Milford High Sends the Class of 2019
Off to New Adventures and New Successes

By Melissa Orff
Staff Reporter

Milford High School Class of 2019 Valedictorian Gianni Panno had some words of wisdom for his fellow classmates on their graduation day.

"Take every chance you can to have an adventure. Do not shy away from new and uncertain pathways, but rather embrace them with open arms," he said.

Panno addressed his classmates, administration and the crowd of family and friends during the 169th Commencement Ceremony held on Sunday, June 2.

The 246 Milford High graduates listened as Panno encouraged them to go out into the world and achieve their dreams. "This is your life and you choose how to lead it; so choose well and wisely," he said. Salutatorian Eliza Valente spoke about the "personality" of the Class of 2019.

"We pursue interests instead of accolades; we collaborate with and support each other," she said. "We were competitive, but never cutthroat. We build each other up, not cut each other down."

She asked her classmates to keep those same ethics as they headed off into their future.

"Get involved in things that you love to do and pursue whatever path you think is right," said Eliza. "I hope that in pursuing our future success, we never lose sight of our collaborative nature."

Class President Ryan Hazard spoke about the lessons that he learned through the people he has met and the experiences he has had during his four years of high school.

"I stand here speaking to you, hoping to inspire and get you excited about this new chapter in your lives," he said.

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"It is so important to be grateful for what you have," he said. "Please take time to thank the people in your life that have guided you and pushed you to do better." Before the presentation of diplomas, Milford High Principal Joshua Olin encouraged the graduates to use their education and be fortunate to make the world a better place.

"We have much to be thankful," she said. "Never take that for granted. I urge you to use your education to care for the helpless and stand up for the oppressed," he said. "May your path from Milford be filled with health, meaning and life."

"The Class of 2019 has a lot of heart," said Olin. "Thank you for the legacy you leave behind." Diplomas were presented.

He added, "You have already taken numerous steps at BVT to become the future pioneers, entrepreneurs, and guardians of our society. You have proven your motivation to build a bright future. You are on the cusp of greatness; a life full of opportunities. There is no rubric for life! What comes next is exciting, new, and completely up to you." Kate Ruzanski, Assistant Principal advised, "Get comfortable being uncomfortable... Sometimes, we have to force ourselves to move out of our comfort zones, and chase a dream that seems unreachable, even if the process may seem terrifying. "Success is not achieved solely by hard work or natural talent, but attained by grit and perseverance and the willingness to fail," said Zoe Mahoney, Valedictorian, a Sutton Engineering & Robotics graduate. She noted embracing "failure is what sets those extraordinary people apart," giving them a passion, "which nourishes the soul," and leads to achievements beyond honors and recognitions. She concluded, "As you grasp the diploma in your hands, I encourage you to continue your future pursuits with nothing but true passion and drive in pursuit of extraordinariness."

"Our class’s legacy is adorned with national SkillsUSA medals and officers, our seniors leading BVT to a winning football State Championship for the first time in 8 years."

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Valley Tech’s Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School graduated 301 members of the Class of 2019 at ceremonies held May 30 at Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts, Worcester. Graduates, who completed a dual education, received vocational certificates and diplomas.

In his introduction, Anthony E. Steele, Assistant Superintendent-Director/Principal, said this was the largest class to graduate BVT, humorously commenting he was glad that they all fit on the stage.

Following a salute to the flag, Uxbridge graduate Lindsey Guyton sung a beautiful rendition of the “National Anthem.” As graduates, Jessica Nordquist of Northbridge, and Christian Verla of Uxbridge performed the Miley Cyrus song “The Climb,” fellow classmates and audience members waved their cell phone flashlights in support of the performance.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director encouraged students to keep learning, saying, “It is a lifelong pursuit. Continue to study, participate in the type of people that surround you, and use this world to make things happen by consistently learning and then, more importantly, putting what you learn into action.”

Submitted by Elise Bogdan
Valley Tech

Apton graduate, Senior Class President, Katie Marie Houck, Houskeeper of the Electronics & Engineering Technology programs speaks at the commencement ceremony at the Hanover Theatre in Worcester BVT photo.
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Milford Girl Scouts Service Unit Team Earns President’s Award

Members of the Milford Girl Scouts Service Unit Team were honored with the President’s Award on April 7, at the Annual Meeting of the Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts. The Service Unit Team is an 11-person committee of volunteers who coordinate the Milford Girl Scouts events and provide support to adult leaders and girls in their troop activities.

The President’s Award is a National Award of Girl Scouts of the United States of America and is awarded to a Service Unit Team which surpasses its goals and results in significant, measurable impact toward reaching the council’s overall goals. The Milford Service Unit was the only Service Unit in the Central and Western Massachusetts council to receive the President’s Award this year.

Service Unit manager, Amy Croteau, said, “This award is a fabulous recognition of the work we do in Milford to provide a strong Girl Scouts program for every member.” Volunteers are dedicated to providing opportunities for girls to develop into women of courage, confidence, and character, who work to create a better local and global community for all.”

Achievements that contributed to the Milford Team earning the award were a demonstrated commitment to activities that promote leadership, community service, and camaraderie through town events, as well as increasing adult and girl membership. During the past scouting year, the Service Unit Team organized an all-levels weekend Encampment at Camp Sayre in Milton; a Fall Hike at Blue Hills Reservation; the annual Square Dance; training and operation of a Cookie Cupboard that supports neighboring Service Units; participation in the Veterans Day Parade; a Singalong for all troops; a World Thinking Day festival, which bought over 100 Girl Scouts together to celebrate cultures within the international Girl Scouts Movement; and a celebration of Girl Scout Sunday. Upcoming events include participating in Celebrate Milford activities and Memorial Day parade, placing of veteran’s graves at town cemeteries, hosting the annual Bridging and Awards ceremony; and a trip to Six Flags for Girl Scouts Family and Friends Day.

Families may join Girl Scouts at any age throughout the year. Milford Girl Scouts is hosting a Daisy Try It Night for kindergarten and first grade girls on June 11, from 6 to 7 p.m., at the Milford Town Library. Anyone can attend to learn more about the Girl Scouts. Or check them out on Milford(MA) Girl Scouts Facebook page.

Milford Girl Scouts Service Unit Team members are, l-r, Karen Raleigh, Kathy Mahoney, Thad Marie Lamothe-Brothers, Sandy Knapf, Jen Schepis, Kelly Church, Amy Croteau and Amy Donahue. Not pictured were Brenda Wheelock, Beth Stochaj and Stefanie Walsh. Milford Girl Scout photo

Harry Potter Club Helps Middle School Students

Cee-Cee Deslaurier-Tate, a member of Milford Girl Scout Troop 30570, devoted 100 hours in creating the Harry Potter Club at Stacy Middle School, to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award for her take-action project, Potter’s Prefects. She designed the club to help new students adjust more comfortably with the social-emotional transition which sixth graders experience upon entering middle school, by pairing these, First Years with older student Prefects: the group formed friendships over a shared common interest, while enjoying numerous fun, Potter-themed activities.

Cee-Cee is shown in the photo with some Harry Potter related items. Carolyn Deslaurier-Tate photo
Selection Committee Developing “Scope of Work”

By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

Instead of meeting with consulting firms on May 21 as originally planned, the Police Chief Selection Committee instead decided to form a subcommittee to develop a “scope of work” to obtain bids for such consultants.

 Depending on the level of services contracted for, the firms could assist the committee by advertising the job posting, receiving applications, screening applications, and conducting background checks and tests on finalists for the police chief’s position.

Subcommittee members Edward Bertorelli, Dr. Richard Heller and Police Chief Thomas O’Loughlin will work with Town Administrator Richard Villani – the town’s chief procurement officer – to develop the scope of work and bring it back to the full committee for its approval.

Chairman Dino DeBartolomeis said he would schedule a full committee meeting on either June 4 or June 11, depending on when the subcommittee’s work is completed. He projected having finalist candidates for the Board of Selectmen to choose from by October.

First Selectman Paul Nagle disclosed at a closed-door selectmen meeting before reaching its conclusion.

AG: No Open Meeting Law Violation Regarding Chief

By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

The Massachusetts Attorney’s General’s office ruled on June 3 that the Milford Board of Selectmen did not violate the state’s Open Meeting Law by discussing Police Chief Thomas O’Loughlin during its November 5, 2018 meeting. “We find that the Board did not violate the Open Meeting Law,” Assistant Attorney General KerryAnne Kilcoyne wrote.

O’Loughlin’s attorney, Ernest Horn, filed a complaint with the board last December alleging selectmen failed to provide notice to O’Loughlin that he would be discussed during the November 5 meeting, and that the board should have been in executive session because it discussed the character and reputation of O’Loughlin during that meeting.

Last December 20, attorney Christopher Brown, the town’s outside counsel handling legal matters regarding the non-renewal of O’Loughlin’s contract, responded to that complaint. Kilcoyne’s letter stated her office reviewed the original December 5 complaint, the December 20 response, a January 14 complaint filed with her office by Horn requesting further review by the Attorney General’s office, the board’s response to the request for further review, the public notice for the November 5 meeting and the open session minutes for the November 5 meeting – plus watched a video recording of the November 5 meeting before reaching its conclusion.

Regarding the November 5 meeting, Kilcoyne wrote: “Here, Board member [Selectman] William Kingkade read a prepared statement during the public speak portion of the November 5 meeting. The statement referenced the Police Chief. Even if the Board discussed the character and reputation of the Police Chief during the meeting, it was not required to do so in executive session and the subject of the discussion has no right under the Open Meeting Law to demand the Board do so.”

