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(Above) It may have been well below freezing out on Feb. 13, but that didn't stop this two-on-two hockey game in Michael Saad's back yard in South Norwood.

(Right) South Norwood resident Michael Saad built a back yard ice rink that has grown over the last 10 years into a favorite winter destination for Norwood youth. The homemade sheet of ice now includes boards, lights and space for a penalty box. Though it is mostly used by the neighborhood kids, Saad said he still manages to get some ice time here and there, when he's not busy whipping up snacks and refreshments for the skaters.

PHOTOS BY SAM NICKERSON



No rink, no problem in South Norwood

Sam Nickerson

It's well below freezing, but the sun is out, and the sounds of pucks clattering off the boards and sticks slapping the ice echo across Hamilton Circle.

It's a two-on-two hockey game, with a goalie in the lone net. Michael

Saad looks on from his porch, which, between the snacks on the table and the locker room smell, has been transformed into a bit of a clubhouse.

"Every year it gets bigger and bigger," Saad said of his 60-by-45 foot backyard ice rink, complete with boards, lights and stereo.

Saad said he's been putting down a

sheet of ice in his backyard for the neighborhood kids to skate on for around 10 years. It began as a much smaller 16-by-20 foot affair, but with a little help from the growing pool of regular skaters, Saad has built up a

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Flight Level plans updates to airport

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Fixed Base Operator Flight Level at Norwood Memorial Airport announced its calendar of capital projects for 2016 during the Feb. 10 Airport Commission Meeting.

Flight Level Peter Eichley said the company planned to begin its "long anticipated" construction of a 22,000 square-foot hangar facility this year, a project that is estimated at \$2.3 million. Eichley said the company passed a "big milestone" in the fall when the project gained approval from the Conservation Commission, and they planned to wait until the spring thaw to get underway.

The timeline, Eichley said, included an April start date and a tentative completion date at the end of October. Either way, he said, the project would certainly be completed by the end of next winter. Lawrence-Lynch Corporation of Falmouth, Mass. was selected as the site contractor, and Eichley said the company has experience working on airports in Mansfield and Plymouth, while Airport Manager Russ Maguire said Norwood Airport has also used the company before.

The hangar will be a complex with several open hangar bays and would altogether comprise around two stories in height.

Also on deck for Flight Level's investments in the airport is a taxiway paving and sealing project, and a facelift for the row of buildings that face Access Road. Eichley said they

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No decision on Chapel St. yet

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

No action was taken Tuesday night by the Zoning Board of Appeals in regards to proposed plans to demolish a 90-year-old building at 82-84 Chapel Street.

During a ZBA hearing on Jan. 5, plans to change the current structure were presented by Attorney Jim Hilliard on behalf of property owner Paul Angelo. As it stands, the building at 82-84 Chapel St. houses residences that add up to 11 bedrooms with 13



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The Zoning Board continued its hearing on plans to redevelop 83-84 Chapel Street until March 22 in order to investigate residents' concerns.

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residents and a fast food restaurant, The Take Away. Angelo wishes to turn the property into an eight one-bedroom condo unit that would be for sale, not rent.

The project originally came before the board because it was requesting a special permit to allow the reconstruction in a different footprint of a new structure where a preexisting nonconforming structure now stands, while extending or altering the existing nonconforming use.

Attorney Richard Staiti, who represented the neighbors, said that neighborhood residents would not oppose changes to the structure if they could fit into the existing 3,000 square-foot space. The feeling from the neighborhood, according to Staiti, is that an expansion to accommodate an eight condo residency is "excessive."

The original proposal requested turning the existing 3,000 square-foot structure into a 4,000 square-foot space, which would be a 31 percent increased expansion from the current footprint. However, after hearing complaints from neighbors Hilliard said that his client would be willing to instead add only an additional 500 square-feet to the space, a 16 percent increase in space in-

stead of 31.

Residents were not in favor of the 16 percent space increase, saying that any additional construction will cause clutter to the already narrow roads in the area.

"If you can build it within the existing footprint, then that's fine," said Staiti.

Hilliard said that the proposed renovations would not be able to go forward within the building's existing footprint.

Staiti also questioned the validity of the structure being a valid preexisting nonconforming structure due to a varying number of bedrooms in an older assessor's record and the building inspector data. Staiti said that if there is any conflicting information about the building, all facts should be researched before approving the project.

Hilliard said that he believes the building is a preexisting nonconforming structure because the building was built in 1920, seven years before the town of Norwood adopted its zoning bylaws and as such should be grandfathered in as a preexisting nonconforming structure.

Residents also voiced their concerns over what they believe to be a vernal pool that forms, according to them, ev-

ery spring at the back of the building along Cedar St. Joan Parker, a resident of Cedar St., said that she was worried about the well-being of the small wildlife creatures that inhabit the body of water should construction of this property take place.

According to Hilliard, in order to be a legally certified vernal pool the body of water needs to occupy at least a fourth of an acre of land. The water that gathers at the back of the building on Cedar St. is not currently a certified vernal pool and Parker said that although she does not believe the pool to qualify in size to be considered a certified vernal pool, she said that due to the wildlife that inhabits the space each year, the council should consider bringing in an engineer to investigate the area as a "moral obligation".

Gloucester also said that parking could be added to the rear of the new building instead of the front, which residents spoke out against at the original meeting. He said that a fence could also be constructed to block the view of the cars from neighbors in the back of the property. However, neighbors expressed their displeasure at the idea of all the parking to be moved to the back of the property and sug-

gested instead that parking should wrap around the side of the structure.

"I don't think it would be an improvement to have a great big fence at the back of this property," said Parker.

Another Cedar St. resident, Roberta Bradley, expressed her opposition to the project, claiming that the neighborhood would not be able to comfortably accommodate an addition that size.

"I just have this gut feeling that an eight unit structure is

just going to be congested in many ways in the neighborhood," said Bradley. "It's not just eight residents, it's eight times everything," she said.

After a lengthy hearing, the board decided to continue the hearing to March 22, in order for Gloucester to present the updated changes of the renovations to the board in addition to investigating the legalities of the building as well as some of the other concerns of the residents, such as the vernal pool.

Maloney to seek Selectman seat

Tom Maloney, a Norwood Finance Commissioner, has formally announced his intention to seek one of the two contested Norwood Board of Selectmen seats in the upcoming April town election. Mr. Maloney has served on the Finance Commission for the past six years and has chaired the Capital Outlay Committee for four. He has served in Town Meeting from District 7 and District 4. He is a past member of the St. Catherine's Parish Council and is currently a Director of the Norwood Hoop Club. He has coached in Norwood Little League and is presently coaching basketball with the Norwood Basketball Association. Tom is a Regional Lending Manager with the Bank of Canton.

