne (Little Lamb), Eden Rafferty (Small Angel), Leah Rafferty (Mouse, Polichinelle), Emma Santomena (Party Child, Magic Bear, Soldier), Olivia Silveira (Mouse Polichinelle), and Emily Naff as the Stage Manager.

The rest of the cast are from



Camille Williams of Milford will play the roles of Grandmother and Mother Ginger in The Nutcracker performed by the Greater Milford Ballet in December. Photo courtesy of Greater Milford Ballet

Hopedale, Blackstone, Bellingham, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Millville, Webster, Wrentham, Uxbridge, and Cumberland, RI.

The performance will feature



The Nutcracker party scene. The production will include many residents from the Milford area. Photo courtesy of Greater Milford Ballet

an exciting 47-member cast of characters, colorful costumes and dazzling choreography. This production is local, easily accessible, and affordable.

Available at intermission: refreshments, holiday raffle items including gift certificates from local restaurants, retailers, and themed gift baskets.

For more information, call 508-473-2105.



Mia Santomena of Milford will play the roles of Columbine and Dew Drop Fairy in The Nutcracker in December. Photo courtesy of Greater Milford Ballet



Lucia Miller of Milford will play the Angel Princess in The Nutcracker later this month. Photo courtesy of Greater Milford Ballet

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November Kid Librarians of the Week

The November Kid Librarians were Maeve, Fiona, Jack, and Nathalie.

Week of Nov. 2: Maeve was the Kid Librarian of the week. Maeve is 10 years old, and she decided to make her very own "Books I Like" display in the Children's Room.

Week of Nov. 9: Fiona was the Kid Librarian of the week.

Fiona is 6 years old, and she decided to make her very own "Girl Power! Magic! Friendship!" display in the Children's Room.

Week of Nov. 16: Jack was the Kid Librarian of the week. Jack is 5 years old, and he decided to make his very own "Dinosaur" display in the Children's Room.

Week of Nov. 23: Nathalie

was the Kid Librarian at Milford Town Library. Nathalie is 8 years old, and she made her own "My Favorite Books!" display in the Children's Room.

The Kid Librarian program is open to grades K-5. To apply, fill out an application available in the Children's Room. For more information, call 508-473-2145 ext. 1839.



Important News from the North Pole

State's Energy Regulations (Advanced Clean Sleigh Act) ALMOST Forced Santa to an Electric Sleigh This Year

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Santa

North Pole— As he does each year at this time, Santa Claus announced today that he has chosen Medway Oil & Propane as the exclusive resource for high quality Lehigh Anthracite coal for eastern and central Massachusetts residents.

chose us again this year," said Jeffrey Mushnick, owner of Medway Oil & Propane. "We have coal that is quite suitable for keeping people warm this winter—and also for filling stockings and decorating snowmen! We offer the best quality anthracite coal in the region. Those who deserve a lump of coal in their stocking should get the very best."

Even the Naughty Will Get Something Nice!

According to one of Santa's senior elves, it was very important that Santa find a company he could count on this winter. It was especially important that Santa choose a coal company that found a way to deliver—despite Governor Maura Healey's attempts to ruin Christmas by over-regulating the home heating industry, with absurd state requirements for electric vehicles that were in place from January 1 through April 14, 2025.

In a telephone interview this week Santa Claus elaborated further on his decision. "We know that Medway Oil & Propane has been offering great coal and wonderful service to their customers since 1954," said Santa. "It was super easy for me to select the region's best coal supplier to handle all requests for coal." Santa's happiness with Medway Oil & Propane means the "naughty and nice" will get great coal, fuel oil or propane service.

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This created chaos in the industry! Massachusetts was left without the ability to purchase a non-electric vehicle. Consequently, Santa's sleigh had to be electric, since Governor Healey banned the Kringle 3000 Jet Turbine engine as well!

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digital investigations, and connecting classroom learning to potential career paths in science and technology.

