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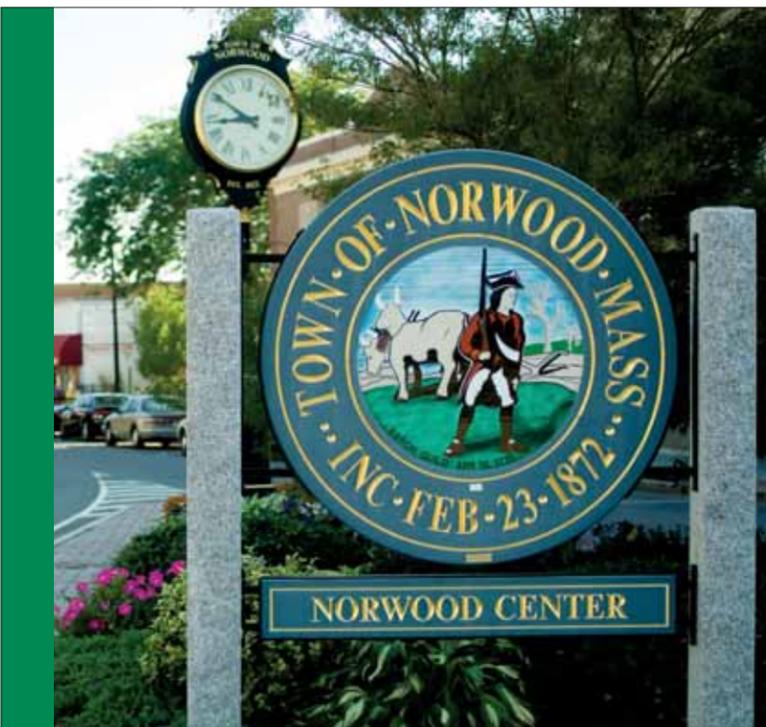


Hundreds of Norwood residents, young and old, flocked to the Walter J. Dempsey Memorial Bandstand and the Civic Center Sunday afternoon to take part in the Annual Holiday Extravaganza. The event included a litany of fun attractions, including a children's race, sleigh rides, storytelling, arts and crafts, a tree lighting on the Common and a special appearance by Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves. Sponsoring the event was Norwood Bank.

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Norwood Holiday Extravaganza



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Panelists Andrew Bacevich, Lisa Sowle Cahill, David O'Brien, and the Rev. J. Bryan Hehir discuss the impact of the Second Vatican Council during a 50th anniversary symposium at St. Timothy Catholic Church on Nov. 18.

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Panel focuses on Vatican II

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The Second Vatican Council was a defining event in addressing the role of the Roman Catholic Church in the modern world. In the first half of the 1960s, as the world watched events like the JFK assassination, conflict in Vietnam and the nuclear arms race shape the political landscape, leaders in Vatican City were meeting to deal with the pressing issues of the Catholic Church.

Over the course of three years beginning in October 1962, 16 documents were produced on issues ranging from the hierarchical structure of the church to religious freedoms to the program for spiritual and priestly training.

As this was going on, plans were underway for a new church in the southwest section of Norwood, which would serve the growing Catholic community in Norwood and neighboring Walpole and Westwood.

It was with these parallel histories in mind that St. Timothy Catholic Church of Norwood put on a panel discussion last week to examine the impact of the Sec-

ond Vatican Council on the Catholic community. The forum was one in a series of events marking St. Timothy's 50th anniversary, a milestone that will be officially recognized with an anniversary Mass in March.

The panel discussion, which took place at the church on Nov. 18, was organized by Andrew Bacevich, a professor of history and international relations at Boston University and parishioner at St. Timothy. Included on the panel were Lisa Sowle Cahill, professor of theology at Boston College; David O'Brien, professor emeritus of history at Holy Cross; and the Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, professor of religion at Harvard Divinity School and cabinet secretary for the Archdio-

cese of Boston.

In his remarks, O'Brien noted some of the worldwide events that were going on as leaders in Rome were assembling to craft the documents that would make up the Second Vatican Council. Among other things, he said, the documents were meant to defend "religious freedoms in some of the most dangerous parts of the world."

At the same time, the church was taking important stances on some of the important issues that came to define the sixties, condemning the use of nuclear weapons and reaffirming its opposition to birth control, said O'Brien.

Vatican II

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Selectmen vote to transfer Wine Vault license

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen voted on Tuesday night to transfer a wine-and-malt beverage license from a location at which the license had previously been revoked.

Following a public hearing in which no one objected to the move, the board voted 4-0 in support of an application to transfer the license from The Wine Vault, located at 1275 Boston Providence Turnpike, to Norwood Mobile, located at 971 Boston Providence Turnpike, and also voted to rescind its previous vote to revoke Wine Vault's license. Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue recused herself from the vote.

The Selectmen earlier this year voted to revoke the Wine Vault license after a lengthy dispute with the owner about the store not being open for business. At the time, owner Jeff Groper said he had been pursuing potential deals to sell the business and was finalizing a deal with Stop & Shop.

Norwood Mobile owner Assaad Nasr appeared before the board with his attorney, David Thomas, who said that Nasr has operated his Norwood business for the past 15 years with no trouble and manages three other service stations with package-store licenses in other towns.

"I believe our application is extremely complete," said Thomas. "This is not going to turn into a package store. It is a ser-

vice station with a convenience mart and a common victualler license, and we intend to keep it that way. There's no loitering here. There's no hanging out."

Thomas said the package store hours of operations will be Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. Groper, who has an appeal pending with the Massachusetts Alcohol Beverages Control Commission on the revocation of his license, said he will drop that appeal as a result of the Selectmen's decision to transfer the license to Nasr.

Other license issues

At last week's meeting, Selectman Bill Plasko said he wanted the town to review the licensing bylaw for the downtown area.