"My wife Cathy and I moved to Norwood 17 years ago and have since witnessed in this town a unique spirit, vitality, and sense of community. We have had the good fortune to raise our children here. John is a



Tom Maloney

graduate of St. Catherine's and Norwood High School, and Laura attends 7th grade at the Coakley Middle School.

I believe that my service on the Norwood Finance Commission has given me the necessary seasoning and understanding of municipal finance and town operations that will allow me to make an enduring and valuable contribution to the Board and to the town in the years ahead."

Chief Brooks speaks in favor of eyewitness ID bill

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Norwood Chief of Police Bill Brooks spoke on behalf of an eyewitness identification bill at the state house earlier this month.

The bill - House Bill 3861 - was recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

It seeks to improve the accuracy of eyewitness identification procedures, as errors in this process account for 75 percent of all wrongful convictions in the United States.

"I helped draft the bill that is pending at the State House. It would require every police department in Massachusetts to use a uniform policy on

eyewitness identification," Brooks said.

During testimony, the legislature heard from Jennifer Thomson, who was raped in 1984 and mistakenly identified Ronald Cotton as the

Eyewitness ID

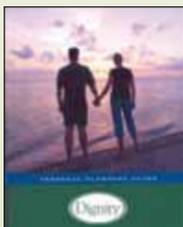
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MWRA says Norwood water in great shape

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Norwood's water and sewer operations are in great shape, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Executive Director Frederick Laskey told the Board of Selectmen on Feb. 16.

Laskey was before the Board to share what the MWRA looks like in its 30th year, and to discuss a redundancy line project and lead levels in water.

Laskey mentioned the water emergency that has taken place in Flint, MI, due to a change in water supplies without adequate control measures. This resulted in acidic water corroding lead pipes and allowing lead to find its way into drinking water.

Fortunately, Laskey said there is no lead in MWRA source water, and the only lead in Norwood's water system would be found where the main line goes to the house at some private residences who have opted not to switch over.

"Norwood is in great shape, frankly," Laskey said.

Laskey said Norwood is consistently below lead action level numbers and that the Town has

removed all town-owned lead lines. Across the MWRA's service area, 98 percent of targeted high-risk homes have lead levels equal to or below the lead action level.

Laskey also discussed an MWRA project to bring a redundancy line through Norwood, to ensure that Norwood, Stoughton, Canton, Dedham and Westwood all have a second line if the MWRA needs to reroute water around any problems.

If the sole water line through these towns were to be lost, it would represent a loss of service to all the towns, and Laskey said that to avoid potential water emergencies, they would need to bring a line from West Roxbury down - an idea he said that was a long time coming.

The project is split into three contracts, with the first phase out to bid now, with an award due in March and work to begin in April. The second contract is due in July, which will bring the project through Dedham, and the third phase will begin in November 2016 and bring the line down under Rt. 95.

Laskey said the construction time frames varied between 14-24 months for each phase. He

said the project has been carried in the budget in some form for 10 years, between planning phases and in the five-year capital budget.

Selectwoman Helen Abdallah Donohue asked if the planning part could be trimmed down to "bare bones" in order to avoid the 3.9 - 4.5 percent rate increases over the next several years.

"Norwood has as part of the whole contributed to a whole bunch of other projects. Now this is your project coming your way. All the others are contributing to pay for this piece that's long overdue," Laskey said.

Laskey said that around two-thirds of the MWRA budget most years is dedicated to debt service, as the agency has accrued several billion dollars in debt due to the projects and improvements it has made. Since its inception, Laskey said the agency has done over \$7 billion in capital improvements.

The MWRA opened its doors in 1985, after lawsuits had been opened earlier in the decade regarding Greater Boston's violation of state and federal clean water legislation, to the point that a federal judge put a moratorium on building new sewer hook ups until the problem was addressed.

The MWRA inherited two failing treatment plants on Deer and Nut islands, two reservoirs and miles of poor pipe infrastructure on both the water side and the sewer side. Since then, they have replaced hundreds of miles of pipes in communities, a ma-

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winter Mecca for those in the now.

"It's safe, it's simple, and the kids, even when they're younger, can get right on the ice," Saad said.

Saad said when he was younger, Norwood kids would skate at the Hawes Pool area, but there was always a danger of thin ice giving way. Now, he points out, the side of his home rink has two feet of solid ice at one end. On the other, there is a homemade penalty box and somewhere under center ice, is a custom "South Norwood Hockey University" logo.

Saad said that during the season, he puts down a fresh sheet of ice each evening and last year, he was able to keep it frozen into April. And if a snowstorm covers the whole rink, there is always plenty of help on hand to shovel it out.

"Beginners, kids on the hockey, basketball teams, kids from the girls' team, everyone wants to skate here," Saad said. "And the neighbors, the little kids will come over and get on the ice."

Even Saad will lace them up from time to time, hopping out on the ice to join a game.

"Oh yeah, I teach these kids how to shoot," Saad said with a smile.

David Saad, resting in the porch-turned-locker room for a moment, said he and his friends will skate for a few hours nearly every day that the ground is frozen. He said the biggest game

they've played has been a three-on-three with a goalie.

"Trying to rent out a rink is pretty expensive these days. It's easier to just come here and play with a few friends," Sean Briggs said. "It's pretty fun and easy."

Briggs said the backyard set up was often better than a pond because the boards meant you didn't have to chase down pucks that were shot wide. At a pond, Briggs and company would also likely have to go without the pizzas and other snacks Saad whips up for them.

For Michael Saad, even though the rink is nowhere near regulation size, it's better than having no local option at all and didn't come with a nearly \$10 million price tag. And though he has questions about the site for the proposed rink by the Coakley Middle School in South Norwood, Saad intimated that it was important for Norwood to have some sort of ice available for people to skate.

"They had it for years, now we've got it and they don't," he said.

Watching the two-on-two game progress from inside the porch - exclaiming when a player went down or made a nice shot - Saad's reasoning for putting so much time and effort into his little rink was simple.

"Oh, I do crazy things sometimes," Saad said. "But it's safe and its fun."

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OPINION

Time to set the record straight

One Selectman and a few residents have taken umbrage with an article that appeared in this newspaper a couple of weeks ago reporting that the ice rink would not be built in South Norwood in the foreseeable future. They felt the article was premature given the appropriations for this fiscal year wouldn't be announced until the end of March, and saying we didn't do enough homework and didn't talk to enough people. And to all of that we say nonsense.

Even if we had enough reporters to stalk the halls of the State House and corner appropriations staff in the bathrooms and grill them with questions a la The Spotlight Team, in this case it wasn't necessary. We talked to the one man who has represented the Town on the RINC Committee, took the lead in representing the Town in meetings with the state, and has continually been in contact with State Representative John Rogers and State Senator Mike Rush, the men who got the old governor to agree to fund the rink in the first place. Norwood Town Manager John Carroll is so highly revered at the state level, the MWRA even named a building after the guy. And above all else, the man has always been a straight shooter with this newspaper. So, if anyone is going to have a good idea of what the chances are for receiving that money in the short term it is him. And in his opinion, which is what we based the article on, "it looks dubious" that the rink will be funded in the near term.