In early November, Milford High students from the Spanish National Honor Society had the opportunity to go on a field trip to La Taquería Estrella to prepare Mexican food. The students were able to make many different foods such as tortilla chips, flautas, quesadillas, burritos, and tacos. In addition, the students also tried many new foods and drinks such as horchata, tamarind, flautas, and more dishes. Everything the students made and tried was delicious, and they really enjoyed the experience. The members of the Spanish Honor Society would like to thank Mr. Ruelas and his staff for such an amazing experience. The environment was very clean, friendly, and welcoming for the students. Mr. Ruelas gave the students a tour of the kitchen and taught them some techniques to prepare some of the foods. Thanks to Mr. Ruelas' generosity, this cooking class was made possible for the students of the Spanish National Honor Society, and we cannot thank him enough for organizing this cooking class.

MHS proudly hosted the annual AP Scholar Breakfast, celebrating the hard work and accomplishments of 38 Milford High School students who earned AP Scholar recognition from the College Board. We



Celebrating this outstanding MHS team which recently took home a Division 2 State Championship. These athletes and coaches put in many hours of practice this season, and excelled in a number of cheer competitions. Their hard work and dedication to their sport paid off with a championship title.

are incredibly proud of these students for their dedication and commitment to academic excellence. Their achievements reflect countless hours of hard work and we look forward to seeing all they will continue to accomplish! Students were honored across three award categories:

- AP Scholar – granted to students who score a 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.
- AP Scholar with Honor – awarded to students who earn an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, with scores of 3 or higher on four or more exams.
- AP Scholar with Distinction – presented to students who earn an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, with scores of 3 or higher on five or more exams.

Woodland Elementary School
At Woodland, a Kindness Club with 20 students met on

Friday mornings with Woodland educator Ms. Megan Gabellieri. One of their projects included creating necessity bags for those without stable housing. They assembled 100 bags of toothbrushes, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, socks and other toiletries. Students wrote notes of encouragement to include in the bags. New Hope, an organization with multiple shelters in the area, was very grateful to accept the donation. A representative came to meet the students and collect the bags. Students also made cards for veterans which will go to Thanks to Yanks. A wonderful example of Milford Pride and community service! These kids have shown that a little kindness goes a long way!

Woodland celebrated the end of their "Raking Up Leaves with Jiji" challenge yesterday. A record breaking 30 classes reached the target goal for puzzles completed



Memorial School students proudly show off some of their cards and school work celebrating Veterans' Day.



MPS' youngest learners at Shining Star celebrated the season with their own Turkey Trot and a community snack with friends. All photos provided by Milford Public Schools

and played BINGO with Jiji!

Brookside Elementary School

Every classroom at Brookside created a character pumpkin based on a book that they read. These beautiful pumpkins were painted, dressed up, decorated, and accessorized to match a character. Pumpkins were on display in the Library area of Brookside and shared with parents as well. Amazing creativity on display!

At Brookside, each Grade One class read *Balloons Over Broadway*, the story of the puppeteer for the Macy's Day parade. The students then created their own balloon and put on a parade around the school.

Brookside's Grade 1 assembled to share their projects as part of their Expeditionary Learning "Be a Maker!" unit of study. Students had to identify a problem at school, and create a solution as a class. Describing problems, engineering solutions, and presenting their thinking to others are great skills to develop!

Memorial Elementary School

Memorial students participated in community meetings, where they reviewed expectations and talked to the students about kindness. Our ST Math mascot, Jiji joined the fun and

students sang the Memorial song! Thank you to Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Samiagio and Mrs. Rohde for facilitating the meetings.

Memorial Elementary School celebrated 20 students for their perseverance on ST Math. Each student received a certificate and had a visit with Jiji.

