

NAC reverses, extends BEH again

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

A month after the Norwood Airport Commission voted that Boston Executive Helicopters (BEH) would have no further extensions of its 2014 commercial permit, it reversed its decision.

The Commission unanimously voted to extend BEH's 2014 permit to operate at the airport - after a vice chairman Mike Sheehan's motion to rescind the previous vote - for another month. The Commission has been previously extending BEH's 2014 permit while BEH has worked through the application process to become a Fixed Base Operator (FBO) at the airport, meaning it could service aircraft other than its own.

After the meeting, BEH president Christopher Donovan guessed that perhaps the contentious application process, which had grown particularly hostile after disputes over BEH financial information requested by the Commission, was now cooling down.

The motion was brought forth at the recommendation of chairman Mark Ryan, there were some "ongoing issues right now." At the Commission's Oct. 21, it held a show cause hearing to determine whether BEH staff, including Donovan, were at fault for tipping over jersey barriers erected by the Flight Level Aviation - the Airport's sole FBO - in February, when BEH and Flight Level were in the midst of a property dispute. When the barriers were tipped, 300 gallons of a water and glycol mix-

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Special Town Meeting concluded on Nov. 19, with the body voting to authorize the purchase of 136 Access Rd. for a new Light Department facility, but rejected opportunities to buy other parcels of land. It also discussed litigating the Forbes Hill project at length.

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Selectmen, thru TM, say no thanks to 40b help

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Town Meeting discussed several matters related to funding litigation and purchasing land on Nov. 19, but ultimately did not stray from recommendations by the Finance Commission or Board of Selectmen.

Perhaps the most heated debate of the evening revolved around an article brought forth by Denis Drummey and a petition of citizen signatures requesting \$125,000 from free cash be used to hire specialized counsel and a 40B consultant - the article listed Dan Hill and Dick Heaton as suggestions - to shore up the Town's position on the 1.5 percent statutory minima involved in fighting 40B developments.

The Finance Commission recommended to postpone the article, and the Selectmen issued a memo stating its opposition due to the authority regarding hiring and directing litigation resting with the Selectmen, Town Counsel's expertise in municipal law and two-year start on the case. The memo also said it would not make sense to change law firms in the middle of the proceedings.

District Five member Toni Eosco put forth a proposed amendment stat-

ing that \$50,000 be taken from free cash to hire the experts, based on conversations with the suggested experts saying they would work for that amount.

Town Moderator David Hern said it would be illegal for Town Meeting to direct the Selectmen to hire certain individuals or how to run the case, but the motion to simply award the Selectmen the money for litigation purposes would be sufficient.

"If Norwood didn't need help, we wouldn't be in this situation," Eosco said, warning of possible effects of the 40B developments on Norwood Schools and municipal services.

Eosco recalled that on the first night of the Special Town Meeting, the Permanent Building Construction Committee was given \$60,000 to hire outside legal experts to deal with a lawsuit pertaining to the DPW Facility project - as the Town received a "fourth party" claim in a suit brought by a subcontractor to the project's general contractor - and said similar expertise should be brought in for the 1.5 percent issue.

"You funded that, please fund this," Eosco said, saying that it would be sending a message to the town's boards that residents have "had enough."

District Seven member Kevin Pentowski also spoke in favor of the amendment, saying the issue was the "most important issue in our town."

"We're asking to give (Town Counsel) a helping hand," Pentowski said. "We did squander our safe harbor."

Pentowski said the motion was not to change legal strategy, but to "augment" town counsel. He said he had previously been critical of both town counsel and the Selectmen "out of frustration," and said it was time to "stop bickering."

District Three member Judith Howard also supported the measure, questioning Town Counsel's previous record in Norwood's litigation. Drummey said Norwood already had way too many apartment complexes with affordable housing and said the effects of losing the case would be "devastating."

Not taking advantage of the offered help, Drummey said, "borders on malfeasance in my mind."

District Four member David Hajjar quoted District Eight member Ed Ferris from the first night when Town Meeting debated purchasing textbooks for the high school.

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School Committee hears of encouraging PARCC results

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Staff Reporter

Assistant Superintendent Alec Wyeth presented the results from Norwood's first go at the PARCC exams during a School Committee meeting on Nov. 18.

The test was administered to grades 3-8 in the district in lieu of the MCAS as part of a two-year trial of the new exam, which was developed by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) consortium, of which Massachusetts is a member.

Norwood, like 54 percent of districts that opted to take the PARCC test, will take the PARCC exam again this year -

with the choice of taking it on paper or via computer - but DESE hopes to unveil its new test for the 2016-17 school year. By 2019, Wyeth said DESE would like to see all districts taking the "MCAS 2.0" test online.

"Norwood's trying to do as much computer testing as we can," Wyeth said, noting the short timeline for the state to design the new exam.