While the bylaw was put in place some years ago to attract restaurants to Norwood's downtown business district, Plasko said some businesses have argued that the bylaw does not support the more established merchants in the downtown.

"I've been hearing from some of the local businesses that it puts the older businesses at a disad-

vantage because they can't get a beer-and-wine license," said Plasko. "I think it's just worth it to take another look at it. I'm not talking about the licenses themselves, just the local regulations."

Selectmen Chairman Michael Lyons said the bylaw has been successful in drawing more restaurants instead of bars to the central business district.

"We started these licenses years ago," he said. "What we were trying to do was to fill vacancies. We initially approved three. They were very successful so we approved more, and then the economy tanked."

Lyons and Selectman Paul Bishop both serve on the Downtown Steering Committee, which periodically reviews and recommends policy issues for the downtown area. At Plasko's request, the board voted to have the Downtown Steering Committee review the regulations of the bylaw again and report back.

During the meeting, the Selectmen approved a request for a new common victualler license at 89B Central St. for Ariana's

Selectmen

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**DISAPPOINTED
WITH TM VOTE***To the Editor:*

As a new resident of Norwood and with a deep appreciation for our firefighters, I was disappointed to watch Town Meeting rescind the Strong Chief law. After a compelling presentation by Union President Andrew Quinn and a thorough explanation by District 6 Member John Hall, it was clear to me that a Strong Chief would best serve the citizens of Norwood. This department needs a supervisor who understands the complexities of the town's fire and medical services (both advanced and basic life support).

I can only hope that the Town Manager's increased involvement with the fire department will educate him, meeting members, and Selectmen of the department's dire financial state. Despite generating significant revenue through its ambulance

service, our fire department enters each fiscal year being underfunded and understaffed. Yet they are the public servants who sacrifice holidays to protect our town, risk their lives to save our loved ones and properties, and provide advanced medical support at all hours and in any weather. Their dedication will not waver, and they deserve our sincerest respect, admiration, and adequate funding.

*Linda Bent
Norwood*

**AN OPEN LETTER
FROM RINC***To the Editor:*

We members of RINC (Recreation in Norwood Committee) want to thank Norwood Town Meeting members for endorsing

Letters to the Editor

Article 5 of Special Town Meeting, thereby allowing the processes of Norwood rink feasibility and safety/parking/traffic studies to begin in earnest. In the last few months, we have met with many individuals and groups who are central to the discussion of a rink in Norwood. In that time, one salient fact keeps resonating at the forefront of our dialog: there is truly broad support for a rink facility in this community. As many of you know, over the last several years, RINC has done extensive research regarding potential sites for a rink facility in Norwood. Our criteria were simple: secure the site that affords the lowest cost and best, most accessible location. RINC concluded that the ideal site was the Coakley School property in South Norwood. Nonetheless, because some in our town have suggested that there may be other sites that we have not properly explored, RINC proactively asked our Board of Selectmen recently to empanel a site selection committee that will fully explore all potential rink sites in Norwood. In the last few months, much has been said or written about our proposed rink in Norwood. In the weeks and months ahead, much more information will be gleaned from work done both in the field and in committee that will hopefully answer important questions that folks in town need to have answered. RINC deeply appreciates those positive comments sincerely offered at both the South Norwood Committee meeting and Special Town Meeting by Town Meeting members who encourage all stakeholders in this potential rink project to keep an open mind, and to be fair to ALL who have a stake in this rink project.

We respectfully ask Town Meeting members to take a step back and consider the actions RINC has taken in the last few months. RINC has consistently demonstrated to the community that we seek a Norwood rink that benefits all in the community, and at no cost to the town. Toward that end, RINC not only agreed to the notion of feasibility and traffic studies, it offered to pay for them and maintain the project as cost-neutral to the town. Regarding potential locations for the rink, we have our own sense of where the rink should be lo-

cated, based on the analysis RINC has done over a long period of time. However, all of us in RINC have raised our families in Norwood, and live in great, disparate neighborhoods. We have far too much respect for our neighbors in ALL of Norwood's neighborhoods to ever attempt "to ram this rink down our (neighbor's) throats." Because of this, RINC requested that the Board of Selectmen establish a rink site selection committee, an objective group of well-respected professionals within the town to thoroughly review ALL of the potential sites for locating a Norwood rink, and make a recommendation once that process has concluded.

To summarize what RINC has undertaken in the last few weeks: we have saved Norwood taxpayers \$45,000 by privately funding two essential rink-related studies, and have fully ceded control over financial and traffic consultants, as well as site selection, to town officials. We believe that our actions here were necessary, and in the best interests of the entire Norwood community. All RINC asks in return is fairness and objectivity from town officials and Town Meeting members throughout the processes that are in play here. At the conclusion of these processes, provided that they are conducted completely, professionally, and objectively, RINC will be satisfied wherever the rink gets built in Norwood. We will be satisfied with whatever determination is delivered regarding traffic and parking, provided that the processes were conducted openly and honestly, and in the best interests of EVERY neighborhood in Norwood. Embedded in the fairness and objectivity that RINC seeks is the essential underlying awareness among all town officials and Town Meeting members that at the core of this rink proposal is a \$5.6 million GIFT to Norwood from the state! RINC's deep-rooted belief is that the proposed rink is a great opportunity; a rare and precious gift that, if turned down by the town of Norwood, will most likely be lost forever. Our hope is that when the due diligence here has been accomplished, Town Meeting will, once again, take the appropriate action that fulfills the hopes, prayers and dreams of generations of skaters

in Norwood. Thank you, Town Meeting members, once again, for moving the process forward in this very important community matter.