Kilcoyne’s letter further stated, O’Loughlin has the right to ask Superior Court to review the Attorney General’s determination by filing notice within 21 days of receiving it.

The selection committee is developing a “scope of work” for the Police Chief while the Town Crier was established over 25 years ago. We are the good news newspaper. We know our readers and advertisers. Advertising with us means supporting a community and recognizing the strength of a smalltown USA.
Memorial Day

Remembering Those Who Gave Their All

Woodland Memorial Day

Grace Beagley and Mary Buckley of Milford Girl Scout Troop 30300 were flag bearers during the Woodland Elementary School Memorial Day Ceremony, and they were flag bearers at the Woodland Elementary Memorial Day Ceremony held yesterday. Contributed photo

Left: Joe Lutfy, Grand Marshall of the Milford Memorial Day Parade, was a 1954 Milford High grad who enlisted in the Air Force from 1966 to 1970. He was stationed in Viet Nam as a Crew Chief for the Phantom 4 Jet. After his military service he worked for the Massachusetts department of Transitional Assistance until retirement. Lutfy is a member of the VFW, American Legion, Italian American Veterans, Masons and is the current Commander of the Lawrence Heron Chapter of DAY. He is shown here placing a wreath at the World War I memorial at Calzone Park.

Right: Steve Priest gives a salute as ceremonies are held at the World War I memorial in Calzone Park during Milford's Annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27. The parade is organized by the Milford Department of Veterans Services. Harry Platcow photo

The Advertiser’s Club Directory

The Advertiser’s Club Directory is a listing of those businesses that have contracted to advertising at least 12 times in a year in The Milford Town Crier. Features include a listing in this directory, discounts and a feature article about your business (size and frequency requirements apply).

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Ruth Anne Bleakney
Senior Center

The Ruth Anne Bleakney Senior Center, located at 60 North Bow St., is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Contact the center by calling 508-4738334 or emailing sc Clark@milfordma.com. Sue Trotta Clark is the director.

Tuesday, June 18
10 a.m. Book Club, The Book of M by author Peng Shepherd, Free
Cape Cod 105th Annual Tour of Sandwick Glass Museum, Daniel Webster House, and Cape Cod Canal Tour $59 per Person, Bus Leaves Senior Center at 9 a.m.

Thursday, June 20
12:30 p.m. Healthy Living Luncheon, Topic is Nutrition as You Age Given by Milford Regional Medical Center, $5 (Refundable)

Wednesday, June 26
11:30 a.m. Party on the Patio, Hosted by Blaire House, Free

Thursday, June 27
10 a.m. Men’s Group, Presentation to be Determined, Free

Friday, June 28
12:30 p.m. Free Movie Friday, Chappaquiddick

Monday
8 a.m. Walking Club
8 a.m. Fitness Equipment & Internet
8:30 a.m. Outreach Services
8:30 a.m. Express Muscle & Mat, $3 for Seniors, $7 Under 60
9:30 a.m. Cribbage
9:30 a.m. Barre Above*, $3 for Seniors, $7 Under 60
8 a.m. Gift Shop
10:30 a.m. Zumba Gold
1:15 p.m. Safe Exercise

Tuesday
8 a.m. Walking Club
8 a.m. Fitness Equipment & Internet
8:30 a.m. SHINE by Appointment
10 a.m. Gift Shop
10:30 a.m. Zumba Gold
11 a.m. Whist
11:45 a.m. Pound® $3 for Seniors, $7 Under 60
12:30 p.m. Turkey Foot Dominoes
1 p.m. Mah Jongg

Wednesday
8 a.m. Walking Club
8 a.m. Fitness Equipment & Internet
8:30 a.m. SHINE by appointment
8:30 a.m. Outreach Services
9 a.m. Zumba Gold Toning
9 a.m. Wellness Nurse
10 a.m. Watercolor Class
10 a.m. Gift Shop
10:15 a.m. Fall Prevention Exercise Class
1 p.m. Bingo
1 p.m. Chess

Thursday
8 a.m. Walking Club
8 a.m. Fitness Equipment & Internet
8:30 a.m. SHINE by Appointment
9 a.m. Knitting and Sewing Class
9 a.m. Yoga
10 a.m. Gift Shop
10:30 a.m. Line Dancing
1 p.m. Cribbage
1:15 p.m. Safe Exercise

Friday
8 a.m. Walking Club
8:15 a.m. Advanced Tap Dance (Alternative Fridays)
8:15 a.m. Fitness Equipment & Internet
8:30 a.m. SHINE by Appointment
8:30 a.m. Outreach Services
8:15 a.m. Beginner Tap Dance (Alternative Fridays)
9:15 a.m. Tap Dance
9 a.m. Hairdresser/Barber (by Appointment)
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Bottom: Woodland Elementary School hosted their annual Memorial Day Program on May 24. The program featured students reading poems they had written on the meaning of Memorial Day and a performance of Unsung Hero by the 4th and 5th grade chorus. The guest speaker was Francis Anderson, United States Army, Massachusetts Army National Guard, retired, and former Principal in the Milford Public Schools, who spoke to the students about the sacrifices the men and women in the armed forces made to preserve our freedoms. Contributed photo

The Advertiser’s Club Introduces

A special feature offered to those businesses that contract to advertise 12 times in a year (1/16 page and larger) in the Upton & Mendon Town Crier. For more information contact:

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Isn’t that an easier way of solving the issue than screaming?

And, while we’re on the subject of Town Meeting, I hope the 79 people who voted to delete $171,927 from the Police Department’s salary budget realize that they did not actually remove the Police Chief’s salary from the budget. What they actually did – in their symbolic attempt to attempt to prevent the Board of Selectmen from paying retired Police Chief ‘s salary from the budget. As the second president of the United States, he bucked popular opinion to avoid a war with France, knowing the country would not survive a conflict so soon after the Revolution. As part of that effort, he signed the still controversial Alien and Sedition Acts, limiting personal liberties and threatening immigrants. A decision that spelled defeat of his re-election. Adams was irascible, worrying constantly about his public image, feeling as a short, stout and often dour man that he was overlooked in favor of his better looking, more pleasing court contemporaries.

But John Adams for all his flaws is a man worth emulate. He strove constantly to overcome his dour man that he was overlooked in favor of his better. As a youngster he planned to be a farmer, so he studied agriculture in order to become a farmer. But he became a lawyer since he thought he position would make him a “Great Man.” But once he began studying, he fell in love with the law, becoming a staunch defender of the presumption of innocence and the right to counsel. Principles Adams demonstrated when he alone volunteered to defend the British soldiers involved in the Boston Massacre and completed his task so brilliantly that he got off. That courageous act, initially unpopular, helped cement his position as a principled man, willing to fight for his beliefs despite the odds.

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By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

Five months after protesting about having to pay consulting engineers Tata & Howard up to $385,200 to manage construction of the school which will be built at the town’s wastewater treatment plant, the Board of Sewer Commissioners voiced concern about the firm wanting an additional $68,000 because of construction schedule delays. Vice President Steven Howard and Project Manager James Hoyt of the Bellingham firm were fast-paced, but throughout their presentation, Howard made clear there was a $1,300 per day late penalty fee in the contract.

The board approved the $385,000 contract in the April-May, 2017 timeframe, expressing surprise then that those fees were not covered under the $258,200 paid to Tata & Howard to design the addition. Howard told board members last month the $385,000 was calculated based on a 12-month construction schedule, estimated from April, 2018 to April of this year. His firm has managed to stretch the funding out to the middle of June, but “That still leaves us three months short,” he explained. Construction actually began in the fall of 2017, but was halted until the following spring due to not having a required zoning permit. Construction restarted in April, 2018 but was slowed due to winter weather, Howard said. “Why aren’t you getting it from the contractor,” board member Richard Cenedella asked after Howard confirmed there is a $1,300 per day late penalty fee in the contract with Hart Engineering Corporation of Cumberland, R.I. Enforcing the penalty can have the effect of making the contractor non-responsive, Howard said. “I’ve got a real issue with not knowing this all along,” Cenedella said. Board chair Thomas Morelli also questioned the requested fee increase, reminding Howard his board was told the $385,000 would not be exceeded. “It wouldn’t have exceeded if the contractor hadn’t exceeded his schedule,” Howard said.

“We can’t ramp it up?” Cenedella asked. “They’re starting to,” Howard replied. “We’ve got an issue with the contractor,” board member Rudy Lioce said. The board took Tata & Howard’s fee increase request under advisement.

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When laser hair removal techniques started in the 90s, Debbie was quick to expand her Framingham office to include that new offering, remortgaging her home to afford the appropriate equipment to service her clients well. The bulk of services are offered at the Milford location, with three separate buildings for varying services. The Victorian is known as the quiet building, as it houses spa offerings, including facials, massages, spray or mist tanning, laser hair removal and skin tightening. The salon offers nail and hair services. The medical building houses two physicians who conduct the more discreet services, such as colonics, laser epilation and hair transplants. “I love to make a person feel as if he or she is your other only client,” Debbie stated brightly. “We customize our facials and mix and match services to meet your needs, catering to your skin type and sensitivities.” Debbie’s sister, Doreen Nazster, after graduating from the Boston School of Electrology, joined the Mac Med team 35 years ago. Together, the sisters try out every treatment modality, themselves, in order to understand the process, experience and benefits, so they might accurately describe any given treatment to customers.