In addition, Commissioner Chester said all of the districts that have taken PARCC will be "held harmless," meaning results will not affect accountability levels until 2017, though Wyeth expects this to be pushed out by at least a year.

Previously, this newspaper reported on the districts scores

and comparisons with other districts in the state and 2014 MCAS results in Norwood. During the Nov. 18 meeting, Wyeth also focused on the student median growth exhibited on the exams and again saw favorable results.

"Across the board, we showed some tremendous growth," Wyeth said.

For grades 3-5, Norwood students showed a growth of between 3-16 student growth percentile (SGP) points on all

four exams. The largest jump in growth was in grade 5 math, where despite dipping in achievement from 59 percent proficient on the 2014 MCAS to 48 percent on the PARCC, overall growth in student performance jumped from 37 to 53 SGP points.

For grades 6-8, Norwood students showed significant growth - from 5-17 SGP points - on four out of six tests. Grade 6 student growth jumped 17 SGP points to the 69th percen-

tile on the ELA test, and while grade 8 students fell seven SGP points to the 55th percentile, Wyeth felt this was still a respectable area, especially when compared with the state.

"Sometimes, tremendous growth can mean just a little achievement, and it can be hard to make the next jump (into the highest growth and achieve-

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"What do we want our town to look like in five years?" Hajjar said, stating that it was a matter of trying to "control our own destiny." District Two member Joseph DiMaria said there was a "sentiment here across room," that the Town "hire the most qualified person they can find."

District Six member John Hall questioned the methods of the suggested attorney and said it would be unwise to spend money "chasing experts who don't exist."

Assistant Town Engineer Andy Murphy, who drew up the calculations putting Norwood just over 1.5 percent of its developable land dedicated to affordable housing, noted he was a professional land surveyor and was the expert.

The Selectmen were polled on how they would spend the

money if it was given to them, and most said they would either hold it in abeyance to see how the proceedings played out, or would spend the money on Town Counsel's litigation fees.

"We're happy with what we have now," Chairman Paul Bishop said.

Only Allan Howard said he could be in favor of bringing in a little help for that amount. Finance Commissioner Judith Langone said if the Selectmen needed more money for litigation, they could use a reserve fund transfer, and urged financial restraint.

After several Town Meeting members pointed out the reluctance of the Selectmen to take the \$50,000, a voice, hands and counted vote defeated the amendment 73-59.

"The intention of Article 16 wasn't to push the Selectmen

around. It was to knock some sense into them," Pentowski said after the meeting.

Town Meeting did approve an additional \$21,000 for litigation purposes related to the 1.5 percent issue and lawsuits concerning the Airport from existing accounts. Selectman Bill Plasko said the Town had less than \$18,000 left and needed the funds to secure the account until the spring, when they would most likely need as much as \$50,000 more.

Town Meeting opted for postponement on authorizing the Conservation Commission to purchase 18.65 acres of vacant land off Deerfield Road and on allowing the Selectmen to obtain by purchase or gift 11.88 acres of land previously owned by the East Walpole Cemetery Association for cemetery purposes.

Town Meeting did authorize the use of Light Department depreciation funds to purchase land and a building at 136 Access Road to serve as a centralized Light Department headquarters. While Plasko said the Town still has to do its due diligence on the property, the City of Boston - through the Boston Public Library - would be willing to sell the property for \$2.5 million to another municipality. There is no borrowing or rate increases associated with the purchase.

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ment categories),” Wyeth said in an earlier interview. “It depends on the group of kids.” Wyeth told the School Committee that while math showed dips in achievement, Hayden reminded the body that the district was piloting different math programs for the elementary and middle school students, so math teachers were working with three different programs. Wyeth said now that Norwood has a unified math program of “high quality,” he expects the scores to pick up over the next few years.

Wyeth also answered questions about the differences between the questions asked on MCAS and PARCC tests, saying PARCC was overall more rigorous and questions often required multiple steps from students.

Also during the meeting, the School Committee approved hiring a .7 full-time

equivalent special education staff member for the preschool program at the Willet, as well as additional paraprofessional help, at the request of director Paula

Alexander. Alexander said referrals were up 53 percent - though enrollment trends were in line with state figures - and this would allow the program to operate on a five-day model.

6 Lara has \$12 in quarters. The equation below can be used to solve for q , the number of quarters Lara has.

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Which of the following describes a way to solve for q in one step?

- A. add 0.25 to both sides
- B. subtract 0.25 from both sides
- C. multiply both sides by 0.25
- D. divide both sides by 0.25

No calculator allowed

The PARCC exam is said to be more rigorous than the MCAS, with different questions. Above is an example of a middle school math question.

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NPD investigating string of house-breaks

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Police are currently investigating eight residential break-ins that all took place on Nov. 23.