Those supporting the rink at the Coakley have much invested in the project and appear to have taken our reporting of the rink personally. Time to get over it. The fact that we didn't support the project in South Norwood in our editorials doesn't skew the reporting in this article at all, despite what a few critics have shouted from the rooftops. A reader asked us if we knew what the latest status of the rink was and we decided to look into it again since it had been a few months since the last update, hence the article. No agendas, no diabolical attempt to quash the rink project as some conspiracy theorists would have you believe, just an attempt to update the status of the rink for our readership.

And to Selectman Plasko, who also took exception to this writer stating in a previous Opinion column that we thought it fair to question if Town officials were upfront with residents about knowing of the three new rinks being built in Town and not making the information public until we reported on it, you said nothing during your protestation that refuted anything raised by us, except that you were asked to keep it quiet during discussions. Well, how long does it take for the Boston Skating Club to tell you they couldn't accommodate any of Norwood's ice needs, and when, in your opinion, was the right time to let residents in on this potentially crucial piece of information? And please inform residents what has changed for the Boston Skating Club in that now it appears they may be able to provide significant ice time to the Town for the next three to five years when previously it wasn't possible. This newspaper would like to report it to our readership.

So, should by some circumstance, the state decide to release the funds to Norwood to build the rink this year, we will be the first to report the news on the front page of this newspaper. What you will not find anywhere on these pages is an apology, for we did nothing wrong. We went to the most widely respected and knowledgeable source on the subject and asked of the status, and he gave his opinion, truthfully and without reservation. Now, that is exactly what you want in a public official and Norwood residents should have a very good feeling about that. The rest? Not so much...

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Letters to the Editor

WE GET THE MESSAGE

To the Editor:

Please inform Mr. Plasko that the South Norwood Ice Rink project IS DEAD IN THE WATER. There is no standstill. In fact, the funeral for the Essential Ice Rink was pretty big. We almost had a parade down here in South Norwood, even though we don't have one student or resident who skates! In fact, I haven't viewed anyone getting off the MBTA bus with a hockey stick!

Thank goodness the Governor is into "essential" financial support.

Big news is the Skating Club of Boston and Campanelli paying the obligated \$400,000. While Plasko said the monies could be used throughout the Town, it's too bad it isn't for (essential) school bus fees.

This board and the Town Manager need to find a town that doesn't care about a fractured infrastructure and transient residents. We, the residents, get the message; time to move along because we cater to developers and apartment dwellers even though they don't contribute to the tax base.

Please inform the caring residents of this town when each of you purchase a new pair of skates. Then the responsible public can witness the irresponsible decision making that never ends.

*Madelyn Eysie
Norwood*

RAINING 40B'S

To the Editor:

I believe residents should not be blamed for battling 40B's or 40R's. If the residents did not battle the initial Plimpton Press 40R proposal there would have been at least 340 possibly up to 370 apartments at this tiny site. A neighborhood has a right to a voice in these matters. Remember a 40R is supposed to be cooperative friendly project. As I have stated before it is a devil in disguise. Ask yourself would you like to be an abutter of 340 or more apartments in your neighborhood?

The nature of a 40B and 40R is to pit one section of town against another. We would not be in this pickle if the Town did their due diligence for the 40 plus years this law has been in effect. The residents of Norwood stand up consistently when there is some type of proposed change in a neighborhood including increased size of a sign, a gas station requesting more vehicles be allowed on site for repair, fight against the asphalt plant from re-opening their business, a petition of 700 signatures against an ice skating rink, a massive high density apartment complex to name just some. Residents should not be criticized for standing up for

their neighborhood plain and simple.

I have had an opportunity to view some of the documents presented in the 1.5 percent legal battle. I do not claim to be an expert, but have some knowledge. The Town's report states we are at 1.51 percent. From what I have been allowed to view, the chances of the Town winning this legal battle is slim to none! I hope I am proven wrong. I understand the catch-22 in the decision to fight or not to fight. The leaders' decision to carry on with this battle has opened the door for many more 40B's. You cannot blame the residents.

Many residents have never felt comfortable with the Town's report. All along, many residents have been requesting another set of eyes look at the Town's report. More than a year ago a selectman made a motion for another set of eyes, but it failed. Finally, it came in front of Town Meeting and was voted down. I do not fault Town Meeting. I think Town Meeting should have had an opportunity to view the entire report, all documents and back up data, including the 2015 Applied Geographics report used in this 1.5 percent legal battle with the State, before voting on the matter. The 2015 Applied Geographics Report is a crucial key to the 1.5 percent calculation. I have requested a copy of the report. Eventually my request was turned down by the Town in a letter from our Town's Attorney citing attorney client privilege. I hope the ZBA viewed all documents including the 2015 Applied Geographics Report before they voted to battle the State against the proposed 40B.

In the end we may regret not having another set of eyes or what one may term a second opinion regarding the Town's 1.5 percent report. Current forecast torrential downpours of 40B's.

*Mary Cassidy
Norwood*

LET'S EXAMINE SOME FACTS

To the Editor:

Let's examine a few facts about the Finley/Avalon 40B. On Sept. 9, 2013 our former Town Planner, Steve Costello, announced that "Rock Street is subject to being opened" during a planning board meeting. I sat less than two feet from him as that statement was made. On the NPA re-broadcast, the last 20 minutes of that meeting never aired. I guess NPA had some more of those "technical difficulties." The minutes of that meeting also do not list that event. Ask NPA television for a copy of that meeting and watch how it abruptly ends. Then you will start to see some truth.

The truth is Rock Street is NOT a dead end. The street list-

ings start at the high 20s. Why is that? The Town has a right of way that goes all the way up to Lennox Street that we were ignoring for the sake of the Finley family and their precious 40R. They did not have the right to close Rock Street. That fact would have surfaced AFTER the 40R received approval. Avalon has now inherited that little fact. The Town is giving up that street easement without any mention of it to the public. Pretty cute, huh?

Here's another one. All that talk about that beautiful 40R we could have had complete with trees on the roof of the five-story parking garage, but plans never included an exit plan for that garage. The Town never shared that little tidbit either. It would have been at 36 Plimpton Ave. That is the location of the former JMG, Inc. that was changed to mixed usage without Town Meeting's approval or knowledge! Only town Meeting can make a zoning change. How did that happen? Go get any copy of the Finley 40R plans and you will clearly see they overlap that piece of property. Those plans are on file at Town Hall. Avalon now inherits that illegal zoning change. Isn't that cute?