A variety of customized Mac Med Spa services are available in the main, Victorian, building at 127 E. Main Street, one of three buildings at the Milford location. (Photo: Deborah Burke

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Health Board Looking at Mattress Recycling

By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

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May 21 to say the original budget for construction administration and on-site project management would be met with the board. Twenty-five months after protesting about having to pay consulting engineers Tata & Howard up to $385,200 to design the addition, estimated from April, 2018 to April of 2019, the board approved the $385,000 contract in the April-May, 2017 timeframe, expressing surprise then that those fees were not covered under the $258,200 paid to Tata & Howard to design the addition.

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Milford Federal Bank will hold a free first time home buyer seminar on Saturday, June 15, at the Milford Federal branch, 1271 Providence Rd., Whitinsville, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Milford Federal Mortgage Loan Specialist, Beth Caco (NMLS #414859), will answer all questions and help participants determine which program is best fits their needs. Learn about private mortgage insurance, the differences between fixed and adjustable rate mortgages, and low down payment programs available. Keith Seymour, Realtor at Keller Williams-Pinnacle Blackstone Valley, will also discuss his role in the home buying process and answer any questions.

All attendees will receive free preapprovals and a $250 Closing Cost Credit Coupon. RSVP today by calling 508-234-2450 or by emailing Beth.Caico@MilfordFederal.com.

Unibank is sponsoring free monthly home buying seminars throughout 2019. These educational opportunities provide homebuyers with valuable information about finding and buying the home of their dreams. Important discussion topics include: Negotiating a Winning Offer, Finding the Right Mortgage and Pre-qualifying, Down Payment Options, The Importance of Home Inspections, Home Renovations will be served and a door prize will be awarded at each event.

The next one will be Tuesday, June 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Unibank’s Blackstone branch, 10 Cheney St. Seminar speakers include: Karen Beane, Unibank Mortgage Consultant (NMLS #485228), Peter Viele, Home Inspector, ICM Associates; Linn Butler, Realtor, Alonso Real Estate; Christopher Ryan, Attorney, Ryan Law Office and Alan Ratcliff, Appraiser, WJN Appraisals. Contact Unibank’s Kim Briggs (NMLS# 936060) at 508-883-4120 or kim.briggs@unibank.com to register.

Attendees will be entered for a chance to win a $100 gift card. All seminar attendees will receive a $250 mortgage closing cost coupon from Unibank. For up-to-date details, visit Unibank.com

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A regional drive-through recycling and reuse event is returning to North Grafton, on Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, 201 Westboro Rd. Items being collected include electronics, Styrofoam (white #6 only), textiles, books and more. All towns are welcome to participate. Fees, cash only, are as follows: small electronics, visit wecan-ma.org for list of items, $10 each; monitors and televisions $20 each.

Styrofoam is being collected at no charge, only #6 white – no food containers or packaging peanuts and free of stickers and tape. Clean, dry and odor-free used clothing and textiles, shoes, purses, wallets, belts, sheets, curtains, pillows, table cloths (holes and rips okay) are being collected for non-profit organizations. Also collected for the Cummings Veterinary Center at Tufts University and local animal shelters are clean, old, worn sheets, towels and blankets; please mark the bag Animal. New or like-new craft and office supplies are being donated to The Great Exchange. Other items being collected at the June 22 event include used mascara wands (wash with Dawn dish detergent and dry; being donated to animal wildlife refuge centers), dried out colored markers, Sharpies, highlighters and dry erase markers.

The event is hosted by WE CAN and Grafton, Northborough, Shrewsbury and Westborough, and is open to all surrounding communities. No early birds, please. Volunteers welcome.

For more information and map, visit WeCan-MA.org or contact Irene Congdon at 413-348-9353 or Irene_congdon1@yahoo.com.

Color and Variety Offered at Greenleaf Plant Sale

The Greenleaf Garden Club held another successful plant sale on June 1. A lovely summer-like June day. Many of the plants come from members’ gardens along with vegetables, annuals and herbs grown from seeds and cuttings by members. Everyone is thanked for their support. Proceeds from the sale will be used to help fund the Garden Therapy and Junior Gardener projects, the downtown civic beautification, the scholarship and monthly programs. Shown are Margie Campbell, left, and Candace Skorupa comparing tomato plants offered at the sale. GGC photo.

Summer Comes to Downtown Milford

The Greenleaf Garden Club (GGC) of Milford continues to celebrate Milford with its downtown plantings. Once again, the GGC brought in the summer season with its seasonal container gardens of magenta rose and yellow plantings in 21 pots at major intersections in Milford. Flags will periodically be added for a patriotic touch to highlight Flag Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. Container gardens are located at the Rt. 140, 109 and School Street islands, and at Draper Park and in front of Town Hall. Shown here are GGC members, l-r, Alicia Franzosa, Theresa Carrano and Ellen Todd helping with the plantings. The Greenleaf Garden Club is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Garden Club Federation of MA, Inc.

For information email greenleafgardenclub@gmail.org. GGC photo.

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The Milford Community School Use Program Summer Camps

Milford Community School Use Program Summer Camps is now accepting registrations for its Summer Day Camps & Specialty Camps, which begin June 24 and run for six weeks ending, August 2. Day camp is for students who have completed grades K-7. Camps are open to both residents and non-residents and participants have a choice of weeks. Summer camp includes many indoor/outdoor activities matched to grade level, indoor swimming, field trips and special activities. There is a Counselor in Training for teens who have completed 8th and 9th grade. Participants, who have a choice of weeks, will be working with experienced counselors and under the supervision of the CIT Coordinator.

Specialty camps beginning in June include Scarlet Hawk Football Academy, Summer Volleyball League, Junior Scientist and Keyboarding.

Online registrations as well as paper registration, accompanied by a payment made payable to Town of Milford - MCSUP, are being accepted. Forms and more information are available at MilfordCommunityProgram.com.

MYC Summer Camp

Milford Community Youth Center Summer Camp registration is now open. Camp runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with an extended day option until 5 p.m. The camp is open to Milford and non-Milford residents with full week and single day options available. Milford Youth Center is located on Pearl St.

Field trips include Urban Air Trampoline & Adventure Park, Water Wizz, Canobie Lake Park, Pinz, Skating, Hopkinton State Park, Paw Sox Game. The camp, which for youngsters age 8 through 14, begins on Monday July 8 and runs through Friday, August 16.

Visit MilfordYouthCenter.org for all camp information including fees and registration forms. The camp complies with Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations and is licensed by the Milford Board of Health.

Local businesses or organizations that would like to sponsor a camper this summer, should please contact the Center here. The donations help make camp available for local youth in need. It is possible to sponsor an individual camper or a family. To become a sponsor, call 508-473-1756; email milfordyouthcenter@comcast.net or visit MilfordYouthCenter.org.

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Milford High School Class of 2019

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Gabriel Alves Aguia
Tyleh Thonggil Almeida NHS
Ana-Luiza Silva Abarenga
Victor Da Silva Miranda Alves
Joao Victor Amarinho Braga
Stella Lorraine Amour
Kelson Andrade
Justin William Applebee
Caterina Rose Auger
Mikalyn Bernice Ault
Shaked Aswad
Shalyn Eva Bacchioricchi
Laura Daniela Baquero
Elaine Toledo Barbosa
Erik Michael Barys
Felipe Benjamin
Jarod Steven Bennet
Christopher Gray Berthrong
Zoe Elizabeth Bird
Makayla Marie D’Angelo
Fernanda Helen DuCosta
Angel DaVonte
Jonathan Bento DuSilva
Zachari DuSilva
Deyvid Garcia DuSilveira
Dianna Carmella DelilloRusso NHS
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Gustavo Neves DeSouza
Karoline Brusino DeSouza
Stephanie Badona deSouza
Stephanie Marie DeSouza
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Katelyn Marie Mann
Abigail Lee Mantos
Nicholas Robert Marc
Olivia Grace Marlett
Hannah Elisabeth Mat
The Milford High School Class of 2019 Valedictorian is Gianni Panno, the son of Greg Panno and Jennifer Angleton. A member of the National Honor Society, he received the Principal's Award for Valedictorian, Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics Award, Milford High School Leadership Award, MIAA Scholar-Athlete Award, Worcester Country Superintendents’ Honors Scholar Award and President’s Award for Educational Excellence. Panno was also named and John and Abigail Adams Scholars and received a scholarship from that organization. He received many other scholarships from various community organizations and Northeastern University Honors Scholarship.

Panno held 1st Chair Trumpet since his junior year in both the Marching and Jazz Bands and was selected to play for the Senior Districts Band. A three-sport varsity athlete, Panno competed in cross country, swimming, and outdoor track. He served as captain in swimming in his junior and senior years and was recognized in swimming as a MVP, Hockomock League All-Star and State Qualifier. He will attend Northeastern University in the fall.

The Milford High School Class of 2019 Salutatorian is Eliza Valente, the daughter of Victor and Leah Valente. A member of the National Honor Society, she was a Class Representative and received the Milford High School Leadership Award.

Other scholarships awarded to Valente are the Milford Rotary Club Scholarship, Pepsi Cola National Honor Society Scholarship, Thomas J. Watson Memorial Scholarship, Milford Lions Club Scholarship, Olga and James Mohan Memorial Scholarship, Judy Langford Memorial Scholarship, Alexandra Humiston Memorial Scholarship, Woodland Elementary School PTO Scholarship and the 2019 Better Business Bureau Consumer Education Foundation, the Barbara J. Sinnott Student of Integrity Scholarship, the Milford High School Leadership Award, MIAA Scholar-Athlete Award, Worcester County Superintendents’ Honors Scholar Award and President’s Award for Educational Excellence.

