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Norwood honors its fallen soldiers

Joe DiFazio
Staff Reporter

Despite a rainy start, the sun eventually came out in Norwood Monday morning, as residents gathered to honor fallen veterans on Memorial Day.

Memorial Day, traditionally celebrated the last Monday of May, originated out of Decoration Day, which honored the fallen Union and Confederate soldiers of the Civil War. By the 20th century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died while in the military service.

In Norwood, the Memorial Day activities began over the weekend with the ceremonial raising of the American flag over the Town Common. Veterans' graves were adorned with their own small flags, symbolic of their individual contributions toward protecting and preserving the American way of life.

Following a memorial service at St. Catherine of Siena Church, the Memorial Day parade gathered at its starting point at Old Parish Cemetery. From there, the procession—consisting of Norwood Post 70 veterans, town officials, Colonial Pipers, Colonial Boys, Norwood Boys and Girls Scouts, the Norwood High School Band and the Police and Fire department escorts, among others, made their way through the streets of town to its conclusion at the Highland Cemetery. Though rain kept some home, there was a high attendance near the finish of the parade route.

In his keynote address to the crowd, Army 1st Lieutenant Scott Spencer, who returned from Afghanistan only a few weeks ago, spoke of his experience in the army. He began with the poem "I am a Soldier," and went on to point out the casualties of war not always in the

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Norwood gathered in solemn remembrance of fallen soldiers on Memorial Day. Despite a little rain, many residents participated in the annual parade on Monday, which included Norwood Post 70 veterans, the Colonial Pipers, the Colonial Boys, Norwood Boys and Girls Scouts and the Norwood High School Band. After the parade, a ceremony commenced at Highland Cemetery with a keynote address by Army 1st Lieutenant Scott Spencer.

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Only a few snags at the Annual

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Staff Reporter

Annual Town Meeting got into full swing after the conclusion of a lengthy Special Town Meeting.

On Thursday night Town Meeting members started in earnest on approving the \$162.5 million budget for the town of Norwood. The meeting got through many of the individual budgets for general government, but did not yet get to the school system's budgets. All budget requests were approved, most without discussion, but some saw some disagreement and debate from Town Meeting Members.

John Marsoobian, who represents District Four, raised an objection to longevity and attendance salary bonuses in discussion of the \$560,016 General Manager's budget. General Manager John Carroll responded that

the union employees generally got similar bonuses, and that Norwood mirrored union contracts for non-union positions such as the General Manager. Going forward, Carroll continued, attendance benefits were negotiated out of most union contracts.

Marsoobian asked if they were able to take the benefits out of the budget for non-union employees. Carroll said that for the 35 years he's been in his position, there have been longevity bonuses because they are endemic in civil service, and keep people from leaving. Selectman Bill Plasko added that there are 55 non-union employees in Norwood's government and that their contracts are based on union contracts, saying that the Board of Selectmen is ultimately responsible for deciding the contracts.

Marsoobian also questioned the continuing education budget line in the Town Clerk and Accountant's \$539,962 budget. Clerk and Accountant Robert Thornton said that the budget item is part of his contract, and allows him to keep up with his Clerk's Certification and other education necessary for his position.

Arthur Gearty, who represents District Three, asked what the salary increase for town employees was during discussion of the \$236,153 Engineer's Budget, and Carroll responded that it was around two percent each year. Marsoobian then raised a question about the high cost of a \$45,000 budget item for aerial photography last year, and the \$25,000 item for fiscal year (FY) 2015. Carroll responded that the sharp increase from FY'12 and '13 in

which no money was appropriated for the task was because it's not done every year. Town Engineer and Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW), Mark Ryan said that they only do the photos every seven to eight years as necessary. The last time photos were taken, reported Ryan, was in 1999. Ryan further explained that the \$25,000 for FY'15 was to use the aerial photography to create digital maps that could be used by assessors and engineers.

The \$110,000 Town Counsel budget sparked concerns about the 40B law, which dominated much of the Special Town Meeting last week. Town Meeting asked if there was enough in the Counsel's budget to research the 1.5 percent land area minimum. 40B law mandates that towns dedicate at least 1.5 percent of their developable land area to affordable or subsidized housing. If that threshold is not met, developers are empowered by the state to build affordable housing in variance to a town's zoning laws until the minimum is met. Town officials contend Norwood hasn't met the threshold. However, an independent land area survey commissioned by Town Meeting Member Brian Hardiman, in his fight to stop the Plimpton Press from becoming affordable housing, contends that the threshold has been met.

Plasko said that studying the 1.5 percent is not a matter of litigation and not in the purview of town counsel, adding that there is nothing in the budget at this time for a fur-

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Officials report DPW project moving along as scheduled

Joe DiFazio
Staff Reporter

Things are moving smoothly as construction continues on the Department of Public Works (DPW) project. The Board of Selectmen met with several officials and the Director of the DPW and Town Engineer Mark Ryan to learn about the progress.

The building of the new DPW yard was approved in a Special Town Meeting in February and the \$16.8 million project is slated for completion in the summer of 2015. The bid for building the project was awarded to Colantonio Inc., and Compass Project Management is responsible for overseeing the project.

The project is financed with \$3 million coming out of stabilization funds to be paid back over seven years and a \$13.8 million loan that will be paid back over 30 years through hikes in the water rate and payments from NStar.

Appearing alongside Ryan were John Hobson, a manager from Colantonio, Bryan Jarvis and Tim Bonfatti from Compass and Bill Kinsman, Chairman of

the Permanent Building Construction Commission.