Homeowners reported break-ins on Railroad Avenue, Edgell Road, Chickering Road, Walters Road, Highland Avenue, Lenox Street, Ledgeview Drive, beginning at 5:24 p.m.

Some residents called to make a report of a break-in that had already occurred, but the Edgell Road call was a response to an alarm coming from a kitchen window, which was listed in the police logs at 9:07 p.m. Police determined a break-in had occurred.

A resident on Ledgeview

Drive said that individuals were trying to break into her home before fleeing in a black SUV.

Residents reported items such as jewelry and electronics stolen from their homes.

Several other witnesses saw between 3-4 male suspects between 20-30 years old in a “dark-colored Chevy SUV” in the neighborhoods where the break-ins took place. According to Norwood Police, one of the witnesses reported a white male among the group was wearing a “grey sweat jacket with a reflective line across the back,” while others wore darker colors.

“Residents are reminded that they should lock all doors and windows when

they are not home, use inside and outside lighting to make the house visible, and not have bushes or trees outside their home obstruct doors and windows offering concealment to a thief,” Norwood Police spokesman Kevin Grasso said.

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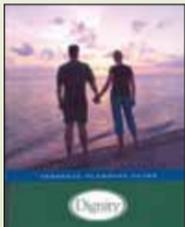
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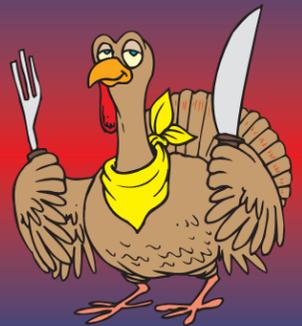
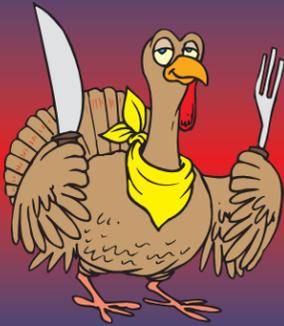
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ture, were spilled from inside the barriers onto Flight Level's leased property.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission took the matter under advisement, extended BEH's commercial permit until the Nov. 19 meeting with no further extensions and requested Donovan be present at the next meeting to discuss BEH's 2016 application.

BEH staff has intimated that the Commission has granted Flight Level a monopoly at the airport for FBO services and has engaged the Town and many of its officials - including the Airport Commission - in lawsuits in Norfolk County Superior Court.

The tensions between BEH, the Norwood Airport Commission and Flight Level were punctuated by the resignation of two Airport Commission members, Hylie Hutchens and Paul Shaughnessey. In the Norwood Record's Oct. 22 issue, Hutchens said he did not resign because of the issue itself, but due the contentiousness of the body and his ability to help.

Shaughnessey, however, took a different stance when contacted last week.

"On my first day on the commission I was being discriminated against, as well as businesses and people, in the same way as Boston Air Charter (BAC) and BEH," Shaughnessey said. Shaughnessey, a 747 captain for 26 years, was a contractor for BAC for a time. In 2010, the Commission voted to suspend

BAC's commercial permit and request it reapply as an initial applicant after it found that two BAC aircraft took off on closed runways for its organ flight service, a matter in which BAC disagreed it had broken any regulations.

Previously in 2008, BAC began a Part 16 complaint with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) against the Airport, similar to the one initiated by BEH in March, alleging discrimination and allowing exclusive rights on the Commission's part when BAC sought to operate a fueling facility.

The FAA ruled that the Town of Norwood (and the Airport) was in violation of regulations regarding grant assurances dealing with lease rights, nondiscrimination and exclusivity. The FAA requested that the Airport develop a corrective action plan for BAC to operate, to end long-term leases granting one party control over a majority of the airport ramps, and opt for more short-term ramp leasing.

Shaughnessey, Donovan and others said they feel the BAC and BEH disputes have run almost the same course. Shaughnessey believed that the Commission was going to "kill" BEH's business at the Nov. 19 meeting and referred to the Oct. 21 hearing as a "kangaroo court."

Shaughnessey said he fears the taxpayers in Norwood would be on the hook for an expensive lawsuit with BEH and felt he could no longer serve on the commission.

LAND LEASE During its Nov. 19 meeting, the Airport Commission sent a request by Annex Realty Trust, which

they said was run by David Spiegel, to extend a lease of land at one end of the Airport used for "parking lot storage."

Annex began leasing the property in 2007 and is currently a leaseholder until June 30, 2017. Airport Manager Russ Maguire said the FAA wanted the airport to remove the land from aeronautical use due to environmental constraints and intervening privately-held properties adjacent to it.