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She will attend the University of Massachusetts in Amherst in the fall and was awarded the UMass Amherst Dean’s Award.
Among the 635 graduates who received a degree during Assumption College’s 102nd Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 12, held at the DCU Center in downtown Worcester, were Milford residents Kaitlynn Samalis and Patricia Slusky. She is the daughter of Noel and Laura Bon Tempo of Milford.

Stephanie Donnelly
Stephanie Donnelly, the son of Amy and Jim Allegranza of Milford, graduated from Springfield College in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a minor in Economics. She is the daughter of Jim and Amy Allegranza of Milford and Denise Allegranza of Westboro. She has begun her full-time employment with TD Bank in Amherst.

Michael Elizabeth Brecken
Michael Elizabeth Brecken, the daughter of John and Maureen Brecken of Milford, graduated from the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. this spring. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and was elected to Pi Delta Psi, the National French Honor Society.

Kellie E. Cooper
Kellie E. Cooper, daughter of Dean and Susan Cooper of Milford, graduated from Framingham College on Monday, May 20 from Boston College with her Masters in Social Work. Cooper received her Bachelor’s degree, Magna Cum Laude, in 2017 from Quinnipiac University in Connecticut. She will be working as a clinical social worker in the mental health field.

Other Graduates 2019

American International College
American International College awarded more than 600 undergraduate and graduate degrees to students representing 22 states and nine countries during the 134th Commencement on May 11 in Springfield. Christine King, of Milford, received a graduate degree in Reading Specialist.

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Abigail Griswold
Abigail Griswold received a Masters of Arts degree in Special Education from Assumption College, Worcester, at their 102nd Commencement May 12. She received her Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education and Spanish from Assumption College in 2018, and is a 2014 graduate of Nipmuc Regional High School. Abigail is the daughter of Steve and Amy Griswold of Upton, and the granddaughter of Donna Griswold of Milford.

Christa Jacob
Christa Jacob of Milford was awarded a Master of Occupational Therapy from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. during commencement exercises held in May.

Mackenzie Knight
Mackenzie Knight of Milford was among the graduate and undergraduate students at Lasell College were awarded degrees on Saturday, May 11 in Newton. Knight graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in IDS Curriculum & Instruction.

Joseph Anthony Marcello
The Marcello Family from Hope Dale is proud to announce the graduation of Joseph Anthony Marcello from Quinnipiac University. Graduating Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor’s of Fine Arts in Film, Television and Media, he also earned an Outstanding Achievement Award for the major. Marcello received three short film awards for the Quinnipiac Film Festival – 2017 Audience Award, 2018 Best Cinematography, and 2019 Best Director. He’s now working for his Master’s to be completed May 2020.

Anthony Mazzini
Anthony Mazzini of Milford, son of Peter and Tara Mazzini and brother to Natalie, graduated from Syracuse University with Broadcast/Digital Journalism major and Italian minor. He received the Laureta H. McAffrey Journalism Prize from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications for the highest GPA among male journalism students. He did the play-by-play broadcasting for Syracuse football and men’s basketball on WAER 88.3 FM, and the ACC Network Extra and WIPJZ 89.1 FM. Mazzini graduated from Milford High in 2015.

David Pyne
David Pyne of Milford graduated from Tufts University, Medford, on May 19 with a degree in Economics (BA), during a university-wide commencement ceremony.

Lindsay Ross
Lindsay Ross, of Milford, was among the 3,275 students who were awarded degrees during the University of Vermont’s 218th commencement ceremonies on May 19 in Burlington. Ross graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.

Swetha Kirtikumar Nagwekar
The following Milford residents graduated with a Master Degree in Public Administration from Framingham State University.

Erin Trotta
Erin Trotta of Milford graduated with a Master Degree in Public Administration.

University of New Hampshire
The following Milford students graduated from the University of New Hampshire, Durham in May 2019. Students who received the honor of who received the honor of summa cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0 and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64.

Nicholas White
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UMass Amherst February Graduates
The following Milford students graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in February 2019. The graduates are: Nisson G. Da Silva Jr, Avigail Roxane Deking, Jonathan Thomas Donato, Cory Louis Knopp, Daniel Francis Madden, Vanessa Nora Meija, Jacob Michael Papulis, Carla T. Pickett, Corey John Pratt and Michael Chase Tarollo.

University of New Mexico
The following Milford residents earned a bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque in May 2019. Students who received the honor of who received the honor of summa cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0 and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64.

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**TOPS OF THE CLASS:**

**BVT 2019 Valedictorian and Salutatorian**

- **Zoe Mahoney**, the daughter of Tammy and Timothy Mahoney of Sutton, is the Valley Tech Class of 2019 Valedictorian. A member of the Valley Tech Chapter of the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society, she graduated from Engineering & Robotics department and received the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Award of Academic Excellence (the M.A.S.S. Certificate of Academic Excellence). She competed annually in SkillsUSA and was a member of the 2018-2019 VEX Robotics team 790X, which earned the Excellence Award, Design Award, Tournament Champions Award, Innovate Award, and the Amaze Award at various tournaments. The team qualified and attended the VEX World Robotics Competition in Louisville, Ky. in April where they earned the Judges’ Award. Mahoney was captain of the BVT Varsity Field Hockey team, a CAL All-star and volunteered as a student ambassador and a peer mentor at BVT. She was also a member of the Engineering Advisory Committee. Mahoney will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute to study Aerospace Engineering with a concentration in Aeronautical Engineering.

- **Alex Goldberg** received the P.Bertonazzi Foundation Scholarship for outstanding achievement in Math and Science. Goldberg competed annually in SkillsUSA and was secretary of the Valley Tech Gaming Club. Outside of Valley Tech, he was a volunteer at the Milford Youth Center as a homework helper and tutoring students. Goldberg will attend UMass Amherst, where he plans to study Computer Science.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATES FROM THE TOWN CRIER TEAM**

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**School News**

**Milford Lodge of Sons of Italy Awards Student Trip**

- A summer study program in Verona, Italy was awarded to a Milford High School student, Natalie Mazzini, at a recent Sons of Italy Youth (Gioventù) Installation Ceremony held at the Marchegiano Club Hall.

- The Study in Italy summer program is sponsored by the Milford Lodge Sons of Italy along with the Senator Louis P. Beronuzzi Foundation. A Milford High School graduate who has compiled a minimum B average and four years of Italian has been selected to study in Italy since 1998.

- Sponsored by the two local organizations, the “Study in Italy” Program is the only one of its kind in Massachusetts.

- At the same ceremony the Milford High School seniors, who are winners of the Dr. Peter J. Morganelli Scholarship sponsored by the Milford Lodge Sons of Italy were also introduced. The Scholarship winners are Gianni Panno, Nathan LeBlanc, Diana Dello Russo, Natalie Mazzini and Ava Morganelli.

**BVT Wins First Place in 2019 Eco-Carpentry Challenge**

- BVT students were awarded first place trophy and a $2,000 check for being the Best in Class Large Shop at Eco-Carpentry Challenge. The students created a hydroponics system and donated it, in addition to other projects, for use at the Milford Regional Medical Center.

**Milford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarships**

- The Milford Regional Medical Center’s Auxiliary recently awarded the Milkorf Medical and Fatuma Zaid of Hopkinton. Each recipient received a $1,000 scholarship. Santiago plans on majoring in pre-med while Zaidi plans to pursue a degree to become a clinical pharmacist. Shawn, l-r, Back row: Libby Loefus, Bob Casali, Pat DiConstanza, Janice Cunial and Ruth Levy. Front row: Dawn Murphy, Scholarship Winner - Fatima Zaidi and Linda Heard.
Blackstone Valley Tech
Ranked 61st Best High School

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) ranked 61st on U.S. News & World Report’s 2019 Best High Schools list in Massachusetts and 1,290 nationally. BVT’s overall score was 92.52 out of 100. Last year, the school ranked number 78 in the state and 1,877 nationally. Data reviewed include a Graduation Rate of 99 percent, College Readiness score of 38.4 out of 100, and School enrollment of 1,206.

The national magazine reviewed more than 23,000 public schools. Rankings were determined by scores on state assessments required for graduation and a look at scores in specific underserved demographics; the proportions of seniors who took and passed AP and IB exams and how many did so in multiple areas.

Social Emotional Learning Programs Reviewed

By Melissa Orff
Staff Reporter

During the June 6 School Committee meeting, Milford Public School officials reflected on the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) programs and initiatives that were in place in the district this year.

Milford’s SEL Director Lisa Kingkade updated the Committee about the programs that focused on areas such as teamwork, problem solving and the ability to plan and prioritize, all areas that employers are looking for in employees said Kingkade.

“We have a group of 20 teachers who got together to look at what are the skills we want to hone in on at the younger levels so by the time they [students] are at the middle and high school level they have those skills,” she said. Collaboration between the high school and middle and elementary school levels was a big focus this year said Kingkade. Former EL (English Learner) students spent time with EL students at Stacy Middle and Woodland Elementary schools talking to them about their experiences coming to Milford from a different country. The elementary school also had help from Milford High (MHS) students in classes and in promoting their new PBIS, or positive behavior, program. “It’s a great way for MHS students to be those role models for our younger students,” said Kingkade. The district has also developed a number of community partnerships to bring SEL services to their students. A partnership with Wayside Community Counseling/Community Impact brought counseling services to 96 students during the school day who would not have received the assistance they needed because of long waiting lists, according to Kingkade. The district also brought in Art therapists and Yoga teachers to help students learn to self-regulate and deal with stress in a healthy manner. The SEL Department isn’t just focusing their efforts on the students, however. According to a recent study, Kingkade told the Committee, over 93 percent of elementary teachers (nationally) are experiencing high levels of stress.

