Condry: Ample Water Supply by Spring of 2021

By Kevin Rudden Staff Reporter/Columnist

The privately owned Milford Water Company will be able to supply enough water to various residential and commercial developments in town once two well fields are back online by the spring of 2021, Manager David Condry told the Planning Board on November 5. Until then, all new requests to tie into the utility's distribution system are being denied, he explained.

The board asked Condry to give it an update on water availability after permitting reviews recently began stating that tie-ins were being denied. He explained.

"We don't charge any fees for the parade, but we do ask for anyone to participate by bringing canned goods or an unwrapped toy for donation," said Denmen. The donated food will be brought to the Daily Bread Food Pantry and the unwrapped toys will be given to local charities to ensure all children can have a good Christmas.

And although the planning for a parade of this size has become fairly easy after all of these years thanks to the efforts of the Milford Firefighters, Police, and Highway Department, there are a few wishes that the planners still...
Help Save Lives
This Holiday Season

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to be the lifeline for patients in need this holiday season by making an appointment to give blood or platelets. While helping to save lives is likely motivation enough, those who come out to give November 18 to December 18 will also receive a $5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, courtesy of Suburban Propane. Donors can make an appointment by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Donors of all blood types, especially platelet donors and those with type O blood, are needed. Appointments can be made by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Locally, donors can give blood at Milford Regional Medical Center, 14 Prospect St., Milford, on November 29 and December 12 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and December 18 from 1 to 7:30 p.m.

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400 Enjoy MYC Halloween Party

The Milford Youth Center (MYC) MYC thanks the over 400 people who attended the annual MYC Halloween Party on November 1, and the over 60 volunteers who helped make it happen. The community was able to enjoy lots of activities along with food, drinks and candy. Thanks also the Milford Fire Department for making sure the Haunted Maze, created by Ron Taylor and John Dulude, was safe and for bringing their new ladder truck and Sparky to the party. Appreciation is also extended to Stonehill College, Framingham State University and the Milford National Honor Society for helping with the event. MYC photo

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The Milford Youth Center (MYC) thanks everyone involved in the MYC Telethon on September 14 which surpassed the goal of $10,000 by raising $15,000. The thanks start with everyone at Milford TV, who planned this event with MYC staff.

Thanks are extended to the almost 100 volunteers, acts and performers. Included are Selectman Mike Walsh and State Rep Brian Murray, D. Milford, Patrick McNeil, Sean Mairs, Heather Deary, Matt Zajac, Josh Schorn, Ava Denaro & Kay Tah, Aokari Clayton and Zane Drey, MHS Girls Volleyball, MHS Football, and Animal Adventures for their animal show. Thanks also to Ray Auger for his continued support and emceeing the entire event with Yv Lima.

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By Michelle Sanford
Staff Reporter

The sound of a ringing bell and the sight of a red kettle seem to go hand in hand this time of year. And once again, the Milford Salvation Army is counting on generous individuals to throw some spare change or a few dollars into those red kettles to make their annual fundraiser a success. The Salvation Army’s Red Kettle Drive dates back more than 125 years ago when, in 1891, Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee wanted to help the poor in San Francisco by providing them a free Christmas dinner. He had no funding to do so, so he set up a kettle outside of a store to collect donations. As part of the third annual Telethon, the Milford Police and Fire Departments competed in a friendly game of softball at Fine Field, thanks to assistance from the Milford Parks and Recreation Department. The Milford Fire Department ended up with the trophy but it was a competitive and close game until the very end umpired by the Milford Girls Softball League volunteers. Additional funds were raised thanks to the dunk tank provided by Taylor Rental of Norfolk and picked up by the Ward family. A huge shout out to State Senator Ryan Fattman, R. Sutton, Stacy

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**Salvation Army’s Kettle Drive Hoping to Raise $35,000**

The Kettle Drive’s need for volunteers to ring the bell at various locations “I was doing it at four-years-old,” he said. “I remember standing at Walmart and Shaw’s ringing the bell. We can get so caught up in the rush of Christmas time. It does behoove us to take time and give back to others is a wonderful feeling.” The Milford Salvation Army’s Kettle Drive ends December 24. Anyone interested in volunteering should email Justin Barrier@USE SalvationArmy.Org.

**$15K Raised at 3rd MYC Annual Telethon**

**By Michelle Sanford**

Staff Reporter

Shaw’s in Medway. The Hopkinton Price Chopper’s Kettle Drive is already underway. “Our goal for this year is $35,000,” said Captain Justin Barter. The funding raised stays local to support the Salvation Army’s tireless work to help those in need. The monies will help with rental assistance, the food pantry, clothing drives, back to school programs, and more. In addition to Milford, the Congress St. location also provides assistance to those in Mendon and Hopedale. One of the challenges the Kettle Drive has run into over the years is the fact that people don’t carry cash around like they used to. Now through the Apple Pay and Google Pay apps, residents can donate with a quick scan of their phones. Online donations can also be made at massachusetts.salvationarmy.org/MA/Milford. One thing Captain Barter said hasn’t changed is the Kettle Drive’s need for volunteers to ring the bell.

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**Milford Town Crier**
Milford Regional Nationally Recognized for Patient Safety

Milford Regional Medical Center has been awarded an ‘A’ in The Leapfrog Group's fall 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade. This is the third consecutive ‘A’ Milford Regional has received in this national distinction that recognizes the Medical Center's achievements protecting patients from harm and providing safer health care.

The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization driven by employers and other purchasers of health care committed to improving health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers. The Safety Grade assigns an ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘D’ or ‘F’ grade to all general hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections and other harms to patients in their care.

“Patient safety is a top priority for everyone that works at Milford Regional,” says Edward J. Kelly, president & CEO of Milford Regional. “Receiving an ‘A’ grade for hospital safety by The Leapfrog Group for the third time in a row is a real testament to the diligence and hard work of our physicians, nurses and staff in their daily efforts to provide patients with care that is both high quality and safety focused. They are to be commended for their commitment to safety that continues to bring us this national recognition.”

“A hospitals show us their leadership is protecting patients from preventable medical harm and error,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “It takes genuine commitment at every level – from clinicians to administrators to the board of directors – and we congratulate the teams who have worked so hard to earn this A.”

Developed under the guidance of a national Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade’s methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

To see the Medical Center’s full grade details, learn how employers can help, and access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org.

Milford Responds to 2019 Scouting for Food Program

Thousands of non-perishable food donations were collected during the 2019 Milford Scouting for Food drive for the Daily Bread Food Pantry. The drive began during the first weekend of November when Milford scouts hung door reminders throughout town asking residents to leave bags or boxes of much needed food items and other donations by their front doors or mailboxes for families and individuals who utilize the Food Pantry.

On November 9, scouts traveled to those same neighborhoods to pick up the donations left outside by residents. The donations were brought to the Daily Bread Food Pantry, where the items were sorted and stocked by Milford boy scouts, girl scouts, and parent volunteers.

Since 1991, the Daily Bread Food Pantry has been serving individuals from Milford, Hopedale, and Upton and according to its Web site, has helped more than 9,300 people over that time. The Scouting for Food event is the biggest food drive of the year.

For those who wish to contribute to the Food Pantry but are unable to take part in the Scouting for Food event, donations may be dropped off at the Daily Bread Food Pantry, 21 Exchange St. on Monday evenings between 5 to 7 p.m.
Fill the Cruiser on November 23-24

The Milford Auxiliary Police will hold their annual “Fill the Cruiser” food donation drive from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on November 23 and 24 at the Stop & Shop on Medway Rd. (Rt. 109), Target on Fortune Blvd., Big Y on Medway Rd., and Aldi’s on East Main St. (Rt. 16). Auxiliary officers will be accepting food donations at each location.

Christopher Dunn Milford Federal Bank Mortgage Loan Specialist

Milford Federal Bank announces the appointment of Christopher Dunn to the position of Mortgage Loan Specialist. Dunn holds a Bachelor degree in Management Engineering from WPI in Worcester and brings many years of experience in the residential sales industry with a proven record of customer service and support. He will be responsible for mortgage sales in the Metrowest area, and can be reached at the banks 246 Main St., Milford, office at: 774-462-2158.