Memorial School students in Mrs. Kowal and Mrs. Bruno's classes had a visit with Milford's community helpers, including representatives from the Fire Department, the Police Department, and Milford EMS. Piper, the MPD Comfort K9, was the highlight of the visit! The students thoroughly enjoyed the visit with our community helpers and learned a lot. Thank you!

Shining Star Early Childhood Center

Hip, hip, hurray to Shining Star's October Strong Character students:

- Joao for displaying cooperation
- Xiomilaniz, Maiya, Bernardo, Arianna, Varshini, Eleanor, Bernardo and Maverick for displaying kindness

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Whole Foods \$3,500 grant to support school garden

Milford High School and Pre-Vocational classroom teacher Dr. Lexi Forgit has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,500 from the Whole Foods Foundation “Whole Kids Garden Grant” program. Dr. Forgit submitted a grant application last spring, seeking funding to refresh and grow (pun intended!) the courtyard garden at Milford High School.

Funding will go towards garden supplies such as fresh soil, seeds, and garden equipment, as well as the construction and repair of garden beds on the upper terrace of the MHS courtyard.

Dr. Forgit and her students in the Pre-Vocational program at Milford High have maintained a robust garden overlooking the courtyard for a number of years. Students help plant, care for, and pick fresh vegetables and herbs. In the process of learning about the science of plants and gardening, students also learn about food preparation and healthy eating. Some of these

vegetables and herbs also make their way to the Milford High School cafeteria where Chef Carla Tuttle and her team work with the students to incorporate these ingredients into our salad bar or other recipes.

“We’ve grown tomatoes, lettuce, and a variety of other vegetables, in addition to herbs like basil and dill. This year, we’ve already planted some garlic bulbs in preparation for next year’s crop. Our students love caring for the garden and seeing the development of the plants from seed to sprout to edible food. Getting outside and getting our hands dirty is a lot of fun too!” said Dr. Forgit. “Students really love seeing their hard work make it all the way to the cafeteria for staff and students to enjoy. It provides a great sense of accomplishment.”

As part of the grant funding provided by the Whole Foods Foundation, Dr. Forgit will also be working with Mr. Tim Dowd, MHS Building Trades teacher, to repair and replace some of

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the raised garden and herb beds. MHS students in the building trades classes will be constructing these gardens which they hope will produce an abundance of healthy vegetables and herbs next spring.

Dr. Forgit added, “Partnering with Mr. Dowd and his students is a really fantastic opportunity for our school community. Some of our raised garden beds are getting a bit older and are starting to decay. The building trades students have built some really awesome projects over the years, so we’re eager to see what



they’ll do for the garden.

MHS Principal Josh Olin shared, “We want to thank Whole Foods Foundation for their grant funding, which will allow students from across MHS to participate in a wonderful multi-disciplinary learning project. This is an outstanding example of hands-on learning in action, and showcases how students and teachers at Milford High School work together for the benefit of the community.”

About Whole Kids

Founded in 2011 by Whole Foods Market, Whole Kids is dedicated to improving children’s health and wellness through their nutrition. Whole Kids is a pillar of Whole Foods Market Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information on the project’s school programs including school gardens, salad bars, beehives, and nutrition education for teachers, visit wholefoodsmarketfoundation.org.

Library offers free self-serve gift wrapping station



If you’re looking for a place to wrap your holiday gifts this year, look no further than the Milford Town Library.

The library will offer a self-serve gift wrapping station will offer everything you need - paper, bows, tags, ribbon, scissors and tape - from Dec. 1 to Dec. 23 during library hours. The station is located next to the Information Desk.

Library officials say that, thanks to last year’s donations of wrapping supplies, no more supplies are needed this year.



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Holiday Hours

The library will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24 and will be closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. The library will be open regular hours on Friday, Dec. 26 and Saturday, Dec. 27.

The library will also close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31 and will be closed on Jan. 1, 2026 for New Year's Day. The library will be open regular hours on Friday, Jan. 2 and Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026.

