



New, synthetic brick crosswalks are being placed along Washington Street as part of the repaving process in the uptown area.

PHOTO BY SAM NICKERSON

Matt Folan reflects on a life in Norwood

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

If there is someone in Norwood who just might know everyone, it's 95-year-old Matt Folan.

When "Matty," as he's known to friends, answers the phone, it's almost as if he's answering his own personal information hotline.

"Hey-oh! Matty Folan speaking," Folan says each time in his booming voice.

A lifelong Norwood resident, Folan has encyclopedic knowledge of its history - which has become forever intertwined with his own.

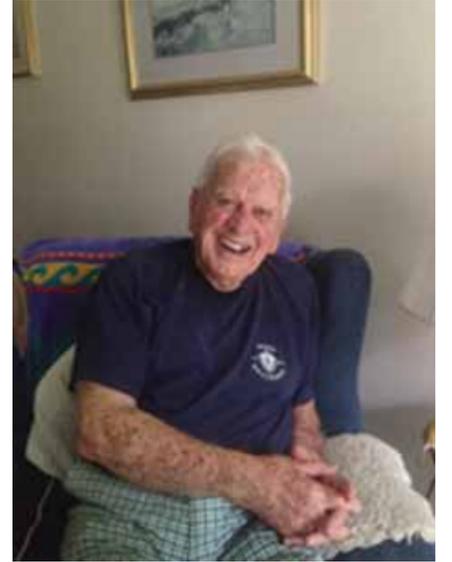
Folan, in his own words, was born "on the corner of Prospect Street and Casey in Matt King's house." His father traveled to California from Ireland to work on the railroads and ended up marrying a maid in Dedham, while he worked at a Bird and Son plant.

According to Folan, he is even "part-related" to former Boston Mayor J.M. Curley and Senator David Walsh, who held a huge celebration when Folan's father and other Irishmen went to get their citizenship.

Folan, a Saint Catherine School alumnus and 1939 graduate of Norwood High School, was the closest to his brother Tom, who Folan said was a highly touted baseball prospect before becoming an engineer.

They enjoyed years of playing and watching baseball with the likes of major leaguer Charlie Bowles of the Washington Senators and spent winters skating "on the slab."

"Tom Concannon was a great skater," Folan said of the well-known Norwood businessman.



Matt Folan

Folan said Norwood was the best town around and had the "most beautiful property in the United States" in the Forbes property. Folan said he had the chance to meet Cameron Forbes, of United Fruit fame, as he was paid fifty cents to lead horses in between polo matches for Forbes.

Then, like many in Norwood from his generation, Folan answered the call and fought in Europe during World War II.

"I could write books about it," he said.

An artillery forward observer in the Army from 1942-1945, Folan landed at Normandy with General George Patton's army - who Folan once had the opportunity to meet - and reached Czechoslovakia by the War's end.

"He never gave us any rest," Folan said of his general. Folan said he was a

Folan

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Major roadwork projects progressing on schedule

Some question need of Wash. St. repaving

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Summer is a busy season for roadwork and construction in Norwood, and it was the town center that saw the most action this week.

The Town, through contractor M. Susi & Sons, has so far completed repaving Washington Street from Guild Square past Nahatan Street, with much of the work being done on July 30-31.

Washington Street is slated for new pavement all the way to Howard Street.

Town Engineer and DPW Superintendent Mark Ryan said the paving so far has gone "very well," though he did note there were some traffic detours, as crews worked in the street throughout the day.

Michaela, 27, who was commuting

Roadwork

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HI GUYS, OUR TOWN

Summertime in Our Town is busy. Town camps are in full swing, the pools are cooling the kids, foam day took place at Hawes thanks to the NFD, and also at Hawes, a Town wide fun day was held for the 'Circle of Hope.' Wash. St., in the center of Town has been paved. It is great!! It was done very quickly with minor inconvenience to the public. Is South Norwood next? It would be a great uplift to the area; a newly paved Wash. St., large banners on the poles, and veneer crosswalks. Is there a So. Norwood Steering Committee?

Now that the Commerce Center is in full swing, (end of Endicott St.) the vacant acreage is being excavated and is devoid of all natural growth which was the life sustenance of many creatures that have a necessary purpose on this earth. The deer and their babies are foraging for food in an empty space which is being prepared for more housing in Our Town. Not only deer, but a collection of God's creatures will now wander into inhabited neighborhoods looking for food. It is sad to see the hurt that is inflicted upon nature's innocent in the name of progress.

SAVE THE DATE

The Abundant Table

The AT took a summer vacation they did not expect or want to take. Due to winter damage in the kitchen, etc. at the church, repairs are ongoing



Jackie Saber

and the AT will re-open on Sept. 9th. Aislynn and her volunteers have stated they miss their guests and can't wait to 'get going again.' Also, the AT's annual 'Get off your buns and have fun' fundraiser on Norwood Day, Sept. 12, 8:30 AM to 12 noon, will be a little different this year. It will kick off with a 2 mile pet walk (near the high school) and then invite participants and their furry friends back to the site for demos, hot dog lunch, raffles, animal-fun activities, face painting, bouncy house, etc. In previous years the AT had a 5K road race. This year's family, friends, and pet friendly event is called 'GO TO THE DOGS.'

IN MEMORY

Our Town sends their sincere condolences to the family of the late, Anne Joan (Turco) Ranalli. Anne was the beloved wife of Mario Ranalli who passed away 30 years ago. She leaves 7 children, 15 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Anne was very active in many church and Town organizations. She is greatly missed by her family and dear friends.

Memory Eternal

DO WE WANT THIS?

To be or not to be in Our Town? It depends on the decision of the state as to where they will award the location of another medical marijuana facility. Norwood has endured great changes in the past decades. I do not recognize My Town as she used to be. Years ago, people from the areas around Boston moved to Norwood with their friends and relatives saying, WOW, you live in Norwood? Of course, times have changed but people have also changed. The family is not the close knit unit that we grew up in. There is little respect for authority, one can't express themselves by using certain words without being condemned, Sunday is just another day of the month, and verbal communication and writing skills are on their way out. There is an incredible amount of traffic that crowds our streets, our Center is yet to be re-born, and politeness and respect while driving is almost a thing of the past. Do we really want a marijuana facility added to the mix?