Brennan R. Campbell UniBank

Robert E. Paulsen, SVP and Senior Lending Officer of UniBank, recently welcomed Brennan Campbell as Vice President of Commercial Banking, in which he is responsible for developing, maintaining, and growing the commercial loan portfolio of real estate investors, small businesses, and non-profit organizations within Massachusetts.

Campbell has over 16 years of banking experience, most recently as Vice President Commercial Relationship Manager at Fidelity Bank in Worcester. He holds a Bachelor of Finance and Management degree from Nichols College.

Campbell is also a board member for the Habitat for Humanity MetroWest/Greater Worcester and member of Nichols College Board of Advisors.

31st Annual Thanksgiving Whitin Race and Walk

The 31st Annual Thanksgiving Whitin Five Mile Race and Two Mile Health Walk will be held on Thursday, November 28 at Whitin Community Center, 60 Main St., Whitinsville. Events start at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on November 23 and 24 at the Stop & Shop on Medway Rd. (Rt. 109), Target on Fortune Blvd., Big Y on Medway Rd., and Aldi’s on East Main St. (Rt. 16). Auxiliary officers will be accepting food donations at each location.

Milford Federal Sponsors The Bob Seger Experience-“Hollywood Nights”

Milford Federal Bank contributed $3,000 for a Silver sponsorship of The Bob Seger Experience-“Hollywood Nights,” performing at the Stadium Theatre, Woonsocket, in March of 2020. “We believe in supporting the arts, and provide sponsorship to many local non-profit organizations,” said Paul Gilbody, Milford Federal Bank President/CEO, “we are proud to support the theatre in their mission.” Pictured from left are Cathy Levesque-Executive Director/CEO at The Stadium Theatre, Gilbody, Sharon Stevens-Executive Assistant and Marketing Manager at Milford Federal Bank and Diane Landry-Community Relations Director & Imagination Series Coordinator. Milford Federal Bank photo

Dementia Sensitivity Training

Cornerstone at Milford Assisted Living & Compass Memory Support in Milford, recently held a comprehensive Dementia Awareness & Sensitivity training in conjunction with Milford Regional Medical Center for 40 individuals at the Milford Senior Center. Participants in the interactive workshops included caregivers, family members of those with cognitive impairments, and members of the public who were interested in learning more about Alzheimer's and related dementias. Participants completed two workshops, The Dementia Experience, an immersive sensitivity training that lets participants feel what it is like to have dementia, and Understanding Dementia in the Real World, a presentation that explains what dementia is and provides communication tips for when someone exhibits symptoms of memory loss. “Recognizing that dementia is a growing health concern in our community, Milford Regional was proud to work collaboratively with Cornerstone to not only raise awareness on this cognitive disorder, but provide valuable resources and education through such an impactful program,” says Edward J. Kelly, Milford Regional Medical Center President and CEO. This outreach program is an expansion of Cornerstone’s Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative, a public education campaign intended to combat the social stigma and misconceptions that accompany dementia, Alzheimer’s disease and related cognitive impairments. For more information about one of these interactive trainings, email mhhamilton@cornerstonemilford.com or call 508-473-0035

Milford Federal Donates $5,000 to Whitinsville Christian

Milford Federal Bank contributed $5,000 to the Whitinsville Christian School for their annual Dutch apple pie sale. This year over 7,500 pies were made and 1,500 donated throughout the community for the “Paying It Forward with Pies” initiative the school has implemented. Over 300 volunteers gathered to make the two-pound pies, topped with a crumb topping. The fundraiser which has historically raised over $60,000, is used by the school to help keep tuition costs down. “Giving back to our community is at the heart of what we do,” said Paul Gilbody, President/CEO, “and we are proud to support the mission of the Whitinsville Christian School to nurture the academic, social and creative development of its students.” Pictured are (from left) Gilbody and Scott Anderson, Director of Advancement at Whitinsville Christian School.

Building on their big plans.

This is Loretta and Henry. Together they run HPA Design, an award-winning architectural firm, with big plans to purchase and renovate a building for their business.

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Milford Homeowner Supported by Business Taxes

By Kevin Rudden

With the new dual tax rate calculated and two tax increment financing (TIF) requests being negotiated, it’s time to remind everyone of a basic fact: Milford’s homeowners are receiving “welfare” from Milford’s businesses.

The town’s dual tax rate means that homeowners pay less taxes than they should, with that reduction offset by the higher taxes on commercial, industrial and personal property owners. Consider it a mini version of Senator Elizabeth Warren’s “tax the rich” presidential campaign platform, if you will.

But, the only thing is, these business owners aren’t rich. Outside of the “big box” chain stores, the great majority of businesses in Milford are considered small businesses. And the split tax rate is directly impacting their ability to compete.

Don’t believe me? OK, at a recent selectmen’s meeting the owner of a business seeking to relocate from Franklin to Milford said he would be paying twice as much in property taxes here than there. Ouch! So, why would that company want to move to Milford? It can’t find suitable space in Franklin to expand, and we just happen to have a building vacated by the Dell takeover of EMC available.

That company, by the way, is one of the two seeking a TIF agreement. It just wants to level the playing field in terms of keeping the property tax burden similar to what it has in Franklin.

By the way, most people also don’t realize that businesses “consume” less services than a home does. In other words, they have a less limited need for town services than homeowners. Homeowners typically have children in the school system, which costs the town more money than the homeowner pays in taxes. In effect, businesses are paying more money for fewer services.

That doesn’t sound right. But, it doesn’t stop a few Town Meeting Members from complaining about “corporate welfare” and branding business owners as “fat cats.” In reality, it’s “homeowner welfare.”

I’m not trying to be an apologist for businesses, but just educate you on the facts. I’m frankly tired of hearing people bash businesses while ignoring the fact they’re – homeowners, that is – tired of hearing people bash businesses while getting a big break from the dual rate system.

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Homeless Shelters, Capital Planning Featured on 30 Minutes

The new homeless shelters being opened in Milford this winter and a discussion of the town’s capital planning efforts are being discussed on the next three episodes of The Town Crier. The show airs at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays on Milford TV - Comcast Channel 8 and Verizon Channel 38. Both shows are also available on YouTube.

By Kevin Rudden

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To this bountiful gift, which they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People.”

Lincoln was hoping to help further unite a nation fighting a civil war and to bring together the many thanksgiving celebrations held throughout the land into one, national event. But his words acknowledged the very essence of the American harvest observations that originated with the first settlers – thanking a Divine Being for the abundance and sustenance given by “fruitful fields and healthful skies.”

We, as American settlers, were given a beautiful land full of abundant natural resources. That gift has been noted and celebrated throughout our history. But the question arises, as we gather next week to share a turkey dinner and offer our gratitude, have we preserved the gifts for which we give thanks – rich soils ready to grow nutritious crops, waters free of contamination, clear skies of unpolluted air, abundant game and fisheries, thick forests full of diversity and wildlife, and mineral wealth for a multitude of industries? Are we passing on this gift to our children, our grandchildren and generations beyond or are we squandering the very resources that have been our foundation?

Over the centuries, we have given our natural abundance given to us with words and songs, including “America the Beautiful.” “Oh beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain. For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain.” We give thanks for that bounty every fourth Thursday in November. Perhaps the best way to show our gratitude is to make sure that we give future generations the opportunity to do the same.

MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEALS

Free, nourishing meals offered monthly to all in the local community.

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5:30 p.m. Community Pasta Supper, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 61 Wood St. (R135), Hopkinton. Sponsored by the Hopkinton Christian Service Connection. 508-435-4536 or stpaul@hopkinton.org

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Last Friday 3:30–6 p.m. Dinner, Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Congress St., Milford. Sponsored by the Hopedale Churches (Unitarian, Sacred Heart and Union Evangelical). 508-473-8464 or office@trinitychurchmilford.org

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Correction

In the article “Memorial Wall of Heroes Will Be Moving” in the November 8, 2019 Milford Town Crier, the group behind the effort to move the Wall of Heroes from Memorial Elementary School to the Milford Town Hall was misidentified. The group is the Massachusetts Medal of Liberty Committee of Milford. Its members are Joann Morgan, Peter Scandone, Vincent Cifinzara and Geri Eiddins.