Jarvis stated that there are three sites they will be working on: Lyman Place, home of the original DPW yard, Lenox Street, an auxiliary to the main DPW yard and Winter Street, where seasonal facilities will be located.

Main construction at Lyman Place will include a 10,800-square-foot, two-story administration and employee facility building, a 27,500 square-foot vehicle maintenance facility and a 3,276 square-foot wood framed salt storage structure. Jarvis stated the expected completion date for these sites is the summer of 2015. Demolition at the site is on going, but construction is scheduled to begin in July.

"We're on schedule. We're in the early stages ... [but] we're moving at a good pace," said Bonfatti.

Town Manager John Carroll stated that the Winter Street facilities may look like they are right up against the property line of a residential neighbor, but that in fact the neighbor had a shed on town property. Carroll said a fence would be built between the two properties,

and suggested selling a small portion of land to the resident after the project is complete. Carroll said the town will have no use for the land.

Afterwards, Selectman Bill Plasko added that he wanted to clarify that Colantonio was the lowest qualified and responsible bidder, not just the lowest bidder.

Selectwoman Helen Abdallah Donohue brought to Ryan's attention a concern that several residents had voiced to her about DPW materials at the cemetery being too close to the graves. She asked if Ryan could add a fence or move the piles of loam and dirt farther away from the graves.

"We have to do something. People feel imposed upon by the piles of dirt," said Donohue.

Ryan said the town used to haul all the material away, but that it's more cost-effective to keep it and he stated that he would look into alleviating people's concerns.

In another matter, the Board moved to appoint Plasko to the Hockey Rink Committee. The decision was in response to a complaint filed to the state regarding how the town chose a project manager. Earlier this year, Norwood received a grant from the state to design a Hockey Rink with the possibility of more funds to build it.

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OPINION

MORE THAN FLAGS

You can't fix stupid.

We think we read that somewhere on a bumper sticker or t-shirt, but that's not important. The message is that, no matter how hard you try, you just can't solve the problem of ignorance. To quote a popular movie: "Let it go." That, unfortunately, is easier said than done.

We happened to be on Boston Common on Monday, taking in the sad, impressive sight of 37,000 flags planted on the grass, each one representing a fallen soldier from the state, from the Revolutionary War to our current conflicts. The annual tradition is a sober sight.

We happened to overhear a young woman, in her twenties, who was also taking in the visual. Despite signs detailing the purpose of the flags, she felt inclined to ask bystanders what the deal with the flags was. Upon receiving an answer, she replied, earnestly, "Why?" What prompted it?

Well, it seems to us that no "reason" is needed to celebrate the lives of fallen brothers and sisters who fought and died for their country. Such remembrance is all-too-conveniently crammed into certain calendar days. But her question, posed on Memorial Day,

was all the more galling. The reason she and others had no work or school should have been the first clue as to the appearance of the flags. Ah, but Memorial Day should just be renamed "Break Out the Barbecue Day" or "Summer is Almost Here Day." It is bad enough that the day has been co-opted by appliance salesmen and used car lots, but it was distressing that this young woman had no clue.

We doubt her confusion is typical, but we have to wonder. Once upon a time the very act of being a nation at war, no less two wars, engendered real patriotism. By "real," we mean something that goes beyond yellow ribbons on pick-up trucks or angry barroom boasts of American exceptionalism and "kill 'em all, let God sort them out." Patriotism is not the same as jingoism. No, patriotism, when it comes to our soldiers, is much more understated. It is not about screaming our support to all who will listen, it should be more along the lines of reflection and remembrance.

Once upon a war, Americans suffered along with their soldiers. Food and metal was rationed. We followed each

day, if not every hour, of conflicts. Today we suffer not at all and change the channel if the TV shows even a still image from Afghanistan. War has become too common. We have become too jaded and forgetful. Look, not every soldier is a hero. That may sound blasphemous, but it is true. Some enlist to serve their country, others because they long for real life video games. Nevertheless, all who serve, from kitchen workers to the front line, deserve at least the occasional thank you. Instead, we have soldiers killing themselves at an alarming pace. Drug addiction is rampant upon returning servicemen, many of them battling PTSD. Our VA hospitals are a travesty and the process of obtaining worthy service-related disability is mind-bogglingly flawed. We have failed those who return in even the most basic ways.

We as a nation talk the talk, but do not walk the walk. It isn't just that some young girl forgot what Memorial Day is that is troubling to us. It is that we, as a nation, need to stop pretending we support the troops and start actually fighting for them.

Letters to the Editor

NEIGHBORHOOD GIVES THANKS

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Plimpton, Lenox, Rock and Andrews St. area, the folks across Town who put out our signs, the Town Meeting members who sided with us and voted NO, and those town officials who saw our point of view, we are eternally grateful. We knew that if we presented our case we would be victorious.