MY SAY

When individuals have earned the honor and privilege to recite the 'oath of citizenship,' to become an AMERICAN Citizen today, things are a little bit different thanks to a lack of something by a president with an over-eager pen.

Saber

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The Bandits field girls teams in the U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 (Showcase) age divisions that play in 4-6 highly competitive tournaments throughout New England over the course of the summer. All players looking to develop their skills while playing against some of the best teams across New England are encouraged to attend. Players either playing on high school teams, or looking to compete in high school, will benefit a great deal playing at this competitive level.

The Bandits will be holding try-outs for the 2016 Season over the week of August 25-28

- U10 (2005 & 2006 Birth Year)**
 Tuesday, August 25, 5:30-7:30
 Hynes Field, West Roxbury (Check-in @ 5:00)
 (Rain Date: August 27, 5:30-7:30 Hynes Field, West Roxbury)
 - U12 (2003 & 2004 Birth Year)**
 Tuesday, August 25, 5:30-7:30
 Hynes Field, West Roxbury (Check-in @ 5:00)
 (Rain Date: August 27, 5:30-7:30 Hynes Field, West Roxbury)
 - U14 (2001 & 2002 Birth Year)**
 Wednesday, August 26, 5:00-7:00
 Hynes Field, West Roxbury (Check-in @ 4:30)
 (Rain Date: August 28, 5:00-7:00 Hynes Field, West Roxbury)
 - U16 (1999 & 2000 Birth Year)**
 Wednesday, August 26, 6:00-8:00
 Hynes Field, West Roxbury (Check-in @ 5:30)
 (Rain Date: August 28, 6:00-8:00 Hynes Field, West Roxbury)
 - U18 (1997 & 1998 Birth Year)**
 Wednesday, August 26, 6:00-8:00
 Hynes Field, West Roxbury (Check-in @ 5:30)
 (Rain Date: August 28, 6:00-8:00 Hynes Field, West Roxbury)
- *All players arrive 30 minutes before their scheduled time to check in and warm up.
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CITY OF BOSTON CREDIT UNION



Veterans and members of the Universal Technical Institute community, including Lascelle Adolphus, David Mogayzel, and Nicholas Monks, have begun restoring the German cannon outside of Town Hall.

COURTESY PHOTO

Vets give town hall cannon a facelift

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The cannon outside Norwood Town Hall has received facelift, thanks to several students and staff from Universal Technical Institute (UTI).

UTI student Lascelle Adolphus, who recently retired as a Master Sergeant in the US Army, had been driving through Norwood when he noticed that the old cannon outside of Town Hall needed some touching up - notably, the wheels and paint.

Adolphus approached his Hydraulics instructor at UTI, David Mogayzel, another army veteran, about taking on the project. The pair also recruited veteran and student Nicholas Monks, who served in the Army

from 2006-2011.

The group approached Veterans Agent Ted Mulvehill, who approved of the project and got permission from the Selectmen for the men to do the work.

“What an astonishing group of guys, to do a community gesture like that is highly admirable,” Mulvehill said.

In addition, Mulvehill said, UTI provided the materials for the project. Thus far, the group collectively spent around 50 hours sanding, staining, re-sealing, and painting the wheels on the cannon. They also hope to find a match for the original body paint.

Mulvehill said the cannon is a captured German trophy from World War I, which was secured by the Norwood American Le-

gion post.

The cannon was placed outside Town Hall - officially named the Norwood Memorial Municipal Building - after it was built between 1927-1928. The building was dedicated on Veteran’s Day, 1928, to the memory of Norwood soldiers who fought in the Civil War and World War I.

“It’s a representation of the respect and recognition of honorable service rendered by the citizens of this town,” Mulvehill said. “It is Important for us to maintain this recognition in a very public way, as there are men and women in this town who, since World War I, have served their country with honor

Vets

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The president has made it optional for the inductees to pledge to defend the USA, and to bear arms for the USA. As an American, what country does President Obama wish to defend if not our own? While giving a eulogy recently, President Obama said, ‘Racism is in our DNA.’ Is he talking about himself, as most of our country is NOT racist! Finally, check out the web, Betsy McCaughey.Com to read about Look out, Grandma: Uncle Sam is selling ‘Death With Dignity.’

Obamacare architect Ezekiel Emanuel has stated that the elderly should receive death counseling from their MD., as spending money on them for healthcare is totally wasted.

BYE, ‘Til next time

“Gov’t works better from when I came into office, and the economy by every metric is better” Obama.

“Illegal immigration is not a felony, but an act of love” - Jeb Bush.

What’s in their water bottles?



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OPINION

Editor's Note:

These are truly the dog days of summer. Sometimes a man just wakes up and discovers he has no opinions on anything, and that's where I find myself this week. Therefore, I have provided this joke I find hilarious for your enjoyment. It keeps with the dog days theme. I did not write it and I have no way of knowing who did or able to give proper credit to the author. I hope it brings a smile to your face as it did for me.

DOG FOR SALE

A guy is driving around the back woods of Montana and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog For Sale. 'He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador Retriever sitting there.

'You talk?' he asks.

'Yep,' the Lab replies.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says 'So, what's your story?'

The Lab looks up and says, 'Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so... I told the CIA.

In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.'

'I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running...

But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in.

I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals.'

'I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired.'

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

'Ten dollars,' the guy says.

'Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?'

'Because he's just a big liar. He's never been out of the yard'



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THEY ASK NOTHING IN RETURN

To the Editor:

Last Friday afternoon, our Cameron Road neighborhood experienced a tragedy that no one should have to experience in their lifetime. We lost a 4 year old lovely, vibrant boy in a drowning accident. There are no words that can describe what the family is experiencing and I can't thank everyone who has called, emailed and facebooked to pass their condolences and offer any assistance possible. In most cases, this was done by people who don't even know the family, which is making things a little easier.