FREE Holiday Wrapping Station

Our popular holiday gift wrapping station gets unrolled this month starting Monday, Dec. 1 and continuing through Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Wrapping paper, tissues, bows, tags, and space to wrap will be available FREE of charge while supplies last. Since the public was so generous last year, we aren't taking donations of wrapping supplies this season.

The station will be set up in the adult reading area. Escape the holiday chaos and prying eyes at home and wrap with us!

Tea and Book Tasting

On Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. stop by the adult services area to sample some autumnal teas and peruse seasonal books. The self-serve pop-up tea station can be found in our cozy reading nook on the main level, tucked behind the DVD section, across from the graphic novels.

English Classes

The library offers free drop-in classes for adults who want to learn and improve their English. Beginner classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 - 8 p.m. An intermediate class is held on Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Classes are held on the lower level of the library in the ESL Classroom. Registration is not required. For more information, please call the Information Desk at 508-473-

2145 ext. 2.

Las clases gratuitas sin cita previa para adultos que quieran aprender y mejorar su inglés comienzan el martes 14 de enero de 2025. Las clases para principiantes se llevan a cabo los martes y jueves por la noche de 7 a 8 p.m. Una clase intermedia se lleva a cabo los jueves de 5:30 a 6:30 p.m. Las clases se llevan a cabo en el nivel inferior de la biblioteca en el aula de ESL. No es necesario registrarse. Para obtener más información, llame al mostrador de información al 508-473-2145 x 2.

As aulas presenciais gratuitas para adultos que desejam aprender e melhorar seu inglês começam na terça-feira, 14 de janeiro de 2025. As aulas para iniciantes são ministradas nas noites de terça e quinta, das 19h às 20h. Uma aula intermediária é ministrada às quintas-feiras, das 17h30 às 18h30. As aulas são ministradas no nível inferior da biblioteca, na sala de aula ESL. O registro não é necessário. Para obter mais informações, ligue para o balcão de informações em 508-473-2145 x 2.

Community Puzzle Swap

Our last quarterly puzzle swap of the year takes place on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on our display table by the main entrance. Take one or more puzzles home and leave a puzzle or puzzles if you want! (These are not part of the library's collection and are FREE to take home - they do not need to be checked out. Replenish your stash for the upcoming winter months!

If you enjoy working on puzzles, please also consider participating in our Community Puzzles in the Non-Fiction area of the library! (Note that this is a quiet area - group puzzle work is welcome, but please be considerate of others who are studying/working.

Center Book Group

The Center Book Group meets next on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. to discuss *Winter Street* by Elin Hilderbrand.

First in the *Winter Street* series set on Hilderbrand's beloved Nantucket, *Winter Street* is also the author's first foray into a Christmas themed novel. The large lively Quinn family, owners of the *Winter Street Inn* gather for the holiday in this heartwarming debut. The family's shenanigans continue in subsequent books, *Winter Stroll*, *Winter Storms* and *Winter Solstice*.

To reserve a copy of *Winter Street* or to learn more about the Center Book Group, call 508-473-2145 ext. 2.

Lucky Day Bestsellers

We know how frustrating it can be to be on a waiting list for a book you are dying to read. Try your luck with our Lucky Day Bestsellers! Many of the most requested books will be available on a first come, first served basis for a 7-day loan with one renewal. Lucky Day titles cannot be reserved. Look for the Lucky Day titles on the endcaps at the beginning of the fiction stacks.

Mahjong @ MTL

A Mahjong group meets twice



a month at the Milford Town Library. This group welcomes players familiar to Mahjong to join for enjoyment of the game, not for high stakes competition! The group meets on select Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m. at the library in the Quarry Room.

January meetings:

- Jan. 6, 2026
- Jan. 20, 2026

Those who are interested can attend any of the meetings. Mahjong sets are provided. Questions? Please call the Information Desk at 508-473-2145 ext. 2.