*Matt Brown, RINC Chairman
Mike and Susan Brown
Denis Drummey
Dennis Golden
Bill Naumann
Mike Thornton*

APPALLED BY OPINION*To the Editor:*

RE: Opinion, "Town Meeting Thoughts" Norwood Record, November 22, 2012.

In the interest of full disclosure, I am a firefighter in Norwood. I do not speak on behalf of Local 1631. I am writing as a lifelong citizen of Norwood. I am appalled at this paper's accusation of intimidation of Town Meeting Members by the Firefighters of Local 1631.

In my previous employment as a patrolman for the Norwood Police Department, a great lesson I learned is that there are (at least) two sides to every story. So while it is your choice to make unfounded accusations of intimidation by the fire department members, I would like to offer another possible theory to the Strong Chief Law vote; that the Board of Selectmen and Town Moderator had this one all sewed up before it even came to a vote. After being given her allotted time as a registered speaker, Ms Haley asked for a secret ballot before anyone was allowed to speak on behalf of the Strong Chief Law. Later in the evening, Mr. Cummings, having been given an opportunity to speak from the floor asked if the Town Clerk had an opinion on the matter, to which Mr. Thornton, an unregistered speaker, went directly to his power point presentation. Why would an unregistered speaker have a power point presentation prepared? Better yet, how did the audio/visual technician know exactly when to have it ready? Lastly, in a crowd of 167 voting Town Meeting members, Mr. Hern was able to tell the difference of 11 votes on a "show of hands." The Boston Ballet could not have choreographed this one any better.

Your opinion stated that when the vote was questioned and a standing count taken, members of Town Meeting switched their votes because "it was much more comfortable for people to sit low in their chairs and raise their hands...than to actually have to stand up and be visible to all in attendance." I don't agree that this is the case, but if it is; shame on them. Do we really want individuals who do not have the courage of their own conviction deciding the future of our great town? Many of the arguments against the Strong Chief Law made mention of the size of Norwood and its growth over the last century. With that growth, if the "unpaid volunteers" can no longer handle the job, maybe it is time to move to a system where a paid mayor can.

*Joe Mawn
Norwood*

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Michael J. Lyons, Chairmen

Norwood Record, November 29, 2012

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Grateful thanks. —J.R.G.

Lady Mustangs host shopping extravaganza

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

Dozens of local women flocked to the Elks Lodge recently for a shopping spree that would ultimately benefit their fellow women in the athletics program at Norwood High School.

For the first time, a "Girls Night Out" shopping event was held at the Elks Lodge on November 15, with local vendors peddling clothing and crafts. Funds raised through the event were to benefit women's sports teams at Norwood High School, with the money likely to be used to purchase equipment for those teams.

The event, the first of its kind, was put on by the Lady Mustangs, a group of student athletes and parents involved in any of the Mustangs sports teams at Norwood High School. Lady Mustangs Board member Kristen Eysie said the event was a true group effort, with volunteers making it possible and roughly thirty vendors agreeing to participate.

Literature promoting the event invited participants to treat themselves to a "mini mani, spray tan or beauty consult," in addition to the items for sale and the free food included in the event's \$2.00 admission cost. Among the craft providers listed were the parent-teacher organizations (PTO's) of the Coakley Middle School and the Callahan Elementary School.

"Everyone here has given their 100 percent," Eysie said during the event. "Everything we raise will be donated to the women's sports programs."

Eysie said the Lady Mustangs' goal for the shopping event was to



The Lady Mustangs recently hosted a shopping event at the Elks Lodge, at which they raised over \$2,500. Proceeds will benefit girls' sports teams at Norwood High School.

PHOTO BY VINAYA SAKSENA

raise at least \$3,000. After the funds were counted, she said the group had raised "over \$2,500" through the event.

According to Eysie, the idea for a shopping event came about after members of the Lady Mustangs group witnessed the success of similar events in nearby towns. She put the event together with the help of Marie Reen and Christine Shaughnessy, and said a total of over 20 student volunteers from the girls' sports programs participated.

The Lady Mustangs previously held a trivia night event in February. Eysie said that event is slated to occur again on Friday, Feb. 15, 2013 at the Elks Lodge. More information can be found on the group's web site, located at www.ladymustangs.org.

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OPINION

Why no questions?

With all of the noise generated by recent Town Meetings and with RINC grabbing a bunch of headlines, a barely acknowledged vote was taken by Selectmen to approve a request by Paul Eysie to allow a natural gas line to run from Bond Street to his property bordering the Bond St. Park. The requested line would run underneath the town-owned park. All were in favor except Helen Donohue, who thought granting approval without receiving answers to some serious questions was insane. And she was right.

A little background is in order to properly set the stage for the vote. Back in 1999 the Dean House, estimated to be about 300 years old and one of Norwood's significant historical homes, faced eviction after the property it sat on was purchased. The town hesitated in spending the money to move the home to the rear of his property on Walpole St., directly abutting Bond Park, and absorb all of the costs, which no doubt were extensive.

Because zoning did not allow for another dwelling on the Eysie property, he required special permits to make the project come together. In his presentations to the town

relative to the granting of permits, he promised to open the home to the public to raise funds for charitable foundations. In the end, approvals were granted and the house was reconstructed on the Eysie property, right on the property line. The home was saved, which is certainly a credit to Mr. Eysie.

However, in the 12 years since the home was relocated, it has served as nothing but a shed for Mr. Eysie to store his stuff, obvious to anyone who has taken the time to look in the windows. It is a nice-looking piece of history, but still just a shed full of stuff. So, Mr. Eysie has benefited from the obvious improvement to his property, which, except for the extenuating circumstances, would never have been allowed.