We recognize that this is commercially-zoned

land and we ask that the Economic Development Committee, the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board, reach out to clean businesses to utilize Chapter 40R as it was originally intended - clean commercial businesses near a transit station creating new jobs and subsidiary downstream positives to the Town coffers and its local businesses. With the Greatest Appreciation,

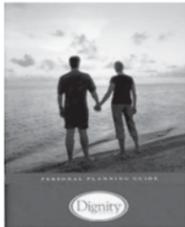
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DEATHS

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David E., 75, a lifelong resident of Norwood, on May 15. Beloved Son of the late Eldon and Agnes (Kallstrom) Arvidson. Loving brother of Kenneth H. Arvidson of Norwood, Russell J. Arvidson of Hampton, NH, Paul D. Arvidson of Wrentham and Ellen M. Arvidson of Newton. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. David was an All-Star center ice-man for the 1957 Norwood High School Bay State Champions. He was known for his Adept play making and scoring ability. A funeral home service will be held on Saturday June 8, at 11am at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A Visiting hour will be held one hour prior to the funeral home service from 10-11am. At the request of the family burial will be private.

CONLEY

Jane (Carriere), 80, of Norwood, on May 19. Beloved wife of the late Raymond "Ray" Conley. Devoted mother of Cynthia F. Leary and her husband Michael of Walpole, Nancy A. Liming and her husband David of Ashburnham and the late Paula M. Conley. Sister of Paul Carriere of NH, David Carriere of Marshfield, Marion Connolly of N. Attleboro and the late Josephine Clarkson. Cherished grandmother of David Liming and Kristen Liming. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Daughter of the late Henry and Esther (Bean) McKenna. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to Doctors Without Borders USA PO Box 5030 Hagerstown, MD 21741-5030.

CONSIGLIO

Mary Josephine (Alighieri), 75, of Norwood, on May 24. Beloved wife of Luigi Consiglio. Devoted mother of Joseph F. Consiglio and his wife Lind of Milton and Gina M. Coras and her husband Jason of Norwood. Loving sister of Carmela Thornton of Norwood, Pasquale Alighieri of Falmouth, Theresa Holland of Falmouth, Joanne Barrett of Walpole, Anna Jones of Norwood and Thomas Alighieri of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of Alexa Coras, Bella Coras, Olivia Consiglio, Adriana Consiglio and Roman Coras. Daughter of the late Frank and Catherine (Rondinelli) Alighieri. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. At the request of the family Visiting hours and burial will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Mary was a member of the Son's of Italy Women's Lodge of Norwood. Mary Alighieri Consiglio opened and owned a very successful Beauty Salon (Mary Kay's Beauty Salon) in Norwood for 49 yrs. She was well loved by her loyal clients. Mary sold her business in 2012 and retired. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to St. Jude's Children's Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105. www.stjude.org.

FOLAN

Martin J., 97, a lifelong resident of Norwood, on May 18. World War II US Army Veteran. And a Norwood High School Graduate. Beloved son of the late John and Mary (Costello) Folan. Brother of the late Thomas Folan, Mary Folan, Nora Ozar, Helen Noon, Agnus Walker, Elizabeth Feeney and Rita Folan. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. At the request of the family burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Friends of Kenyan Orphans 920 Berkshire Road Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. www.friendsofkenyanorphans.org. Martin was

KENNEDY

Patricia Louise (Hoar), 86, on Sunday, May 18, in Norwood. Patricia was an active member of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, serving as a member of its Ladies Sodality, a Eucharistic Minister, a CCD teacher and a member of the Norwood Catholic Women's Club. She also volunteered at the Norwood Hospital and the C.J. Prescott School. Beloved wife of the late Richard F. Kennedy, she was a resident of Norwood for 50 years. Beloved daughter of the late Daniel P. and Catherine (Lynch) Hoar. She is survived by her children: Patricia and her husband, Francis McCrossan, of N. Kingstown, RI; Richard F. Kennedy, Jr. and his wife, Deborah, of Wrentham; Mary Ann Kennedy and her husband, Robert Rosenberg, of McLean, VA; Daniel P. Kennedy and his wife, Andrea, of Mansfield and Kathleen and her husband, John P. McDonough, of Westwood. Nana of 17, Meaghan, Matthew, Patrick and Mary Beth McCrossan; Richard III, Sarah and Thomas Kennedy; Aaron, Edward and Dana Rosenberg; Christopher, Kaitlyn and Danielle Kennedy; John, Katherine, Richard and Colleen McDonough and Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Patricia was predeceased by her siblings Katherine Ginewicz, Edna Fitzgibbon, Jacqueline Fogarty, Daniel, John and William Hoar. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery in Norwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Patricia's memory to Brownie Points, P.O. Box 398, Norwood, MA 02062 or via www.mattbrownnumber3.org or to Autism Speaks, 1060 State Rd., 2nd Fl, Princeton, NJ 08540 or via www.autismspeaks.org.

MAK

Ku passed away peacefully on May 17, 2014. Beloved father of Simon Mak and his wife, Patty, and Serene Wong and her husband, Peter. A cherished Grandfather to: Denny Mak, wife Lori and their sons Connor and Kadin; Stanley Wong; Shirley Mak-Parisi, husband Nicholas and their daughters Olivia and Angela; and Irene Liu, husband George and their daughter Ella. The family has requested a private service. In lieu of flowers, say "I love you" to those you love more often and enjoy life. Arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood, MA 02062. www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com

SHEA

Joyce M. (Juskewitz), 76, of Norwood died on May 20. Beloved wife of Paul G. Shea. Devoted and loving Mother of Denise Greer of Rockland, Deborah Beaudoin of Dedham, Jan L. MacLaughlin of Norwood and Joyce McCafferty and her husband Thomas of Mansfield. Sister of Richard Juskewitz of Mattapan and the late Janet L. Juskewitz. Cherished grandmother of Ian, Ashleigh, Ben, Emily, Paige, Sarah, Kyle and Brynn. Daughter of the late John and Marion (Dame) Juskewitz. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to VNA Care Hospice 199 Rosewood Drive, Suite 180 Danvers, MA 01923. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Norwood, MA.