“When we talked to our staff and asked them how they describe themselves at the end of the day we are hearing things like ‘tired,’ ‘exhausted,’ and that’s because teachers really care about their students,” she said. “But we want them to be aware of their own wellness needs.” Kingkade said programs implemented help teachers focus on their well-being and included a Staff Wellness Week, a meditation/calm room for prep time, and after-school de-stress sessions. “The focus was on mindfulness,” she said. “We are looking next year to continue the wellness piece after school for our teachers.” Next year, Kingkade said the focus will continue on providing SEL supports and supplying more assistance for the EL population. She said, “We are looking into how we can provide help for [the EL students] as they come here so they can learn more about the American school systems and help them with the tools they need to succeed.”

Dean’s List

The following Milford residents were named to the Dean’s List at their respective schools.

American International College, Springfield: Shannon Cormier
Assumption College, Worcester: Patricia Slaney, Brianna Rondeau, Jenna Smith, Elena DelloRusso and Deirdre Flemming
Becker College, Worcester: Mason Allemao majoring in Interactive Media Design, Game Design Concentration, Elizabeth Moniz majoring in Veterinary Science, Pre-Veterinary Concentration; and Christen Nardinli, majoring in Design, Graphic Design Concentration.

Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Penn.: John Montani, Class of 2020.

Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio: Deborah Curran, Dean’s Honor List for a GPA of 3.75 or higher.

Endicott College, Beverly: Hannah Currie, Hotel Management, Megan Larouco, Nursing, and Jennifer Levine, Liberal Studies/Education.

Plymouth State University, Plymouth, N.H.: Benjamin Turtle, Business Administration major. President’s List for a GPA of 3.7 or higher Andre Oliveira, Psychology major.

Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester: Alexandra Atherto
Tufts University, Medford: Kayden Kelley a freshman.

University of New Haven, West Haven, Conn.: Liza Ahl and College of Arts and Sciences, a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Cody Silverman, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, a Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science.

University of Vermont, Burlington: Lindsay Ross, Class of 2019, majoring in Computer Science in the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences.
Summer Hours
The Milford Town Library is closed on Sundays and Mondays. Saturday hours will resume on September 7.

A Universe of Stories
The 2019 Summer Reading Program,“A Universe of Stories,” will begin for youngsters of all ages on June 17 with the kickoff event, Luau and Luau at 10 a.m. Please bring snacks and covered drinks from home to the library. Register for the summer reading program before or after the movie. Young Adults and Adults can also register for the summer reading programs.

Town Reports
Copies of the 2018 Milford Town Report are available free of charge at the library on the branch across from the Circulation Desk. The report includes town budgets, town meeting warrants and the names of town officials.

Center Book Group
The Center Book Group meets Tuesday, June 18, at 10 a.m. at the Milford Senior Center. The group will discuss The Book of M by Peng Shepherd. The book of M is Shepherd’s first novel and explores the parallels to other science fiction in which the characters are able to access the Passage. Newcomers are always welcome. To reserve a copy of The Book of M, please call the Library at 508-473-2145, ext. 2.

Exterior Renovations
After 30 plus years of heavy foot traffic, the restrooms at the library, which were worn and chipped, have been replaced with granite by Milford’s own Fieldstone Pros.

Free Outdoor Kick-Off Summer Concert
HOPKINTON-This Saturday, June 15, a record crowd will watch Kick-Off Concert featuring the band Blonde Doge will take place on Friday, June 14 outdoors at the Hopkinton Center for the Arts, 98 Hayden Rowe. Music starts at 7 p.m. At the festival’s Ice Cream Station, ice cream from four local shops will be available for $6.00 a pint. Families are welcome to bring their own blanket or chair or buy a comfort. Concert is free and open to the public. The 2019 Summer Kick-Off program is brought to you by the Hopkinton Free Library. For more information, visit HopArtsCenter.org/summerconcert.

Vendors Wanted for St. Gabriel’s Fair
UPPER CHARLES-Applications are being accepted for St. Gabriel’s 2019 annual Harvest Fair to be held Sunday, September 8. The fair will begin following Mass and will run from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the church grounds. 151 St. Udon, Upton. Ten foot spaces are available. Vendors are invited to sell clothing, shoes, mattresses, large appliances, air conditioners, out-sports equipment, garden items, collectibles, books and tools. For more information contact Brian Gallagher at 508-473-529, or stop by the church.

St. Mary’s Vacation Bible School
MILFORD-St Mary’s Parish in MILFORD will be offering a Vacation Bible School, July 15 to 19, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, for children entering grades K-6. The theme this year is “Roar! Like in Wild, God is Good!” The cost is $40 per child with a $80 family cap. Last Day to Register is Sunday, June 23. Teams, grade seven and up, and adult volunteers are needed. Registration forms are available at Stmarymilford.org/vbs-2019-and-should be sent to St Mary’s Religious Education Office at 17 Winter St., MILFORD MA 01757.

Free Concert and Hike with Massachusetts Walking Tour
MILFORD-The Massachusetts Walking Tour (MWT) will be hiking along the Upper Charles Rail Trail Monday, June 17 from MILFORD to the Holliston Public Library to offer a free concert from 6 to 8 p.m. The concert will feature local artists as well as the MWT ensemble performing acoustic, family friendly music and is sponsored in part by the Holliston Cultural Council. Members of the public are encouraged to join in to enjoy this event as the walking portion of the hike will be free and available at MassWalkingTour.org. From June 17 through 29, traveling 100 miles from Milford to Swansboro, MWT partners with Mayreic Turner Fieldman author of Easy Walks in Massachusetts and Marshfield Senior Center to celebrate 10 years of the bipedal community concert tour. Each evening a free concert will be performed. Since 2010, local songwriters Mark Mandeville and Ramie Richards, co-authors and producers of MWT have organized over 100 free community concerts each June which showcase local artists and musicians across their home state.

The Circus comes to Mendon
MENDON- On Monday, July 15, the Zerin Family Circus will present two shows under the Big Top at 5 and 7:30 p.m. for the enjoyment of all in Mendon in the Fino Field. Mendon's annual circus presentation is a chance to meet local artists and musicians across their home state. The program in the circus is sponsored by the County Board of Education, the Fire Department, and local businesses. The festival is open to the public.

Twice Blessed Thrift Shop
HOPEDALE- The Sacred Heart Church of Hopedale Twice Blessed Thrift Shop will offer 50 percent off men’s clothing and accessories in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the store on Saturday, the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.

Peking and the Mystics – Vintage Vocals
A dynamic a cappella group comprised of five Tufts University graduates who were all members of the Tufts a cappella group, Peking and the Redheads, have been singing wonderful harmonies since 1973, will be at the Milford Town Library on Thursday, June 27 at 7 p.m. The group's eclectic a cappella repertoire, made up of original arrangements by the members themselves, incorporates doo-wop, and popular music of every decade from the 1890s to the 2000s.

Vendors Sought for Upton Bloomer Girls Fall Fair
UPTON- The Upton Bloomer Girls is now accepting applications for the 2019 Upton Bloomer’s Girl Fall Fair (previously The Upton Women’s Club Fair) being held on Saturday, November 2 at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, 65 Pleasant St., Upton, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is the biggest and best fair in Upton, and a wonderful opportunity for the local community to support separate to see the shops, vendors, and the bags will be in place the day after the fair.

Trinity Church Organ Performance and Hymn Sing
MILFORD-Trinity Episcopal Church will host an organ performance and hymn sing on Friday, June 14, at 7 p.m. Trinity Church Organist and Director of Music, Timothy Stearns, will open his new Smith & Gilbert organ, will perform works including those by J. S. Bach, Vaughan Williams, and Alexandre Guilmant. The performance is designed to provide the volunteer, who range of the organ in leading hymn singing and in performance. Following the program there will be a reception in the parsonage for a chance to meet Smith and ask questions about the new organ.

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Summary of Town Meeting Actions

By Kevin Budden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

The actions taken by Town Meeting Members at the May 20 Annual Town Meeting are summarized:

• Article 1: Hear resolutions to remember the late Town Meeting Members Joan Sanchioni, Arthur Morton, Jr. and Martina Lenardi. Hear update report from the Town Meeting Study and Improvement Committee.

• Article 2: Adopt the Personnel Board's recommended Wage and Salary Schedule for non-union salaried and hourly paid employees in Fiscal Year 2020 – approved by a unanimous voice vote.

• Article 3: Give all elected town officials a 2.5 percent increase in salary for Fiscal Year 2020 – approved by a unanimous voice vote.

• Article 4: Set the operating budget for the town for Fiscal Year 2019 at $107,146,571 – approved by a majority voice vote. Removed $171,927 from the Police Department's salary budget by a 79-78 vote.

• Article 5: Authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of revenue during Fiscal Year 2020, authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds from the Excess and Deficiencies (Free Cash) account to be spent under the jurisdiction of the School Committee on non-funded student activities – approved by a unanimous voice vote.

• Article 6: Transfer $6,289.05 raised from vending machines in the schools from the Excess and Deficiencies (Free Cash) account to be spent under the jurisdiction of the School Committee on non-funded student activities – approved by a unanimous voice vote.

• Article 7: Give the School Committee authority to spend approximately $50,000 in cable TV access fees – approved by a unanimous voice vote.

• Article 8: Authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into payment agreements with people entitled to redeem parcels in tax title – approved by a unanimous voice vote.

• Article 9: Transfer $60,000 from Free Cash to buy and equip a new staff car – approved by a unanimous voice vote.

• Article 10: Transfer $43,000 from Free Cash to buy a 2019 XL 350 fur-wheel drive truck for the Parks Department – approved by a unanimous voice vote.