The Town Crier is closed for Vacation from December 13 till January 8.

Get ready for the Holidays!

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Financial Officer Bruce Bowden. Now headquartered in a 150-year-old mill building in Franklin, Interactions would like to relocate to a 52,000 square-foot vacant building at 27 Maple St. where it would invest $7 million into the facility – $5 million in construction costs and $2 million in personal property - he said.

Interactions would relocate its 200 employees to Milford, and plans to hire another 100 people over the next three years, Bowden continued. The average Interactions salary is about $120,000 annually, he added. One big plus for the company is that moving to the Milford site would only add four minutes’ time to Interactions’ employees’ commute times, Bowden continued.

However, the biggest negative about coming to Milford is that Milford’s tax rate on businesses is twice the rate Interactions pays in Franklin, Bowden explained. He termed the TIF request “a means to offset an incredible cost” and stated, “Whatever the town can help to encourage us and support us would be very much appreciated.”

Interactions must make a decision about the Maple St. building by the end of December, Bowden noted.

Rentschler Biopharma already owns and operates a 108,340 square-foot facility at 27 Maple St., where it develops and manufactures medicines for more than 100 biopharmaceutical customers, explained Executive Vice President Karen Savage.

“The company is planning a 24,000 square-foot expansion that will cost $55 million, including $46 million in construction costs and $9 million in personal property, she said. In addition to its existing 85 jobs, the expansion would mean another 75 full-time jobs with annual salaries of about $100,000 Savage said.

Rentschler Biopharma also plans to develop a curriculum with Milford’s public schools that would allow high school graduates to obtain jobs while obtaining training and education to grow with the company, she said.

Her company needs to have financial projections for the cost of the expansion nailed down by year-end to present to corporate headquarters in German early next year, Savage said.

### Selectmen React to TIF Requests

By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

All three members of the Board of Selectmen reacted positively to requests by Interactions, LLC of Franklin and Rentschler Biopharma SE of Germany for tax incremental financing (TIF) agreements to support their expansions in Milford, but cautioned that Town Meeting Members have the ultimate say.

“This board has a demonstrated ability to react and respond in a quick manner,” Chairman William Buckley said about both companies’ desires to reach agreements with the town by the end of December.

Speaking about Interactions’ desire to move from Franklin to Milford, Selectman William Kingkade termed it “a great opportunity for both of us.” He continued, “We’ve done a lot of these TIF agreements. We do take them seriously. We’ll see what we can do to get it done.”

Interactions’ plan to sign a 12-year lease shows “a commitment to the community,” Selectman Michael Walsh said.

In terms of Rentschler Biopharma’s request, Kingkade noted, “You’re already a Milford company. We want to retain you.” The company’s plan to partner with the public school system shows a commitment to the community,” Walsh said.

“I want to think big,” Buckley said. “You have our attention.” He noted the timeframe of negotiating with the two companies and trying to schedule a Special Town Meeting before the end of next month was challenging. “We’re already at a challenge when we look at the schedule,” he added. “It’s a narrow window you’re giving us. Let’s get to work.”

“We appreciate your support, working with us on a very, very fast timeline,” said Lynn Tokarczyk, a tax consultant for both Interactions and Rentschler Biopharma.

### Milford Meetings

When the November 22 Milford Town Crier went to press, no meetings were posted for the Town of Milford. To see the latest meeting schedule visit MilfordMA.gov and click on Town Calendar.

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Milford Honors It's Veterans

Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony

Milford turned out to honor its veterans on November 11 at the Annual Veterans Day Parade and the ceremony hosted by the Milford Medal of Liberty Committee and Citizens for Milford. The parade, organized by the Milford Department of Veteran Services, followed the traditional route along Main St., stopping at Calzone Park for a brief ceremony and wreath laying at the Doughboy Monument, and then at Draper Memorial Park for other ceremonies. Grand Parade Marshall was Frank Andreotti, Jr. Shortly after graduating from St. Mary's High School, Milford, Andreotti enlisted in the Army and served in Viet Nam with the First Aviation Combat Brigade during the TET Offensive. After leaving the Army, he returned home to Milford where he worked at Foster Forbes Glass for 35 years. Andreotti is active in several Service organizations and is current Chaplain of the Milford Lawrence J. Heron Chapter 6 Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

Following the parade, the Milford Medal of Liberty Committee and Citizens for Milford presented their Third Veterans Day Ceremony at Draper Memorial Park. Featured speakers were State Representative Brian Murray, D. Milford, US Army veteran Steven Petak; Angela Manella Kantor sharing the experiences of her father US Air Force Lt. Colonel Richard Manella as a World War II prisoner of war; and Ed Cormier speaking about his brother, US Marine Corps Private Eugene Cormier, who was killed in Viet Nam. The Field of Flags, a tribute to the service and sacrifice of veterans and active military personnel, was installed in Draper Memorial Park. Town Crier photographer Jim Calarese snapped photos of both events.

To view additional photos of the 2019 Milford Veterans Parade and Ceremony by Jim Calarese visit Facebook Town Crier Publications.

Parade Marshal Frank Andreotti, Army, after laying of the wreath at the Doughboy Monument honoring those who served in World War I at Calzone Park. Veterans Day was started after the carnage of World War I to honor all America’s service men and women. The Doughboy was the nickname given to World War I soldiers.

Edmond Cormier, brother of Eugene Cormier, Milford Marine killed in Viet Nam, gave an emotional account of the last days of his brother on patrol in the jungles of Viet Nam during the Veterans Day Ceremony.

Senior Center Veterans Breakfast

Veterans recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the Veterans Breakfast held at the Ruth Anne Bleekney Senior Center in Milford on November 8.

Jim Calarese Town Crier photo

Vincent Valastro, left, Army vet from the First Gulf War and Steve Petak, Commander of VFW Post 1544 Milford, a Viet Nam vet from 1966-67. Jim Calarese Town Crier photo
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Live Nativity
HOPKINTON - Experience the real meaning of Christmas at a Live Nativity with real people and animals, outdoors at Community Covenant Church, 2 East Elm St., Hopkinton on Saturday, December 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. After the Creche display, warm up with hot drinks and goodies. This a free event, with all welcome. Donations are welcomed for Habitat for Humanity. For more information, visit ConnCorVacShop.org or call 508-435-3725.

The Nutcracker Ballet
BELLINGHAM - The Nutcracker will be performed by the Greater Milford Ballet on Saturday, December 21 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, December 22 at 1 p.m. at Bellingham High School for its 39th annual production. Ticket sales for the public begin on December 11 at Charles River Banks in Mendon and Bellingham branches. Tickets are cash only and are $25, $20, and $15 during regular banking hours. To order by phone, please call 508-473-3345.

Scratch Tickets Raffle
MILFORD - The Milford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary will hold the Scratch Ticket Raffle December 5 through 13 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with some afternoon hours, in the Atrium Cafeteria located on the first floor, 14 Prospect St., Milford. Tickets are $5 for one chance, and $20 for five. This seasonal raffle prize is a small artificial Christmas tree decorated with $100 worth of scratch tickets. The winning ticket will be drawn on December 13 in the cafe, at 1:30 p.m., the winner need not be present. For more information about joining the Auxiliary, please call 508-422-2099, or visit MRMC/Auxiliary@milreg.org.

Gift Cards Available Online at CanvasnCup.com
Your local Cranston Avenue florist will be offering raffle tickets for the chance to win $100 in gift cards to CanvasnCup.com. Visitors can purchase tickets at the flower shop, or online at http://canvasncup.com. Each $20 ticket will serve as 5 entries. The winner will be announced on December 29 and will be contacted by phone. Tickets are available now. All proceeds benefit the Auxiliary.