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Summer time brings different health challenges

Joe DiFazio
Staff Reporter

With summer quickly approaching, the Board of Health (BOH) is beginning its preparations to keep Norwood safe and healthy with the unique challenges of the season.

Summer Fun

The BOH is busy inspecting ice cream trucks and pools to make sure they are ready to go for the warm months ahead. There are currently three ice cream trucks that operate in Norwood, and they are held to specific guidelines about where they go and where they can play

their jingles. The trucks are not allowed to park on busier streets, such as Walpole Street, so that children are not running across traffic to get to the trucks. The trucks are also not allowed to play music while moving to minimize the risk for potential accidents of children running towards a moving vehicle.

Ice cream trucks will likely make frequent stops by the town's pools and little league areas, according to the BOH. The police also mandate that two people must be working on the trucks at any given time as an additional safety precaution.

Pools in town will also be

inspected at the start of the summer and receive check-ups throughout the summer from the BOH.

"I want people out there to know [that] Norwood's pools are safe," said BOH chairwoman Joan Jacobs.

BOH members also wanted to make sure the town is rigorous in its inspection and licensing of summer camps. As a result, Town officials are currently processing paperwork for summer camps. BOH member Carolyn Riccardi added that another summer staple, the little league concession stand, is good to go for the season after an effort to clean it and bring it into compliance.

Initiatives

The Board will also have several interns for the summer working on various health initiatives in Norwood. One intern will be working with nail salons on promoting safer practices and encouraging salons to purchase nail source-capturing systems. These air ventilation units reduce the risk of any potential health hazards caused by nail polish or acrylics for both the salon worker and patron.

A second intern will be working on the rollout of Norwood's new smoking regulations. The Board voted to change Norwood's laws regarding e-cigarettes and tobacco in March. The new regulations ban the sale of any tobacco products, as well as tobacco or nicotine delivery products, including e-cigarettes, to customers below the age of 21. The law also pro-

hibits the sale of blunt wraps and cigars in packages less than \$4 or costing less than \$2.50 outright. The regulations are set to become effective July 1, because the board wanted time to roll out the new regulations, educate retailers and mount an information campaign before the law goes into effect. The BOH wants all tobacco retailers to be well aware of the change.

"My goal is to have no violations on the first check," said Director of the Health Department Sigalle Reiss.

Riccardi commented that e-cigarettes are concerning because of the amount of advertising they are garnering and their lack of regulation. Reiss said that the Federal Drug Administration is finally discussing regulating the product.

The third intern, depending on whether a grant is rewarded to Norwood, would help with "fall prevention awareness" for elderly residents. The Health Department worked with Fire Chief Anthony Greeley on filing for the grant.

Housing Court

The BOH continued with a discussion of petitioning the state legislature to expand housing court for communities farther away from Boston.

"It's seriously needed ... it takes too long to get anything adjudicated," said Jacobs. "When it takes a year and a half to get things [done] ... its way too long."

The Board and Reiss both drafted letters to the Joint Committee on Judiciary at the State

House. Reiss detailed that she is in support of the statehouse bill that would provide jurisdiction for housing court because Norwood is not serviced in housing cases. She stated in the letter that she has struggled with housing cases in District court because it is not well suited to handle them.

Reiss said that the Dedham District Court's rulings are not accomplishing compliance of housing laws. Reiss added that when she worked in Taunton, she could bring cases to Fall River Housing Court where they would be resolved quickly and appropriately. The Board decided to talk to as many colleagues as possible to help publicize the issue.

"The more boards [of health] we get on board, the better," said Jacobs.

Mosquitoes

Norfolk County Mosquito Control (NCMC) sprayed wetlands in Norwood and surrounding towns with larvicide via helicopters in April. Reiss explained that this aerial spray is designed to kill larvae that mosquitoes lay before winter and hatch as it warms in the spring. According to Reiss, around July, NCMC will spray neighborhoods with trucks to kill adult mosquitoes that hatch in the summer. She states that the chemicals used to kill the mosquitoes have very low toxicity and pose little health risks.

"It's a much worse risk to have mosquitoes," said Reiss.

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ther review of the land area because the town feels it already has the answer. Plasko said that they have not reached the number and that the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board would need to feel comfortable enough that the threshold is met that they could litigate against a developer in housing court. Plasko continued by saying that the process would begin when a 40B developer would apply to build in Norwood and that the Zoning Board of Appeals

could then assert that the threshold is met. The developer at that point could appeal and the Department of Housing and Community Development would have to make an assessment.

Michael Bergeron, who represents District One, then asked what kind of litigation Norwood spends most of the budget on. Counsel John Flynn responded that it was mostly land matters.

Another budget that received several questions was the \$16,300 Emergency Management and Civil Defense budget. Francis Hopcroft, who represents District One and is on the Permanent Building Construction Committee, asked if there

was a need for this expenditure and said that it seemed to be wrapped into the purview of Norwood's emergency services. He made an amendment to reduce the budget, but it failed. Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper said he serves in the capacity of Emergency Response Director and said that the money mostly goes to equipment upkeep and keeping emergency response communication systems functioning.

Several other items were approved, including much of the DPW budget before the 10:30 p.m. Town Meeting curfew hit, and the meeting was adjourned. Town Meeting continues on Thursday May 29 to approve the rest of the budget.