Now, 12 years later, his latest request to allow a gas line underneath town-owned property should have at least raised a few questions. First, the board granted direct approval, without even considering an easement. An easement would have allowed Mr. Eysie to "borrow" the underground area to run the gas line, but the town would have reserved the right to demand it be removed or redirected should it have a use for the land in the future. Because of their approval of the gas line without an easement, the town does not have the right to demand it be moved. EVER. Consider that while you consider this.

Selectmen never even asked Mr. Eysie what he wanted the gas line for, at least not in public. Wouldn't

it have been appropriate to at least inquire as to whether the gas line would speed up the process of making the home available to the public as promised? Granted, Mr. Eysie never specified in 1999 when the home would be made available, but the guess here is most thought it would have happened well before now.

And why didn't selectmen consider asking Mr. Eysie why the gas line couldn't run directly down from Walpole St., next to his driveway, right into the Dean House? It isn't that long a run and there would have been no need to give away the park, which is exactly what they did in allowing the gas line installation across Bond Park. Not to mention the potential litigation Ms. Donohue kept expounding on to the deaf ears of other board members, should something happen with the gas line.

The Bond St. Park is a big piece of property and, for all intents and purposes, is rendered useless by the mindless granting of Mr. Eysie's request. Residents can only hope that a big announcement is coming imminently from Mr. Eysie that the Dean House will soon be open and available for public use. Otherwise, his goodwill gesture of absorbing all costs of the move will seem a little less generous, and make the Norwood Board of Selectmen look a lot more foolish.

I wonder if that property is big enough to support a skating rink? Nah, it would never happen in that neighborhood, not with all those nice homes and all...

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Planning Board approves Maxwell Avenue subdivision

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

Following much legal dispute, the Planning Board this week unanimously approved a new eight-lot subdivision on Maxwell Avenue.

The subdivision will create eight separate housing lots with a cul-de-sac at the Maxwell Estates under the Sopp Family Trust at 21 Maxwell Ave.

The developer has agreed to convey a small portion of the lot

to the town and grant easements for future development on the property.

Planning Board Chairman Ernie Paciorkowski said the agreement offers protections to the town while maintaining fairness to all parties.

"I think the important thing is to have the town be protected in this," he said. "You want to make it right. I think it's fair to both parties."

Robert Piso, who owns two abutting parcels of land, had ar-

gued through his attorney that the developer should be responsible for building the road out to its entirety rather than creating the cul-de-sac. But Paciorkowski said it would be cost prohibitive to do so and that the developer had agreed to give up easement protections as a compromise.

"I've looked at a lot of these subdivisions we've done. I can't remember where we've had a developer build a 120-foot road," he said.

Vatican II *continued from page 2*

"Once again, we learned that our church does change," he said.

Participating on the panel inspired Cahill to do some research on how today's Catholics measure up to the standards set forth in the Vatican II documents 50 years ago. Of particular interest, she said, was the role of the laity in its relationship with the hierarchy and policy makers of the church. The Second Vatican documents speak of the importance of a strong, vibrant lay apostolate in dealing with the complex issues of a changing world.

"An indication of this manifold and pressing need is the unmistakable work being done today by the Holy Spirit in making the laity ever more conscious of their own responsibility and encouraging them to serve Christ and the Church in all circumstances. This apostolate becomes more imperative in view of the fact that many areas of human life have become increasingly autonomous," one document states.

However, data derived from a Georgetown University study show that Catholics more and more are leaving the church or abandoning many of its teachings, said Cahill. For example, 75 percent of people surveyed said you can still be a good Christian without donating to the church and 60 percent said you can be a good Christian without obeying the church's views on abortion,

she said. Additionally, just 15 percent of the so-called millennial generation attend regular Mass.

"Abortion, gay marriage and contraception were not key voting issues for Catholics this time around," said Cahill. "U.S. Catholics are no longer attached to those structural concepts. I think that's a problem and I think we need to continue to have dialogue about that. We need to take ownership of our Catholic identity. That's a huge challenge for us as lay people."

Hehir called the Second Vatican Council "the most important religious event in the 20th century."

"It was a systematic change in the largest institution in the western world," he said. "The reality was a great gift that was complicated to implement. It makes Catholicism less political in a narrow sense and more social in a broader sense."

The documents, while celebrated, also drew criticism, said Hehir. There continue to be those who say the Council was too optimistic about the power of religion and faith to change the world, and ignored the hard realities and difficulties, particularly in poorer parts of the world.

Hehir's conclusion about the Second Vatican Council, however, was that "even if we need to rework them in light of change in the world, the documents are

worth supporting."

Bacevich noted that he had heard the argument put forward on a radio program that the Catholic Church is generally seen as remaining "authoritarian" while modern politics has become more democratic. The panel generally agreed that the church should maintain its structure even while it reaches out in other areas.

"There is a structural framework to Catholicism that is not optional; it's central," said Hehir.

One parishioner said he was "sad" at the gap between the laity and the hierarchy of the church, and felt that Catholicism was "going backwards."

Cahill said of particular concern to her is the growing disconnect within local prayer groups that focus on basic faith and don't necessarily hold to the central teachings and views of the Vatican.

"I'm concerned about the next generation," she said. "How can we revitalize the Catholic community within these structures? That's a huge question to me. What is going to happen to the next generation?"

For more information on upcoming anniversary events at St. Timothy Church, visit www.sttim.net.

Selectmen *continued from page 3*

Restaurant, and to transfer the liquor license for the establishment, which is under new ownership, to Edmund Dycaj. Dycaj said he intends to serve American, Greek and Italian food similar to what was already on the menu.

The board also approved a request from Michael Ackland for a new common victualler and wine-and-malt license at 712 Washington St., formerly the Thai restaurant Smile Smile. Ackland also said he would be serving a similar menu as before. The state Alcohol Beverages Control Commission must approve the license before he can start serving alcohol.