That said, the FAA has certain regulations regarding future leases and the Airport is still awaiting the results of its formal process to request lease of surplus land from four years ago. As such, the Commission wanted to hold off on any lease extensions and send the matter to Town Counsel.

Annexes uses the land - which also required a sub-lease from Verizon - for parking lot storage. Verizon uses its side of the land for similar purposes.

Maguire said the land is not connected to the "airport proper" and that no one "was even aware for years that it was airport land." According to Ryan, after a two-year discovery process that amounted to \$85,000 securely placed the land under Airport control, the situation has "worked out good" for both parties, as leasing brings in \$40,000 per year for the Airport.

The Commission also renewed its longtime partnership with PJ Hayes for snow removal this year, with Maguire saying its "rates are comparable" or even "a little more favorable" than the rest of the Town's options. There is currently \$30,000 in the snow removal budget.

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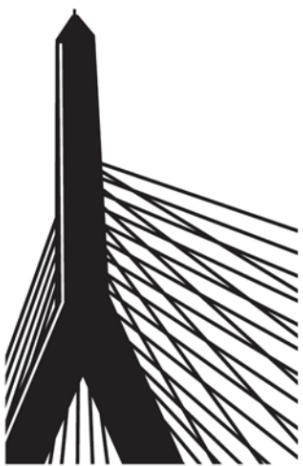
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Dozens of residents helped the McDonough family of Ledgeview Drive fill boxes for the Food Pantry with donated Thanksgiving dinners, despite rainy and cold weather.

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Dozens turn out for 27th annual Turkey Dinner Collection

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The McDonough family of Ledgeview Drive marked its 27th year of delivering Thanksgiving food baskets to the Food Pantry on Nov. 22.

Despite the cold and rainy weather, neighbors, friends and family turned out to the McDonoughs' driveway to help fill 65 food baskets and load them into a convoy of vehicles bound for the Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry.

"We were once again amazed at the outpouring of gifts, food, money donated and time of our generous neighbors and friends to make this day possible," Marybeth McDonough said. "The people of Norwood and surrounding neighbors are so eager to give, their generosity is endless."

McDonough said the letter they send out to interested parties went out later than expected and the collection process began very slowly, but eventually the donations began to pour in. Each year, the total

donated has grown and this year reached \$4,446 plus various food donations.

To put the growth in perspective, the McDonoughs noted that in 1995, the McDonoughs took in \$600 plus food donations and were able to deliver 20 donations. In total, the Turkey Dinner Collection has raised \$58,663 and served 1,240 turkey dinners since 1988.

"(It's) so exciting to watch and inspiring to young and old alike to know that others will enjoy the holiday with a delicious Turkey meal celebration, that's what keeps us going every year," McDonough said.

The McDonoughs began the tradition in 1988 when they first moved into the Ledgeview neighborhood, which was much smaller and still being developed at the time. And according to Marybeth, they have never had rain on the day of the event until this year.

Each Sunday before Thanksgiving, the event begins at around 1 p.m., with families and friends filling the boxes

and loading them into the cars. There are crafts and snacks for the children - including ice cream sundaes and baked goods - and other refreshments.

While the event sometimes stretches out over several hours, the rain this year kept things brief. The box fillers worked a bit quicker than usual, and children wiped down boxes and goods to keep them dry.

"I don't think the rain affected it much," Mary Hernon said. "It didn't put a damper on our day."

Even the younger children, including Katie and Allison Mally, were happy to be out

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DEATHS

ARRUDA

Anthony, 55, of Norwood, Nov 16. U.S. Army Veteran. Beloved husband of Diane M. (Coppentrath) Arruda. Devoted son of the late John F. and Irene C. (Aguir) Arruda. Loving brother of Patricia Fornier of Tiverton, RI, Steven Arruda of Fall River, and Jen Jordan of Brockton. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Funeral arrangements by James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home, Walpole. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend the graveside service that will be held in the Massachusetts National Cemetery at Joint Force Base Otis in Bourne. Visiting hours are respectfully omitted at the request of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

CONTI

Louise T., 91, of Norwood, on Nov. 17. Beloved daughter of the late Romolo and Francesca (Ippoliti) Conti. Loving sister of Mary Cocchiara of Norwood and the late Joseph F. Conti and Angelo Conti. Also sur-

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The School Committee and Superintendent of Schools Jim Hayden presented four Norwood students with awards from the Mass Association of School Superintendents and the New England School Development Council. From left to right: Hannah Doherty and Roberto Perez received the New England School Development Council's academic growth and leadership award, while Griffin Plaag and Sally Trieu received the Mass Association of School Superintendents' academic excellence award. During the presentation, Hayden shared the students' accomplishments in their Norwood High School careers. Hayden also credited the students' parents, who were in attendance, with supporting and helping their children succeed at Norwood High School. The awards are given on behalf of the organizations by the superintendent of schools in all districts across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts each year.