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Sports

Norwood softball bounces back, beats Walpole 6-2

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

A youthful Norwood high school softball team bounced back from a tough loss to Natick at the beginning of the week to secure their half of the Herget division title on the last day of league play, beating Walpole 6-2 on May 21.

The Mustangs struck early and never looked back. The heart of the lineup batted around three runs in the first inning, including two on an RBI double from sophomore first baseman Taylor Reed, who turned in a three-hit performance for the day. With Norwood bats having quieted down over the last few weeks of the season, this was a welcome sight for coach Carol Savino as tournament season looms.

“My ultimate goal for this group of kids, because they are ball players, is to get somebody like Katie (O’Donnell), and the rest of them, to work on their hitting,” Savino said.

Walpole would get one back in the bottom of the inning with some quick base running before Norwood’s lone pitcher all season, senior Katie O’Donnell, settled into her game. O’Donnell struck out

seven and only gave up five hits and two walks, to give her team its 14th win of the season overall. O’Donnell’s composure showed in the bottom of the sixth inning, when she got out of a jam by inducing a key ground out to strand two Walpole base runners.

Norwood added another run in the third inning on an RBI single from junior catcher Erin Garczynski—who also had three hits, including a long triple that might have been her eighth home run of the season in another park—but the Rebels pulled back within two on an inside-the-park homer from Casey Songin in the bottom of the fourth.

“The reason it was a home run is, once it went over in the outfield and the outfielder fielded the ball, she didn’t hit the cut. But we will keep working cuts,” Savino said, when asked what her team could take from the game to improve upon.

That run was the closest Walpole would get to evening the score, as O’Donnell held the slumping Rebels to just one earned run and also helped seal the win at the plate, as she and four other Mustangs strung together five hits in the seventh to push the

score to 6-2, which would be the final.

Coach Savino is proud of her young squad’s tenacity over the course of the season, despite having very few seniors, and looks forward to having this squad return and continue to develop over the next few years.

“All in all we’re young. This whole team is together a year from now,” Savino said. “After next year, you got that whole infield back together again. Imagine what they’re going to be like when they’re seniors.”

But this is no rebuilding year for the Mustangs. Savino’s squad has their sights set on the MIAA Division 1 South tournament this season.

“This group of kids, they’re willing to work. They want it. They really want it,” Savino said.

This year, Norwood shares the division title—their second in a row and fifth in six years—with Dedham, as both teams finished 13-3 in the conference, following Dedham’s win over Milton the same day. Savino is confident the team will continue to succeed for years to come.

“I look for a bright future at Norwood,” Savino said.

Track fares well at BSC Championship

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The boys and girls Norwood High School outdoor track and field teams put up some commendable performances during the Bay State Conference Championship at Braintree High on May 21.

Despite the boys team posting a 1-6 team record this season—with the team’s only win coming against Dedham on April 9—the squad is full of many outstanding athletes, which showed during the Championship.

“I thought overall we had a great day individually,” said Norwood boys coach Russ Booth.

Norwood’s best result of the day came from senior T.G. Oguchukwu in the triple jump. Oguchukwu’s 42 (feet) - 4.5 (inches) was good enough for second place, behind winner Anthony Smith of Milton with a score of 42 - 8.0. Oguchukwu recorded the best triple jump of the Bay State Conference on May 14 against Milton with a score of 43 - 11.

“That was his best jump ever. The top finish from him was great,” Booth said. “He also did a great job in the high

jump, cleared six feet. That’s his best.”

Oguchukwu’s high jump score was good enough for sixth place in the event.

Sophomore Sam Masse’s 11.72 (seconds) finish in the 100m earned him the fifth spot, while his teammate, junior Aaron Cockrane, nabbed a sixth place finish in the 200m with a time of 23.53.

Junior Tim Buckley ran a personal best 4:36.63 in the mile, good enough for eighth out of 39 runners, in what was one of the deepest fields of participants across the entire meet.

“Tim Buckley ran a nice race in the mile and we wanted to get a bit lower of a time from him. He went down from a 4:38 the week before,” Booth said. “And the mile is a really difficult race in the Bay State Conference, very heavily contested. Some of the best runners in the league all run that mile.”

The Norwood boys also posted a fourth place finish in the 4x400m relay with a time of 3:36.95. Natick won the event, while Newton North and Walpole took second and third.

The relay team also secured a fifth place finish in the

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Baseball falls to Xaverian, 11-2 suffers home lost to Walpole, 5-0



Norwood’s junior right fielder, Denis Drummey, waits for a pitch from Xaverian Brothers’ Paul Regan.

PHOTO BY SAM NICKERSON

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

It was probably not a senior night to remember for Norwood Mustangs baseball,

who finished off their regular season with a 11-2 loss to Xaverian Brothers on May 23.

In the first inning, it looked as though Norwood had solved its offensive woes, with junior

left fielder Ryan and first baseman Jake O’Rourke, also a junior, getting hits. Ryan scored from third on a double steal, as the throw went to second.

But Xaverian answered in a big way in the second, playing small ball and connecting for a couple of two-out RBI doubles to take a 3-1 lead.

It was a hole Norwood couldn’t dig itself out of. The Mustangs stranded runners in scoring position in the third, fourth, fifth and seventh innings. In the seventh, Norwood loaded the bases by working a couple of walks and hustling to beat the throw to first on an infield hit, but a fielder’s choice throw home and a rather rare 1-2-3 double play prevented Norwood from adding to their tally.