Milford Area Wordsmith

Looking for a quiet, dedicated time and place where you can write? Join the Milford Area Wordsmiths writers' group! We provide a safe place for adults (18+) to write and even share your work if you desire. All levels are welcome, from first-time writers to published authors. All genres are welcome, too, from picture books to romantasy to nonfiction!

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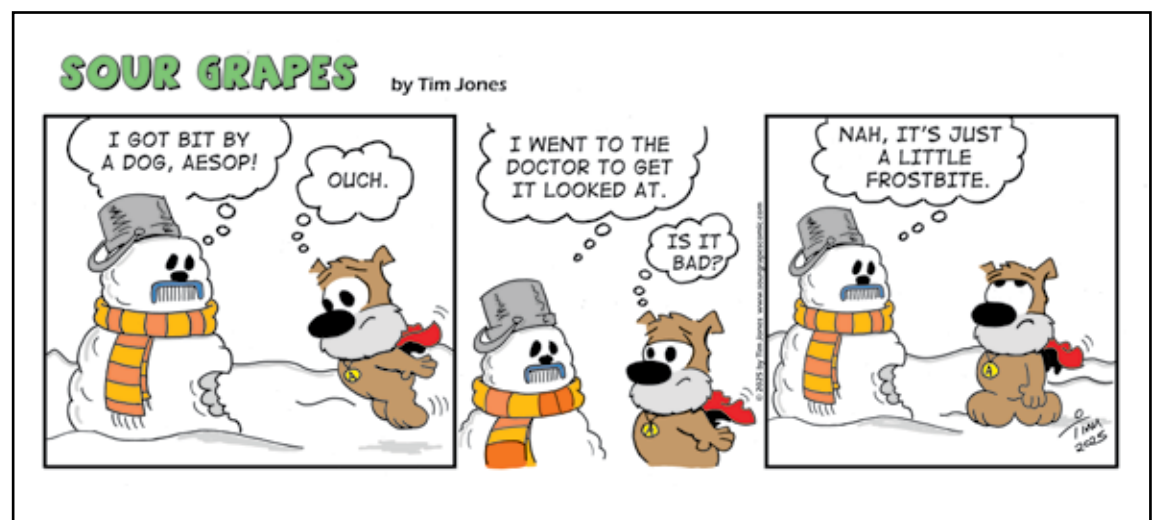


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The group meets the first and third Monday of each month (except holidays) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome. Carol Allen, a first-time writer of children's books, lifelong bookworm, and retired middle-school teacher, serves as facilitator of the Milford Area Wordsmiths. For more information, please call 508-473-2145, option 2.

December & January meetings:

- Dec. 15, 2025
- Jan. 5, 2026
- Jan. 19, 2026

Virtual Program: Creating a Modern Homestead" with Homesteader and Blogger, Victoria Pruett

Join us for a virtual program on creating a modern homestead on Monday, Jan. 26, 2026 from 7 - 8 p.m. Chat with modern day homesteader, blogger, and author Victoria Pruett about her book *Creating a Modern*

Homestead: Traditional Skills for Real, Everyday Life.

Victoria will walk participants through various aspects of homesteading - cooking from scratch, food preservation, backyard chickens, backyard gardening, natural pest control, etc. to get a broad overview of simple life changes to make to get closer to nature and less dependent on large, commercial organizations.

Visit the library's events calendar to register for this virtual program, offered in partnership with the Ashland library and other Massachusetts libraries.

Ongoing:

Find great deals on gently used books for children, teens and adults at the Friends Book Store and book table, replenished weekly.

Donations for the Daily Bread Food Pantry can be dropped off in the blue bin by the Friends book table.

Community Puzzle Tables are always available in the adult services area.

