

The Norwood Ice Arena still needs to make up a \$3.5 million dollar gap between available funds and budget before construction can take place. Town Manager John Carroll remains hopeful that the funding will soon become available.

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Rink still in limbo with state budget snub

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker signed a \$38.1 billion budget for the current fiscal year earlier this month, after rejecting nearly \$162 million in spending.

And while \$87,164,000 went to the Department of Recreation and Conservation, \$3.5 million needed to build Norwood's \$7.4 million proposed ice arena was not awarded from the environmental bond bill where it currently sits.

"The question is, when are we going to be able to get our hands on the money in some fashion so we can advertise the job?" Norwood General Manager John Carroll said. "The answer is, I don't know right now. We might not know now for a few months."

After the budget was signed into law, Carroll and other local officials met with several state officials on the matter, including Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Matthew Beaton. Carroll said they learned there that the money had not been made available and more meetings would likely take place.

"It's going to take a lot of work. Not a lot of work, but meetings," Carroll said.

State Rep. John Rogers and State Sen. Mike Rush have also been part of the process, and had been instrumental in securing the initial \$5.6 million for the rink. The original estimates for the planned rink placed the budget around \$5.6 million, but the Town's Rink Committee felt the project could not be built for less than \$7.4 million.

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The annual Concerts on the Common Pops Night, held on July 26, was a night to remember. The event drew families and local officials out to the common for a night of big band, patriotic, and swing music.

PHOTO BY PAUL ELDRIDGE

Hundreds turn out for 13th annual Norwood Pops Night

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

On July 26, Norwood residents picked up their lawn chairs and put on their dancing shoes for Pops Night on the Town Common.

The Norwood Concerts on the Common Committee has been orchestrating Pops Night as part of its seasonal offerings for 13 years. This year, the Compaq Big Band headlined the show, playing songs that ranged from patriotic melodies to songs by Frank Sinatra.

"It's our most popular event of the season," said Paul Eysie, committee chairman. "We print out about 300 tickets, but we are always running out."

In addition to playing for hundreds on the common, Pops Night is broadcast on Norwood's local television sta-

tion, Norwood Public Access TV and regularly reaches about 4,000 viewers.

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Pops Night was attended by hundreds of Norwood residents, including Selectman Allan Howard. The Compaq Big Band provided the entertainment for the evening.

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Ice cream eating contestants at the Day of Hope Carnival dig into their bowls. This year, the annual event, which includes waterslides, pony rides and a dunk tank, took place on July 24 at the Hawes Pool area.

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Norwood proves once again there is always Hope

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Norwood Police Officer Stephen Begley looked down at his radar gun.

"41," he yelled out to the crowd gathered in front of him.

But Begley wasn't announcing the pace of a speeding motorist. Sidestepping errant throws, he spent the annual Day of Hope Carnival on Friday, July 24 using his radar gun as a pitch meter, as Norwood Recreation summer camp participants and carnival guests tested their arm strength on the tennis courts between Coakley Middle School and Hawes Pool.

Sean, who threw the 41 mile-per-hour pitch, grinned and headed to the back of the line, saying he would eventually get in line for the water slide, but was skipping the ice

cream eating contest.

The Day of Hope Carnival is the culminating event for Norwood's play camps, and takes place at the Hawes Pool park area each July. According to Camp Director Sarah Griffin, the tradition has endured for over 15 years.

Also open to the general public - with a \$5 per child entrance fee - the Day of Hope Carnival doubles as an outdoor recreation event and a charity, as all proceeds are donated to the Norwood Circle of Hope. Norwood Circle of Hope provides funds to local families who find themselves in need after suffering a severe medical problem.

"Norwood is a community that really strives to help each other in a time of need, and what better cause than the Circle of Hope, which raises

money to give to families in traumatic situations," Griffin said. "Basically, we wanted to give back to our community. We get at least 500 kids per week (in camp), so we see a good chunk of the Norwood population here and I'm sure the Circle of Hope has given money to at least one or two of these families."

Griffin said the tradition began as a benefit for the Jimmy Fund, but organizers liked the idea of keeping all of the funds and celebration local.

"It's a great cause," Griffin said of the Jimmy Fund. "But with a broader population ... These kids are personally affected by the funds that are going back to the Circle of Hope."

Participants enjoyed pony rides, cotton candy, face-paint-

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Bill Buckley, a legislative aide for Rogers, said the representative was also attending the meetings with Carroll and Beaton. Rogers could not be reached for comment.

Carroll intimated that this was not the end of the road for the project.

"The state is trying to find a way to coordinate our needs in their budget, and that's the problem right now," Carroll said. "We're very hopeful that it can be solved. It's a matter of a few more meetings."

Resident Judith Howard, who opposes the rink, likened the status of the project to the rescinded bid to host the 2024 Olympics in Boston. "Both entities ignored the people the projects would affect the most," she said.

The rink, which will be located at the current site of the tennis courts between the Coakley Middle School and the Hawes Pool area, will be approximately 24 feet high and result in the creation of 123 additional parking spaces. It will be operational from September through March, and the hard surface will be available to the Recreation Department camps in the summer.

As part of the project's budget, the intersection on Washington Street where Short Street meets the entrance to the Hawes parking area will be reworked and signalized. Carroll said this part of the project, while technically separate, also could not go forward without the full amount of money becoming accessible.

The rink was approved by the Conservation Commission and

the Planning Board this spring.

According to Carroll, the Rink Committee can continue "right to the end" of the design phase with the money that's been awarded so far, including preparing to advertise the project to contractors. Around \$500,000 was allocated to Owner's Project Manager and design services from Architects DiLullo Associates.