• Article 11: Increase the membership of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members – defeated by a 52-110 vote.

• Article 12: Accept the provisions of a state law authorizing the town to contribute the same percentage toward a surviving spouse's health insurance as was paid prior to the death of an employee or retiree, subject to voter approval at the next Annual Town Election – approved by a majority voice vote.

• Article 13: Transfer $285,000 from Free Cash for legal, engineering or other consulting services needed to acquire the Milford Water Company – approved by a majority voice vote.

• Article 14: Authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek special legislation to eliminate the requirement for the Milford Geriatric Authority to make payments in lieu of taxes to the town – approved by a majority voice vote.

• Article 15: Transfer funds for filling the vacancy in the office of Police Chief – passed over (no action taken) by a majority voice vote.

• Article 16: Transfer $50,000 from Free Cash to fund the general expenses of the Police Chief Selection Committee – approved by a by a majority voice vote.

• Article 17: Transfer 6,500 from Free Cash to fund the collective bargaining agreement with Cemetery Department employees – approved by a unanimous voice vote.

• Article 18: Seek special legislation to change the Annual Town Election from April to November – defeated by a 66-72 vote.

• Article 19: Seek special legislation to grant Canvas n Cup, LLC of 189 Main St. a license to sell malt beverages and wine – approved by a majority voice vote.

• Article 20: Rescind a section of Massachusetts General Laws concerning the non-criminal penalties and disposition if abandoned motor vehicles – approved by a unanimous voice vote.

• Article 21: Amend the Zoning By-laws to allow "projecting" signs – approved by a unanimous voice vote.

• Article 22: Transfer $156,444 to fund the collective bargaining agreement with Police Department employees – approved by a unanimous voice vote.

• Article 23: Transfer $205,000 from Free Cash to pay off the Fiscal Year 2019 deficit in the snow and ice removal accounts – passed by a unanimous voice vote.

• Article 24: Close out 18 previously approved Special Article accounts and transfer their $213,084.48 unspent balances to the General Funds of the town – passed by a unanimous voice vote.

• Article 25: Transfer $85,501 from seven various budget line item funds to several other line items within the current Fiscal Year 2019 budget – passed by a unanimous voice vote.

This chart shows a breakdown of how the budget for Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) will be allocated. Milford Finance Committee chart.

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Planning Board Approves “Landmark Place”

By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

Following a public hearing held on May 21 and continued on June 4, the Planning Board approved a special permit for “Landmark Place” – the reincarnation of the former Middle School East building into a 38-unit, over-55 apartment complex.

Mark Allen of Allen Engineering & Associates, Inc. in Hopedale told the board the original part of the building will remain, with the newer, gymnasium section to be torn down and replaced by a new four-story addition. This will result in having less square feet of building than currently exists, he explained. “From the street, it keeps the character of the old school,” Allen said.

Overall, Landmark Place will have 20 one-bedroom apartments and 18 two-bedroom apartments, developer Kevin Lobisser said.

The 85-foot long curb cut on Winter St. will be closed up to two smaller driveway openings and parking for 68 cars – 1.75 spaces for unit – will be provided, he said. The basement floor of the older school building would contain no apartments and be used for tenant storage, Allen added.

When asked by board members if the 68 parking spaces would be adequate, Allen replied, “We’re more worried about the church overflowing.” St. Mary of the Assumption Church is the adjacent property on Winter St. Board member Patrick Kennelly suggested either numbering the apartment building’s parking spaces or striping them with a different color than those in St. Mary’s parking area to delineate which spaces go with which building.

The newer portion of the apartment complex will have nine single-car garages that can be rented out, Lobisser said. Due to asbestos in the building and structural issues – such as three-foot thick walls in the old basement area – “It actually took a lot more time than anticipated” to design the apartment building, he said.

In asking for the special permit approval from the Planning Board, Lobisser asked for three waivers from its regulations. The first is a waiver of a traffic analysis, which board members said could be covered by providing trip generation data in a letter to the board. Allen and board members agreed there will be less traffic than there was when the building was used as a school.

The second waiver had to do with a design plan for a retaining wall, which Lobisser said would be made of poured concrete. Board members said they wanted a separate plan for that wall submitted to the Building Commissioner when applying for a building permit.

The plan should provide details on where and how a guard rail would be attached to it, they said.

The third waiver had to do with landscaping, with Allen and Lobisser noting it will be less than currently required but more than currently exists. Kennelly suggested increasing the diameter of new trees from the planned two inches to at least three inches.

While the building has sat vacant, Milford Police and Massachusetts State Police have used it for K9 and active shooter exercises and the Milford Fire Department has used it to train firefighters in building rescue techniques, Lobisser said.

When people ask you where do you bank, I say “I have the best bank in the whole wide world.”

“...walked in and realized this was everything we wanted and more. Felt like you were walking into a real community bank, a hometown bank.*** That’s why we are at Charles River Bank.

This architect’s rendering shows how “Landmark Place” would look from Main St. Lobisser Building Corporation drawing

The Milford Firefighters’ Honor Guard and bagpipe/drummer from the Police and Fire departments honored Milford’s deceased firefighters at this month’s Firefighter Memorial Sunday ceremonies. A number of officials spoke at the event including State Representative Brian Murray, D. Milford, State Senator Ryan Fattman, R Sutton, and Selectmen Chairman William Buckley. Kevin Budden, Town Crier photo

The Milford Firefighters’ Honor Guard and bagpipe/drummer from the Police and Fire departments honored Milford’s deceased firefighters during the June 2 Firefighters Memorial Sunday ceremonies as another firefighter sounded a bell twice to mark each name. “Each year, we come together as a community to honor our past and current firefighters,” said Rabbi Mendy Kievan, the Fire Department’s chaplain. Milford’s Fire Department “keeps the tradition going” of older firefighters teaching younger ones, Firefighter James Curley, the local union president, said. “I’d like to thank the retirees, because they’re the ones that taught us,” Chief William Touhey said. Kevin Rudden, Town Crier photo
Recent Actions by Milford Town Boards

By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

Board of Selectmen

• Voted to send an unfavorable recommendation to the ZBA on a special permit request
• Approved an amended site plan allowing Lucky Dogs Doggie Daycare to erect a four-

Board of Sewer Commissioners

• Voted to send their existing letter noting its approval of the sewer connection plans for "Landmark Place," the 38-apartment renovation of the former Middle School East building at 45 Main St. The Sewer Department is requiring replacement of the existing five-inch sewer main with a six-inch one connected to a new manhole structure on Summer St. (May 21)
• Project Manager James Hoyt of Tata & Howard, the Sewer Department's Marlborough-based engineering consultants, reported that – due to this spring's heavy rainfall – all but four meters monitoring groundwater inflow and infiltrations (I and I) were removed earlier than expected, saving between $16,000 and $17,000. The remaining meters will be removed in June and data will be analyzed to determine recommendations to reduce I and I in the sewer system. (May 21)

Planning Board

• Approved a plan to divide a 26,656-square-foot lot existing lot at 22 Congress Terrace into two lots: a 15,000 square-foot lot that includes the existing single-family, ranch-style home and a new, 11,656-square-foot lot. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved the plan on April 11, restricting any home built on the new lot to being no larger than 2,000 square feet and having no more than three bedrooms. (May 21)
• Granted the developer of the Sanylah Crossing subdivision – off Fiske Mill Rd. to the Planning Board – 6,500 square-foot lot with an existing two-family home and a new, 6,484 square-foot lot restricted to having no more than two bedrooms, as approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on April 11. (June 4)