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• Ms. Danielle Carter: Once you have the pleasure of working with her, it becomes clear why. She has an impact on everyone around her. Her passion for working with children is undeniable. Ms. Carter consistently demonstrates care and kindness in every interaction with both students and staff. She plays a crucial role in keeping the classroom organized, timely, and on track. Her patience, understanding, and positive energy make her a true asset to Shining Star. Ms. Carter's

greatest strength is her ability to love and support every student equally, helping them reach their fullest potential. We are truly fortunate to have her as part of our team!

• Ms. Patti Reed. She is an amazing preschool teacher and truly a wonderful person. Ms. Reed is patient, creative, and always finds fun ways to teach lessons so the kids stay engaged. She knows how to balance learning with play, helping children grow while still enjoying school. Beyond her teaching, Ms. Reed is kind, thoughtful, and easy to work with. Her positive energy, dedication, and love for being a preschool

teacher makes her someone who truly makes a difference in the lives of every child and coworker she meets.

• Ms. Ally Duffy. She brings such warmth, positivity, and energy to our school community. She's always there to lend a helping hand, share a thoughtful idea, or offer encouragement when it's needed most. Ms. Duffy is a dedicated and compassionate teacher who truly wants the best for every child in her care. Her commitment to helping her students learn, grow, and reach their full potential shines through in everything she does. We are so lucky to have her!

Milford BVT students receive Adams Scholarships

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship is a merit-based program that provides tuition at a Massachusetts state college or university. Seventy-three Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) seniors are the proud recipients of an Adams Scholarship. The award allows these students to further their vocational and career training with

additional education, advanced training, and credentials.

The first-time score on a high school MCAS exam determines eligibility for an Adams Scholarship. Adams Scholar recipients receive free tuition for up to eight semesters of undergraduate education at a Massachusetts public college or university, renewable for eight consecutive semesters or four years. Recipients must

use the tuition credit in the first fall semester following their high school graduation and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Milford students earning the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship include Ethan Dahmer, Andrew Dolan, Cecelia Dualu, Arieta Flanagan, Olivia Guido, Myles Guikema, Sherine Matovu, and Dominic Quintino.

Submitted by BVT

Milford residents on Bishop Feehan Honor Roll

Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro has announced its Honor Roll students for the first quarter.

- The following Milford residents achieved honor roll:
- Audrina Lucas, grade 9, First Honors
 - Madison Demanche-Yohn, grade 9, Second Honors
 - Joyce Abdelshahid, grade 11, Third Honors

Honor Roll is a recognition of high-performing students based

on the student's overall average in any given quarter, regardless of the levels of their classes. Bishop Feehan has three levels of Honor Roll. First Honors is awarded to students whose overall average in that quarter is grade 93.00 or higher; Second Honors is grade 90.00 or higher; and Third Honors is 85.00 or higher, with no individual grade below 80.

The full honor roll is available at www.bishopfeehan.com.

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Pet of the month: Meet Daisy

Winter is just around the corner but you could bring a little bit of spring home by adopting Daisy(2)! Like a breath of fresh air, Daisy is ready to greet you each day with her sunny disposition.

Daisy is a pleasingly plump grey tabby with mischievous green eyes. As soon as you enter the room, Daisy rubs against your legs and rolls over for a belly rub. She really hopes you are there to see her, but she totally understands if you have other things to do and will go in search of some exciting toys to entertain herself.

Daisy doesn't seem interested in interacting with other cats, so she might do best as the only pet in her new home. But don't worry, this ray of sunshine will fill your home with all the warmth of a spring day!