“We’re back where we’re pulling off balls and trying to marry one instead of doing exactly what they did, which is shoot the ball behind runners and looking for singles instead of trying to open the shoulder and pulling your head off it,” said Norwood coach Kevin Igoe. “We got to learn to put

more than one hit together.”

Two-out situations would plague the Norwood defense through the rest of the game. After two outs in the third, Xaverian again combined base hits with stolen bases to increase the lead to 5-1. Xaverian also scored in the sixth by stringing hits and walks together, and continued to produce base runners in two-out situations. Xaverian added four runs in the eighth inning before senior Jack Sheehan made a spectacular diving catch in center to close the floodgates at 11-1.

“They had a good approach at the plate. We were living on the outside and they were just shooting it that way. We came inside, they shot it the other way,” Igoe said. “We have to take that same approach at the plate, where we’re just trying

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Mini golf raises funds for Willet



Allison Malley playing mini-golf at the Willet Early Education Center.

Joe DiFazio
Staff Reporter

Hole-in-ones were par for the course at the Willett, where fun was used to raise money for the school.

“The money that we raised goes towards all sorts of stuff for the school, like enrichment programs for the kids. We’ve had the aquarium come, storytellers [and] music programs,” said Erin Randall, Co-President of the Willet Early Childhood Center Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). “We’ve been able to buy equipment for the school, especially with funding so difficult, we’ve been able to fill in the gap there.”

“It’s a fun event especially for this age group. They’re kindergartners and pre-schoolers at the Willett and this is geared towards them,” said Randall.

The event turned the Willet into a mini-golf course and amusement park for youngsters. For a donation, families bought tickets that they could redeem for bouncy house rides, hot dogs

or golf. Several holes were set up around the school building, and children traveled around the course attempting hole-in-ones.

“It’s really fun,” said Nicolle Martino, Charlotte Martino and Annette Button in unison. The girls, now in elementary school, are graduates of the Willet.

The final holes of golf led out into the recess area where there was a raffle, face painting and temporary tattoos donated by high school students. There was even a massage chair set up for parents. Most of the day’s activities were generously donated.

The event is now in its tenth year, and the Willett’s staff is very appreciative of the money that is raised. Last year the event took in around \$1,800.

“We have done fundraising for a fence ... Getting new material to lay around play structures instead of wood chips is one of the next big projects,” said Willet’s Principal Diane Ferreira. “They’re very generous, they’re a very good PTO.”

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to move runners and look for singles to get the carousel moving.”

Ryan came on in the seventh for senior starting pitcher Joe Rydzewski, but also had trouble silencing Xaverian’s lineup until the ninth, when he struck out two and got a fly out to right for a 1-2-3 inning.

Norwood finally started to get some offense going in the bottom of the eighth, as senior Jake Ryan drew a walk to lead off the inning. After a ground out advanced Ryan to second, the Mustangs managed another walk and Ryan came home on a blooper from Jack Sheehan to make the score 11-2, which would be the final.

On a night where few things went right for the Mustangs, coach Igoe pointed to strong play from his center fielder as the team’s highlight for the evening.

“Jack Sheehan, that was an incredible catch in center field. He had some really good approaches at the plate tonight and he’s got a cannon for an arm out there,” Igoe said.

Senior Paul Regan pitched a great game for Xaverian Brothers, striking out eight Norwood batters in six innings before he was relieved by junior Keegan MacEwan.

The team also struggled at the plate in a 5-0 home loss to Walpole on May 21.

For the first six innings of the final regular season matchup between the two teams, things resembled their previous bout on April 28—a 1-0 victory by Walpole. In that game, Walpole ace, senior Jimmy Smith, struck out 14 and Norwood’s Joe Rydzewski

baffled 19 of the last 20 Walpole batters he faced, as both pitched complete games in the duel.

Smith was again on the mound for the rematch—this time going against consistent Norwood senior John Galvin and picked up right where he left off, putting on an exceptional 11-strikeout show.

“He shut us out for 18 innings. Hopefully we don’t see him again,” said Igoe.

While neither team was known for their hitting this season, both pitchers were very efficient and smart defensive play kept base runners to a minimum.

“John pitched well. I thought he got squeezed a little in that inning where they made him put it on a plate for them,” Igoe said. “But credit to them because they turned on some fastballs and hit them a long way.”

All of the runs in the game came during the top of the seventh, when the Rebels finally got to Galvin, who had an otherwise excellent outing with four strikeouts against eight hits throughout seven innings.

Walpole began the inning with a single and a bunt, before a big RBI double to right ended the scoreless tie with one out. After a couple of tough called balls led to a walk, which loaded the bases, Smith got in front of the count and broke the game wide open with a 3-run triple. A squeeze bunt brought Smith home to extend the rebel’s lead to 5-0.

“We were able to put some hits together,” said Walpole coach Bill Thompkins. “We had gotten a hit or hard ball

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each inning, but we just hadn’t put them together yet.”

Galvin got a ground out to end the inning and made the switch to shortstop for the final two innings. Junior Chris King pitched a scoreless eighth and ninth, racking up five K’s.

The Mustangs best scoring opportunity came in the bottom of the fifth, following a Mike Doliner single. Doliner was replaced by sophomore pinch runner Sean Mellen, who was called out at home two batters later, after second baseman Conor Flynn connected on a pitch for a single with two outs in the inning. Mellen was given the green light to come home, but Walpole quickly got the ball from right field to the plate, where the Walpole catcher made the tag.