You want some more truth? Ask NPA television for an "edited" copy of the Dec. 4, 2014 1.5 Task Farce meeting. That is the meeting that Mr. Plasko stormed out of. That is also the meeting where Andy Murphy admits he did not properly do our land study because "it would take him too much time." On camera, I offered to do it for free. You will also notice my comments were edited as aired by NPA. As I announced Dick Heaton had agreed to finish the job he started for the sum of \$10,000, "INCLUDING A FRESH LOOK AT THE DENOMINATOR ASPECT OF THINGS." Those words were mysteriously deleted from that broadcast. I wonder why?

There is an election coming soon. There are good people stepping up for a change. We need sweeping changes. Vote all incumbents out! I am unable to commit to an office bid this year. I thank the many citizens who have asked me to do so. I pledge my support to all the candidates of change, and I promise to be part of the RECALL team when we get these added 40Bs. If the powers that be think they will not be held responsible, they better rethink that one. I suggest you stop selling bridges here in Town like the one you sold to Mr. Duffy and his Regal 40R scam. You can also start looking for a new Town Manager, Town Planner and Town Counsel.

*Kevin Pentowski District 7
Town Meeting Member*

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culprit. After serving 11 years in prison, DNA tests exonerated him. Brooks and Thomson have done presentations together in the past.

After Attorney General Maura Healey spoke on the importance of the criminal justice system avoiding wrongful convictions, Brooks offered an analysis of Thomson's story that demonstrated techniques police officers can use to minimize the risk of error in eyewitness identification.

Brooks said that during Thomson's case, a composite sketch that ran in the newspapers was likely problematic, as research has shown that witnesses have lower accuracy rates for identifying an offender when a composite was done.

"In the years following her case, research has shown that preparing a composite can skew the witness's memory of the offender's face," Brooks said. "I believe that the image of the composite replaces the original memory."

According to Brooks, Norwood police do not use composites.

After police in Thomson's case received calls about Cotton following the release of the composite, Thomson was shown a photo array containing his photo, but all of the photos were laid out at once.

Brooks said that this often

results in the witness comparing the photos and selecting the one that looks closest to the composite, instead of trying to recognize a particular

added.

Also during his testimony, Brooks spoke on the importance of using an officer who does not know who the main



Norwood Chief of Police Bill Brooks spoke at the state house on behalf of a bill aiming to reform eyewitness identification procedures for police around the state.

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individual. Brooks said that all photo arrays were done this way at the time.

During a live lineup several days after the photo array, Thomson picked Cotton, but Brooks said Cotton was the only individual who was in both the photo array and the lineup, so it made sense that she recognized him then.

"I can say that we have never used this practice in Norwood, and our policy forbids successive identification procedures with a witness and any one suspect," Brooks

suspect is when showing the photo array - a technique that is in place in Norwood.

Brooks has been speaking around the country on behalf of the Innocence Project - an organization that seeks to free wrongfully convicted and imprisoned individuals - for around six years. In that time, he has covered 23 states, visiting Montana and Minnesota as recently as last month, and also teaches courses for local police in Massachusetts to instruct them on using science-based proce-

dures.

"I am proud to say that when the Innocence Project distributed their "toolkits" to police in other states, one of the model policies they provide is ours," Brooks said.

Also due to Brooks' work, all recruits at every municipal police academy in the state now receive one half day of

eyewitness identification training. The Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association successfully asked that every police officer already serving in a municipal department receive in-service training on the topic as well. Brooks is also a member on the Supreme Court's Standing Committee on Eyewitness Identification.

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Request for Proposals – Town of Norwood

Sealed proposals shall be received up to 11:00 A.M. (Verizon time), March 10, 2016, in Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following service:

“Web Development and Design Services”

A copy of the Request for Proposals may be obtained electronically by registering and downloading the documents at <https://bids.norwoodma.gov> or from the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 (781) 762-1240, Extension 106 or 107. Questions should be directed to Catherine Carney, Contract Administrator, at (781) 762-1240, x107. Contract #NGM-16-01.

The proposal must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed as follows: “Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062, endorsed with the name and address of the offerer, and marked “Web Development and Design Services - NGM-16-01”. The proposer shall submit an original and seven (7) copies of the sealed proposal as well as an original and seven (7) copies of the pricing pages. An electronic version shall also be submitted via a CD or flash drive. **THE PRICING PAGES SHALL BE SEALED IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE AND MARKED “PRICING PAGES – Web Development and Design Services.”** The fee is not to exceed \$23,000. In the event that the Norwood Town Hall is closed due to inclement weather, the bid opening day will be the next normal business day on which the Town Hall is open. The time of the bid opening shall remain the same.

Proposals shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 30B. Every proposal shall be on forms furnished by the Town of Norwood. Proposals submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of proposals, Saturdays and Sundays excluded. The Web Design Committee shall be responsible for evaluating all proposals and making a recommendation for award to the Town of Norwood’s Chief Procurement Officer.

The Town of Norwood shall have the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof, or items therein, and to waive any defect of irregularities as to form, therein in accordance with MGL.

The Town of Norwood notifies all participants that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex or national origin or handicapped status in consideration for an award.

BY: John J. Carroll
General Manager

Norwood Record, 2/18/16

Airport *continued from page 1*

would be repainting the hangars that face Access Road to “improve the appearance” of the airport. While the hangar project accounted for most of the year’s capital expenditures, several hundred thousand dollars would be going towards these other, smaller improvements.

Airport Commission Chairman Mark Ryan said the schedule was “extensive” and that the Commission was happy to see that.

Newcomers to the airport, Waltzing Matilda Aviation, received its full approval for a commercial permit by a unanimous vote after submitting financial documents to the Commission. It had been granted a provisional approval in December.

Maguire said the company had provided the requested bank statements from June 2015 to the present and there were no other outstanding documents.

Commissioner Michael Sheehan commended the company for its submittal, saying it was a standard request for all business at the airport to make sure it is a “viable business” and to cover the Commission’s responsibility to the Town and its citizens.

“This wasn’t very hard to do,” Sheehan said, noting there was no personal information requested.

Waltzing Matilda first officer Matt Hurley said the reason for the delay was that they had been getting the business going.

Sheehan said the submitted information looked very good and that cash flow for the new business indicated that things were going well for Waltzing Matilda.

“That’s a real credit to you and your team,” Sheehan said to Hurley, noting that it can take between six months to a year or longer to start up a business, but Waltzing Matilda “seemed to really jump right at it.”

After the Commission approved Waltzing Matilda’s commercial permit, it extended Boston Executive Helicopters’ (BEH) commercial permit until the next Commission Meeting. BEH is seeking to become a fixed base operator at the Airport, but there have been disagreements between the Commission and BEH as to what financial information has been submitted. BEH also has a lawsuit open against the Airport.