PHOTO BY SAM NICKERSON



School Committee presents awards to HS seniors

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Superintendent of Schools James Hayden and the Norwood School Committee had the honor of presenting awards from the Mass Association of School Superintendents and the New England School Development Council to four Norwood High School students on Nov. 18.

Hayden announced Sally

Trieu and Griffin Plaag - ranked numbers one and two in their senior class, respectively - as recipients of the Academic Excellence award from the Mass Association of School Superintendents.

Trieu has taken nine Advanced Placement courses at Norwood High and made honor roll every term. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, is a Mustang Mentor and member of the global citizenship program, the spirit club, SADD, friendship club, and the field hockey team.

Plaag excels in history and intends to become a history teacher. He has applied to several prestigious colleges, but has "his heart set on" Boston College. Plaag spends his summers interning in South Carolina, most recently with the South Carolina Historical Consulting firm. At Norwood High, Plaag is also a Mustang Mentor, he founded the Classic Film club, is a member of the debate club, wind ensemble and represented Norwood on the WGBH High School Quiz Show.

Hayden announced that Hannah Doherty and Roberto Perez were the recipients of the NESDEC award for Academic Growth and Student Leadership.

Doherty began her high school career taking college preparatory courses and was enrolled in the academic strategies course as a freshman to improve her organizational skills, time management, and academic performance. Hayden said she worked so hard independently that she is now in five honors classes and has made honor roll every term since her second term sophomore year. Doherty is involved in the art department, is a National Honor Society officer, teaches Saturday morning art classes to young children and plans to study education in college.

Perez, who came to the US from El Salvador several years ago, came to Norwood High as a sophomore after beginning high school in New York. He worked his way from English as a Second Language courses to mainstream English classes, works full-time outside of school to help support his family, and has excelled academically. Next fall, Perez plans to be the first member of his family to attend college, and his teachers and peers have praised him for his resilience and character.

"We're so proud to have this young man as a representative of our school community," Hayden said.

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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 **December 15, 2015 at 7:30 PM** on the request of William Naumann (Case #15-26) with respect to property located on 62 Winter Street, in a **S-Single Residential District**.

The application request: This Application requested a SPECIAL PERMIT under Section 5.4.4 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow a minimum side yard of 5'4" for a proposed 12' x 20' addition and a 7' x 5'6" addition. Existing dwelling as a 5'6" side yard.

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

Norwood Swimming wraps up season with boys Div. 2 meet win

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Norwood's swimming season ended with a splash on Sunday, with the boys team capturing first place in the Division 2 state championships.

The Mustangs, with just four participants in the event at the Blodgett Pool on the campus of Harvard University, edged out the Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School (AMSACS) by five points, accumulating 110 points vs. 105 for AMSACS.

Austin Reardon, Brendan Hurley, Aiden Mulligan and captain Ben Wong qualified for states, the quartet competing in both the 200-yard medley relay and the 200-yard freestyle relay together. Hurley also swam in two individual events: the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard breast stroke.

Norwood defeated AMSACS in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:53.81, a thrilling race which the Mustangs won by less than half a second; AMSACS finished in 1:54.28.

Norwood head coach Jennifer Rodger was especially impressed with the performance of Reardon, who was thrust into the backstroke portion of the relay out of necessity after the end of the regu-

lar season.

"We worked with Austin this whole week," said Rodger, who just wrapped up her second season as head coach of the Norwood swim team. Reardon completed his leg in 29.03 seconds. "He went into backstroke not being a backstroker at all. He filled the slot for us in the medley and did absolutely phenomenal. We worked on his turns and starts, and they came out on top. We're really proud of them, they did an awesome job."

Hurley swam a meet record 1:08.74 in the 100-yard breast, over a second better than the previous record of 1:09.91, which was held by Norwood's own Eddie Hernon. Hernon established the old record at the state championships back in 2010.

The time was an improvement for Hurley over his performance at the sectionals meet a week before, when he swam the 100-yard breast in 1:09.88. As Rodger noted, Hurley has been battling a knee injury, making the feat even more impressive.

Hurley came in third out of five swimmers in the 50-yard freestyle, clocking in with a season-best 24.74.

Walpole, Wakefield and Stoneham also sent swimmers to the states competition, compiling 72, 40 and 37



Brendan Hurley competed in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard individual breast stroke and qualified for state competition as part of two relay teams with Austin Reardon, Aiden Mulligan and captain Ben Wong. Coach Jennifer Rodger was also pleased with the girls' results at the sectional meet at MIT.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

points, respectively.

The week before, Norwood sent nearly half its roster to the sectionals meet, taking place on the campus of MIT. In addition to the states competitors, Rory Lake, Julia Kiley, Caitlan Shaugnessy, Grace Gillis, Tori Mullen, Mikayla Jordan and Giovana Rodriguez were present for sectionals.