Transformer problems

Earlier in the meeting, James

Collins, assistant superintendent of the Light Department, informed the board that a transformer on Ellis Avenue has failed and will cost around \$200,000 to repair.

Collins said the problem is caused by gas leaking from a pipe into the transformer, which had been shut down. The town still operates two other transformers on Ellis Avenue and four more on Dean Street and no one has lost power, but the broken transformer must be repaired, he said.

Collins said three different contracts will be required for different areas of repair, adding that the work is expected to begin around Dec. 10 and last a little over a week.

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FOXWOODS TRIP

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THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL SOUTH NORFOLK AFFILIATE

Will hold its monthly meeting in Cafeteria B of the Lorusso Building at Norwood Hospital at 7p.m. on Thursday Dec. 6. 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

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HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT IN NORWOOD

The Parkway Concert Orchestra will present its annual Holiday Pops Concert, 'Holiday Favorites,' on Sunday Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, Norwood. Matthew Fritz conducts the 50-piece non-profit orchestra in classical and pops holiday favorites for the entire family, including selections from The Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky, 'A Christmas Festival' by Leroy Anderson, and 'Twas the Night Before Christmas.' This concert is sponsored by May Funeral Home and the program is supported in part by a grant from the Norwood Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Donation is \$15; \$10 for seniors and students; and free for children under 12 years old. Light refreshments and free parking are included. For ticket reservations please call 781-762-0288, and for more information, visit the orchestra's website at www.ParkwayConcertOrchestra.org.

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Due to schedule conflict, Kids Yoga Party has been moved to Saturday, Dec. 1st from 10:30am-12:00pm. Fee is \$20 per person. Register online at www.norwoodma.gov/recreation or in person at 165 Nahatan Street.

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On Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9am-3pm in the Fellowship Hall off Nahatan Street. Come and enjoy an array of handcrafts, jewelry, scarves, collector dolls, a huge bake sale, and a selection of Christmas decorations and ornaments created by Joan Ripley. A beautiful Holiday quilt handmade by Janna Peterson and a Pandora bracelet will be raffled, plus a variety of themed gift baskets. Other raffles include an iTunes gift card, a Bruins t-shirt and a \$100 gift certificate from Lewis' Restaurant and more.

ANNUAL EVERGREEN FAIRE

The First Congregational Church in Norwood (United Church of Christ) will hold its annual Evergreen Faire at the church on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10am to 3pm. Highlights of this year's fair include hand-crafted jewelry; intricately carved wooden ornaments by local craftsman Ron Wiik; handmade American Girl doll clothes; the Unique Boutique featuring a large selection of jewelry, glassware and collectibles; and a marvelous Silent Auction. As in years past, there will also be a wonderful selection of handmade quilts, crafts, and sweaters; a large selection of gently-used paperback and hardcover books for all ages; the White Elephant Room packed with treasures for everyone in the family; and a Country Store well stocked with homemade pies, fudge, and other baked goodies. A luncheon, featuring gourmet croissant and focaccia sandwiches and corn chowder, will be served from 11:15am to 1pm. So come and enjoy the Evergreen Faire at the First Congregational Church, located at the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street.

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The United Church of Norwood's "Christmas Fair on the Square" will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9am - 3pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy an array of handcrafts, jewelry, scarves, collector dolls, a huge bake sale, and a selection of Christmas decorations and ornaments created by Joan Ripley. A beautiful Holiday quilt handmade by Janna Peterson and a Pandora bracelet will be raffled, plus a variety of themed gift baskets. Other raffles include an iTunes gift card, a Bruins t-shirt and a \$100 gift certificate from Lewis' Restaurant and more. An informal soup and sandwich lunch will be available from 11:30am -1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The church is located at the corner of Washington and

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Sports

Mustangs trample Dedham in Thanksgiving rivalry game

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

It couldn't have ended any better.

In a season full of heart-breaking losses, missed chances and the occasional blowout, Thanksgiving Day was the last chance for the Norwood football team to salvage a positive memory from the 2012 campaign.

The Mustangs entered at 2-8, while rival Dedham entered in poor form as well, at 1-9. Both teams were looking at this game as their "Super Bowl."

Things couldn't have gone any better for Norwood as the Wall-Toti trophy remained at home after the Mustangs smoked their neighbors 41-6 at Norwood High School on Thanksgiving Day.

"Our kids played hard this season. Unfortunately the results weren't what we wanted. We all wish we had a better record, but closing the season out with a big win was a great feeling," said head coach John Sarianidies.

Norwood got the crowd into it early when John Nardelli threw a 44-yard touchdown pass to Marvin Besley just over two minutes into the game. Jason Matovu chipped in with two rushing touchdowns in the first quar-

ter as well. Besley also returned a punt 70 yards to the house, and the rout was on.

Still in the first half, Pat Foley punched in a run from one yard out and Brad McIssac hauled in a 37-yard pass for a score as the Mustangs put all their points up before halftime even began.

"I thought we played well in all three phases of the game. We executed on offense and defensively we did a good job of running to the ball and limiting their ability to get going," explained Sarianidies.

Prior to the game and during a week full of activities for both the seniors and Norwood community as a whole, Sarianidies talked about making sure the trophy not only stayed home, but that Norwood didn't allow Dedham to earn a "program-building win."

Most importantly, a large senior class was able to maintain a level of pride and consistency that allowed them to salvage what in many cases was a very ugly season.

"It was great to send our seniors out with a win and keep the Wall-Toti in Norwood," added Sarianidies.

While Dedham entered as a program looking to build up its younger talent for a future run, Norwood was on



The Mustangs ran away from the Marauders in the team's annual Thanksgiving Day match-up. Norwood won by a margin of 41-6.