“We don’t string enough hits together. We got to take what we can get,” Igoe said of the decision to wave Mellen around.

Ryan had a good game in left field, highlighted by a diving catch with two outs in the fifth to preserve the 0-0 score line.

“He’s got great energy he brings to the ballpark, very happy with him this year,” Igoe said of Ryan.

Norwood finishes the regular season with a record of 11-9, good enough for second in the Herget Division, and will likely take a middle of the pack seeding for the MIAA Division 1 South tournament—a place many might not have imagined they’d end up, after last year’s title team graduated almost 20 players and their positions were filled by sophomores and juniors.



Norwood’s senior pitcher and short stop, John Galvin, bats against his counterpart, Walpole ace James Smith, in a 5-0 loss to the Rebels.

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4x100m relay with a time of 46.02. Newton North again took second behind winners Weymouth.

Booth spoke very highly of the relay team composed of sophomore Chris Bell, senior Mark Ranalli, Buckley and sophomore Clifton Clark.

“They’ve been doing a great job all year. They’ve really taken ownership of those events,” Booth said.

For Booth, the Mustangs’ results at the Championship reveals much more about the squad than their record shows. It also shows how the conference boasts some of the top running competition, and even teams at the bottom of the table could match up well against anyone in the state.

“The competition in the Bay State Conference has always been really good. I think we’re one of the strongest leagues in the state top to bottom,” Booth said. “We’re one of the smaller schools and our record doesn’t indicate how good we actually are because of the big schools we have to go against all year. The big schools are really good and the small schools still do really well.”

The girls team also posted some solid final results at the Championship. Promising freshman Fiona Jordan placed fourteenth among a larger field in the 400m with a time of 1:04.25. Senior Alanna Keady snagged 11th place in the 800m, which is described by many as the toughest track and field event, running a 2:33.91.

Both the boys and girls teams are preparing for the MIAA Division 3 meet at Pembroke on May 31 and the MIAA All-State meet at Bridgewater State University on June 7.

“We’ll be perfecting a few little things here and there, and hopefully not getting anybody hurt,” Booth said.

A second graduation

McDonough ready to try new things

Joe DiFazio
Staff Reporter

Norwood High School Athletic Director Brian McDonough will be retiring at the end of the school year after 12 years in the position. He graduated from Norwood High in 1974 and has come full circle as he prepares for the next chapter in his life.

"[High School] was a defining moment for me in terms of learning what I really enjoyed, sports. I started coaching youth football when I was a senior in high school, Pop Warner at the time," said McDonough. "I really kind of fell in love with having that ability to connect with kids and being able to give back a little bit. That was the start for me."

McDonough's other love is fixing cars. He said he loves working with his hands and that one of his first jobs was at the South Norwood Service Center where he used to pump gas. He then went on to study at the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Boston, and established a career working on cars. He worked as a mechanic at Don and Wally's, and still continued to coach.

"Some of my fondest memories are from [that time] coaching Pop Warner football," said McDonough.

It was at the service center where McDonough sprung into a new career.

"Someone I worked with was on the School Committee for the Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School in Franklin and he knew that I had a great rapport with kids from coaching and that I would mentor kids ... they would come and job shadow me," said McDonough.

There was an opening to teach automotive mechanics at the vocational school and McDonough took the role on in 1982, which was also the year he got married. He said the new

position allowed him to continue coaching as well.

"I had a great opportunity because I had a chance to do what I love and that was fixing cars and teaching and also coaching ... I had the opportunity to coach multiple sports, from football to track, wrestling and even started lacrosse. [I was] pretty active in a lot of activities," said McDonough.

He was a teacher and coach for ten years at Tri-County and eventually became the Athletic Director (AD).

"It was a little bit of a smaller school in terms of athletics, but I had the opportunity to be the AD and still teach," said McDonough.

Then, in 2002, the athletic director position became available in Norwood.

"It was my hometown, I had the chance to come back ... and it's been an amazing 12 years, and it's hard to believe I'm graduating again with this group of seniors. It's been a great run. I leave with a lot of memories and mixed emotions ... but I'm also ready to move on to the next chapter in life," said McDonough.

McDonough seeks to remain coaching and stay actively involved in personal athletic activities after his "second graduation."

"One of the key things for me [over the years] was working with the students and student athletes. I love working with kids and I'll continue to stick around working with youth at some point," said McDonough.

Coaching, McDonough says, is one of the things he has always loved most. He says having the ability to coach cross-country the past two years has really brought him full circle.

"I'm going to miss that interaction with the students," said McDonough.

The decision came with a lot of mixed emotions. He said that last summer he knew the numbers were close in terms of be-



Brian McDonough

ing able to retire financially. He finally announced the decision earlier this year, but he doesn't plan on taking a break just yet. The first thing McDonough is doing when school lets out in June is a cross-country bike trip from Maine to Washington for three months.

He considers one of his biggest accomplishments at Norwood to be the seamless transition from the old school building into the new one, despite little access to fields and lots of logistical challenges. Looking towards the future was another tenant of his.

"I've added a lot of technology [to the department] that I thought was missing ... adding three new varsity sports [was another accomplishment] ... adding girl's hockey as a funded program, gymnastics as a funded program and boys lacrosse," said McDonough.

With 934 students participating in sports this year, there is one thing McDonough says he's the most happy about.