Recent Actions by Milford Selectmen

By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

• Voted to transfer the All Alcoholic Beverages license held by Linchins Hotel Corp. doing business as DoubleTree Hotel Boston/Milford to JHM Beaver Street LLC doing business as DoubleTree by Hilton, with Maureen Lee as manager. The board also approved pledging the license as collateral for the new owner's loan with Needham Bank. (June 3)
• Approved an "S" Petition allowing the Land Court to recognize three road relocations/wideningss previously conducted by the town. The approval will allow Triple Birch Properties, LLC of Hopedale to complete its purchase of a lot on Birch St. and construct a new commercial building there, according to attorney Joseph Antonellis. (June 3)
• Town Administrator Richard Villani reported the state's Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) is looking to take over the Highway Department's office space in Milford for the Department of Developmental Services. Interested parties can contact him for details, Villani said. (June 3)
• Villani reported damage to Police Station locker room floors caused by a sewerage back-up will be fixed within a few weeks. (June 3)
• Villani reported that Eversource is replacing utility structures near Beaver St. and has notified area residents about the work, which is scheduled to be completed by mid-July. (June 3)
• Approved the Vernon Grove Cemetery Board of Trustees' request to transfer up to $6,000 in interest from the Avis Pond account to fund its current year's budget. (June 3)
• Granted the Milford Lions Club a Permit to Obstruct a Public Way by holding a "roll road" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on September 28 (Rain date: October 5) at the intersection of Rt. 16 and Rt. 109 to raise money for the "pennies for Sight" program. (June 3)
• Appointed Deeide Thompson as the new Program Coordinator for the Milford Senior Center, replacing a previous candidate who was appointed to the position in March but resigned in May. Thompson would start on June 1 at a pay grade of $24.69 per hour. (June 3)
• Awarded a contract for $46,600 to build out a Dance Experience Room at the Milford Youth Center to low-bidder ES Builders, LLC of Leominster. (June 3)
• Accepted $1,026 in donations for the Milford Fourth of July parade. (June 3)
• Approved Police Chief Thomas O'Loughlins request to dispose of eight surplus vehicles. (June 3)
• Approved waiving building permit fees for the Milford Town Library's Lennard Ann Hill Memorial Park and Middle Garden Hill Revitalization Project. (June 3)
• Approved O'Loughlin's recommendation to install a "Hidden Driveway" sign on Dilla St. with an attendant decal and a driveway immediately upon turning onto Purchase St., as requested by Alexander Ortega of 91 Purchase St. The chief did not support Ortega's request for a "No Turn on Red" sign at the Dilla/Purchase Streets intersection, citing the need to keep the volume of traffic on Dilla St. moving to prevent it backing up onto Cedar St. (Rt. 85) and Rt. 1-495. (June 3)
• Accepted Villani's recommendation, as Dog Hearings Officer, that a yellow Labrador dog named "Victoria" or any other dogs owned by Dora Gesela Mendez of 449 East Main St. (Rt. 16) shall not be allowed outside from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. except on a leash and accompanied by an adult, if no one from the Mendez family is at home, any dogs shall be kept inside the home; any dogs owned by the Mendez family shall not be allowed outside unless on a leash and accompanied b an adult; and, if the order is violated, Victoria shall be subject to seizure and impoundment and Mrs. Mendez will be prohibited from licensing a dog in Massachusetts for five years. (June 3)
• Accepted, with regret, Michael Schiavio's resignation from the Finance Committee effective June 30, after 15 years of service on the board. (June 3)
• Agreed to look for people to fill a vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees caused by the resignation of trustee Ronald Auger. (June 3)
• Affirmed the Milford Cultural Councils request to limit its membership to the current 13 members and no new members, except in the event of a vacancy. (June 3)
• Reviewed a letter from State Representative Brian Murray, D. Milford, to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's District 3 Headquarters in Worcester supporting converting Beaver St. from Birch St. to Medway Rd. (Rt. 109) to a two-way traffic flow. Agreed to send a letter from the board to Murray, State Senator Ryan Fattman, R. Sutton, and District 3 in support of the two-way traffic. (June 3)
• Chairman William Buckley requested an update on plans to add a dedicated left-turn lane from Medway Rd. (Route 109) onto Beaver Street for people trying to get into the Milford Crossing shopping plaza. (June 3)
• Agreed with the Milford Housing Authority's request to look for people to fill a vacancy caused by the recent resignation of Lorrain Bruza as a Housing Authority commissioner. (June 3)
Excerpts from Judge Sullivan's Decisions
Superior Court Judge Susan Sullivan said in her decision regarding Police Chief Thomas O'Loughlin's claims against Milford and Selectmen William Buckley and William Kingkade, "The defendants [the Town of Milford and Selectmen Buckley and Kingkade] acted in accord with the provisions of the plaintiff’s [Police Chief Thomas O’Loughlin’s] employment contract in deciding not to renew his employment contract. The Board [of Selectmen] had to decide whether to renew Chief O'Loughlin's contract, and the Board acted in accord with the terms of the contract."

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Superior Court Dismisses Majority of O’Loughlin’s Claims
By Kevin Budden
Staff Reporter/Columnist
In dual rulings, a Superior Court judge last month dismissed the majority of Police Chief Thomas O'Loughlin's legal complaints against Milford and Selectmen William Buckley and William Kingkade, dismissed the chief's request to claim a violation of his privacy rights, but granted the chief's request to add a claim of defamation of character against the two selectmen. "The decisions completely dismiss the claims against the Town, the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Buckley and Mr. Kingkade regarding the non-renewal of the Chief’s contract,” stated Christopher Brown, the town's attorney handling the case. He added, "The Court's decision notes that the Town acted in accordance with the chief’s employment agreement in deciding not to renew his contract. The Town can now hopefully focus on the search for and appointment of a successor to Chief O'Loughlin without the threat of potential restategment that the dismissed claims had posed for any successor."

O’Loughlin filed his suit in Worcester Superior Court last year after the majority of the Board of Selectmen voted not to review his employment contract. The contract expires on June 30. Judge Susan Sullivan issued her rulings on May 22, one requested by the town for a “judgment on the pleadings” and another requested by O’Loughlin to amend his legal complaint. "A motion for judgment on the pleadings,” Sullivan wrote in her first decision. According to her first ruling, O’Loughlin's complaint had three counts: seeking a declaration on unlawful removal from his position, breach of contract and due process violations in his removal. Addressing the first and second counts, Sullivan’s decision states: “The section of the plaintiff’s [O’Loughlin’s] employment contract pertaining to non-renewal is clear and unambiguous, as is the section addressing termination…” The Board acted in accord with the terms of the contract."

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Post 59 Boasts Veteran Group, Deep Pitching Staff

By Chris Villani
Sports Reporter/Columnist

Unlike several past seasons, the Milford American Legion baseball squad will be filled with a roster consisting of mostly veteran, returning players with a good sense of the grind that is the summer season.

"I think we have a really good group of kids," said Milford manager Steve DiVitto. "I also think we are very deep, especially on the mound. We also have a veteran laden team for the first time in a while."

A total of 11 players return to Post 59 after a 20-8 record and a third-place finish in Zone 4 a season ago. As many as 14 players can potentially pitch, with at least six that are making their way back from college baseball currently or planning to be playing at the collegiate level next season.

This summer’s squad, which was slated to begin games this week but has been waiting on the conclusion of high school season for its feeder programs, is also different from past teams in that only one player is a product of Milford High School. Infielder Matt Shattuck, a junior, is the only player to play both high school baseball and Legion baseball.

The recent MHS graduate can also pitch. "He’s going to be a realäî regular in the lineup," DiVitto said.

Hopedale graduate Jonathan Rice will return at the top of the Milford rotation after playing at Coppin State this past year. "He is a bona fide ace," DiVitto said. "We told him we want to develop him as best we can for him going back to school, but he is an ace with experience in the state tournament for us."

Nipmuc’s Jack Tempela will be in the rotation for Post 59, one of several Upton and Mendon players who could be factors on the mound. Blackstone Valley Tech’s Justin Metcalf will be a backäî end rotation pitcher for Post 59, DiVitto said, calling Metcalf “a fierce, fierce competitor.” DiVitto said Metcalf will throw some of Milford’s most important bullpen innings as well.

A growing contingent of Hopkinton players will also factor into this year’s team. Stephen Simoes, Ben McKenzie, Tommy Ambrosone, Todd Leone and Brendan Kelly all go from Hillers green to Milford blue and gold this summer.

With so many pitchers on the roster, DiVitto said the team is focusing on managing the staff, knowing that it will be in the state tournament this summer as the host post. DiVitto said his squad wants to win the Zone and not “back in” to the states, and the goal of a state championship is always top of mind.

"He really grew immensely," his coach said. "He was a key weapon for us in our matches against St. John’s and Natick. His focus and growth through the course of the season was huge."

The Scarlet Hawks will have five players slated to return as seniors next year with a season of varsity experience under their belts, unlike this year’s team, which was made up of almost entirely new players to the varsity level.

The Hawks will be without Lucy Creedon, the team’s Most Valuable Player this spring. Creedon earned Hockomock League all-star recognition as a senior and filled a number of different roles for the team.

"She was as versatile as the come, able to play the infield and the outfield for us," DiVitto said. "She can play any spot on the field and she is a great leader. She does things the right away and never complained. Lucy is a very special individual who we are definitely going to miss."

DiVitto said he envisions his current sophomore and junior classes taking a significant step forward next year, when they will be juniors and seniors. But that success will have to be earned.

"It’s the work they put in during the off-season that is going to pay off for next year," he said. "You can’t go into the season just expecting it will happen."

Among the leaders will be Elise Fauerbach, who just wrapped up her sophomore season. A catcher and outfielder, Fauerbach was a league all-star honorable mention. "She had a great year, jumping from junior varsity to varsity," DiVitto said.

"We are looking for her to continue as well,” he said.

Milford’s resolve this spring showed towards the end of the season. Early May saw several close calls, with the Scarlet Hawks falling by two runs against Oliver Ames and Sharon. Milford broke through with its second win of the season in the season’s pennant game, beating Canton 13-12 after losing by four to that squad three weeks prior.

Twenty-Win Volleyball Season Ends in Districts

By Chris Villani
Sports Reporter/Columnist

The season came to an end for the Milford High School boys’ volleyball team after a five-set thriller against Natick in the district tournament, but Scarlet Hawks’ head coach Andrew Mainini was pleased with the way his team was able to battle a tough opponent that had gotten the better of his squad during the regular season.

“We were uncomfortable with the way we played out on the court versus Natick," Mainini said. "We thought they outplayed us in terms of height and intensity, which is something that is had to take. But in the playoff match, not only did we improve, but they were not the team that wanted it more."

In fact, the Hawks rallied to win the fourth set and force a fifth and deciding game. Milford took an 11-10 lead before a strong series of serves led Natick to five straight points and the victory in front of a packed crowd in a sweltering Milford gym.

The Scarlet Hawks finished the year 20-4 overall and ran the table in their new league, going a perfect 12-0.

Milford earned a pair of tournament wins, knocking Keefe Tech and St. John’s of Shrewsbury out of the playoffs in sweeps.

Several players stood out for the veteran laden MHS squad, and her six guys right there who have a good amount of experience," Dion said. "And we have a bunch of guys who got some valuable experience during practice this year."

Milford finished third in the Hockomock League’s Davenport Division and won a tournament game after missing out on the playoffs entirely last year. Dion said the success this season should have its squad wanting to better this year’s accomplishments in 2020.

"We want to be in the playoffs every year, the guys on this team got a little taste of that," he said. "Hopefully it makes them hungry to get a little more.