"It was a really positive overall meet for all athletes, cutting time and improving personal bests heading into the meet," said Rodger.

Grace Gillis was the only Mustang who swam an individual event, swimming the 100-yard backstroke in 1:09.58.

Gillis also joined the 200-yard medley relay team, along with Jordan, Rodriguez and Shaugnessy, finishing with a time of 2:10.05.

The girls 400-yard freestyle relay was comprised of Mullen, Shaugnessy, Kiley and Lake, completing the heat in 4:20.25.

In addition to swimming in the 400-yard freestyle relay, Mullen sang the national anthem prior to the event.

With competition portion of the season wrapped up, Rodger and her staff aren't wasting any time looking ahead to the 2016 season.

"We have to really up our ante in terms of the amount of distance we're taking in, the amount of mileage/yardage that we're getting in the pre-season," said Norwood assistant coach Kate Curtin, who's finishing up her first year on

the staff. Curtin swam at Needham during her high school career. "A lot of our kids are doing the rec team [Norwood Stingrays], which is great. They should keep up with that because they're getting yardage every single morning of the summer."

Curtin is hoping the increase in numbers on the Stingrays over the summer will lead to more swimmers qualifying for states and sectionals-earlier in the season, at that.

"Especially with a team so small, we need to increase our talent," said Curtin. "We need to have people qualifying for sectionals and states."

"Early on we need to have these qualifications. We shouldn't be waiting until the end of the season, that's a lot of pressure to put on these kids. We should be doing it in the first or second meet...and be able to use those times to improve upon by the end of the season."

Three Mustangs swimmers were honored at the Norwood Fall Sports Awards ceremony, held on Tuesday night. Wong was the recipient of the coaches' award, for his "consistent dedication, hard work, and persistence, as well as being a phenomenal captain," according

to Rodger.

Mullen was named the team's "unsung hero," for "always giving 110 percent at practice and at meets."

"She's a very versatile athlete that can be put in any event, and that's one of her biggest assets," said Rodger.

Elizabeth Wagner, a junior, was named "most improved," in part of her specialty in distance swimming.

"She's consistently improved, she dabbled a lot with the 200-free and the 500-free, and has continued to see improvement in her endurance and in her stroke technique," said Rodger.

At the team banquet on Monday night, Shannon Carey was presented with the Kevin Curran Memorial Award, which provided her a scholarship.

Norwood will hold its annual alumni swim meet this Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the Westwood High School pool.

"All in all it's been a phenomenal season, and we've had a lot of fun," said Rodger, providing her finishing thoughts on the 2015 swim season.

The Mustangs are graduating just three seniors from this year's team: Wong, Carey and Emerson Kearns.



NHS swimmer Ben Wong dives in during a regional heat. The boys team, which sent four swimmers, came away as Division 2 state champions

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

Thanksgiving Football Game

The Norwood Mustangs Football team travels to Dedham for its annual Thanksgiving matchup vs. the Marauders on Nov. 26. The game kicks off at 10 a.m. at Dedham High School.



Families teamed up to quickly fill the boxes with food donations before they were soaked by the rain.

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putting food “in the boxes for people who don’t have any.” They were also thrilled with their bowls of ice cream.

“It’s a great cause. The McDonoughs do a great job,” Kevin Mally, who said he and his family have been a part of the tradition for several years, said. “They’ve been doing it for decades and they do a lot of good work. It’s great to help.”

McDonough said that in addition to many individual donations, they received a \$100 gift card from Shaw’s, which made a total of \$500 towards Shaw’s purchases ahead of the event. McDonough said that they will be sending out thank-you letters to everyone who helped, which will include a final tally from this year and an invitation to participate next year.

Each year, this special event surprises and delights us,” McDonough said. “It’s always the talk of the neighborhood and we get so many notes and letters, but we are only the delivery people, it is the ‘giving’ of so many make this happen.”

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On Saturday Dec. 12 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. the Balch Elementary School will hold its annual Pancake Santa Breakfast. Please join us for a delicious pancake breakfast complete with sausages, fruit, pastry, coffee and tea. The cost of the breakfast is \$5. Our fifth grade students will sing Christmas carols upon the arrival of Santa! There will be arts and crafts for the children and pictures with Santa. This is a Balch School tradition; we hope to see you there!

FIRST BAPTIST GINGERBREAD FAIR

On Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church’s Parish Hall at 71 Bond St., The First Baptist Church of Norwood will hold its annual Gingerbread Fair. Many have been getting together all year to create craft items, knitted and crocheted items, wood creations, etc. There will be lovely pieces of jewelry, a Christmas table with a wide selection of handmade decorative items, toys, books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles. There will be a White Elephant Table featuring gently-used items.