"One of the things I'm most proud of is we've given students from all backgrounds the opportunity to participate in sports programs they may not have had in the past ... there is always an opportunity ... and it's also the friendships [the students] have gained through sports," said McDonough.

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headlines. He described of how some of these unseen struggles have torn families apart, and of the high incidence of suicide in veterans and the difficulty veterans face in reintegrating into society.

"Some scars are visible, some are etched deep in our souls," said Spencer.

Spencer encouraged citizens to help veterans and to push them to get help if they need it, and for those out there with businesses to hire veterans.

"It's a noble mission to remember those who have gone into battle," said Spencer.

Spencer's wife Emily was

also recognized for her efforts to help veterans. She began Heartillery Group, an organization with a mission to "show support, love and gratitude to our troops overseas in simple ways." The group began with sending Christmas cards to soldiers and has grown since.

Norwood High senior Robert Way Jr. delivered Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, an annual tradition.

"That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the

people, shall not perish from the Earth," narrated Way, without using any notes.

Norwood Veterans Agent Ted Mulvehill conducted the ceremony that included addresses from State Representative John Rogers and Selectwoman Helen Abdallah Donohue.

Donohue's remarks came from "a woman's point of view," and revolved around the concept of gold star mothers. These are mothers who have lost sons or daughters in war, and the term originated from WWI. She recognized several of Norwood's own mothers whose families have paid the ultimate price.

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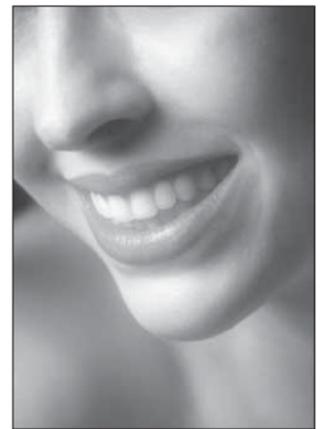
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CONCERT AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ChildrenSong of New Jersey will be performing an evening concert at Grace Episcopal Church on Thursday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m. Directed by founding Artistic Director Polly Murray, ChildrenSong is a choral music education and performance program based in Haddonfield, New Jersey. The organization's mission is to provide quality vocal music instruction with the goal of attaining the highest level of artistic excellence in choral music performance. Recent performances include the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, Rowan University, Carnegie Hall, Washington National Cathedral, Kimmel Center in Philadelphia, South Jersey Performing Arts Center, Atlantic City Convention Center, and Canterbury Cathedral. The Choir has performed with Philadelphia Singers, Pennsylvania Ballet, Symphony in C, Academy of Vocal Arts, Sounds of Liberty Chorus, and the Philadelphia Orchestra. ChildrenSong recently

performed Carmina Burana with the Philadelphia Singers and the Pennsylvania Ballet at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, they were asked to audition for 2014 America's Got Talent Auditions through a national search, recorded a treble version of Elton John's Rocket Man, recorded music with singer/songwriter Caroline Jones for a well-known holiday light show in Greenwich, Connecticut and performed the music in Carnegie Hall. ChildrenSong sponsors song festivals for children, workshops for teachers, and community concerts for seniors and the general public. The community is invited to enjoy the performance of ChildrenSong on June 26. Tickets are \$5 each or \$15 for a family. To reserve your ticket(s) please contact the church office at grace.norwood@Verizon.net. Check the church website at www.gracenor.org for more information. The church is located at 150 Chapel Street.

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On June 2, from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Located at the K of C Council Hall, 572 Nichols Street.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

Will hold its monthly meeting in Cafeteria B of the Lorusso Building at Norwood Hospital at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday June 5th. Mental illness is a label for

a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The Alliance is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones. We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

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The Tribute is returning to the Francis William Bird Park in East Walpole, MA for a summer concert on Saturday, June 7th at 5:00 p.m. For this performance, the band is performing a "Best of The Red and Blue Albums" show - you'll hear almost all the cuts from the 1962-1966 and 1967-1970 greatest hits collection. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Hear all your favorite Beatle hits performed completely LIVE by New England's favorite Beatles Tribute band, BEATLES FOR SALE! Sponsored by the Friends of Francis William Bird Park and The Trustees of Reservations. Rain date TBA. Refreshments will be sold to benefit park improvement projects.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The June meeting of the NRMC will be held at the Norwood Elks on Tuesday, June 10th and will be the last one until Tuesday, September 9th. The club takes

July and August off but all the sports activities continue and the summer trip takes place. The trip, Gloucester Lobster Cruise, will be on the last Wednesday, June 25th. It leaves from the Elks parking lot at 8:30 AM sharp. The first bus was filled almost immediately but some 15 more people are needed if a second bus will be hired. The May breakfast meeting sold 87 tickets and due to an illness the speaker, Dr. Gary Highlander, was unable to attend but will speak on the "battle of the bulge" at our June meeting. You don't have to be a Norwood resident to join, but you must be 60 years of age or older and be retired or semi retired. Jim Schmidt 781-769-2442 WEANone@norwoodlight.com.

NORWOOD GIRL SCOUTS WORKSHOP

On June 7 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 24 Berwick St, Norwood. Please join us for the Girl Scout Bridging Workshop for 1st, 3rd and 5th graders. Cost is \$5; includes bridging patch. R.S.V.P at norwoodgastroop81348@gmail.com by May 30th.

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6TH ANNUAL ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOOL 5K RUN/WALK ROAD RACE

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