Annual Menorah Lighting
The Annual Menorah Lighting by Temple Beth Shalom will be held in Draper Memorial Park, Main St., Milford on Sunday, December 22. Table set for the ceremony will be loading the ceremony. Dreidels (tops) and Hanukkah Gift (chocolate coins) will be handed out to all attending. For more information, contact Marc Mann at (617) 899-3329.

Flip N Fun Craft and Vendor Fair
MILFORD - The 3rd Annual McKeon Flip N Fun Craft and Vendor Fair is Sunday November 24 from 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Crystal Room, 49 Cedar St., Milford. Enjoy holiday shopping, kids crafts and pictures with Santa.

Holiday Greemery Sale
MILFORD - The Milford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary will hold the popular Greemery Sale on Friday, December 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the hospital’s Atrium Cafeteria. This year’s sale will feature fresh wreaths and greens, decorated holiday mugs, table centerpieces, and small arrangements. Items are cultured by the Auxiliary members. Come for some holiday cheer and help support the hospital, which is located at 14 Prospect St., Milford. New members are always welcome to join the Auxiliary by calling 508-422-2099, or visiting MRMC/Auxiliary@milreg.org.

St. Gabriel’s Christmas Fair
UPTON - St. Gabriel’s Church, 151 Mendon St., Upton, will hold its Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair offers a wide variety of fresh balsam wreaths, cemetery baskets and table top arrangements. Raffles on Themed Baskets, Gift Certificates, Home Heating Oil and over $450 of Lottery Scratch Tickets on one drawing are available. A bunch of soup, sandwiches, hot dogs, and traditional Grapefruit pudding will be served. A New Gift Boutique featuring new and “like new” items, Attic Treasures, Olde Yule Christmas decorations and a Christmas Craft and Holiday decor section will have something to interest everyone. Gems and Jewels has a collection of jewelry to interest everyone. Gems and Jewels has a collection of gems to interest everyone.

Blackstone Valley Gardeners Christmas Meeting
WHITINSVILLE - Blackstone Valley Gardeners will host Holiday Decorating with Henry Schmidt Thursday, December 5 at the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church, 61 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville. Parking and entrance are at the rear of the building off Church St. by Domino Pizza. Schmidt is the Senior Horticultural Designer at Weston Nurseries. Although, he has many decades of experience, he keeps up with the current trends in decorating with natural plant matter and loves to share his experience. Raffling off his creations is always a much anticipated and spirited finale to the evening. There is a guest fee of $5 for non-members of the club.

Christmas Around the World Concert
UXBRIDGE - The Birch Alley Brass Ensemble will present a concert of Christmas music from around the world on December 6, at the Valley Chapel in Uxbridge at 7 p.m. The ensemble, directed by William Moffett is made up of student and professional musicians from area towns. This concert is free and open to the public. The ensemble project is funded in part by the Mendon and Milford Cultural Councils. Musicians participating come from Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Upton and Uxbridge.

MILFORD - The Greater Milford Community Chorus (GMCC) holiday concerts are Saturday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 15 at 1:30 p.m., both at the Grand Ballroom, Milford Town Hall. The building is handicap accessible and parking is free.

Under the musical direction of Mark Schiappucci, this year’s program is entitled Cool Yule will include beloved traditional holiday songs along with select poetic and classic pieces. The GMCC is a nonprofit organization sponsored by the Milford Community Use Programs and the Milford, Bellingham, Holden, Uxbridge, and Mendon Cultural Councils, thru the Massachusetts Cultural Council. For more information, visit GreaterMilfordCommunityChorus.com. Tickets are now on sale at Music & Arts (formerly The Music Nook), 164 Main St., Milford, or from any chorus member for $10. Tickets will be sold at the door for $12. Children under 8 are free.

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Shoppers looking for the perfect gift can browse the unique wares at the Primarily Potters Annual Show & Sale the weekend of November 22 through 24, and Shopping for a Cause Boutique on Sunday, December 1. Both shopping events are free and open to the public.

From November 27 through December 8 guests can enjoy the Festival of Wreaths on display in the Lotus Family Gallery. Performances include two 50 minute shows of The Nutcracker Sweet on Saturday, December 7, The Troublemakers’ Holiday Concert on Wednesday and Thursday, December 11 and 12, a Classical Holiday Family Concert with the Claffin Hill Symphony Quartet on Saturday, December 14 which includes an instrument petting zoo, face painting and refreshments; plus, two shows of The Nutcracker Ballet at Ashland High School on Sunday, December 22. The festivities end on Tuesday, December 31, when revelers will ring in 2020 at the New Year’s Eve Party.

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**Evergreen Christmas Fair**

WESTBOROUGH—On Saturday, December 7, the Congregational Church of Westborough will hold its 64th traditional Evergreen Christmas Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 37 W. Main Street, Westborough next to the Evergreen of Westborough will hold its 64th traditional Evergreen Christmas Fair which takes place at Ashland High School on Sunday, December 22. The festivities end on Tuesday, December 31, when revelers will ring in 2020 at the New Year’s Eve Party.

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**Milford Lions Club Breakfast with Santa**

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• Board member Paul Mazzuccilli said police officers invited him to look at a “severe overcrowding” situation at 106 Hayward St., where 17 people were found to be living in a house with room for four people. A non-criminal fine of $300 per day could be assessed against the landlord, he said.
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Board of Selectmen
• Town Administrator Richard Villani reported the town had applied for, and will receive, a state grant to help with “cyber-security” efforts. (November 4)
• Villani thanked the Fire Department members who volunteered their time on November 3 to take down and re-hang the downtown business district’s flags and banners damaged in the previous week’s windstorm. (November 4)
• Selectman William Kingkade reminded his colleagues that the board promised to re-evaluate Building Commissioner Matt Marcotte’s salary once he obtained full certification for his position – which Marcotte recently accomplished. Both Chairman William Buckley and Selectman Villani agreed to bring the matter to Human Resources Director Maurine Griffin and them to the Personnel Board. (November 4)
• In response to a question from Walsh, Villani said letters were sent on October 23 to liquor license holders who are not currently using the licenses, asking them to explain their plans for the licenses. One establishment already has plans to transfer the license, Villani said. If there are no further responses, the license holders will be asked to attend a board meeting, he added. At past meetings, selectmen have discussed the Rail Trail Flatbread Company’s desire to obtain a liquor license for a restaurant contemplated for 221 Main St. (November 4)
• Voted to accept a $120 donation from Canvas n Cap for the Regional Substation Navigation Program. (November 4)
• Deferred action on a request by the Milford Cultural Council to remove non-attending members until Town Counsel Charles Boddy can review the issue. (November 4)
• Granted the Milford High School Boosters Club a permit to obstruct a Public Way to hold its Thanksgiving morning 5K run/walk beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the parking lot next to the school’s gym. (November 4)
• Approved a revised site plan for the Nitto Manufacturing of America, Inc. at 5-7 Industrial Rd., subject to the conditions that a shed on the property will be rehabilitated by next May 31, and two parking areas will be maintained. Board member Patrick Kennelly abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest. (November 5)
• Approved a revised site plan for the Nitto Denko Aveica Inc. facility at 155 Fortune Blvd., allowing the company to park a 40-foot long storage trailer on wheels at a loading dock for dry storage for a requested two-year period. (November 5)

Planning Board
• Approved a site plan for the proposed 2,000 square-foot Sira Naturals marijuana cultivation facility to be constructed at 5-7 Industrial Rd., subject to the conditions that engineering plans need to be revised for a proposed 1-1 grading area and that a temporary well will be installed until the Milford Water Company can supply water to the facility. Board member Patrick Kennelly abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest. (November 5)
• Approved the site plan for Newton Hills Golf Club’s bandshell, which will be “a great checking account!”