I want to first take this time to point out the valiant efforts of the Norwood Fire Department in the attempt to save this boy. Often times, our town service people get overlooked for the phenomenal job that they do, especially when it counts. The Norwood Fire personnel displayed a natural reaction to an absolutely unnatural situation, as they often do. If this boy ever had a chance, it was because of them and their professionalism. Let's also not forget that after all is said and done, these individuals have to go back to the station, comprehend what they just dealt with and then move on to the next call when it comes, no matter how quick. So I ask that everyone say a prayer in your down time or going to bed with your kids and have them realize how lucky we are to have the firefighters we have.

I want to secondly point out the efforts of the police department who controlled the scene with the utmost professionalism and more importantly, the utmost compassion. Similar to the fire department, these individuals also have to leave the scene and go on to the next. Sometimes this is done without processing the situation immediately. Although our professionals never want to take credit, gain accolades, or see their names in lights, I do want to point out some things that happened over the weekend after the fact. The Police Chief rode his bike from his house over to the neighborhood just to see how people were doing. One of the police officers took it upon himself to go to Papa John's and pay out his pocket to bring pizzas to the crew that was at the house doing some much necessary work. (It should be noted that the pizza was ultimately donated by Papa John's once the officer told him what happened...just because he wanted to help) The bottom line in this unfathomable situation is that it's nice to know that people can be human still. We, as a town, should be thankful for the individuals we have protecting it. No one looking for credit, just doing their jobs. On behalf of the Cameron Road neighborhood,

I give a tremendous thank you to Norwood Fire and Police and tell you that we wouldn't want anyone else having our backs. You are true professionals.

Tom Brady
Norwood

NIMBY ALIVE AND WELL

To the Editor:

This letter is in regard to the Longwood residents' issues arising from the Riverside Community Care renovation of a home on their street to house four people with traumatic brain injuries.

The neighborhood's "concerns" sound an awful lot like the "not in my backyard" syndrome. The house Riverside has purchased was previously up for sale by a contractor and he couldn't find anyone to buy it. Do these "concerned" residents prefer a vacant and abandoned house to a newly-renovated home with four residents? By the way, this residence is going to house people who are supervised twenty-four hours a day and they certainly will not be having loud parties, or otherwise be a local menace in the neighborhood.

The neighbors state their concerns do not arise from discrimination but would they prefer an empty house open to vandalism and mischief rather seeing people who use a wheelchair ramp to enter their door? Is the wheelchair ramp what is going to devalue the neighbor's property? With that logic, every person in town with a wheelchair ramp has devalued their neighbor's property.

The "crater" in the front yard must be assumed to be a "Title 9" or other septic/sewage improvement required by law when a home is purchased. It's highly improbable a "bunker" is being constructed.

Ultimately these worried neighbors should be grateful that an entity such as Riverside has taken over this property. The lawn will be mowed, the house maintained, and the residents will be supervised 24-hours per day. You couldn't ask for better neighbors.

Think about it.

Lisa C. Newell Riverside
Consumer

RECENT DECISIONS ASTOUNDING

To the Editor:

There's none so blind as those who refuse to see. I'm reminded of those words of wisdom passed along to me in my youth these days. What direction has this town been heading the last 37 years? Certainly not the proper direction. The damage inflicted on our beloved town is reaching irrepressible levels. Simple quality of life for future generations is now at stake. But, we can take solace in the fact that we are about to have four ice rinks here in town. Four?

That's right folks. Our Town is about to reward our 40B developer and allow them to build three rinks next to that lovely 40B. They are working hard on that right now. How difficult do you think it will be for the Campanelli gang to skate through that approval process? But these are "different" ice rinks. So let's still build one down South Norwood against the wishes of 700 signatures of the residents who live there even though we don't have the money. It's too bad Saint George's isn't still around to help assist South Norwood's prayers. It may have helped the rest of town as well. Sadly, Saint George's is just another notch on Mr Brobowski's 40R belt to go along with the Regal 40R fiasco. The three rinks to come were originally offered as a replacement to the Upland Woods 40B housing. Why didn't the town take the rinks then? Now, we get BOTH projects, and our developer friend is happy twice.

It matters not where you reside here in town, this will effect you. We have been mismanaged for so long it is reaching comical levels as to how to properly run a town. But this, sadly is no joke. I sat at the July 21st Selectmen's meeting and was entertained with some very colorful discussion about street paving. Our Town Manager said there was no contract signed to pave Washington Street as he defended his wishes to have it repaved. Yet, it was paved within the week. Who wears the pants in the Board of Selectmen's meetings? Not our Selectmen. I'm amazed at the outcome of that night. Our Town Manager just ignored the BOS and Town Meeting, then paved away claiming "it was approved at Town Meeting and by the BOS". No it wasn't. I'll remind you he parks his town-issued car in Milton at night.

What were the Selectmen thinking as they cast their votes on August 4th? So much for 2014's Marijuana Rules Committee. Those tough questions pointed at the other applicant also apply to ARL "Healthcare" Inc. But, ARL comes with a new massive cultivation center aspect. That letter of approval is the only thing "criminal" to come out of that BOS meeting. Were some of ARL's products sampled before the meeting? Just like our recent 40R, we just volunteered this to town by issuing that approval letter. Our BOS needs to wake up and smell the coffee or perhaps the herbal essence they just waved into town. When recreational marijuana arrives, we will have a disaster here in town. That is coming folks. Let's just take the local excise fee for sales, and make the best of it.

Kevin Pentowski District
7 Town Meeting Member

Project Hope gives Norwood woman new lease on life

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

A new Norwood resident is overcoming a troubled past and thriving in her new town, thanks to a Boston-area nonprofit.

Eight years ago, after struggling to make ends meet and becoming a victim of domestic violence, Denisha knew she had to make a change for herself and her family.

After the relationship with her daughter's father became violent, Denisha - then working a minimum wage job and doing her best to provide a home for her daughter - uprooted and left her home in Dorchester for another state.

After the domestic violence issues went through the court system, Denisha returned to the Greater Boston area. It was then she was introduced to Project Hope through a friend.

