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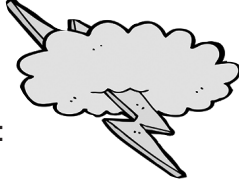
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**IN MEMORIAM:** Harold Spencer Prichett Jr., who died on September 20, 2020, and Jim Sharpless, who lost his battle with cancer on January 26, 2021.

Millville High School has always fielded teams in all sports in which our town can be proud, and even in this very strange year our hometown teams should again be considered among the elite. We salute all of those who participate, for their sacrifice, dedication, and determination to be the best of the best.

We at the Thunderbolt Club would like to wish all of the Thunderbolt teams the best of luck, and we take pride in their efforts for the Orange and Blue!

Memberships in The Thunderbolt Club are on the rise and we would like to invite anyone that has not renewed their membership, to do so.

Many special events have been planned for the coming year, and we would like to see you at the Club at any time your schedule may permit. Among

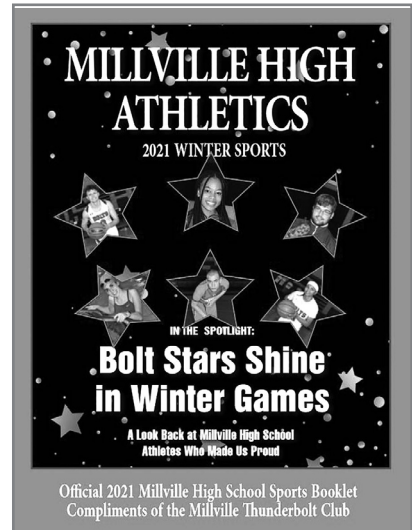
the activities are banquets, sports team activities, Millville Sports Hall of Fame, fundraising, and special events such as our annual golf tournament and awarding 24 scholarships. Again, as President, I would like to thank the Board of Directors, the Hall of Fame Committee, and all the various volunteers of the Thunderbolt Club!

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Sincerely,

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## ABOUT THE COVER

Millville fielded six varsity teams this Winter. The teams are represented by (top row, from left) Boys Basketball: Nick Buonadonna, Girls Winter Track: Alaysai Coursey, and Boys Winter Track: Scott Mutschler. In bottom row (from left) are Swimming: Emily Thompson, Wrestling: Greg Groover and Girls Basketball: Sha'najah Williams

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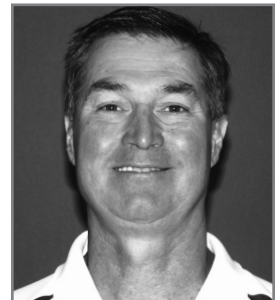
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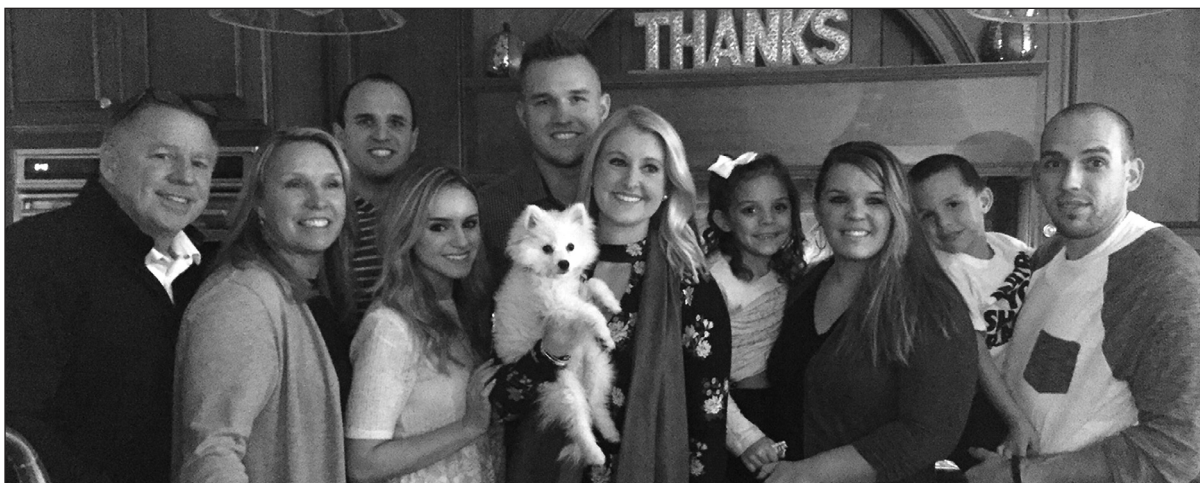


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**This year's Millville High School Thunderbolt Swim Team:** Back row, left to right, Jesse Karcher, Shaun McCarthy, Matt Leahy, Sabastian Blough, Anthony Kukal, and Andrew Laird. Second row from back, left to right, Ethan Hyson, Coach McBride, Coach Ganci, Coach

Sloan, and Jose Bravo. Third row from back, left to right, Addie Vurganov, Hailey Schwegel, Julia Thompson, Emily Thompson, Alyssa Davis, and Katherine Clarke. Bottom row, left to right, Lily Mahabir, Courtney Ayers, Cali Sloan, Reese Sheppard, and Cassidy Blough.