The commercial permit for Elite Aero Services was also issued, as the company had missed the mailing in 2015 to renew its permit. The mobile, dry aircraft wash company’s permit requested that rented space and commercial tie downs be waived from its application, since it did not need either and was based elsewhere.

Maguire said the company does not use harmful chemicals and helps with the Airport’s environmental friendliness.

Maguire also said that the airport was meeting with Norwood Police regarding the ongoing conversation on the use of drones. He said air traffic control, the Federal Aviation

Authority and the State Police’s Fusion Center were all involved and Norwood was trying to “stay ahead of ongoing legislation.”

Maguire said that while the airspace is run by the federal government, the airport had to coordinate with the private interests that want to operate drones in the local area and make sure they are coordinating their operations with the air traffic control tower.

Maguire noted that Helicopters, Inc. - which operates several news helicopters that fly out of Norwood Airport - had asked about additional lighting on the south end of the taxiway. Maguire said the area does get dark at night and also suggested looking at lighting the helipads in the north end as well.

The Commission authorized Maguire to contact engineers Dubois & King to study the feasibility of the request and whether it could be added onto projects slated for next summer.

Finally, Maguire said that the airport was back into snow removal after several storms in February, which had caused “intermittent closures” of the airport.

“We thought we might get a break, but we haven’t,” he said. “We’ve been plowing snow from Monday night into Tuesday.”

The Commission then went into executive session to hear an update from Town Counsel Brandon Moss on ongoing litigation against the airport.

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majority of which were done by the community with the help of MWRA’s pipeline assistance programs.

Over the years, the MWRA’s water system has become a model for the rest of the country, and provides among the highest quality and best-tasting drinking water. The Deer Island sewage plant has also received national attention for its innovation and efficiency.

Now, the MWRA has a leading safe yield, because if it stopped raining today, the reservoirs would not go dry for five or six years. Water usage in the Boston area is also at a 110-year low, and \$30 million in land purchases have protected areas essential to preserving a stable water supply. Laskey said the agency has also reduced harmful organic matter and disinfectant byproducts well below national averages.

“The standards that we meet are very, very high,” Laskey said.



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Aviation co. helps kids in need

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

A newer tenant at the Norwood Airport has been using aviation to brighten the lives of children in need.

Above the Clouds Aviation, which was founded in 2012 by Gary Oberstein, is a nonprofit that provides flights in small aircraft to children facing adversity or serious illness. Through the program, Above the Clouds pairs mentors with "Discovery Flyers" who use monthly flight time to build trusting relationships and social interaction. Discovery Flyers who progress to "Cadet Flyer" are allowed to take solo flights, which provide them with motivation to apply themselves towards a better future.

"Norwood is an outstanding location for ATC," Above the Clouds spokeswoman Martha Oberstein said. "Not only is it an airport with a Control Tower - we do Control Tower tours on Dream Flight Days - it is in the perfect location in terms of attracting Dream Flyers, Cadet Flyers and Discovery Flyers from surrounding hospitals and the many social service agencies which operate in and around the Boston area."

Oberstein said that many of Above the Clouds' volunteer pilots keep their planes at Norwood Airport as well. Above the



Young aviators and their mentors from Norwood-based nonprofit Above the Clouds learned about JetBlue Airways' operations during a recent tour at Logan Airport.

COURTESY PHOTO

Clouds has its own aircraft as well, a Piper Warrior II, which was purchased last year using individual donations.

According to Oberstein, Norwood Airport, recognizing the nonprofit's good work, supports the organization by providing discounted office space and a free tie down for the airplane. The organization is also allowed to tour the air traffic control tower on days when it's bringing in youth for a Dream Flight.

Recently, nine teenagers from cities and towns nearby were able to join their Above the Clouds mentors for a visit at JetBlue Airways at Logan Air-

port.

The tour was organized by JetBlue Captain and Above the Clouds volunteer pilot Ken Hertz. The group met JetBlue crew members and toured the operations tower and an aircraft. The crew focused on discussing pathways to a career in aviation.

Since its inception, Above the Clouds has served over 150 children from the Greater Boston area through its three programs.

For more information about the organization, or to become a volunteer or sponsor, visit the Above the Clouds website: <http://abovethecloudskids.org>.

DEATHS

DALTON

Gary J., 68, formerly of Norwood, on Feb. 10. US Army Vietnam Veteran. Devoted husband of Linda D. (Domohowski) Dalton. Devoted father of Garry Dalton of Norwood, Sally Morgan of Maine and Daniel Rasmussen of New Bedford. Brother of John, Robert and William Dalton. Also survived by two grandchildren. Son of the late John W. and Helen M. (O'Connell) Dalton. Gary worked as a security guard for the New England Patriots at Gillette Stadium for 24 Years. At the request of the family, visiting hours omitted.

EARLY

Mary M. (Doyle) Of Norwood, on Feb. 7. Beloved wife for 72 years of Arthur J., and dear mother of Marilyn J. Aylward, and her husband Richard, of Newtown, Conn., and David J. Early of Moultonboro, N.H. Loving grandmother of Christopher and Jeffrey Aylward, Cheryl Kerrigan, and Danielle E. Early. Also survived by six great-grandchildren. Sister of the late William B. Doyle and the late Jessie Potenza. Funeral Arrangements by the Folsom Funeral Home, 649 High St., WESTWOOD. Interment in Old Westwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Memorial Fund of the First Baptist Church, 808 High St., Westwood, MA 02090 or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

DESROCHES

Kathleen (Shagoury) formerly of Norwood, on Feb. 9. Beloved daughter of Abraham Shagoury of Norwood and the late Geraldine (Murphy) Shagoury and Dorothy (O'Brien) Shagoury. Loving mother of Deborah Schmeer of Hyannis, and James and Steven DesRoches, both of Bellingham; cherished grandmother of Amanda Bennett and her husband Matthew of Norfolk, Va., Brittany Byers of Hyannis and Abigail Kathleen DesRoches of Douglas; proud great-grandmother of Jaxon Bennett of Norfolk, Va.; devoted sister of Geraldine Husgen of Tarpon Springs Fla., Susan Colton of South Yarmouth, and the late Barbara Hicks. She is also survived by many loving cousins, nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., Norwood.