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No Serious Injuries Reported in Accident with School Bus

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Several Woodland Elementary School students were taken to the hospital after their bus was hit by a car on the way home from school on Monday, November 18. (November 18)

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• Villani thanked the Fire Department members who volunteered their time on November 3 to take down and re-hang the downtown business district’s flags and banners damaged in the previous week’s windstorm. (November 4)
• Selectman William Kingkade reminded his colleagues that the board promised to re-evaluate Building Commissioner Matt Marcotte’s salary once he obtained full certification for his position – which Marcotte recently accomplished. Both Chairman William Buckley and Selectman Villani agreed to bring the matter to Human Resources Director Maurine Griffin and them to the Personnel Board. (November 4)
• In response to a question from Walsh, Villani said letters were sent on October 23 to liquor license holders who are not currently using the licenses, asking them to explain their plans for the licenses. One establishment already has plans to transfer the license, Villani said. If there are no further responses, the license holders will be asked to attend a board meeting, he added. At past meetings, selectmen have discussed the Rail Trail Flatbread Company’s desire to obtain a liquor license for a restaurant contemplated for 221 Main St. (November 4)
• Voted to accept a $120 donation from Canvas n Cap for the Regional Substation Navigation Program. (November 4)
• Deferred action on a request by the Milford Cultural Council to remove non-attending members until Town Counsel Charles Boddy can review the issue. (November 4)
• Granted the Milford High School Boosters Club a permit to obstruct a Public Way to hold its Thanksgiving morning 5K run/walk beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the parking lot next to the school’s gym. (November 4)
• Approved the site plan for Newton Hills Golf Club’s bandshell, which will be “a great checking account!”

Recently, Larry Walholz of the Milford Police Department described the accident in which a car crossed over the median near the scene reported hearing the bus wheel before crossing over the center line. The accident happened at about 3:30 p.m. Monday near the intersection of Della St. and Quinshipag Rd. A witness near the scene reported hearing the bus driver honk the horn repeatedly and children screaming before hearing the impact of the crash.
Over 50 students were on the bus traveling home from school, but all were able to walk off the bus on their own before the 11 students were transported to the hospital by ambulance to treat their minor injuries.
The driver of the other vehicle involved in the crash was not seriously hurt, according to police.
Investigators will be looking into the cause of the crash, but several news outlets report that a witness stated that the driver of the car admitted to falling asleep at the wheel before crossing over the center line into the path of the bus. The driver was cited for a marked lanes violation. Both vehicles involved in the crash were towed away from the scene.
Town to Hold Hearing on Depot St. Property

By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

The Milford Board of Selectmen voted unanimously on November 4 to support Town Counsel Charles Boddy’s request to schedule a hearing on whether to deem a building at 72 Depot St. “to be a nuisance to the neighborhood, or dangerous” and then ordering it to be razed. The building is fire-damaged and dilapidated, Boddy said.

He provided the board with copies of notices to the property owner in February, 2015 and again in August of this year from the Building Commissioner which cited building code and town by-law violations at the site. Boddy noted the structure suffered a fire four years ago and currently is “not secured” and is “open to the weather.”

The building consists of nine masonry garage bays and a second-floor office space, Boddy explained. While the property owner – Contracting Yard, LLC – has done some work to bring the building into compliance, “It’s really not happening rapidly enough,” he continued.

“This is a neighborhood. People live there. This cannot be tolerated,” Selectman William Kingkade said. Selectman Michael Walsh said he had viewed the building back in August. Boarding up the windows on the building was “a step,” he said, and supported Boddy’s request.

Selectmen Support Waters’ “FTZ” Request

By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

The Milford Board of Selectmen unanimously supported Waters Technologies Corporation’s request for the town’s support as it applies to have a Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) designation at its Maple St. location. Thomas Wesley, the company’s senior director of Workplace Solutions, met with the board on November 4 to explain the request.

A foreign trade zone allows us to avoid a lot of the hassles and paperwork should we be tariffed, “ Wesley said, referencing the tariffs being placed on items by both the United States and overseas countries during trade disputes. Because Waters transfers items back and forth between Milford and its overseas locations, they could be subject to having tariffs placed on them, he explained.

The request to be a FTZ “seeks to keep us more competitive by avoiding [tariff] costs,” Wesley said. “If you can’t be competitive here, then you have to look at other locations.”

According to information he provided to the board, “FTZs are designated locations around the United States in or near a U.S. Customs Port of entry (in this case Boston) where imported foreign merchandise is considered to be outside of U.S. Customs territory.”

Imported steel and aluminum – now subject to tariffs implemented in 2018 – is processed in Waters’ Milford manufacturing operations and then re-exported to other Waters’ international facilities for final processing, he said.

The board’s vote to support the company’s request resulted in a letter of support of the Massachusetts Port Authority in Boston. “The Waters manufacturing facility provides a significant number of jobs and revenue to the region. Therefore, Milford supports the Subzone request being made by Waters, as by doing so, the town is promoting increased investment, activity and positive economic impact,” the letter stated.

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EEE Risk Ends after “Hard Frost”

By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

Health Officer Jacquelyn Murphy announced on November 8 that the risk of Milford residents contracting the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus from mosquitoes ended after a “hard frost” occurred. “I am happy to report that we are in the clear,” she said.

A hard frost had occurred throughout Worcester County, the DPH said.

As of October 28 – just 11 days earlier – the DPH still listed Milford as “critical” in terms of the risk of contracting EEE.

EEE is a rare but serious disease caused by a virus that can affect people of all ages. It is generally spread to humans through the bite of a mosquito infected with the virus, and can cause severe illness and possibly lead to death, according to the DPH.

This temperature map from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Northeast Regional Climate Center at Cornell University in Ithaca New York shows the lowest temperature reached since July 1, 2019. Massachusetts Department of Public Health map
**School News**

**Under the Big Top**

By Melissa Orff  
Staff Reporter/Columnist

Come one! Come all! Come join the Milford High School (MHS) Theater Group as they perform *Under the Big Top* this weekend.

This light-hearted, circus-themed show is a story about a dysfunctional circus troop who are working to raise money to keep their jobs afloat. Toss in a romance between a big city girl and a circus girl and zany thevres who are trying to topple the big top and you will have great entertainment for audiences of all ages.

"It’s a comedy. It’s silly, and ironic, and really interactive," said the show’s Director Giovanna Paterno, who is also an MHS senior. "The audience will laugh a lot and have a fun time." Paterno is one of a number of student leaders for this year’s Fall play including Stage Manager Laryssa Oliveria, Head Builder Michael Lynch, both seniors, and Costume Director Rebecca Gaffin, an MHS junior.

Over 50 cast and 60 crew members have been planning and rehearsing for the show since September, working on bringing that big-top circus feel to life on stage.

"There are a lot of fun colors," said Laryssa. The crew have been busy building and painting scenery and props in bright blues, oranges, and of course, red and white stripes. "The audience will feel like they are in the circus. I can guarantee that."

The circus feel will begin as soon as you walk in the lobby, with face painting, circus refreshments like cotton candy and popcorn, and circus-type entertainment being offered before the show and during intermission.

"All of the kids have been really excited to perform something bright and energetic," said MHS Theater Group Advisor Amanda Cunningham. "It is an easy-going show that students have been working really hard on. The audience will feel like they are in the circus, I can guarantee that."

Under the Big Top will be presented on November 22 and November 23 at 7p.m. and November 24 at 2p.m. at the Milford High School auditorium. Tickets can be purchased for $5 for students and $10 for adults at the door.

**Milford High School Theater Workshop** will present "Under the Big Top" on November 22 and November 23 at 7p.m. and November 24 at 2 p.m., at the Milford High School auditorium. Tickets can be purchased for $5 for students and $10 for adults at the door.

**Shining Star: The Shining Star staff are working as a team to bring Project Based Learning (PBL) into the forefront of their instruction. This month’s theme is transportation. A Mystery Box arrived at each classroom with a letter addressed to preschoolers to spark excitement and interest. Students could not wait to explore after they were given clues to what is in the box. Students offered guesses with instructors following their lead to begin exploring transportation. Classroom instructors eventually led students to a lab exploration area based on their Mystery Box contents. Members of the Milford community received an invitation to a classroom based on student interest.