Project Hope, which began in a convent in 1981, helps women from Dorchester and Roxbury who are facing issues such as poverty, homelessness, and domestic violence. Project Hope provides emergency housing, affordable childcare, adult education, and job training to women in need, and was one of the first family shelters in the City of Boston.

"We're kind of a one stop shop in the community that needs us the most," Project Hope Assistant Director of Development and External affairs Robyn Eastwood said.

When Denisha returned to Boston, a friend recommended she take a six-week program at Project Hope, Community Partners and Healthcare Professions. "I had done a lot of pro-



Norwood resident Denisha (right) has benefitted from the work of Robyn Eastwood (left) and Roxbury-based family shelter Project Hope.

PHOTO BY SAM NICKERSON

grams, (but I said) 'whatever, going to do it, we'll see what happens from there,'" Denisha said. "It has been, eight years later, so much more than that. I got through the training program, Project Hope gave me encouragement to do another program where I got an internship, and out of the internship I gained employment that wasn't minimum wage, gained a home not a house, a place to call home."

Project Hope's housing specialist helped Denisha and her two children move to Norwood.

"I didn't even know I could

leave Dorchester, I thought I had to stay in a complex," Denisha said.

After three years working with Brigham and Womens Hospital and recently receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from UMass Boston, Denisha now works part-time in Urgent Care for Steward Medical Group, which operates Norwood Hospital.

"I love it. I love the town, the people there are really nice," Denisha said. "My children are in school there, they're doing so

Project Hope

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Child drowns in Norwood home pool

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

A four-year-old boy drowned in a home pool in Norwood on August 7, police said in a statement.

According to the Norwood Police Department, officers and Norwood Fire Department personnel received the emergency call late in the afternoon on August 7. The caller had said the boy - who was visiting the home and was not a Norwood

resident - had been found at the bottom of the pool.

Neighbors and family members had attempted CPR on the child until paramedics from Norwood Fire Department arrived. Norwood Fire continued to administer advanced life support to the boy as he was transported to Norwood Hospital, where he was pronounced dead shortly after. Norwood fire was on scene for 14 minutes.

"This appears to be a tragic accident and no foul play is sus-

pected," Norwood Police Public Information Officer Kevin Grasso said in a statement.

"The guys that actually took care of him are heartbroken and wish things turned out differently," Norwood Fire Department spokesman George Morrice said.

According to Norwood Police, the incident is currently being investigated by Norwood detectives and the Norfolk County District Attorney's office.

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well. My daughter, she's a scholar, but my son was having a lot of difficulties in Boston schools, now he's doing amazing."

Denisha's daughter is preparing to enter the Coakley Middle School and her son attends the Callahan Elementary School.

Denisha said her son used to enjoy any reason to avoid going to school in their old neighborhood, but in Norwood, he pleads with her to go to school for even just a few hours when he has a doctor's appointment.

"I think that it's more community-based," Denisha said of Norwood Public Schools. "In order for a child to succeed in school, they have to have their home life and their school life seeing eye to eye. Being able to see their parents involved in the school system, coming to the school and having a little bit more to say (is important) to gain the child's trust."

Denisha said the family has enjoyed much of what Norwood has to offer during their short time in town so far, including various local events and businesses. So far, Denisha said her children loved the Fourth of July Parade and both go to day camp, while Denisha herself has be-

come fond of local restaurants like Conrad's.

Denisha said her son used to play football in Boston, but they did not have the funds to play in Norwood this year.

"He wants to be a Mustang," she said. "All his friends are Mustang football players."

Denisha also enjoys the pace of life outside of the city, which allows her family the time to enjoy meal preparation and relaxation, but also school and work. Denisha said she would never let her children out to play in her old neighborhood, but now the children have friends in Norwood who live just around the corner.

"Project Hope gives the strength and encouragement to be able to say, 'okay I went through such a traumatic experience, but there's still hope at the end of everything that people go through,'" Denisha said. "It's the first and only program I've gone through that I'm still in touch with. They're still checking on me. Some people need that ... everyone is their own worst critic."

According to Eastwood, 90 percent of the women Project Hope serves are from Dorchester and Roxbury, but

they help many others on a case-by-case basis from all over Greater Boston. And Eastwood said the follow-up is what sets Project Hope apart.

"After they go through the programs and get all the things they need, we're still there with them," Eastwood said.

"It's encouraging to witness all the other women they're helping. I see these women and I say, 'that's me,'" Denisha said.

Denisha said she credits Project Hope with being the biggest influence in the woman she is turning out to be, and can't thank the organization enough.

"Everybody who knows me knows Project Hope," she said.

Denisha's advice to those going through similar struggles?

"As people, we can't grow on our own, just like plants. They need someone to water them and to feed them. It's okay if you're an adult and you still haven't figured it out yet. So many of us haven't," Denisha said. "Take that one baby step. So many more amazing people will come into your life to take those other steps with you."

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Roadwork *continued from page 1*

home to Walpole from Boston on July 31, said she sat in traffic in Norwood Center for around 10 minutes, due to traffic lights and the detours.

"I wish everything was driveable during the day, and they just worked at night ... (but) it's not too bad, even though it's the middle of the day," she said.

Ryan credited the Norwood Police details for their part in reducing traffic headaches in town. Michaela also said the police presence was helpful, especially when it came to directing pedestrians through the traffic.

Ryan said the decision to repave Washington Street was necessary, especially since it had not been done since 2000.

"With the nearly 25,000 vehicles per day traveling this route, the decline in the pavement condition is not surprising," Ryan said. "In addition, Norwood Center is important to the community and performing a project like this helps make it an attractive place to come visit, shop and dine."

Still, some town officials had expressed displeasure at seeing repaving efforts focusing on Washington Street.

During a Selectmen's meeting on July 21, Selectmen Allan

Howard and Helen Abdallah Donohue reacted strongly when Town Manager John Carroll mentioned notice was being sent out to area businesses ahead of the project.