HAMLIN

Donald G. "Donni," 62, of Norwood, on Feb. 4. He was the beloved husband of Lori Vezina to whom he was married to on Oct. 21, 1978. Donni was the son of Barbara (Hall) and the late Donald Hamlin. He was a lifelong resident of the town, educated in the town's school system as well as King Philip Regional HS. Donald was a self employed interior decorator/painter who was very particular about the finished product. Donald loved to camp and ride his motorcycles especially when he was touring the United States. In addition to his wife

Deaths

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Lori, he is survived by sister Nancy Jones of Quincy and her husband Eric, and sister Sandra Savage of Franklin and her husband Andrew, as well as many nieces and nephews. Services are private and a celebration of Donni's life will take place in the spring. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Donni's memory to: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168, Boston, MA 02282 or via www.dana-farber.org/gift

KLOSOWSKI

Helen A. (Zuke), 92, of Norwood, on Feb. 13. Beloved wife of the late Henry E. Klosowski. Devoted mother of Henry E. Klosowski, Jr. and his wife Patricia of Long Island, N.Y. and Karen V. Graham and her husband Garrett of Needham. Also survived by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Sister of the late Leo Zukowski, late Marah Pesta and late Jennie Walukevich. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw - Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at 9 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, East Walpole. Internment at Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

PATSOS

Theresa M. (McMann), 88, of Norwood, on Feb. 13. Beloved wife for 69 years to the late Nicholas P. Patsos. Devoted mother of Theresa P. Russell and her late husband Merv of Florida, Nancy P. Gunning and her husband Steve of Norwood, Diane M. Marks and her husband Dave of Walpole, Kathy M. Cullen and her husband Mark of Pocasset,

Nick Patsos of Norwood and Steven Patsos and his wife Ginnie of Connecticut. Also survived by 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and two late grandchildren Karen Marks and Stephanie Patsos. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood on Thursday Feb. 18, 2016 at 10 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 11 a.m. in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Visiting hours will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016 from 4-7 p.m. Internment at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Theresa was also involved in running the Norwood Jr. Girls Bowling League for 30 years and the Tiny Tot Nursery School for 20 years she was also an avid tennis player. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Compassionate Care Hospice, 800 West Cummings Park, Woburn, MA 01801.

TROIANO

Maryanne of Norwood passed away on Feb. 9, 2016, at the age of 55. Daughter of Mary (Lally) Troiano of Norwood and the late Arthur Troiano. Mother of Matthew E. Troiano of Norwood and Nadine M. Troiano-Almeida and her husband Warlen of Norwood. Sister of Michael J. Troiano and his wife Maria of Plymouth, Nicholas Troiano and his wife Joanne of Walpole, William Troiano and his wife Patricia of Norwood, Linda Troiano of Randolph and the late Frances Ciardi. Grandmother of Noah and Elias Almeida. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood. Visiting hours will be held on Tuesday morning only from 9-11 a.m. Burial will be at New Westwood Cemetery Westwood.

VENTEROSA

Octavius W. "Tappy," 92, of Norwood, on Feb. 13. United States Navy Veteran WWII. Beloved husband of Stella P. (Mucciaccio). Devoted father of Alan Venterosa and his wife Daniela of Stoughton, Donald A. Venterosa and his wife Patricia of Norwood and Debra Jonasson of Wrentham. Brother of Nancy Studley of Marshfield, Irma Dickson of Walpole and Rene "Dolly" Malacinski of Norwood. Also survived by eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood. Internment at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, with full Military Honors.

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Grateful thanks. —J.R.G.

The Record Book

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS FUNDRAISER

The Norwood Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars will be hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, March 5. It will be a Trivia Night at the VFW at 193 Dean St., Norwood. The event starts at 7 p.m. and the cost is \$20 per person to reserve a table of 10. Please call Patty Griffin Starr at 781-551-0509, or email pgriffstarr19@yahoo.com. Prizes, raffles and munchies and lots of fun

PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION FOR SENIORS

The Town of Norwood provides opportunities for Norwood senior citizens who meet certain criteria to reduce their property tax by working in a Town department. The Norwood Human Resources Department is currently accepting applications from interested seniors for the FY17 tax year. Additional information can be found on the Town's website at www.norwoodma.gov under the links for JOBS. Information is also available by visiting the Town Hall or the Norwood Senior Center.

NORWOOD COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL CONCERT

On Feb. 27 at 3 p.m., join us at Norwood Cooperative Nursery School 24 Berwick St., upstairs in the Church Hall Norwood for the Kids Concert with Ethan Rossiter and the Jamberries. Presale tickets will be available Monday, Feb. 22 - Thursday, Feb. 25 for a price of \$15/family. Contact Norwood Cooperative Nursery School for advance sale tickets 781.769.3376. Tickets on the day of the show will be \$20/family.

FREE PLAY GROUPS FROM NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Norwood Public Schools, Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant (CFCE) are holding registration for four free playgroups being held at the village center, 82 Roosevelt Ave., Norwood.

24-36 months - Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m. beginning March 3, 2016, for 12 weeks; 36-48 months - Tuesdays, 9-10:30 a.m. beginning March 1, 2016, for 12 weeks; 48-60 months - Fridays, 9-10:30 a.m. beginning March 11, 2016, for 12 weeks; and 36-60 months - ESL playgroup - Tuesday afternoons 12:30-2 p.m. beginning March 1, 2016, for 12 weeks.

To receive a registration application, contact Christine Tomasello at ctomasello@norwood.k12.ma.us or call 781-440-5983.

NORWOOD WOMANS CLUB MEETING

The Norwood Woman's Club will hold its next meeting at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hall at 24 Berwick St. at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8. Roger Tincknel returns to entertain us with Irish songs and ballads on a variety of traditional instruments. Any questions call Trina Mallet at 781-762-8173.

WILLET CRAFT FAIR

On Feb. 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., The Willett School, 100 Westover Parkway, Norwood will hold a free Craft and Vendor Fair. Contact Julie 781-559-3368. Vendors include Thirty-One Gifts, Avon, Ava Anderson, Girl Scout Cookies, Pampered Chef, homemade headbands, hooded towels and more! Crafts will also be offered to families and students of the Willett School.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY ARTICLE

Come join us for a Lenten Bible Study at the First Congregational Church in Norwood continuing through

Palm Sunday, March 20. The Lenten study will look at the account of Jesus' last days in the Gospel of John. We'll meet in the church parlor at 8:15 a.m., and begin each class with a time of fellowship including coffee, muffins, and bagels. Each of the Lenten classes will end with a time of quiet and meditation, as well as the lighting and extinguishing of the Lenten candles.

SEEKING ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The Norwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame is looking for nominations for the Class of 2016.

Student-athletes, teams, coaches and special contributors are eligible. Candidates must meet the following criteria: Student-athletes must have graduated from Norwood High School, attended NHS for more than two years and be 10 years removed from graduation. Coaches must have worked at Norwood High for at least seven years and have completed their coaching career. Teams must have achieved a significant accomplishment. Special contributors are individuals who have made a considerable contribution of time and energy to Norwood High School Athletics.