Brookside: Assistant to the Principal, Lisa Firth, spends a short time at the end of each day visiting Kindergarten classrooms with her guitar, getting to know students’ names using the popular song, Down by the Bay. This personalized touch excites Kindergarten students engaging them in song and rhyme and allows the administration to learn student’s names quickly, setting them up for personalized school experience at Brookside Elementary School.

Memorial: Second Grade students worked diligently throughout the month on their Pumpkin Book Projects. A Pumpkin Stroll was the culminating event. Student projects were innovative, creative, and demonstrated that they were able to transfer their learning when they spoke to peers about their work and its purpose.

On November 2, a PBIS assembly was held to teach students the expected behaviors at Memorial and how they can "soar" above those expectations by going above and beyond. Students from Milford High School and the Hawk mascot attended the program and talked about how they, as high school students, soar above expectations by participating in sports, band, extra-curricular activities and helping new students. Hawk Pride was loud and proud as high school students worked with their younger peers to talk about leadership, trying their best, and being kind.

Woodland: Corre Daniels 4th grade classes are Skypeing or listening to authors during their book A Day initiative. A former MPS student, Cavazza Martelli, visited the classroom to read her published book, with her daughter, a former student of Daniels. Additionally, two of the classes Mystery Readers shared the Legend of "Rock, Paper, Scissors" which had the classroom laughing out loud. Students also had fun skyping with author Josh Funk as he read students his latest work.

Whitinsville Christian School School Honor Roll

Whitinsville Christian School has announced the first quarter honor roll which includes the following local students.

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Celebrating Milford recently donated $10,000 to Milford High School. The money will be used for new equipment in the Building Trades and Science Departments. Pictured, left to right are Richard Johnson, Building Trades Teacher; Celebrate Milford Committee members Tony Chiarelli, Joe Sousa, and Joe Murais; and Building Trades students Mike Oliveira, Alex Ferreira, J.P. daSilva, hidden Aidan Fries, Jake White, Ryan Cenedella, Tom Morelli, Bryan Mercer, Jake Brigham, Tyler Kennedy and Colby Pires. Contributed photo

Supporting the Building Trades and Science at Milford High

Class Sizes and Student Needs Creeping Up in Milford Schools

By Melissa Orff
Staff Reporter

Class sizes in the Milford Public Schools may be steady in many buildings, but those numbers don’t tell the whole story officials said during a November 14 School Committee Meeting. Nick Molinari, President of Milford Teacher’s Association (MTA) and Cherie Petersen, Vice President, presented a review of the class sizes across the district, stating with rising numbers of students coming into the district, along with the increasing variety of needs has created a challenge to the numbers of staff currently in the district.

“Because we have such a mix of students, the level of differentiation you have to do within a single class is tremendously different than what you had to do a few years ago,” said Molinari. “That is really difficult.”

There are currently 4,531 students enrolled in the Milford Public Schools, up from 4,117 at the beginning of the 2016 school year.

“In less than three school years, there has been a 10 percent increase, or 414 students,” commented Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kevin McIntyre. Class sizes, said McIntyre, are “relatively diverse across the board, but don’t tell the whole story.”

Along with taking in an additional grade-worth of students in three years, another challenge will be the potential for more students moving into the district after the holiday season. The district has recently experienced an influx of new students entering January and February.

“One of my biggest concerns is that if we have another influx of students over the holiday season, we may have to add more sections of a class,” said Molinari.

As students have moved into the district since the September, additional sections of classes, especially at the high school and middle school levels have been added, causing teachers to lose prep time.

The MTA reps presented an update of class sizes in school building. Aside from some isolated classrooms that are on the larger side at the elementary level, overall class size issues don’t become very concerning. That changes as Stacy Middle School and the High School, said Molinari. “Some of them are over 30 students, those are very big classes,” he said. The average class size in the Milford Teachers contract is 24 students.

Another major factor is the growth of the English Learner (EL) population in the district. “This year we have seen a large influx of Level 1 EL students,” said McIntyre. “It’s a higher number then we typically have, which has caused us to have to make some shifts in the middle of the school year.” Level 1 EL students could speak little to no English upon entering the district.

And it’s not just general classrooms that are feeling the pinch of larger numbers, said Petersen. Specials classes are seeing bigger numbers with a high special needs or EL student to teacher ratios.

“It becomes almost impossible to differentiate the learning so you are reaching each student’s strengths,” she said. “It really begins to impact the way our students can learn.”

Petersen told the Committee the district is at the point where it needs to hire more teachers.

The MTA reps will return to give another presentation on class sizes before budget season begins.

BVT seniors, Nolan Ballard of Upton (Construction Technology), Thomas Buckley of Hopedale (Electronics & Engineering Technology), Abigail Cook of Blackstone (Health Services), and Daniel McDonald of Grafton (Information Technology), have been named Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Blackstone Valley Tech Assistant Superintendent/Director/Principal Anthony E. Steele II., announces Nolan Ballard of Upton in Construction Technology, Thomas Buckley of Hopedale in Electronics & Engineering Technology, Abigail Cook of Blackstone in Health Services, and Daniel McDonald of Grafton in Information Technology, have been named Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program.

“Being recognized as a National Merit Commended Scholar, scoring among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2020 competition by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/ NMSQT), “Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC.

“We are very proud of our students, they often exceed expectations,” Steele said. “Being recognized as a National Merit Scholarship Awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the National Merit Scholarship Program, for National Merit Scholarship awards,” said Steele.

Mr. Molinari said during a November 14 School Committee Meeting.

Milford School Committee Office Hours

The Milford School Committee is hosting office hours on Tuesday, December 3 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Milford Town Library, Spruce St.

Committee members look forward to this opportunity to connect with residents in an informal setting.

GGC Offers 2020 Scholarship

The Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford (GGC) will again offer a $1,000 Scholarship to be awarded to a graduating senior from the Class of 2020 who resides in Milford. The recipient must be accepted to an accredited college, university or institute of higher learning with plans to enter a field related to horticulture, the environment or agriculture. Please use the application and contact information on the Guidance Department website of Milford High School and Valley Tech for Milford residents only. For additional scholarship opportunities, visit the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts website and find more information.

The Greenleaf Garden Club is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Garden Club Federation of MA, Inc.
Elizabeth Allegrezza, Milford High School Italian Teacher, was chosen to be the recipient of the 2019 Senator Louis P. Bertonazzi Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award. She is shown with former State Sen. Louis Bertonazzi. Contributed photo

By Melissa Orff
Staff Reporter/Columnist

The finalists and the winner were announced during an assembly on the first day that the teachers reported back to school in August. Bertonazzi told the Committee that upon receiving her award, Allegrezza credited the people who helped her along the way. “I grew up in the Milford school system,” said Allegrezza. “It really feels like home here.”

Allegrezza, a Sartorialist Italian at Milford High School since the fall of 2005. Along with teaching, Allegrezza has also coordinated the Italian Exchange Program and is an advisor for the Milford High School Global Citizenship Program. “I am so happy to be recognized for my work here and hope I have many more wonderful experiences with students in the future,” she said. “I am looking forward to having a long career with the Milford public schools.”

The School Committee congratulated Allegrezza, commending her for the energy she brings to the classroom. "That enthusiasm translates to the students every day," said School Committee Member Christopher Wilson.

Along with Allegrezza, the following teachers were also recognized as finalists in their school building for “Outstanding Teacher of the Year” nominees:


Twice Blessed Thrift Shop

HOPEDALE – The Sacred Heart Church of Hopedale Twice Blessed Thrift Shop offers the following specials in November – half off all children’s clothing, jewelry, accessories plus shoes and boots. During the first week of the month, a bag of clothing, except for specials, is $17. Open every Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; the first and fourth Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

12th Annual Christmas Open House

MILFORD – The 12th Annual Christmas Open House will be hosted by the Milford First Congregational Church and Iglesia Manantial de Vida at 4 Congress St., Milford on Saturday, December 1, from 3:30 to 7 p.m. After Milford’s Welcome Santa Parade, chili, hot dogs, and hot/cold beverages will be sold at the food court at a nominal charge. Also available are holiday cookies sold by the pound and a free sugar cookie. Christmas Carolers for all to join in and sing will add to the festivities. For children of all ages, Santa’s Corner includes photos with Santa and a candy cane. Cookie decorating and Face Painting are also offered. Raffles to win Gingerbread Houses and themed Gift Baskets will be held. For more information, contact Martha Ellis, 508-429-3303, or martha.ellis3@gmail.com.