"There are streets in Norwood that are in a lot worse street than Washington street, one of them being Railroad Ave," Howard said, noting that he had been opposed to the project and the plans to redo crosswalks with synthetic bricks.

The crosswalk upgrade part of the project is currently underway, and involved cutting into the existing pavement to lay the new material, and Carroll said examples of such work could be seen in Westwood.

Donohue felt the Selectmen should have been notified or perhaps been able to weigh in on the prioritization of the roads to be paved. She suggested that the lists should be based more on need as a matter of fairness.

"The people on the side streets pay as much real estate taxes in the town as other places that have been done over and over again," Donohue said. "I think it would be much more fair to use a list that's based on need of the street. Neponset Street is a mess."

Folan *continued from page 1*

sergeant, but performed the duties of an officer after his superiors had been killed. He was bucked down to a corporal, however, at war's end for what Folan called "his big mouth."

After the war, Folan attended Bryant and Stratton Building College, and turned down Harvard to work in Providence. His company called him to Chicago, but love kept him in Norwood.

Folan met his wife, Jean Bunker, when he drove her home in his 1936 Plymouth on a rainy day from the bowling alley, where he went to watch her bowl.

Folan and his business partner Henry McKeown - a navy man who couldn't swim, Folan joked - ran Shurfine Market on Nahatan Street and a market on High Street in Westwood for years. Folan had stumbled into

the business after going to buy a pack of Chesterfields from shopkeeper Peter Flaherty, who said it was all for sale.

"The colonial boys, they paraded up on Nahatan Street the night we opened and played on Nahatan Street, that's how much traffic we had on Nahatan Street then," he said. It was at Shurfine that many in Norwood came to know Folan over the years.

Folan met the late Harry Butters - for whom the Selectmen's chamber is named - and thought "he was a fine Selectmen," and grew to be an admirer of Town Manager John Carroll.

"Norwood was a wonderful town. You knew everyone," Folan said.

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Carroll countered that the Selectmen and Town Meeting had approved a list of streets, drawn up by Carroll, Ryan, and state officials, to be paved and worked on back in May. This list included the Washington Street project, which cost around \$499,000.

Carroll said that all of the streets on the approved list would be paved, including side streets, and many had been done already. The list had been drawn up according to a combination of traffic and condition factors, Carroll said.

According to Ryan, estimates to repave the streets each year usually total \$3.5- \$4 million, though the town receives only \$800,000 - \$900,000 from the state's Chapter 90 program, which reimburses highway and transportation improvement projects in Massachusetts communities.

The approved list of streets this year will cost around \$1.4 million.

Selectmen Bill Plasko also noted that a supplemental budget bill in order to bring the 2015 state budget into balance

could yield \$25 million for roadwork in the state, of which Norwood would receive around \$115,000.

According to Ryan, Nahatan Street between the Public Safety Building and Pleasant Street would be the next major street to be paved, while Monroe Street, Davis Avenue, the rest of Washington Street are also slated to be completed by the end of the fall. Ryan said Monroe Street will be the last to be paved in early October, once National Grid finishes gas main work there.

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Town announces Boch recipients

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen announced the recipients of the 2015 Andrew and Ernest Boch Memorial Fund grants this week.

Thirty local civic, sports, and charitable organizations received a share of the annual \$30,500 donation from the Boch family. The tradition began in 1997, when the late Ernie Boch Sr. approached the Town about mak-

ing the donation in honor of his father, Andrew Boch, who began the family's auto sales empire in Norwood in 1945.

After Boch Sr. passed away in 2003, Ernie Boch Jr. continued the tradition, and included his father's name to the fund.

"It's an amazing bonanza for the Board to be able to divvy out the money," Selectman Michael Lyons said when the check was presented at a July 21 Selectmen's meeting. "It's probably one of the hardest things we

have to do all year because the need is so great, and that's something that the Boch family has recognized all along."

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue recalled Boch Sr.'s desire to make the donation each year, "so that organizations, local organizations, not big organizations that had funding from huge outside sources ... could help share and ease some of their burdens."

This year, two organizations, Norwood American Legion Post 70 Baseball and the Norwood Parents Music Association took home the largest shares of the donation at \$3,000 each.

"We were very grateful to get that support from the Selectmen and the Boch Fund," said Paul Samargedlis, who coaches the Post 70 baseball team.

Samargedlis said that Post 70 does not charge kids to play and they "plan on keeping it that way" with the help of the funds. In addition, Post 70 is looking to host the 2016 State Final Eight tournament, for which the Boch grant would serve as initial funding.

The Norwood Parents Music Association uses its efforts and funding to "foster, encourage and support the many as-

pects of music education in the Norwood Public School system, to enrich the scope of student involvement and to stimulate broad community involvement in the program," according to its website.

Jewish Family Services received \$2,500 from the grant, while three other organizations, including the Friends of Norwood Center, Norwood Farmers Market, and Norwood Challenger Sports, each took in \$2,000.

The Norwood Historical Society was one of nine organizations to receive a \$1,000 share.

"We're thrilled to have such generous support from the Boch Fund this year," Norwood Historical Society President Bryan Burns said. "The money will support our December series of concerts at the Day House. The holidays are one of the busiest times of the year for the Historical Society, when we're excited for people to come see the Day House, enhanced with decorations that change every year."

Organizations focused on feeding needy Norwood families also received a cut of the donation, with Abundant Table receiving \$1,500 and the Ecumenical Food Pantry receiving \$1,250.

"Last year we received \$1,500 from the Boch Fund and we used

it to buy a new large refrigerator," Food Pantry executive director Ruth Taeger said. This year, Taeger said the Food Pantry planned to put its award in a reserve fund to use during any "future lean times."

Local government also benefited in this year's division of Boch funds, as Norwood's Conservation Commission received \$1,000.

A number of other organizations, including environmental group Together Yes, athletic organizations such as Norwood High School Field Hockey, and educational groups took home smaller awards of \$250 - \$500.

"We are grateful to have this contribution toward our efforts. Our money goes out almost as fast as it comes in, as we are constantly working on initiatives to further make our community more sustainable," Together Yes Director Susan Clare said. "This award will largely be used for educational materials, both film and print, on topics such as nutrition and agriculture, clean and accessible water, environmental matters, and social well-being."