For more information and nomination forms, see the Norwood High School Athletic Department web page, www.norwoodmustangs.com. Submit nominations in writing to the Norwood Hall of Fame Committee, Attn: Jonathan Longley, Athletic Director 245 Nichols Street, Norwood, MA 02062. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2016. The enshrinement ceremony will be held in November.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The February meeting of the NRMC will be held at the Norwood Elks, with the usual 9:30 a.m. coffee and donut session, before the 10 a.m. meeting start. A lot of things were voted on at the January meeting that will have to be worked on to see how we will be implementing them. Moving the meetings up to an earlier start wasn't one of the ones that passed. A few of the things that were voted to accept at the meeting were the following: Wearing name tags, having a thought for the day, each board member starting their reading with a joke, table teams to be responsible for obtaining speakers for a given month, and having members speak in place of absent guest speakers. These and others will have to be discussed to see what direction they will take and when and how to start them.

ADOPT-A-HYDRANT

Last year we experienced record breaking amounts of snowfall in our community. This huge amount of snowfall caused delays in firefighting operations throughout New England. In the event of a fire, fire engines respond with enough water in their tanks to provide only a few minutes of fire protection/suppression. Therefore, it is imperative that firefighters gain access to a water supply via a fire hydrant. If a fire hydrant is buried by snow, it can be difficult to find and valuable time is lost digging it out. This process can take anywhere from 5 to 7 minutes. Since fires double in size every minute, precious minutes lost could be the difference between life and death. Norwood firefighters and DPW workers worked tirelessly to keep hydrants clear last year, but we need your help. The Norwood Fire Department is looking for volunteers to "adopt" a hydrant near their homes or places of work. In doing so, it only makes a safer environment for your families and co-workers.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **Room 12 of the Municipal Office Building** on **March 8, 2016 at 7:15 PM** on the request of Peter Cantanese (Case #16-01) with respect to property located on **1 & 2 Commerce Way, in a M-Manufacturing District.**

This Application request a SPECIAL PERMIT under Section 3, 4 accessory uses of the Zoning Bylaw to allow open lot storage of 90 new automobiles on existing paved and lined parking lot.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed during normal working hours, Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

BOARD OF APPEAL
Philip W. Riley, Chairman; Patrick J. Mulvehill, Harry T. Spence,
Barbara A. Kinter, John R. Perry

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This Application request a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow: The construction and maintenance of a 12' x 18' addition and a 12' x 8.5' deck having 4.9' of side yard setback where a greater setback is required, together with such other or further relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may determine to be appropriate.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed during normal working hours, Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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Sports

Boys Basketball take Herget crown

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

The Herget Division title belongs to Norwood, and only Norwood, after the Mustangs beat Walpole 50-42 last week to clinch an outright division crown.

Not a single Mustang cracked double figures in scoring at Norwood High School - Natanael Fonseca Castro came closest, with nine -but with 11 players total getting at least two points, it didn't matter in the slightest on one of the better senior nights in recent memory for Norwood fans.

"Defensively, coming out in the third and giving up five points, that was the difference, really," said Mustangs head coach Rich Cormier after the game, continuing to preach defense as his team's identity.

Walpole (10-8, 9-6 Bay State Conference) controlled play in the early stages, jumping out to an 8-6 lead. A 12-0 Mustangs run capped off by a Conor Riggle 3-pointer nearly brought the gym down, but the Rebels were able to inch back in and trail by only two at half-time, 26-24.

They'd never get closer than that, despite a cold streak from Norwood in the fourth quarter. The Mustangs did themselves no favors by shooting 2-for-12 in the final period, which be-

gan with a 41-29 Norwood lead, but the Rebels failed to capitalize, shooting 3-for-14 from the floor.

"I thought our offense was great, we just didn't finish," said Cormier of the fourth quarter, not worried by a temporary freeze. "Conor [Riggle] had a great take to the basket, missed both free throws. Daniel [Ugochukwu] had two great takes to the basket, missed both of them. I actually thought our offense was okay."

Kenneth Uhlar had 16 points for Walpole, eight of them in the fourth quarter to make things at least somewhat interesting into the waning minutes.

"We were a little bit too worried about Uhlar," admitted Cormier after the game. "For good reason, but it was leaving other guys wide open to drive to the basket, and we weren't stepping in."

Through 13 team games, Castro's season-high in points was five. Since then, he's scored at least eight in five straight games, including three such games in double figures.

An electric player who routinely draws ooh's and ah's from the crowd, Cormier is proud of the strides Castro has made since joining the Mustangs program last season.

"He's certainly a fan favor-



Norwood center Jarred Houston battles for position in the post vs. Walpole's Kenneth Uhlar in the Mustangs victory over the Rebels last week, their first in the series since Feb. 14, 2014.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

ite," said Cormier of the Puerto Rican-born junior guard, who barely spoke a word of English at the beginning of last season. "But I think the most important thing for Natanael is he really is starting to come along as a full player. Certainly, even last year, you saw the flashes of the offense. But you also saw bad decision making and suspect defense. I think he's starting to really come together with the other guys, really understand what we've been trying to teach him. He's certainly a very valuable guy for us off the bench. He's not someone many teams can cover."

The win snapped Norwood's three game losing streak to Walpole, dating back

to February 2014. A Rebels win would have not only extended that skid, but also kept alive a scenario in which they would split the Herget championship with the Mustangs.

Instead, Cormier is continuing preparations for Norwood's first tournament game since 2012 as lone champions of the Bay State Conference-Herget Division, but also mired in a bit of a funk. The Mustangs were swept in the Westwood Tournament over the weekend, losing a pair of closely contested games.

Norwood lost 55-51 to the host-Wolverines on Sunday, and again to Silver Lake on Monday, 56-49.

Norwood's coach had said

after the Walpole game nothing would come easy this time of the year.

"At this point in the season, we're not going to face a bad team," said Cormier prior to the Westwood Tournament. "This is all good preparation, getting us ready for when it's win or go home."

The Mustangs now stand at 14-7 overall, with one nonleague game left vs. Bishop Feehan on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. at Norwood High School prior to the tournament. The game is considered an "exemption game" for Norwood, meaning it won't count towards its record as it pertains to tournament seedings.

Girls Basketball wins as Reen reaches 1,000 pts

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Under nearly any other circumstances, the completion of a season sweep of Walpole wouldn't be flying so far under the radar.

Factoring in that the sweep was sealed on a pair of free throws with under 10 seconds to go, the first of which happened to be the 1,000th point of a player's career?

As a junior, no less?

It's easy to see why Norwood's 58-50 senior night win over Walpole has been overshadowed just a bit by Meghan Reen's milestone.

"It's awesome. I never thought that would happen," said Reen after she joined an elite group of Mustangs with 1,000 points. "For that to happen, that's amazing. And we got the win, so nothing better."

Reen entered the night needing 21 points to get to the 1,000 point threshold. With 9.5 seconds remaining, her made free throw sent the crowd into euphoria and delayed the game several minutes with a celebration.

But it was a massive make beyond the historical context, as it made it a three-score game again, effectively clinching the contest for the

Mustangs.

"It was really, really exciting," said Norwood head coach Amy Lepley, still in shock and awe over the achievement, but also aware how important the points were for the game itself. "It was a little bit more exciting than it needed to be."