"Persistence can change failure into extraordinary achievement." — Matt Bioni

Matthew Nicholas Biondi is an American former competition swimmer, eleven-time Olympic medalist, and former world record-holder in five events. Biondi competed in the Summer Olympic Games in 1984, 1988 and 1992, winning a total of eleven medals.

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West Point Tournament Scraped, Leaves Post 59 Scrambling

By Chris Villani
Sports Reporter/Columnist

A planned eight-team American Legion tournament at West Point, New York that included Milford has been canceled, leaving Post 59 and the other seven teams searching for places to play over the final weekend in June.

Milford manager Steve Divitto received news of the cancelation due to “unforeseen circumstances” last week. The tournament was slated to include Milford along with fellow Bay State powerhouse Shrewsbury, legion posts from East Providence, South Kingston and Upper Deck, Rhode Island, Essex, Vermont, Stanford, Connecticut and Three Oaks, Michigan.

DiVitto initially reached out to the Red Sox about the possibility of playing at Fenway Park that weekend, while the team is in London, but the idea was scrapped due to set up for a concert coming into town. The teams are looking into playing at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, R.I., but it seems likely the event will be shortened from a three-day tournament to a two-day “legion showcase.” “We are considering all options at this point, we are looking all over the place to see what is available to us,” DiVitto said. “Whether it’s another college site, another semipro site, we are exploring any and all options to try and help the experience for our kids.” A last-ditch option may include bringing the teams to Fino Field, which is already planning to host the Massachusetts state tournament in July. “We are all obviously disappointed that West Point is not going to happen, but we are doing everything in our power to make something happen,” DiVitto said. The West Point tournament had been scheduled for June 28, 29 and 30, but the first day will likely end up being scraped, DiVitto said. If a venue like McCoy Stadium is only available one of the two days, DiVitto said the teams will take advantage of the day they have and make alternate arrangements for the other day. “I find it difficult to imagine it's going to be a tournament with a champion,” he said. “It looks like it's just going to happen, but we are doing everything in our power to make something happen.”

MHS Baseball Falls to Stoughton in Tourney

By Chris Villani
Sports Reporter/Columnist

Milford High’s baseball season came to an end in the quarterfinal round of the Division 2 sectional tournament Monday, as the Scarlet Hawks fell 7-1 to a Stoughton team that has become a staunch rival in recent years. The two teams played for the third time this season after splitting their regular season matchups. MHS head coach Alex Dion said uncharacteristic mistakes ultimately did the team in, including an error that led to a pair of runs in the fourth inning, a passed ball that permitted a run in the fifth and a balk that plated another run in the sixth. The Scarlet Hawks finished the season 11-11 overall and finished third in the Hockomock League’s Davenport Division. MHS scored a first-round tournament win over Southeast Regional Vocational Technical High School. “It was big for us and big for the senior class, who obviously went through what we went through last year,” Dion said, referring to the 5-15 campaign Milford endured a year ago. While Milford’s bats came alive in the first tournament game, a 13-3 win, they fell silent after grabbing an early led against Stoughton. Colby Pires battled on the mound for the Hawks. “He did a great job, he worked himself out of a couple of jams and made the pitches when he had to, but we didn’t make the plays when we had to,” Dion said. “The end of the season means the end of the career of several Milford players who saw significant time this spring. Dion said he had to, but we didn’t make the plays when we had to. “It was great to see them go through what we went through last year and take a big step forward this year,” Dion said. “To get back to the playoffs and give ourselves a chance to play baseball a little longer, it was a good thing for us.”

Post 59 Legion Baseball Schedule 2019

June 14 at Framingham, 7 p.m., Bowditch Field
June 15 at Leominster, 1 p.m., Leominster Babe Ruth
June 16 vs. Main South, 3 p.m., Fino Field
June 17 vs. East Side, 7 p.m., Fino Field
June 19 at Grafton Hill, 7 p.m., Lake Park at Tivnan
June 21 at Northborough, 5:30 p.m., Memorial Field
June 22 at Sturbridge, 11 a.m., Tantasqua Regional H.S.
June 23, vs. North Country (DH), 4:30 and 7 p.m., Fino Field
June 25 vs. Shrewsbury, 7 p.m., Fino Field
June 26 at East Side (DH-1), 3 p.m. and Main South (DH-2), 7:30 p.m., Tivnan Field at Lake Park
June 27 vs. Northbridge, 7 p.m., Fino Field
July 1, vs. Sturbridge, 7 p.m., Fino Field
July 2 at Shrewsbury, 7:45 p.m., Fino Field at Holy Cross, Worcester
July 3 at Northbridge, 5:30 p.m., Northbridge Middle School
July 4 vs. Framingham, 11 a.m., Fino Field
July 5 Holy Cross Tournament, TBD, Fino Field at Holy Cross, Worcester
July Holy Cross Tournament, TBD, Fino Field at Holy Cross, Worcester
July 8 vs. Cherry Valley, 7 p.m., Fino Field
July 9 vs. Grafton Hill, 7 p.m., Fino Field
July 10 vs. Leominster, 7 p.m., Fino Field
July 12 vs. Northborough, 7 p.m, Fino Field
O'Connor Makes Regionals After Record-Setting Spring

By Chris Villani
Sports Reporter/Columunist

MHS sophomore Kerry O'Connor continued to show her track and field prowess this spring, capturing multiple program records, a state title, an appearance as an individual at the New England meet and an upcoming trip to nationals as part of the girls' 4x400 relay team.

At her final individual meet of the season, the regional competition in Saco, Maine, O'Connor finished ninth in the 200-meter dash and 13th in the long jump. "Having competition that would really push me was nice," she said. "It made me work harder.

O'Connor handled the challenges of a lengthy drive north and a different long jump pit than the one she had been accustomed to, but still turned in a strong performance.

"I did the long jump when we got there and then I had plenty of time to rest and prepare for the 200, so it wasn't as stressful as I thought it would be," she said. "I was pretty happy with the 200, because it was consistent to what I had been running. I wished I could have done a little better at the long jump but everyone seemed to be having a little trouble."

O'Connor earned her spot at the New England meet by virtue of a standout performance at All-States. She broke her own school record in the 200, running a 25.26 to come in third overall. She also finished eighth in the long jump at that meet. At the Division 2 state meet, O'Connor captured the championship in the 200 and finished third in the long jump with a school record leap of 18-feet, 4.75 inches.

"States was a really good day for me," O'Connor said. "I had just broken 18 feet in the long jump and got the school record, so going into the 200, I was feeling good and really determined to keep going and keep getting good results for the day." "Kerry had a great finish to the year, she works really hard and she is a kid that never complains," said MHS head coach Derek Rose. "She takes it seriously, but she has a little bit of humor as well. She deeply gets but keeps it in check."

In addition to the record-setting performances in the 200 and long jump, O'Connor posted the top times on the team in the 100, 400 and 800, Rose said.

"She is doing really well for herself," Rose said. "Hopefully colleges will notice."

In addition to the record-setting performances in the 200 and long jump, O'Connor had a great performance. At North Carolina A&T. Unlike other competitions, including the meet in which the relay team qualified for nationals, O'Connor should benefit from fresh legs. Lawrence ran a time of 59.4 seconds about 25 minutes after having competed in the open 400-meter run, Rose said.

"O'Connor was the fastest leg, a time of 57 seconds in the D2 meet. Flanagan ran a 58.2 and Gonzalez was around 62 seconds, the coach said. After a second place finish in the division, Milford finished 15th at the All-State meet. Flanagan was not available for that race, however, and Rose said Lawrence had even less time between her individual event at the relay. So all signs point towards an opportunity for a faster time and a stronger finish this Sunday. Rose is excited for the girls to compete at the highest level this week, but also happy to have all four athletes back together. "It definitely setting up to be a really good season," he said.

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MHS Relay Team Heading to National Meet in N.C.

By Chris Villani
Sports Reporter/Columnist

The Milford High School girls' 4x400 relay team will compete in the emerging elite division of the New Balance National Track and Field meet this weekend in Greensboro, North Carolina, a significant accomplishment for the group and the program as a whole. "Getting to nationals definitely gets the kids and the team some of the spotlight that you don't get too often," said MHS head coach Derek Rose. "Outdoor nationals is quite a feat, because so many teams compete."

The quartet of sophomores Kerry O'Connor and Emma Lawrence, freshman Sarah Flanagan and junior Bella Gonzalez is primed to put together one of its best performances, Rose said. A number of factors impacted the group throughout the season, from having to run other events to build in rest days.

This relay grouping was able to run together at the Division 2 state meet and covered the distance in 3:38.35. The time was good enough for a program record by a full five seconds and was just 0.35 seconds away from qualifying for the championship, or top tier, division of the national meet. Milford figures to have one of the best times in the emerging elite category and could be among the favorites when the team competes Sunday at North Carolina A&T. Unlike other competitions, including the meet in which the relay team qualified for nationals, Milford should benefit from fresh legs. Lawrence ran a time of 59.4 seconds about 25 minutes after having competed in the open 400-meter run, Rose said. O'Connor was the fastest leg, a time of 57 seconds in the D2 meet. Flanagan ran a 58.2 and Gonzalez was around 62 seconds, the coach said. After a second place finish in the division, Milford finished 15th at the All-State meet. Flanagan was not available for that race, however, and Rose said Lawrence had even less time between her individual event at the relay. So all signs point towards an opportunity for a faster time and a stronger finish this Sunday. Rose is excited for the girls to compete at the highest level this week, but also happy to have all four athletes back together. "It definitely setting up to be a really good season," he said.

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