For a complete list of this year's Boch Fund recipients, visit the Selectmen's page on the Town of Norwood's website, norwoodma.gov.

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and distinction, including those who shed their blood and died for this town."

Mulvehill said the cannon had last been refurbished in 2006, after a Southborough man driving through town noticed the cannon. As it turned out, the man had a duplicate of the same cannon and offered to do a complete restoration, as Norwood's cannon had fallen into disrepair.

The cannon was refurbished for \$10,000 and was rededicated on Veteran's Day 2009. Mulvehill, who remembers climbing on the

cannon as a child, said it had been due for another touch-up, especially if local children were going to play in and around the cannon.

"We're all ex-military, it is just an appreciation for the armament. To be able to fire one would be sweet, but I don't think Norwood would allow that," Mogayzel said.

"The Town of Norwood is the first place I've ever seen that gives so much back to veterans and does it publicly," Adolphus said.

DEATHS

ADELSTEIN

James B. formerly of Norwood, on August 9. Beloved husband of the late Harriet C. (Bennett) Adelstein. Loving father of Shelley Carroll of FL, Gary Adelstein of Norwood, Karla Barrett of FL and Lisa Burrows of FL. Loving companion of Patricia Gunther. Cherished grandfather of Craig, Jamie, Brandy, Jared, Corey, Nicholas, James, Cameron, Trenton and Brody. Great grandfather of Ryan and Drew. Loving brother of Rita, Eliot and the late Stanley. Uncle of many loving nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held at Sharon Memorial Park, 42 Dedham St., Sharon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701, the American Diabetes Association, 10 Speen Street, 2nd Floor, Framingham, MA 01701 or the American

Parkinson Disease Association, 72 East Concord Street, Boston, MA 02118.

KELLEY

Marie V. (Homer), 90, of Norwood, formerly of Dedham and Farmington ME, on Aug. 10. Beloved wife of the late Thomas J. Kelley.

MARIANO

Alice T. (Compagnone) on Aug. 5. Beloved wife of the late Pasquale Mariano. Loving mother of John G. Mariano and his companion Paula of Norwell, Dr. Joanne E. Mariano of Kansas City, MO. Loving grandmother of David Guarente of ME, Brian Guarente of VA, Jonathan Mariano of Worcester, Joshua Mariano of Norwell. Also survived by four great-grandchildren. Sister of the late Onofrio C. Compagnone and the late Mary Cronin. Alice was retired Office Manager for

Norwood Monumental Works for over 40 years. Past President of the Ladies Lodge Sons of Italy. Funeral arrangements by the George F. Doherty & Sons, Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, Dedham. Interment Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Alice's memory to White Oak Cottage Caregivers Fund, 6 Longwood Dr., Westwood, MA 02090.

REDQUEST

Lorraine J. (Riddell), 94, of Norwood, on Aug. 6. Beloved wife of the late Ronald J., Sr. Loving mother of Lorry J. Hay of Charlton, Ronald J., Jr. and John S., both of Canton. Devoted sister of Peggy Curtis of Toronto. Also survived by 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Dockray & Thomas Funeral Home, Canton. Interment Canton Corner Cemetery.

Garden Club Winner

Nancy Costa (left), vice president of the Norwood Evening Garden Club, congratulates Rachel Lawlor of Weymouth, MA, the recipient

of the garden club's 2015 scholarship. Each year, the Norwood Evening Garden Club awards a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior of

the Norfolk County Agricultural High School who has good scholastic achievement, outstanding citizenship and who is pursuing a degree in horticulture, agriculture, floriculture, conservation, environmental science or horticulture in its widest aspect.

Ms. Lawlor will attend the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts to study Sustainable Horticulture with a focus on arboreta and greenhouse work.

In January of 2014, Ms. Lawlor was awarded a coveted internship at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. She says that the subsequent work and study she did there was the deciding factor in choosing her field of study. "I absolutely fell in love with horticulture after such an awesome opportunity," she said. "All the different aspects of it truly fascinate me. At this point in life I can't see myself doing anything else!"



Halicki presented Purple Heart

Recently, the Town of Norwood Department of Veterans' Services was able to present to Mr. Al Halicki, of Norwood, a replacement medal he had earned in World War II.

Mr. Halicki served with 774th Tank Destroyer Battalion in Europe, attached to General Patton's 3rd Army. In February of 1945, Sergeant Halicki was awarded the Purple Heart medal for "wounds received in combat action against hostile enemy forces".

The original Purple Heart, designated as the Badge of Military Merit, was established by George Washington-then the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army - by order from his Newburgh, New York headquarters on August 7, 1782. The Badge of Military Merit was only awarded to three Revolutionary War soldiers. From then on as its legend grew; so did its appearance. Although never abolished, the award of the badge was not proposed again officially until after World War I.

Mr. Halicki made a career of the Army after World War II, retiring after 23 years of honorable



service, and attaining the rank of Command Sergeant Major, the highest enlisted rank.

Mr. Halicki lives on Prospect Street with the

love of his life for 63 years, his wife Helga. They recently returned from a trip to Europe, where Al retraced many of his steps from World War II.

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BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: Hellenic Health Care will be available for blood pressure screening on the first Wednesday of each month. Ellis Nursing Home will offer blood pressure screening on the second Wednesday of each month. The Walpole VNA will provide blood pressure screening on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

BRIDGE: Our Bridge Club meets on Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library. The Tuesday group has been cancelled.

COMPUTER CLUB: The Computer Club will rest for the summer. Will resume in fall.

COUNCIL ON AGING: No COA Meeting will be held in July. Next meeting Aug. 6 @ 1p.m.

CRIBBAGE: Our seniors meet every Monday at 12:45 p.m. to play cribbage.

DIABETES WORKSHOP: The Diabetes Workshop will rest for the summer. Will resume in fall. EXCEL CLASSES: Excel classes have resumed. Please sign up.