## Getting Better Every Day

### Swim Team Building a Winning Mentality

#### Coach's Corner

##### Inside Perspective

This was a tough season to say the least. With a shortened season came many obstacles that we had to overcome. From not having much of a pre-season, to splitting up pool time, and not knowing if we were going to be shut down or not; we came together as a team. Having a condensed schedule allowed our team to not harp on losses but to move forward and on to the next meet. In a way I think that was a good thing. Our athletes worked extremely hard every day to get better and perform to the best of their abilities; for that I am proud. Throughout this year we worked on getting better every time you stepped into the pool. We will carry this mentality into next year and continue to get better.

- Coach Anthony Ganci

#### By the Numbers ...

The Millville Swim Program

##### 2019/2020 Record

Boys 1-7

Girls 1-5

##### 2020/2021 Record

Boys 3-5

Girls 3-4

#### Girls Varsity

Courtney Ayers, Cassidy Blough, Katherine Clarke, Lily Mahabir, Hailey Schwegel, Reese Sheppard, Cali Sloan, Emily Thompson, Julia Thompson, Addie Vurganov

#### Boys Varsity

Sabastian Blough, Jose Bravo, Ethan Hyson, Jesse Karcher, Anthony Kukal, Andrew Laird, Matt Leahy, Shaun McCarthy

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**This year's Millville High School Thunderbolt Winter Track Team:** Back row, left to right, Standing, left to right, Assistant Coach Harry Longini, Scott Mutschler, Spencer Hickman-Hakola, Daezhaun Jones-Jenkins, Zach Hendershott, Head Coach Lawrence Hickman, Assistant Coach Greg Geraci. Kneeling, left to right, Kishan Patel, Travis Gandy, William

Milbourne, Leah Howard, Leah Ellis, Jada Gross, and Amiyah Goolsby. Sitting, left to right, Autumn Mutschler, Nahveona Burroughs-Thomas, Aaliyah Goolsby, Tanyha Smith, Alaysia Coursey, and Aliyona Smith.

## Building Confidence

Winter Track Team Brings Winning Attitude to 2021 Season

### Coach's Corner

Inside Perspective

#### COACHING STAFF

Head Coach - Lawrence Hickman  
Distance Coach - Harry Longini  
Throws Coach - Greg Geraci

The 2021 Millville Winter Track Squad is a young, inexperienced group, but demonstrated a fierce eagerness to participate. This doesn't mean the team is without talent. The Lady Bolts looked to Leah Ellis to provide points in multiple events. Ellis is highly ranked in the state in the jumping events. She is also learning to throw the shot put and discus. On the men's side of the track, the leading candidate has been Kishon Patel. Coming off the successful cross-country season, where he earned All-Conference honors, Patel was very competitive in the 400, 800, 1600, 3200.

- Coach Lawrence Hickman

### 2021 BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Coach's Corner

##### Inside Perspective

The Boys Basketball team was young and inexperienced this year but had a successful season in many ways. All of our student-athletes wore masks for the entirety of every practice without a single complaint. We started off the season 0 and 7 but beat Vineland for our first win of the season and finished 3 and 3 in our last six games. Zameir Bryant and Nick Buonadonna provided steady senior leadership and Calem Bowman was our defensive player of the year. Zyahir Pickett, Jabbar Barriento, Jaden Merrill and Khalon Foster steadily improved throughout the season. With four starters and eight varsity players returning, the future is bright for the Millville Boys Basketball Program.

- Head Coach Michael Jones



**This year's Millville High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team.** Standing, left to right, Coach Frank Ferzetti, Coach Mike LaTorre, Jabbar Barriento, Calem Bowman, Jaden Merrill, Zyahir Pickett, Kevin Rivera, Coach Michael Jones, Coach Jason Kessler. Kneeling L-R: Khalon Foster, Malachi Elias, Nick Buonadonna, Zameir Bryant, Manny Robles, and Raquan Ford.

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2	CALEM BOWMAN	JR.	F	6-2
3	NICK BUONADONNA	SR.	G	5-10
4	MANNY ROBLES	SR.	G	5-3
5	MALACHI ELIAS	SR.	G	5-7
10	ZYAHIR PICKETT	SO.	F	6-0
11	RAQUAN FORD	SO.	G	5-8
23	KEVIN RIVERA	SO.	F	5-11
25	KHALON FOSTER	FR.	G	5-11
33	JADEN MERRILL	SO.	F	6-4



**This year's Millville High School Thunderbolt Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Team.** Standing, left to right, Coach Michael LaTorre, Ronald Sutton, Rafael Goyco, Doug Doughty, Samu'el Parisi. Kneeling, left to right, Jeremiah Street, Monserrate Martellio, Darian Handy, and Donte Smith.