There will be several items offered on the Silent Auction tables this year. The popular Cookie Walk will be in action again. Cookies are being baked by the dozens and customers can purchase an empty box and fill it with the cookies of their choice. Another feature to be repeated this year, especially for children, will include Gingerbread House Decorating, where young artists (and adults) can create holiday masterpieces with the help of experienced confectioners. For sale this year will be decorated wreaths to make an attractive display on your front

door or your windows. Arrive early and enjoy a breakfast of fresh-brewed coffee and a mouth-watering assortment of homemade breads and squares. These will be available all day. Stop by the Cook House between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, grilled cheese sandwiches, sausage with pepper and onion sandwiches, delicious homemade soup, chips, soft drinks, and warm home-baked gingerbread with whipped cream - all available for on-site dining or “to go.” A great way to plan to meet up with friends and sit down and enjoy a bite.

This is a fun way and a great place to start, or add to, your holiday shopping.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CANDLE OF HOPE

Come discover the joy of the season! Families of the church will light the Candle of Hope as the First Congregational Church in Norwood begins the Advent season on Sunday, Nov. 29, with Advent music and the sanctuary decorated for the season. The pastor of the church, Tom Zoelzer, will bring the message of “Signs of Things to Come”. All are welcome to this worship service, which begins at 10 a.m. We are located at the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street in Norwood. The 10 a.m. Sunday morning worship service is followed by a fellowship hour in Pingree Hall. Church school classes and nursery care are provided during the service. Our in-

terim pastor Rev. Dr. Tom Zoelzer is glad to extend pastoral support. For more information, please call the church office at (781)762-3320.

FRENCH

Margaret A. (Doyle), 67, of Norwood, on Nov. 21. Devoted Mother of Brian L. French of Holden, ME and the late Marc J. French. Sister of Joseph T. Doyle of South Yarmouth. Daughter of the late Joseph T. Doyle, Sr. and Catherine H. (Folan) Doyle. Former wife of William L. French of Holden, ME. Margaret was a retired Radiology X-Ray Tech for the New England Baptist Hospital in Boston, MA. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, in her name, to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P. O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168.

GANAME

Jeannette A. (Abraham), of Norwood, surrounded by her loving family, on Nov. 17. Former owner of Near East Baking Corp. of West Roxbury. Dear and devoted wife of the late Joseph G. Ganame. Loving mother of Marilyn Ganame of Norwood. Beloved aunt of Anjou LaMorte of Norwood. Beloved “Sithoo” of Tarek, Talal, and Tamara. Dear sis-

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ter of Sam Hanna and his wife Joan of West Roxbury and Mary Hadge of West Roxbury and her late husband Donald, and the late John Hanna and his wife Mary, Nicholas Abraham and his wife Ida, Michael Abraham, Julia LaMorte and her husband Michael, and Frederick Hanna. Dear sister in law of Adele Hanna of West Roxbury and Nicholas and Salam Ganame of Agawam. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral Service at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 55 Emmonsedale Rd. West Roxbury. Interment at The Gardens Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jeannette’s memory may be made to the Church, or to A.A.B.A. 18 Cheriton Rd. West Roxbury, MA 02132 or to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, PO Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148.

MULKERN

Ellin Marie (Saganey), of Norwood, on Nov. 13. Beloved daughter of the late Anton and Ann (Walsh) Saganey. Beloved wife of the late Martin F. Mulkern, retired Boston Police Superintendent. Loving mother of Patricia M. Kelliher and her husband Timothy of Norwood and Mary Ann Margiotta and her husband Peter of La Plata, MD; cherished grandmother of Katelyn, Marty and Maeghan Kelliher, Melissa and Sara Margiotta; devoted sister of the late Richard Saganey. She is also survived by many loving cousins, nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Fu-

neral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rte. 1A), Norwood. Interment will follow the Mass in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Ellin Marie Mulkern may be made to Cops for Kids with Cancer, PO Box 850956, Braintree, MA 02185.

PARRINO

Eleanor, 91, formerly of Norwood, on Nov. 18. Beloved daughter of the late Vito and Giovannina (Ragusa) Parrino and loving sister of Paul Parrino of Walpole, Daniel Parrino of CA and the late Alfred S. Parrino, Lucy Listro, Rose Crowley, Antoinette Peri and Mary Grondin. Eleanor was a very loving and caring Aunt to 13 nieces and nephews and many great nieces and great nephews. She graduated from the Girl’s Trade High School in Boston majoring in dressmaking, and then went on to graduate from Secretarial School. Eleanor was a retired Administrative Asst. for Dean Witter and Merrill Lynch. She was known for her impeccable sewing skills and enjoyed making clothing and draperies. She loved to garden, was an incredible cook and loved to entertain family and friends. She attended the Boston Christian Assembly Church. She will be deeply missed but remembered for her love of family and her sense of fashion and style. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home at 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Burial will follow the funeral service at the Mansfield Spring Brook Cemetery Mansfield, MA.