PHOTO BY PAUL ELDRIDGE

the opposite end of the spectrum most of the season. The Mustangs featured a number of upperclassmen on their team, as some of the younger players tried to carve out a role as well.

A win of this nature can often propel a program into next season. Of course, Norwood will still have to

compete with powerhouses Walpole, Natick and Wellesley in the Bay State Conference, but their ability to channel enough focus and energy for a game, in a week that could have been termed chaotic, is a strong sign that the Mustang football program is on the right path.

Former NFL coach Bill

Parcellis used to utter the famous words "You are what your record is," while in his duties as Giants, Patriots, Jets and Cowboys head coach. However, that notion may not apply to the 2012 Norwood Mustangs Football program.

And they have a trophy to prove it.

Cheerleading rolls into the winter season

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

It's not easy to repeat. Go look up the last repeat Stanley Cup champion. Sports can be cruel.

Of course, no one is comparing high school cheerleading to the grueling schedule of the now useless NHL. However, some of the same qualities it takes to repeat in high school sports are often translated to the pro level.

The Norwood cheering team entered their latest

meet looking to earn a second straight bid to Nationals in Florida before Thanksgiving, and despite not getting what they showed up to get, Lisa Verrochi's squad is still continuing to rip up competitions while representing the Mustang pride as best they can.

The NHS Coed Varsity team did an outstanding job Sunday November 18th in Shewsbury at the Massachusetts Cheerleading State Competition.

"The team hit a near flawless routine executing all

stunts, jumps and tumbling," explained Verrochi of her team's wonderful performance.

The routine earned them a 3rd place finish in the Large Coed Division.

Although it was their highest score of the season at 159.25, they were less than 1 point shy of a National Bid to Florida.

Clearly, a loss this tough could ruin a team's psyche for the rest of the season, but the odds of that happening are extremely slim, and Verrochi knows it.

"I'm so proud of their work ethic and fierce performance," she said. "We will continue to work hard on re-acting our routine and getting the squad ready for what's next."

What's next after a short break in action is cheering at basketball games during the winter while preparing for other competitions throughout the holiday months.

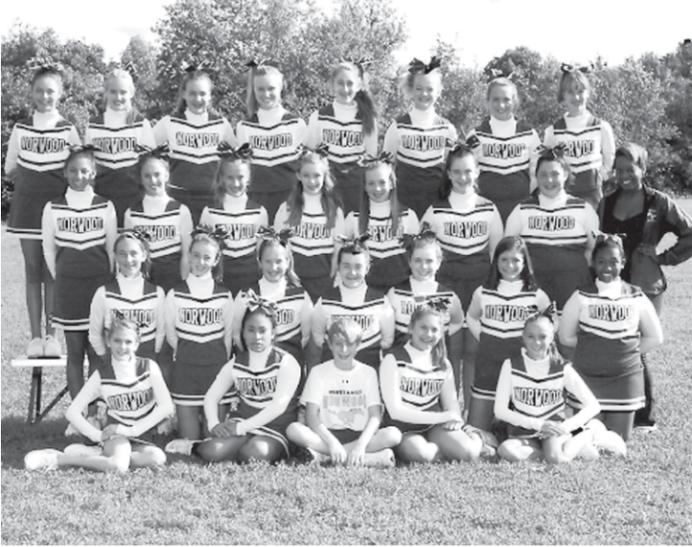
Overall, another stellar performance by the Mustang cheering squad is proof that while repeating as a champion is extremely tough, the

effort is always needed to remain a consistent contender, and that's something this program is rapidly learning.

The team performed during the Thanksgiving Day football match-up between Norwood and Dedham as well.

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Youth cheer team headed to nationals



Congratulations go out to the Norwood Youth Football and Cheer A team as they just won first place at the Regional competition held at the DCU center in Rhode Island this past weekend. This victory allows the squad to show off their hard work and talent and compete at the National Division level to be held December 8th at the Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee, Florida. This squad will be the first from Norwood to compete at this level. The team of 13- and 14-year olds will be out looking for donations to help fund their trip to Florida.

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Copies of request and plans are available for review by appointment only. Please call Mr. Al Goetz at 781-762-0781.

Cheryl Rogers, Chairperson

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NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 7:45 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall. The Commission is to hear a request for a Notice of Intent from Choubah Engineering Group, P.C. representing Boston Executive Helicopters for the proposed replacement of an existing steel hanger including demolition of existing foundation and construction of new steel building (125'x125') within vicinity of old building, utilities & drainage improvements. Project location: 125 Access Road.

Copies of request and plans are available for review by appointment only. Please call Mr. Al Goetz at 781-762-0781.

Cheryl Rogers, Chairperson

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NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD Public Hearing Notice

Pursuant to Mass. General Law Chapter 40A, Section 9 the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:15 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street concerning Major Site Plan Review and Special Permit requests under Sections 10.5, 6.2.3, 6.2.21, 6.2.4(1), 6.2.6(b), 6.2.15(3), 6.4.12, 6.4.3, 6.4.4, 6.4.5 for deviations from the Town's parking, sign and landscaping requirements, and any other deviation, as needed, relative to a proposed Sunoco gas station and convenience mart at 515 Providence Highway (Map 19, Sheet 12, Parcel 1). This project involves a Sunoco raze and rebuild and will consist of removing the existing building, canopy and tanks and the installation of a new 1850 square foot building, canopy and tanks. The proposed project would be a 24-hour gas station and convenience mart. The applicant is Sunoco Inc., 15 West Street, Foxboro, Ma. 02035. The property owner is Best Petroleum Co. Inc., 152 Lynnway, Suite 2F, PO Box 591, Lynn, Ma. 01903. Copies of the plans and supporting studies are on file in the Planning Board office at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Debbie Holmwood
Clerk

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Fall athletes honored

Kevin Stone

Staff Reporter

As is tradition in Norwood, the fall sports programs had their seasonal awards night last week.