For information on meeting Daisy(2), or the other cats at the Milford Humane Society, please visit <https://www.milfordhumane.org/>



Recent Home Sales

Date	Milford	Amount
11/25/2025	60 Pine St.	\$450,000
11/25/2025	62 Field Pond Rd.	\$825,000
11/24/2025	8 Colonial Rd.	\$500,000
11/21/2025	92 High St.	\$430,000
11/21/2025	5 Black Bear Cir.	\$629,900
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11/20/2025	4 Shadowbrook Ln. #31	\$312,000
11/19/2025	1 Godfrey Ln.	\$442,500
11/18/2025	250 Congress St.	\$725,000
11/18/2025	4 Turin St.	\$575,000
11/18/2025	26 Zain Cir.	\$525,000
11/14/2025	94 Highland St.	\$487,500
11/14/2025	56 Meade St.	\$610,000
11/14/2025	48 S Bow St.	\$700,000
11/14/2025	11 Lena Ln. #2	\$321,000
11/07/2025	3 Bradford Rd.	\$686,000
11/07/2025	19 Shadowbrook Ln. #13	\$270,000
11/07/2025	44 Woodridge Rd.	\$830,000
11/07/2025	50 Lawrence St.	\$410,000
11/06/2025	5 Walker Ave.	\$450,000
11/05/2025	16 Lombardi Cir.	\$460,000
10/31/2025	7 Shadowbrook Ln. #9	\$325,000
10/31/2025	22 Whitewood Rd.	\$568,000
10/31/2025	18 Purdue Dr.	\$570,000
10/31/2025	4 Asylum St.	\$670,000
10/31/2025	18 Depot St.	\$385,000
10/31/2025	41 Black Bear Cir.	\$629,900
10/29/2025	17 Grant St.	\$450,000
10/29/2025	58 Village Cir.	\$630,000
10/28/2025	61 Sunset Dr.	\$740,000
10/27/2025	53 Medway Rd.	\$530,000

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The 3-bed, 2-bath, 1,434-square-foot house at 60 Pine Street in Milford recently sold for \$450,000. Image credit www.zillow.com

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Free Christmas Brass Concert Dec. 19

The Birch Alley Brass Ensemble will present a concert at Valley Chapel in Uxbridge on Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. The brass ensemble, directed by William Moffett, is made up of 35 student and professional musicians from area towns including Uxbridge, Upton, Hopedale,

Mendon, Northbridge and Milford. This concert will feature Christmas music from around the world and is free and open to the public. This will be the 14th annual performance. The concert is funded in part by the Milford, Hopedale, and Uxbridge Cultural Councils.

BVT inducts 57 students into National and Technical Honor Societies

On Thursday, Nov. 6, a group of 57 students from Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) were inducted into the James S. Mullaney Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) and/or the Paul Sullivan Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) during an induction ceremony.

"The induction is a significant and commendable recognition of our students' hard work, dedication, academic excellence, and technical expertise," said NHS Advisor Jessica MacKenzie.

"The evening ceremony is a proud moment for our students, staff, and families as we celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of our Career Technical Education (CTE) students who have been invited to join the National and Technical Honor Societies," said NTHS Advisor Jeremy Pandolfo.

"It is always a pleasure to celebrate our modern-day career technical students. They can readily demonstrate high-level technical training and simultaneously validate high achievement in academics that serve as a foundation for their technical aptitude," said Superintendent-Director Anthony E. Steele II. "It is with immense pride that I congratulate our new inductees, who exemplify the values of our school and these organizations."


While the NHS and the NTHS are two distinct organizations with different focuses and criteria, at BVT students can be members of one or both chapters. NHS membership honors those who have met rigorous academic standards and who exemplify scholarship, leadership, service, and character. NTHS membership recognizes students who demonstrate academic and technical excellence



New members of the NHS and NTHS were honored during an induction ceremony at BVT on Nov. 6. Photo courtesy of Blackstone Valley Tech

in their CTE program, as well as character, skills, and work ethic.

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT): serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills. For more information about the school and the honor societies, visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/nhsnts.



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SPORTS

MHS Football comes together in holiday win

Scarlet Hawks make it 5 in a row over Taunton

By Chris Villani,
Sports Writer

As head Milford football coach Dale Olson watched his team blow out Taunton on Thanksgiving Eve, he couldn't help but wonder whether he would have seen more results like that had his team stayed healthier.

"It was the first time since week three that we had our full team" Olson said. "It was nice to see the guys go out and play football. It was a little taste of what could have been."