Network of Enterprising Women

HOLLOSTON – Network of Enterprising Women (NEW) meets Monday nights in town hall from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Cheryl Cohen Mosaics, 360 Woodland St. 2nd floor, Holliston. Member Jen Powell speaks about Genealogy: A Top 10 List of Things to Know About Ferreting out Your Ancestors. Light breakfast provided. Guests welcome; free admission for first time guests and current members. $20 for all others. For more information, visit NetworkingEnterprisingWomen.com or email info@networkenterprisingwomen.com

United Parish Holiday Bazaar

EPTON – United Parish in Epton is planning their festive annual Holiday Bazaar for Saturday, December 7. Bigger and better than ever with more vendors and more space to visit Santa, located on Upton Common, Rt. 140, Church St.

Annual MHS Christmas Fair

MILFORD – The annual Milford High School Christmas Arts and Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 30 in the cafeteria. Admission is $2 or $1 with donate a canned good. Baked goods will be available, as well as the opportunity for pictures with Santa. Veteran’s Food Drive

MENDON – The Unitarian Church of Mendon and Uxbridge. 13 Maple St. Mendon is now a drop-off center for Veterans Inc., which assists veterans whose service-related injuries continue to affect them. They are always looking for warm clothes, but for November their primary need is non-perishable food for Thanksgiving. Please bring canned vegetables boxes of mashed potato, rice, cranberry sauce and other non-perishables.

After School Thanksgiving

MILFORD – The Milford Youth Center is preparing a Thanksgiving meal for the after school group on Tuesday, November 26 and help is needed. The annual tradition, done with the help of MYC Youth Council members and staff, includes preparing a meal full of turkey, sides, desserts and more. Last year it fed over 100 youth. Food items and gift certificates are requested to help with the meal. Anyone interested can drop off items at the Youth Center, Pearl St. or arrange a time for pickup by emailing kcove@townofmilford.com or calling 508-473-1756.

Joan’s Jewelry Fundraiser

MILFORD – The MRMC Auxiliary is sponsoring Joan’s Jewelry on Friday, November 22 in the Atrium Café, 14 Prospect St., Milford from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jewelry for sale will include 14 KT, STG and Sterling Silver Precious and Semi-Precious Stones. All jewelry carries a lifetime guarantee. Returns are accepted within 30 days for a refund, credit or exchange. Credit Cards, checks, and layaway are accepted.

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Hoboken Citizens Club Auxiliary

Milford – Almost time for the holidays and homemade cappellotti soup! Come get some at the Hoboken Citizens Club Auxiliary’s annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the club, 252 Central St. Milford. Besides the cappellotti, homemade pies, cookies, cakes, jellies, sausages, breads and more will be available for purchase. The fair features arts, crafts and specialty product exhibitors and a raffle for homemade and donated gift baskets. Plus members of the Greater Milford Community Chest will sell all in Christmas Carols to get everyone in the holiday spirit.

Trinity Church Christmas Fair

MILFORD – The annual Christmas Fair at Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Congress St., Milford, will be Saturday, December 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. New this year will be the cookie table with cookies sold by the pound. The fair will offer an assortment of gift baskets, Christmas gifts, ornaments, and decorations, handmade knitted items, fresh wreaths, and table decorations. The Treasure Trove will have a wide variety of gently used items and the jewelry table will offer vintage jewelry from many decades. Kids can make their own gifts in the Kids’ Corner and have their picture taken with Santa. Lunch and breakfast will be available at the Atrium Café; the baked goods table, St. Mary’s pies, and the candy table will offer sweet treats. Trinity Tinselshop raffles offers a chance to win a great prize. Come enjoy the fun and festivities.

Butterfly Wishes

MILFORD – The Milford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary holds Butterfly Wishes, Friday, December 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Atrium Café on the first floor of the hospital, 14 Prospect St., Milford. New items offered for sale include gift sets of Avon products with a twist, Yankee candle, Pier 1, and Bath and Beauty gift sets for all ages. These practical, useful, quality gift sets are a great value. The public is invited to attend. Nancy Phelps is an independent Avon representative.

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MHS Boosters

Turkey Day 5K

The Milford High School Boosters presents the Annual Turkey Day 5K on Thursday, November 28 at 7:30 a.m. at Milford High School, West Fountain St. This a family fun road race and walk, strollers and dogs welcome. Proceeds benefit the Milford High School athletes. For more information, visit MHSBoostersClub.com. Mail in registration to MHS Boosters Club, P.O. Box 71, Milford, MA 01757. Awards will be given for top male and female runner in age divisions. For more information, visit MHSBoostersClub.com or email TurkeyDay5K@gmail.com

Milton Regional Medical Center

Auxiliary Meeting

MILFORD – The Milton Regional Medical Center Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, December 10, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Conference Room A on the first floor of the hospital, 14 Prospect St., Milford. New items offered for sale include gift sets of Avon products with a twist, Yankee candle, Pier 1, and Bath and Beauty gift sets for all ages. These practical, useful, quality gift sets are a great value. The public is invited to attend. Nancy Phelps is an independent Avon representative.

See Holiday Shopping Guide on page 10 for more calendar listings!
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 508-473-8334 or emailing sclark@MilfordMA.com. Sue Trotta Clark is the director.

Friday, November 22
12:30 p.m. Free Move, The Uplide, Bring Own Lunch, Free Popcorn

Wednesday, November 27
Senior Center Closes at 1 p.m.

Thursday, November 28
Senior Center Closed for Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 4
9 a.m. Poinsettia Breakfast, Poinsettia Plant for all, $3

Thursday, December 5
9:30 a.m. Low Vision Support Group

Monday
8 a.m. Walking Club
8 a.m. Fitness Equipment & Internet
8:30 a.m. Outreach Services
8:30 a.m. SHINE by Appointment

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 a.m. Zumba Gold
11 a.m. Whist
11:45 a.m. Pound® $3 for Seniors, $7 Under 60
11 a.m. Cribbage
8 a.m. Walking Club

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
10:30 a.m. Turkey Foot Dominos
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Hall of Fame Spotlight: Paul Johnson

By Chris Villani
Sports Reporter/Columnist

The Quarterback of Milford’s first Super Bowl winning football team and a talented track athlete, Paul Johnson earns his second Milford High School Hall of Fame honor this fall when he is inducted as an All-Star. Johnson is in the hall as a member of the 1975 football team. He said he was “extremely surprised” to receive the second call.

The 1976 MHS graduate started as a safety during his junior season, and completed more than 70 percent of his passes during his senior campaign while leading the Scarlet Hawks to a 10-1-1 record. Milford ended the year winning both the Midland League and Central-West Super Bowl championships. “Winning the Super Bowl was a big highlight for us,” Johnson said. “Sports kept everybody in line and they were a big part of my life.” Another highlight of his football career, Johnson said was the team’s come from behind win against Clinton during his senior season. Down 26-13, Milford rallied for a one-point win, with Johnson completing a touchdown pass to help seal the victory. Johnson said track and field was probably his best sport and the list of accomplishments he earned during his career back up that assertion. A four-year letter winner in all four track events, Johnson set program records in the pole vault, 330 low hurdles, 440, and the 4x440 relay. He was also part of some strong MHS track squads. “We were undefeated in dual meets my junior and senior year,” Johnson said. “Even though track is a team sport, as an individual you do as much as you can do.” Johnson was often plugged into dual meets my junior and senior year, “Johnson said. “Even though track is a team sport, as an individual you do as much as you can do.”

Johnson said that in events where the opposing team had its best athletes competing and four times during his senior year he won all four events he entered in a single meet. He finished his career being named a Midland League all-star and the team MVP.