FOOT DOCTOR: Dr. Cormier will be out for six weeks. Aiming to resume mid-July.

GLEE CLUB: Glee Club meets every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m.

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MASSAGE THERAPIST: Karen Tracy is here on the first Monday of each month. Please sign up at front desk. Massages are \$30 for half an hour.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB: The Board of Directors meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center (Except July and August). The Club Membership meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10 a.m.

PROPOPE: Is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m.

SCRABBLE: Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. Come and join us for a game.

SHINE: Our SHINE Counselor, Carol, is here to help you with your medical insurance needs on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

SQUARE DANCE: Please join our Square Dance Class every Tuesday at 9 a.m.

TRIAD: No Triad in the summer. Will resume in the fall.

WAXING: Cancelled until further notice.

WHIST: Whist players meet on Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m. in the library.

WHIST PARTY: Whist parties will be held on the fourth Friday of each month 1 to 3 p.m.

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CHRONIC DISEASE INFO SESSION

Interested in increasing your energy level and relieving pain caused by chronic health concerns? Come to a program at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, September 17 at 7 p.m. with Christene Lee Gerardi, an Integrative Medicine expert, who will address topics such as how to be more productive and active in 30 days, why medications may not work, and how and why integrative medicine could benefit you. To sign up for this 45-minute interactive talk, stop by the library Reference or Information Desk, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, or email norprograms@minlib.net. The library is handicapped accessible.

LIBRARY WAS RECENTLY AWARDED A GRANT

For \$7500 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). "We're excited about the innovative local library projects being developed with the help of these grants," said Cindy Roach, Head of Library Advisory and Development at the MBLC. They benefit local residents and communities."

Jean Todesca, head of Children's Services at the Morrill Memorial Library applied for and

was awarded the LSTA grant. The Children's Department will plan 2015-2016 programming using the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) grant funding. Library Director, Charlotte Canelli expects that it will be an exciting year in the children's room!

Libraries use LSTA grants from the MBLC in a variety of ways, including implementing literacy programs that benefit all ages, increasing library access to underserved populations, providing advanced automation services, training staff, and preserving valuable historical documents. In addition to the direct library grant program, the MBLC uses LSTA funds to support statewide programs and services, including summer reading programs, databases, the Commonwealth eBook program, the Commonwealth Catalog (the new virtual catalog), and mass.gov/libraries which provides information and resources for residents. LSTA is administered on the federal level by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in the Commonwealth by the MBLC. More information about LSTA can found at www.mass.gov/mblc.

WOMEN ARTISTS LECTURE AND DISPLAY

Join Beth Knaus of Art Matters as she returns to the Morrill Me-

morial Library to present a two-part presentation on Women Artists on Thurs., September 3 and Thurs., Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. In Part I, Ms. Knaus will focus on women artists from approximately 1500-1900, while Part II will be devoted to women artists from 1900-1990. Capable of the art of creation as well as the creation of art, women artists have historically proved threatening to the dominant male establishment. Examples abound of how they flourished and failed, were celebrated or crushed, but almost always needed to be superior to their male counterparts to be taken seriously. More recently, their ability to create art was less openly inhibited but new, modern obstacles arose. Come participate in a discussion about the women who defied convention and the struggles they encountered to produce art before and during the 20th century.

To sign up for this special two-part program, funded by the Friends of the Library, email norprograms@minlib.net, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

TITLES ON TAP BOOK GROUP

Join the staff of the Morrill Memorial Library at Napper Tandy's of Norwood on Tues-

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The Record Book

A NEW NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB SEASON

NRMC Will be in its 30th season on Tuesday, Sept. 8, when it opens up after the summer break. The Club meets at the Norwood Elks every second Tuesday of the month, except July and August, at 10:00 am. They have coffee and donuts available before the meeting. All are welcome and there is plenty of parking.

You don't have to be a Norwood resident but you must be 60 or older and be retired or semi retired. The dues are \$10.00 yearly and there is no initiation or initiation fee. Just walk in and say "Hello." The Club has two breakfast meetings a year and a Valentines Luncheon Dance in February. They have two trips a year, one in the summer and one in the winter. The men have a golf league, and a bocce league. Golf is played at the Norwood Country Club on Thursday mornings with scheduled tee times. The Bocce league plays at the Senior Center courts on Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Every league would welcome new members.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH YARD SALE

Grace Episcopal Church is once again holding its annual yard sale at 150 Chapel Street. On Friday, Aug. 21, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. clothes and linens ONLY will be on sale. On Saturday, Aug. 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. clothes, linens, small appliances, electronics, lamps and small selection of furniture, knick-knacks, Christmas and seasonal decorations, books, CDs/DVDs,

children's items, and lots of other good stuff. The sale is spread out from the front lawn to the garage in back. Sending students off to college? Get kitchen items, dishes and glassware here! All proceeds benefit church ministries. Rain date is Sunday, August 23. **NO EARLY BIRDS ON EITHER DAY PLEASE!**

ITALIAN LODGE INFORMATION NIGHT

The Norwood Italian Lodge #1235, a social and charitable organization, is hosting a meet and greet information night for residents of the community who are interested in learning about membership in the Lodge. Social membership does not require Italian descent. Meet with members of the Italian Lodge in the Simoni Room upstairs at Norwood Memorial Library, Walpole St. Norwood on Thursday, Aug. 20 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Lodge President, Steve Eosco, will also be available to answer questions. You do not have to be a resident of Norwood to join the Lodge. For more information about the Lodge please call 781-769-7865 or email at steve_toni@norwoodlight.com or visit our website at www.norwoodsonsofitaly.org

CATMOBILE IS COMING

The Catmobile, which offers low cost spay/neuter for cats only, is coming to Petco located at 1210 Providence Highway in Norwood on Aug. 20. The Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society operates The Catmobile, which is staffed by a licensed veterinarian and one veterinary technician. The package

consists of spay/neuter, rabies vaccinations, exam, nail trim, and treatment for fleas and ear mites. Micro-chipping is available for \$20. Individually packaged take-home flea treatment is available for \$15 per dose. The neuter package for male cats costs \$80 and a female spay is \$120. Ferals are \$35 and will be ear-tipped. Reservations are required and can be made online at www.catmobile.org or by calling 978-465-1940.