While none of the programs made a deep run in any of their respective tournaments or took home any state titles in the individual aspects of competition, the Mustang athletics department still acknowledges outstanding effort, determination and leadership at the end of every year and before the Thanksgiving football game against Dedham.

The field hockey team, led by coach Allison Penza, rewarded its supporters with a stellar season before being bounced in the tournament. Kim Goodwin has helped build the swimming and diving program into something that is now well known through out the entire state, and head football coach John Sarianidies, despite having a tough year, continued to get the most out of his squad and ended up with a 41-6 win on Thanksgiving Day because of it.

Brian McDounough, the schools' AD, ran the cross country program during the fall, and he too was able to get strong performances from his lesser-known athletes. Lisa Verrochi continues to lead last year's state

championship cheerleading program, while Brian Merringer and JJ Oliver continue to try and build the soccer programs into contenders.

Jim Sweeney had his team extremely competitive in the short golf season during his first year at the helm, and the Mustang folders are now in prime position to begin making a splash in the coming years. Not to be forgotten, another first-year head coach in girls volleyball, Paul Nimblett, actually had his squad looking at a playoff berth at one point during the season.

Here is a look at the three award winners for each program who were honored at a ceremony before Thanksgiving:

Cheerleading

Scott McGowan: MVP
Ashley Holmes: Unsung Hero
Hannah Depoutot: Coaches' Award

Boys' Cross Country

James O'Donnell: Coaches' Award
John Maloney: Coaches' Award
Clifton Clark: Unsung Hero

Girls' Cross Country

Kelsey Colbert: Coaches' Award
Alanna Keady: Coaches' Award
Hallie Miller: Most Improved Player

Field Hockey

Lauren Harrington: MVP
Courtney Fernandes: Unsung Hero
Elizabeth Epstein: Most Improved Player

Football

Daniel DiTomasso: Coaches' Award
John Nardelli: Unsung Hero
Bradford McIsaac: Most Improved Player

Golf

Walker Alexander: MVP
Timothy Sullivan: Unsung Hero
Gregory Stoney: Most Improved Player

Boys' Soccer

Tyler Goncalves: MVP
Corey Haigh: Unsung Hero
Ryan Stanton: Most Improved Player

Girls' Soccer

Britney Cadiz: MVP
Karyn Colomey: Unsung Hero
Alayna Fogg: Unsung Hero

Swimming & Diving

Patricia Lee: MVP
James Conley: Unsung Hero
Kristen Folan: Most Improved

Girls' Volleyball

Shannon Reen: MVP
Kaileen Spaulding: MVP
Kelly Duggan: Unsung Hero

DEATHS

BARTON

Evelyn A. (Green) 81, of Norwood, on Nov. 22. Beloved wife of the late Justin C. Barton, Esq. Beloved mother of her children, Justin C. Barton, Jr. and his wife, Ellen of Billerica, Ann Marie and her husband, Michael Sullivan, of Essex Junction, VT, Mary and her husband, John Rau of Mansfield, Susan and her husband, Thomas Bunker of Norwood, Carol and her husband, William Franklin of Shrewsbury, Eileen and her husband, Sean Maloney, of South Burlington, VT. She was the sister of Marjorie Dickson of Norwood, Barbara Coates of Walpole, Florence Burkett of Norwood, and the late Mary Manchester, and Robert, Joseph, Coleman and Martin Green. She also leaves 9 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment will follow at Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

BREEN

John P., 85, a lifelong resident of Norwood, on Nov. 22. Korean Conflict U.S. Army Veteran. Beloved husband of Jean M. (Minkevitch) Breen. Devoted father of Judith A. Chapais of ME., John C. Breen of Kingston, Maura J. Van Wagenen of Westwood, William E. Breen of Norwood, Robert M. Breen of UT., Stephanie G. Breen of Dedham and Jessica K. Alexopoulos of Greece. Loving Brother of Janet A. Kane of Norwood, Lucy Burton of NH. And the late Joseph G. Breen, Henry Breen, Mary C. Breen, Nancy Andrews and William Breen. Son of the late Henry F. and Gertrude (Greer) Breen. Loving Grandfather

of 7 cherished grandchildren. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood Monday at 9am followed by a funeral mass at 10am in St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Visiting hours will be held on Sunday from 3-7pm. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to a charity of your choice. www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com

COLLINS

Craig Miles, 48, of Norwood, on Oct. 14. Beloved son of the late William and Audrey Collins; loving brother of Patti Regnery and her husband Bob of Fenton, MI; Kim Collins and her husband Josh Adelson of Sharon; Lynn Sawyer and her husband Dave of Tucson, AZ; and Steven Collins of Lancaster. He was also survived by many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, December 1st at 10:30 am in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A), NORWOOD. Burial will follow the service in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Memorial contributions may be made to the Tucson Parks Foundation by going to: <http://www.tucsonparksfoundation.org/support-our-parks/donations/>. Arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood.

COOK

Joan (Niland), 82, of Norwood on Nov. 21. Beloved daughter of the late George H. and Catherine (Lally) Niland, Sr., she was raised in West Roxbury. Joan graduated with a degree in journalism from Boston University. She worked for

the Manchester Union Leader for the renowned editor, William Loeb. Joan was married for 37 years to the late John J. Cook, the owner and editor of the Norwood Times. Joan assisted her husband in all aspects of producing this iconic small town newspaper. Joan enjoyed singing and for many years was a member of the choir at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood and the German choral group at the Boylston Schullverein in Walpole. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment will follow at the National Cemetery in Bourne. Donations in Joan's memory can be made to the organ fund at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 547 Washington St., Norwood, MA 02062 or to HESSCO Elder Services, One Merchant St., Sharon MA 02067.