The Rebels were seemingly out of it at the beginning of the fourth quarter, trailing 43-25. Walpole's only points for the first 7:10 of the third quarter came on free throws, a make in the final minute avoiding them a goose egg shooting from the floor.

"I was excited that she got

it at home, her whole family was here," said Lepley, still beaming over Reen.

The Rebels had an early lead, but found themselves trailing for the remainder of the game after a Krista Bradley basket made it 10-8 in the first quarter.

Walpole did its best to stay within striking distance throughout, ultimately getting close at the end, but too little, too late.

They had a chance to snag a little bit of momentum heading into halftime, down 25-19 but with the ball and the potential to make it a one-



Meghan Reen

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Meghan Reen sank the 1,000th point of her career on a free throw late in the fourth quarter of Norwood's 58-50 win over Walpole last week. With games to play this season, as well as the entirety of her senior season, Reen could have a crack at becoming the Mustangs' all-time leading scorer before all is said and done.

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score game. Maura O'Neill dove for a loose ball at half court and flung it backwards to Meghan Reen, her best available option.

Reen, who also finished with six assists in addition to her 22 points, kicked it to her sister, sophomore Kaylin

Reen, in the corner with three seconds to go. As she often does, she connected on the 3, giving Norwood nine-point edge heading into the break.

Leading 44-26 early in the fourth, the Rebels outscored the Mustangs 24-14 for the remainder of the contest,

thanks in large part to better shooting in all aspects of the game: 9-for-14 from the free throw line, and 4-for-8 from the field.

Fortunately for Norwood, its free throw shooting was just as solid (9-for-15), with Meghan Reen herself going 6-for-8.

Alyssa Chamberlain and Krista Bradley had eight

points each to tie for second in scoring on the night, with Kaylin Reen and O'Neill right behind with seven points each.

"We need these wins to get the home game in the tournament," said Lepley after the win. "We have a tough schedule to end the season."

The Mustangs are now 13-6 on the season after falling

to Westwood and Wellesley in the annual Westwood Tournament on Sunday and Monday, respectively.

Norwood will close out its regular season on Tuesday night vs. Milton at home, in a game that was originally supposed to be played as the season opener in December.

Quick start for Girls Hockey leads to 6-1 victory

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Four goals in the first five minutes afforded Norwood the luxury of getting everyone involved in a 6-1 win over the Shawsheen Rams last Thursday.

Emily Cataldo began the scoring onslaught 1:50 into the first period, streaking past the defense and beating the Shawsheen goaltender high to the glove side. Casey MacDonald scored the first of her two goals at 2:36, followed by the first goal of freshman Jessica Keller's career at 3:15. MacDonald capped the madness with her second at 4:57 off the inside of the post, giving the Mustangs their second-largest scoring output of the season less than a third of the way through the first period.

"It was nice for them to score some goals early, get some shots on net," said Norwood head coach Tim Coskren after the game at Janas Rink in Lowell, the longest road trip of the season in terms of distance for

the Mustangs.

It was well worth the trip for Norwood, which earned its third win of the season over a Rams team (1-18-1) that's struggled even more.

Meghan Quinn and Sam Doucette also scored for Norwood; in the case of Doucette, it was another first, her third period goal, which capped the scoring on the afternoon, was the first of her varsity career.

"It was good to see [the] third and fourth lines play as well as they did out here against this team," said Coskren. "They were very motivated, they knew they were going to have a chance. I had told them before [the game] they were going to have a good chance of playing today, which they did."

Shawsheen, a regional technical school based in Billerica, outshot the Mustangs 12-1 in the second period as the third and fourth liners got acclimated to playing big minutes. But goalie Janelle Kelleher remained on her game, keeping

the Rams off the scoreboard after one blip in the first period, and enabling Coskren to allow the reserves more playing time.

"She had a lot of shots, which she's used to," Coskren said of Kelleher, who stopped 25 of the 26 shots she faced on the afternoon. "She did well like she always does. She didn't let down because of the team that we were playing; she had her usual game."

The game was pushed back from its originally scheduled date of Monday, Feb. 8 due to snowstorms in the area. The delay made it the second of back-to-back games for the Mustangs, the front end a 2-0 loss to the Newton North Tigers.

"Our games have been so close, and the girls have worked really hard," said Coskren.

"We had two big mistakes, and they capitalized on both mistakes last night," he continued, in reference to the game vs. Newton North. "That's what happens to our team. Basically, we have to



Norwood goalie Janelle Kelleher positions herself to make a save vs. Shawsheen Valley Tech last week.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

play a perfect game, which is really difficult to do."

Norwood's season came to a close at 3-17-1 with a 4-2 loss to the Walpole Rebels on Saturday at Rodman Arena in Walpole.

From Jan. 20 on, Norwood went just 2-7, but all but one of its losses were by two goals or fewer.

The Mustangs wound up allowing three goals fewer (76) this season than they

did in 2014-15, when the team went 12-8-4 and allowed 79 goals total (albeit in three more games).

The biggest difference between last year's team and this version? The loss of scoring punch. With the graduations of players such as Kacie Smith, Sammy Hayes and Lisa Moynihan, Norwood scored 71 fewer goals than it did a year ago (111-40).

ARTS & CRAFTS: Offered every first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.

BASIC COMPUTER COURSE: A four-part basic computer course is frequently offered to those who wish to learn how to use a computer. Sign-up at the front desk. New class will be announced soon.

BINGO: Every Wednesday, from 12:45 to 3 p.m. \$5 to get started. We have begun a new game, for \$1 with a winner take all prize! You must be here by 12:45 to play the new game!

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.

BOOK CLUB: Our next Book Club will be meeting on Feb. 22 at 10 a.m.

BRIDGE: Our Bridge Club meets

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on Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library. The Tuesday group has been cancelled.

COMPUTER CLUB: The Computer Club meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

COUNCIL ON AGING: COA next Meeting will be March 3 @ 1 p.m.; no meeting in February.

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

DIABETES WORKSHOP: The Diabetes Workshop Thursday, Feb. 25 at 11 a.m.

EXCEL CLASSES: Excel classes have resumed. Please sign up.

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 meets 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.

POETRY CLUB: Is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m., facilitated by Nancy from the Library.

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

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TRIAD: Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. Norfolk County Sheriff's Dept. Sheriff Michael Bellotti

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 - 3 p.m. We will begin doing taxes starting on Feb. 12. Appointments are being scheduled for Fridays, now 'til April 15. Please have all of your documentation together before scheduling your appointment.

FEBRUARY EVENTS: Wheel of Fortune Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. Sponsored by Home Instead: Floral Arranging Class Feb. 12 11a.m.-noon \$10 includes all materials Friends of COA Evening Dance Friday, Feb. 19 7-10 p.m.

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