Milford finished the season with a 5-5 record overall, but capped the year with a 53-29 drubbing of the Tigers for the Scarlet Hawks' fifth straight victory in the fledgling holiday rivalry.

Senior captains Ryan Burns and Dylan Burns stood out for Milford on Thanksgiving and



Milford's seniors take the field one last time in a Thanksgiving Eve showdown against Taunton. Photo from Milford AD Instagram

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helped lead the way all season long. Vince Loscerbo tossed multiple touchdown passes, and MHS benefited from both an interception and fumble returned for touchdowns. Sophomore Josh Morataya and junior Eli Rosenberg also turned in strong efforts.

"Offensively and defensively, we played well," Olson said, adding that the rivalry is continuing to gain momentum.

"It's pretty good," he said. "We have played them five times and we haven't lost to them yet, but almost all the games have been well contested games."

Even shorthanded, MHS earned a spot in the state tournament and gave North Attleboro — a team that was ultimately bound for the Super Bowl — a battle, losing by just a single touchdown.

Milford graduates a strong group of seniors this year and will have only four seniors re-

turning to next year's squad. But Olson said the sophomore group is solid and the four-to-be seniors that Milford does have figure to be good leaders. He said the example set by this year's class has been a good one for the younger players to follow.

"Every year I have been at Milford, we have graduated a really good senior class," he said. "All of them have had success in this program. They went to the playoffs every year. It's a testament to the time and effort they put in, not just during the season, but in the offseason."

Olson highlighted Milford's Thanksgiving Eve win as well as a week two victory over Leominster and the narrow loss against North Attleboro as season highlights.

"This class has a lot of good memories of the last four years," he said. "They have played a lot of good football, that's for sure."

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SPORTS

Milford Cheerleading captures D2 State Title

Scarlet Hawks dethroned 11-time State Champs

By Chris Villani,
Sports Writer

The Division II state girls' cheerleading championship had started to look like the Billerica invitational until Milford High broke through this fall. The Scarlet Hawks snapped an 11-year run of Billerica at the top and won the Division II state title.

"Defeating the 11-time reigning state champion in Division II was pretty cool," said head coach Heather Johnson.

Milford's latest title is the program's 7th. The Scarlet Hawks were on top during both the fall and winter seasons in 2021, though they competed in the coed division in those seasons.

This year, with a roster of just 12, Johnson said her team focused on improvement after some early-season bumps that included injuries and a second-place finish at one of the team's invitational tournaments.

"Their willingness and their drive to do really well drove them, they never settled for less," the coach said. "Our first couple of competitions were not our best."

Milford won its own invitational, but Johnson said she noticed a shift in her team after it came up short.

"That next week, there was a fire in their eyes, they didn't like the way second-place felt," she said. "After that loss, it really pushed us to practice harder."

Milford came within a point of toppling Franklin during the



Head coach Heather Johnson (right) and her MHS cheer team were all smiles after winning the D2 state championship. Photo from Heather Johnson

Hockomock League meet in a performance Johnson described as "phenomenal." Her team went on to capture the Division II South Sectional crown and the state championship.

Leading the way for the Scarlet Hawks this fall was their quartet of captains, seniors

Addy Kudrikow, Maddie Hamilton, Julia Fontes, and Payton Gosselin.

"They did a tremendous job of keeping the team focused and motivated throughout the whole season," Johnson said. "They were pivotal in making the team as good as they were this fall."

MHS succeeded this fall despite having one of its smallest teams in years. Johnson had 17 athletes in total, including the 12 who competed. She said it's the first time in 26 years at the helm in which Milford has not fielded a junior varsity team. Still, she said the roster she was

able to put together was built to compete.

"I always try to pick the team with the most opportunity to be successful, that's always the goal," she said. "They did really well. As soon as they ramped up and we got to the playoffs, they were flawless."

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