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The Blackstone Valley Tech Boys soccer team celebrate after winning their first ever Division III Central Massachusetts Championship over Nipmuc 1-0. They are playing in the state semi-finals on Tuesday November 19, as this issue of the Milford Town Crier goes to press. BVT photo.

Sports

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Despite some strong regular seasons over the past several years, BVT has struggled to get past the district quarterfinal round. This year, the Beavers knocked off Bartlett on penalty kicks to move into a semifinal matchup against Auburn. BVT broke a scoreless tie in the final minutes of that game, winning 1-0 to move onto the title tilt against Nipmuc. “It's crazy to think about it, looking back at the run we had” Al-Haza said. “We played 280 minutes and only put one goal through, but we are the district champs.” The crown is the first for the BVT boys' soccer program and follows a title for the girls’ soccer team last fall and a state championship for the football team a season ago. “It feels good to be a part of that history and finally put boys soccer in the same group as some of the other teams we've had here,” Al-Haza said.

Prior to the game against Nipmuc, Al-Haza said it would be nice to bring the district title trophy to the other side of Pleasant St. In addition to winning the last three crowns, Nipmuc has been to seven straight district finals.

“We knew what Nipmuc was all about, they have dominated,” Al-Haza said. “It's nice to be the ones to take them down.”

Milford Soccer Stuns Nauset to Earn State Final Bid

By Chris Villani
Sports Reporter/Columnist

The Milford High boys’ soccer team knocked off the defending state champions from Nauset on penalty kicks to capture the Division 2 South title and set of a chaotic scene on a snowy field at MHS. “It was a crazy game,” said Milford head coach Brian Edwards. “Nauset came in with a lot of fanfare, a national ranking, a big fancy coach bus, the whole deal!”

But Edwards would not let his team be intimidated by the opponent, even though they had not lost a game since 2017. “I think a lot of teams that play them put them on a pedestal,” he said. “We made a point of saying we are just another high school team.”

Milford is the one that emerges from the game without a blemish on its record and taking an 18-0-2 record into the Division 2 state final Saturday morning, November 23, at 10 a.m. at Worcester State. North champions from Winchester will await.

The Scarlet Hawks took the lead against Nauset on a goal by Joao Pedro DaSilva, who scored on a set piece from Leo Coelho. Milford came within three minutes of winning the title in regulation before the Warriors tied it and sent the game to overtime. Edwards put Leo Oliveira in at goalkeeper and, after the score stayed tied through the extra time, kept him there for the penalty kicks (PK).

Milford has put in some extra working practicing PKs, Edwards said, and it paid off. The Scarlet Hawks drained all five of their attempts. After Oliveira got his hands on a pair of Nauset goals, he stopped the Warriors’ fourth attempt. Freshman Gabriel Godoy scored the winning goal to give Milford its first district title since winning the Central Mass. crown in 1999. “This team has really worked incredibly hard,” Edwards said. “We had a good number of guys who played on last year’s team and I think we learned a lot of lessons. They’ve been working their butts off all year and this team has done a really good job. I’m proud of the way they carry themselves.” Edwards said “absolute bedlam” ensued after Godoy found the back of the net and Milford clinched the victory. The Scarlet Hawks had the fortune of playing the title game at home and both teams dodged snowflakes throughout the second half with a huge crowd on hand. Edwards said the scene was like something out of a movie.

“It was incredible,” he said. “I have never seen so many people at a Milford high soccer game.”

The Milford Boys Soccer team won the Division II South championship in a 2-1 victory over Nauset on Sunday, November 17. Milford will now play Winchester, the North champions, at Worcester State on Saturday, November 23 at 10 a.m. MHS photo.

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Hall of Fame Spotlight: Greg Doyle

By Chris Villani
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A chance encounter just before Greg Doyle started as a freshman at Milford High School in 1974 led to two of the best wrestling careers in MHS history, and Doyle’s induction to the Milford High Hall of Fame in the class of 2019

It was the summer following eighth grade and Doyle and Jim Mazzuchelli were in the weight room when coach Jim Wittorff noticed them. “He asked us whether we ever thought about going out for wrestling,” Doyle said. “I remember thinking it was something we might want to do to keep ourselves in shape for football. We might never have been on the team if it wasn’t for that.” Four years later, Doyle graduated after winning a state championship and teaming up with Mazzuchelli to help MHS to a team state title and a third place finish at the 1978 New England Championships. Doyle was a three-year varsity letter winner and a two-time captain, helping the team to a record of 37-11 during his career and three South Sectional titles. “I view this Hall of Fame recognition as being less about me and really about the many people I have been blessed to have in my life,” Doyle said. “I learned a lot of great lessons from coaches and athletes I have been able to carry into my life.” Doyle said that the team accomplishments meant more to him than the individual accolades. “That’s far more important than what I might have been able to achieve individually,” he said. After Doyle put together a breakout season as a junior, winning 15 matches and earning a fourth-place finish in the state tournament, he moved up from the 134-pound weight class to 140 pounds for his senior campaign.

Doyle was undefeated in dual meets as a senior and won the prestigious Lowell Holiday Tournament before capturing a second straight sectional crown. He became the first MHS wrestler to capture an individual state championship in 1978 and then knocked off the state champions from Rhode Island and New Hampshire to finish his career as the New England runner-up. After high school, Doyle went on to a successful wrestling career at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He finished third in the New England meet as a junior, and compiled a record of 35-16-2 with seven pins. Doyle's fondest memories on the mat came at MHS, he said. “It was an incredible dynamic we had on that wrestling team, the collection of individuals and how we just gelled together as a team,” he said. “We worked very hard, absolutely, but we had a lot of fun along the way.”
By Chris Villani
Sports Reporter/Columnist

The Milford High School football team bounced back from being eliminated from the playoffs by putting together a strong effort against a talented Hopkinton team and turning in its top defensive performance of the season, a 20-0 shutout of Norwood.

The 1-1 record in the post-playoff slate has the Scarlet Hawks 4-6 overall heading into the final game of the season at Norwood.

“Our guys have done a really good job keeping practices fun and making the most of the end of the season” said head coach Anthony Vizakis. “And we know every game is a chance to go out there and play well against somebody else.”

In addition to the end of its playoff run, Milford has had to deal with the loss of senior quarterback Colby Pires, a three-year starter at the position. Matthew Girard has stepped in and won high praise from his coach, however, and been able to effectively run the offense for the home stretch of the season.

Luke Rosa, another senior, has also continued to stand out in the backfield for the Scarlet Hawks, Vizakis said.

BVT Football Falls in CMass Final

By Chris Villani
Sports Reporter/Columnist

The Blackstone Valley Tech football playoff run came to an end with a 28-19 loss to Leicester in the Central Mass. district final, ending a surprising campaign for the Beavers after losing 17 starters from last year’s state title team.

“Last year, winning was kind of expected, we expected to at least play in the state title game,” said head coach Jim Archibald. “This year was different; our kids were a resilient bunch. If you told me we would have a chance to be within seven points in the district title game back in August, I think I would have told you were nuts.”

BVT fell behind 21-0 against the Wolverines before breaking through in the second quarter of Saturday’s game. Jared Jouselle reeled in a touchdown pass from Josh Mateo to make it 21-7 at half.

In the second half, J.D. Antaya continued another stellar performance, running it to the end zone from 57-yards out. It was part of a 140-yard rushing effort for the running back. The Beavers added a fourth quarter touchdown pass from Mateo to Kyle Fleming, but ultimately came up short.

The win represented a measure of revenge for Leicester, which had been on the losing end of games against Valley Tech in both the district title game back in August, I think I would have told you were nuts.

BVT falls to 8-2 on the season with both losses coming against the Wolverines. The Beavers will move on to a Thanksgiving Day game against Nipmuc next week. The series is being renewed after the game was canceled last year as both programs were Super Bowl bound.

It will be the final game of the year for the captains, Antaya, Nasuti, Jouselle, and Ethan Lynch, who have led BVT back to success after back-to-back Super Bowl appearances.

“It’s the icing on the cake for those guys,” Archibald said. “They played for a state title, they won a state title, and they led a group of inexperienced guys back to the title game.”

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