DYER

Eleanor M. (Sayegh), 88, of Norwood, Beloved daughter of Melkon and Marie (Sarkis) Sayegh. Mrs. Dyer was predeceased by her husband, Paul F. Dyer, in 2000; and by her sisters, Evelyn Faris and Yvonne Absey. She leaves her three children, Mary Corthell and her husband Michael of Millis, James Dyer and his wife Laura of Branchburg, NJ, Paul Dyer and his wife Tricia Normandin-Dyer of North Smithfield, RI; one brother, Robert Sayegh of New York, NY; seven grandchildren, Nicole, Erin, Christopher, Jacquelyn, Jennifer and Ryan (Red) Dyer, Kaia Corthell; also many nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home,

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Police nab alleged crack cocaine dealers

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

Police arrested two men in Norwood last week, one of them an illegal immigrant, following a month-long investigation into the local distribution of crack cocaine.

According to press release from Norwood Police Department spokesman Kevin Grasso, Somerville resident Angel Rosa and Norwood resident George McAuley were arrested on November 20 following an investigation led by officer David Eysie and the Norfolk County Police Anti-Crime (NORPAC) Task Force.

McAuley was charged for possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and conspiracy to violate the Controlled Substance Act, as well as being in-

sued a civil citation for marijuana possession. He was also charged with unlawful possession of prescription medication, when police found Dilaudid (class B) and Diazepam (class C) in his bedroom without a proper prescription, according to the release.

"During this investigation, detectives confirmed that Rosa was driving to Norwood every week, to McAuley's Adams Street elderly-housing apartment, and that the two men were making crack cocaine and packaging it for sale," said Grasso. "Rosa supplied McAuley with the drugs, [and McAuley] sold it locally to buyers."

Upon the execution of a search warrant, police recovered 16 bags of crack cocaine valued at approximately \$720, along with a scale, drug packaging and \$725 cash as drug proceeds, said

Grasso.

Grasso said that Rosa, an illegal immigrant from Guatemala, gave the false name of Juan Sanchez at the time of his arrest. His true identity was discovered when his fingerprints were electronically transmitted and matched to files on the Automated Fingerprint Identification System maintained by the Massachusetts State Police, he said.

Rosa was charged with possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine (second offense) and conspiracy to violate the Controlled Substance Act. Rosa was also charged with furnishing a false name to police and possessing fraudulent registry documents.

Rosa served a two-year sentence in prison following a 2008 conviction for cocaine possession.

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Norwood. Interment will follow the Mass in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in her memory to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

GALLAGHER

Francis X. "Frank", Jr., 63, of Norwood on Nov. 18 unexpectedly. Beloved eldest son of Elizabeth "Betty" (Maus) of Lakeville and Fort Myers, FL and the late Francis X. Gallagher. Devoted father of Kristin Christie of Mobile, AL, Erin Walsh of Merrimack, NH, and Sharon Sterling of Braintree. Loving partner of Penelope Voisen of San Diego, CA. Caring brother of Sheila and Karen both of Canton, Michael of Westwood, Denise of Canton, Kevin of Dover, Brian of Dedham, and Shaun of Bridgewater. Cherished "Pop" of Seadna Corriveau, Elizabeth Christie, William and Audrey Sterling, Frank and Victoria Christie. Also survived by extended family and dear friends. Cremation & interment will be private. Funeral arrangements by the Hurley Funeral Home, Holbrook. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Frank may be made to the Community Hospice House, Attn: Donations, 210 Naticook Rd., Merrimack, NH 03054.

JACOBS

Lori Ann, of Norwood, passed away suddenly on Monday, Nov. 19, 2012. She is survived by William Jacobs Jr. (Father) and Judy Huskins of Westwood, Alice (Mother) and Stephen Crawford of Raleigh, NC, Susan (Sister) and Ronald Marshalsea, Jr. of Norwood and Ronny (Nephew) Marshalsea III of Norwood. A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, November 29, at the First Baptist Church-Westwood (808 High Street-Route 109). In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Lori Jacobs to the Norwood Food Pantry.

MIKE

Catherine "Kay", 88, of

Norwood, on Nov. 21. Beloved daughter of the late Ragib and Helen (Tannas) Mike. Sister of Mabel Card of CA, Jeanette Morrison of CA, and the late Nima M. Hadge, Edward Mike and Chuck Mike. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to St. George Orthodox Church 6 Atwood Ave. Norwood, MA. 02062. Arrangements by Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home.

NICHOLSON

Ann J. (Weiss), 102, of Norwood died on Nov. 25. Beloved wife of the late Frank J. Nicholson. Devoted mother of Dennis J. Nicholson of Norwood and Patricia A. Nicholson of W. Yarmouth. Loving sister of the late John, Arthur, Charles, Fred, Betty, Mae, Stella and Freida. Daughter of the late Mathias and Mary (Montel) Weiss. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home St. Norwood. Burial will be at Knollwood Memorial Park Canton. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the American Heart Assoc. 20 Speen St. Framingham, MA. 01701.

POLITO

Catherine A. (Mackey), 84, formerly of Norwood, on Nov. 23. Beloved wife of Robert T. Polito. Devoted Mother of Roberta Murphy and her husband Kevin of Walpole, Deborah Volpini and her husband Robert of Foxboro and Nancy Polito of Walpole. Cherished grandmother of Robert and Matthew Volpini. Daughter of the late Albert and Harriet (Shaw) Mackey. Sister of 1 Brother, 3 Sisters and 2 late Brothers. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Norwood. Burial will be at Knollwood Memorial Park Canton, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to Compassionate Care Hospice 800 West Cummings Park Suite 3400 Woburn, Ma. 01801.

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