**By the Numbers ...**  
The Millville Boys Basketball Program  
2019-2020 Record: 11-16  
2020-2021 Record: 3-10

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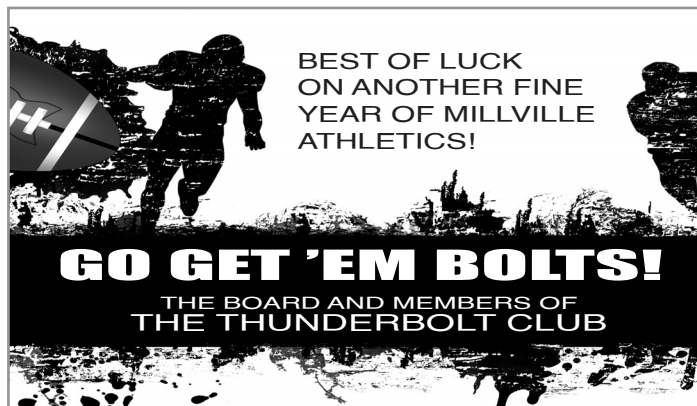
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This year's Millville High School Thunderbolt Girls Basketball Team. Standing, left to right, Coach Ashli Weems, Dah'Janae Williams, Brooke Joslin, Coach Bert Ayala, Camyre Allen,

San'aa Doss, and Coach Rochelle Bastien. Kneeling, left to right, Julianna Wilson, Sha'Najah Williams, Zahra Abiodun, Rianna Talley, and Ayla Gomez.

## On the Winning Side

Bolt Girls Put Together Winning Campaign

### Coach's Corner

Inside Perspective

The Lady Thunderbolts ended the 2020-2021 season with a 7-6 record, showing much improvement from the last year when the team posted a record of 6-19.

Still a young group - and with some promising freshmen and underclassmen coming up next year - the Lady Thunderbolts can have the opportunity to make some noise.

All three seniors, Sha'Najah Williams, Zahra Abiodun & Rianna Talley played big roles this season for the team and will continue their playing careers in college next year. Sha'Najah Williams was named to the 1st Team Cape-Atlantic all conference.

- Coach Humberto Ayala

#	NAME	POS.	HT.
41	ZAHRA ABIODUN	12	F
3	SHA'NAJAH WILLIAMS	12	G
11	RIANNA TALLEY	12	G
5	SAN'AA DOSS	11	G
4	JULIANNA WILSON	11	G
23	DAH'JHANE WILLIAMS	11	G
22	CAMYRE ALLEN	10	F
2	BROOKE JOSLIN	9	G
12	AYLA GOMEZ	9	G
COACHING STAFF: HUMBERTO AYALA // HEAD COACH ROCHELLE BASTIEN // ASSISTANT COACH ASHLI WEEMS // ASSISTANT COACH			

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**This year's Millville High School Thunderbolt Wrestling Team.** Back row, from left, Coach Val Forbes, Jada Mctighe, Chad Lovell, Keyon German, Solomon Massey-Kent, Samer File, Spencer Dutra, Marco Bassetti, Adrian Baez, Coach Jason Bilinski, and Coach Chris Car-

ney. Middle row, left to right, Tyzion Smith, Edison Andino, Jaydan Wright, Jason Rivera, and Carson Ruocco. Front row, left to right, Mason Williams, Anthony Romero, Krysta Pedersen, Rebecca Royer, Mike Rios, and Greg Groover.

## Optimism Abounds

Millville Wrestlers Look to Improve on 2020 Season

### Coach's Corner

Inside Perspective

*NOTE: At press time, the wrestling team was still involved in 2021 action.*

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We are looking forward to having a competitive season and gaining experience along the way. We have a young but talented group that is eager to compete this year. Several returners highlight the list of athletes suiting up for the Thunderbolt wrestling team. Looking forward to adding to Individual accomplishments from last year's District tournament are 3rd place winners Jaydan Wright, and Anthony Romero. Wrestlers to look out for include Greg Groover, Rebecca Royer, Krysta Pedersen, Mason Williams, Mike Rios, Marco Bassetti, Carson Ruocco, Chad Lovell, Adrian Baez, Solomon Massey-Kent, Jason Rivera, and Edison Andino. The future is bright, and the bolts are excited to get after it on the mat.

- Jason Bilinski

### The 2021 Bolt Wrestling Team

Mason Williams, Anthony Romero, Krysta Pedersen, Rebecca Royer, Mike Rios, Greg Groover, Tyzion Smith, Edison Andino, Jaydan Wright, Jason Rivera, Carson Ruocco, Chad Lovell, Keyon German, Solomon Massey-Kent, Samer File, Spencer Dutra, Marco Bassetti, Adrian Baez, Coach Jason Bilinski, Coach Chris Carney and Coach Val Forbes.

#### By the Numbers ...

The Millville Wrestling Team  
2019-2020 Record: 11-13  
2020-2021: Still competing



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