SCHOOLS HOLDING PLAY GROUPS

Play Groups for 24-36 month olds beginning Thursday, Oct. 8, once a week for 12 weeks from 9 to 10:30 a.m. 36-48 month olds beginning Tuesday, Oct. 6, once a week for 12 weeks from 9 to 10:30 a.m. 48-60 month olds beginning Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 6, once a week for 12 weeks from 12:30 to 2 p.m. All groups being held at The Village Center, 82 Roosevelt Ave., Norwood. For more information and an application, please contact Christine Tomasello at ctomasello@norwood.k12.ma.us or call (781) 440-5983.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Through Labor Day, there will be one Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. This schedule change provides the parish with an opportunity to come together in a single service in the cooler part of the morning. The liturgy will have both music and quiet times and after the service there will be a summer style refreshments hour. The church is located at 150 Chapel St.

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day, Aug. 25 at 7:30 pm for another meeting of Titles on Tap. This social group is designed for readers in their 20s and 30s and the young at heart, and is a casual way to meet up with fellow book lovers for a fun night out. August's title will be "Sailor Twain: or, the Mermaid in the Hudson," a graphic novel for adults by Mark Siegel. Readers should fly through this graphic novel with very little text, and what's a better beach read than a book with a mermaid? Copies are available to pick up at the Reference Desk, so come out to meet, discuss, eat, drink, and be merry! Visit our blog titlesontap.wordpress.com or follow us on Twitter @titlesontap to learn more.

FAIRBANKS HOUSE HISTORIAN AT THE LIBRARY
Donna Russo, Curator of the Fairbanks House in Dedham, will

come to the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. to talk about the oldest surviving timber-frame house in North America. Now a historic house museum, it was built circa 1637 for Jonathan and Grace Fairebanke and their six children, Puritan immigrants from Yorkshire, England. Ms. Russo will focus on the architectural significance of the house and the changing lifestyles of the eight generations who lived there, present a slide show, and answer questions. In addition, a small model of the house and a pop-up exhibit containing items from the old homestead will be on display that evening. To sign up for this fascinating glimpse into our local history, please email norprograms@minlib.net, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk. Passes offering free admission to the Fairbanks House are available

at the library to Norwood residents and employees.

BROADWAY MUSICALS AT THE LIBRARY THIS SUMMER

Back by popular demand, "Broadway Musicals on the Big Screen" will take place at the Morrill Memorial Library on eight consecutive Wednesday evenings in August, continuing, on Aug. 19, and "Across the Universe" (2009) on Aug. 26. All movies begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the air-conditioned Simoni Room. Complimentary popcorn is donated by Regal Cinemas in Bellingham, and the movie licenses are funded by the Friends of the Library. To sign up for any or all of these films, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Morrill Memorial Library's

Adult Summer Reading program has begun! Would you like to keep track of your summer reading, rate books and write reviews, and be entered to win weekly prizes? Visit our summer reading page to sign up and get more information, then start reading! Books, ebooks, and audio books all count, any genre or title you choose; there is no required reading list. The summer reading page can be found on our website, norwoodlibrary.org. The program runs through Aug. 21, and all adults and high school-aged students are welcome to participate. Please contact Liz Reed at the Reference Desk with any questions, 781-769-0200 x110. The Adult Summer Reading Program is part of the statewide summer reading program, following this year's theme "Superheroes: Escape the Ordinary."

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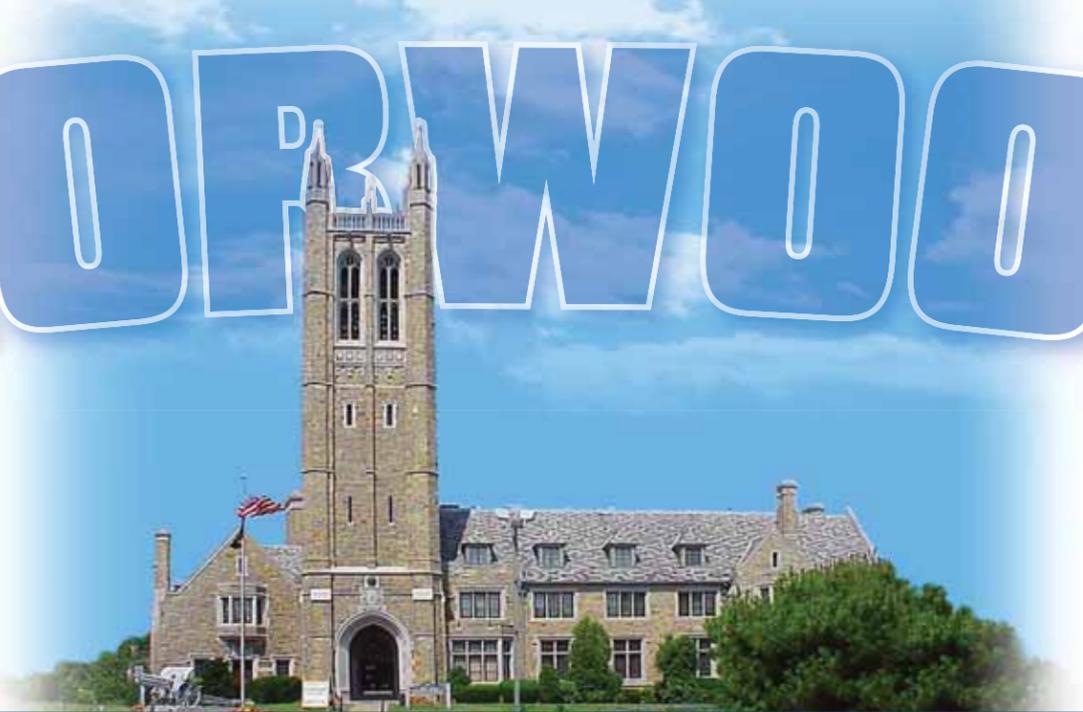
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