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Chapel. The entrance to the Chapel is on Walpole Street. Ample parking is available and all buildings are handicap accessible. We look forward to worshipping with YOU!

HELP LIGHT-UP THE CIRCLE OF HOPE

On Saturday, Dec. 5, The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation invites you to help light up the Circle of Hope by purchasing a luminary to be lit in the Town Common. Continuing a Norwood tradition begun 15 years ago, the members of the Circle of Hope Foundation say the luminaries are a symbol of Life, Hope, the Season, and Remembrance of others. Last year, more than 1,600 luminaries were lit on the town common. Luminaries can be purchased for \$5.00 each from any Foundation board member, by calling 781-762-3549, or by mailing your check and messages to The Circle of Hope Foundation, 24 Myrtle Street, Norwood MA 02062. Luminaries can also be purchased at the Norwood Civic Center and Murph’s Place in Norwood.

UNITED CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Saturday Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., The United Church of Norwood’s Christmas Fair will be held in the church fellowship hall off Nahatan Street. The fair will feature a “Quilted Corner” with delightful Christmas stockings and other quilted items, an abundant bake sale and Candy Shoppe, unique bottle bird-feeders, jewelry, ornaments, craft items

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Norwood.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Members of First Church of Christ, Scientist in Norwood invite you to a Thanksgiving service. Please join us for an hour of thanksgiving and prayer on Thanksgiving Day from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. We are located at 751 Washington St., Norwood. Child care is available.

NORWOOD WOMANS CLUB MEETING

On Tuesday, Dec. 8, The Norwood Woman’s Club will hold its next meeting at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hall at, 24 Berwick St. at 12:30 p.m. Dorothy Stratton will entertain us with a holiday program. Any questions call Trina Mallet at 781-762-8173.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER SERVICES

We meet every Sunday at 71 Bond St., Norwood (First Baptist Church). There are two services every Sunday, at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The 8 a.m. service, held in the Main Sanctuary on Bond Street, is Rite One Holy Communion the first and third Sundays and Rite One Morning Prayer the second and fourth Sundays. Coffee Hour, following the 8 a.m. service, is held in the Carriage House adjacent to the Church on Bond Street. The 10:30 a.m. service is 2013 BCP Holy Communion every Sunday. It is held in the Church

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On Weds, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2 Guild St., corner of Washington and Guild streets. Come and enjoy a bit of holiday cheer and the fellowship of community. You will find gifts that uplift and inspire! If you have any questions, please call me at 781-551-3414.

WCC CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Saturday, Nov 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., The Women’s Community Committee Thrift Shop, located at 1091 Washington St., Norwood, MA will hold its annual Christmas sale. New gift items, clothes, ornaments, decorations, games and toys are featured at great prices. The WCC, a volunteer non-profit organization, hopes that this Christmas Sale is one of the first stops for holiday gift buying. All proceeds are used to support local organizations.

NORWOOD ART ASSOCIATION SALE

On Friday, Dec 11 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., The Norwood Art Association will be holding its Holiday Small Works Art Show and Sale. It will be held at Custom Art Framing at 45 Central St. in

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and a silent auction. A terrific variety of raffles include a colorful Patriotic quilt, themed gift baskets, gift certificates and a sterling silver necklace with a tanzanite and diamond pendant. White elephant bargains will also be available. A delicious and reasonably priced luncheon of homemade soup and sandwiches will be offered. Stop by, do some shopping and enjoy the friendly and informal atmosphere of the United Church. The church is located at the corner of Washington and Nahatan Streets in Norwood Center. Enter the

hall from the Nahatan St. parking lot. Plenty of free parking behind the church and in the town lot.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Bereavement Support Groups at Dedham Medical Associates Pediatric Group Room, 3rd Floor 1177 Providence Hwy. Norwood. Coping with Loss During the Holidays 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 16. This group is open to adults who have suffered a loss of a loved one

due to death. For more information and to register for this free group, contact Doreen Moscaritolo at dmoscaritolo@vnab.org or 781-569-2836

NORWOOD COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

On Saturday Nov. 28, The Red Cross will hold its Norwood Community Blood Drive, sponsored by the Norwood Masons. Presenting donors may come to the Norwood Masonic Building at 76 Day St. in Norwood from

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Presenting donors will be offered a free breakfast. Walk-ins are welcome and appointments are encouraged. To make an appointment, simply call 1-800-RED CROSS www.redcrossblood.org to register. A blood donor card or driver's license, or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain additional height and weight requirements.

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