Still, Carroll said they cannot and will not build any part of the \$7.4 million rink without the rest of the money awarded.

"There's no problem with the amount of money we have now. We're not in anyway constricted in moving forward with design," Carroll said. "Constriction comes with construction. We don't have enough."

Schools consider options to maintaining buildings and grounds

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Callahan boilers possibly delayed

The Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) heard an update on the project to replace boilers at the Callahan Elementary School during a meeting on July 23.

The project is part of an accelerated repair program sponsored by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), for which Norwood qualified. Through the program, the MSBA will reimburse just over 50 percent of the project, which is estimated at just shy of \$500,000.

School and project officials reported to the PBCC that the existing boilers - which are around 30 years old and at the end of their useful lifespan - have been demolished and removed from the school's boiler room, along with piping.

The install of the new flue pipe will take place when the new boilers arrive onsite. The boilers were scheduled to be delivered on the week of the 20th, but had yet to arrive. As such, officials said they moved forward some of the electrical work that was initially scheduled for after the boiler delivery.

This was done, they said, to mitigate potential delays due to the late boilers. According to Norwood Public Schools Building and Ground Director Paul Riccardi, the schedule requires completion for Sept. 1, and he hasn't been notified of any changes yet, though a new deadline should be coming from the contractors.

Riccardi said he would pre-

fer to have everything online by October to prepare for cooler weather. The burners and late electrical work are scheduled to be completed by the end of August. An application for payment for the current timeline is expected by the end of the month for the PBCC to review.

The PBCC approved payment for a repainting of the boiler room, which included pressure washing, a coat of primer, and two finish coats. The total amount approved was \$3,100. An invoice from PMA consultants for \$2,700 had been approved for the month of June.

Riccardi also mentioned Superintendent of Schools Jim Hayden's desire to revisit the Mount Vernon Group regarding a study of all the school buildings. He said that aside from the high school, the district's remaining eight buildings are between 48 and 103 years old, which are "very expensive to maintain."

Riccardi said the study would gauge whether the district had the "appetite to take care of nine buildings," and how to proceed with the district's yearly application to

the MSBA for HVAC work in the Coakley.

"Which way does it make sense to go? Do we keep six elementary schools ... At this point in time do you move full speed ahead because one part in me says we have to ... get a better energy source into the (Coakley Middle) school," Riccardi said.

The building is around 41 years old and in desperate need of new HVAC work, Riccardi said. They have been applying to the MSBA for 10-12 years. When the applications first started going in, the cost of the project was estimated at \$5 million. Now, Riccardi said estimates are up around \$8 million.

Riccardi said the issue was a "disaster waiting to happen" and

one-campus elementary schooling.

"We're into neighborhood schools," he said.

Still, Riccardi's opinion was that the district may now have too many old buildings to take care of, which could require changes to Norwood Public Schools structure.

"I don't believe we have the appetite to take care of nine buildings anymore and is it financially feasible to do it in today's world," Riccardi said.

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OPINION

Adjustments are necessary

This newspaper and writer over the last couple of years have made it perfectly clear that we are not in favor of building an ice skating rink in South Norwood. Never have, never will be. We don't like the location selected, we didn't like the tactics deployed and, most of all, we question the need given there is a plethora of rinks in surrounding communities. And it is this last point that may have precluded the funds needed to build the rink from making it into the latest state budget signed by Governor Charlie Baker.

There is change afoot in the Commonwealth regarding politics and money. Quite simply, the populace is starting to dictate terms to politicians instead of the opposite, never better illustrated than the public's rejection of the 2024 Olympic plan. The arrogance of those trying to pull off the Olympic bid was clearly evident in both the original application documents submitted by the Boston group, and subsequently during the debate when viewers were told to sit back and relax, and that you'll "adjust" to the changes forthcoming. Well, the public didn't just sit back, and the only strategy left for those trying to pull off this boondoggle is to try and understand what just happened and "adjust" to this new dynamic of public participation.

The funding for a new ice-skating rink in Norwood was born out of arrogance and avarice. Arrogance in the form of some in the Massachusetts Department of Recreation and Conservation thinking they could do favors for people like John Rogers without anyone noticing or caring, earmarking millions of dollars for an ice rink with no apparent need. "Justification? We don't need no stinkin' justification!" was the modus operandi of state government. Not anymore.

Avarice was in the form of Norwood residents wanting their piece of the budget pie, and that's not too hard to understand. People living here are taxpayers just like anyone else, why shouldn't they get to share in the state booty? Here was John Rogers handing a rink to them with no strings attached. The offer was so good the majority was even willing to sacrifice one of their neighborhoods to squeeze it in. They just figured their neighbors down in the Flats would "adjust."

Finally, it appears state government is beginning to understand that they are accountable for their actions, and someone somewhere looked at \$7.4 million for an ice-skating rink for a town surrounded by ice skating rinks and said, "let's put this aside for now and let those who will benefit the most explain why this should have precedence over other towns lacking basic playgrounds and open spaces so that their kids don't have to play in the streets."

The plan for a Massachusetts Regional Ice Skating Rink in Norwood is not dead in the water. For it to come to fruition, those wanting it most will have to do more to justify it than just working to re-elect John Rogers. There are some very talented people working on behalf of Norwood and it still stands a reasonable chance for success. They just need to "adjust" to this new political oversight.

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Letters to the Editor

MEMORIES ARE ETERNAL

To the Editor:

Your Opinion Column paragraph last week regarding the "Look" instantly took me back in time to a place that brings a smile to my face today. I can still see my father's raised eyebrows with a slight turn of the head in my direction. The clear message was "stop there." It worked without a word being spoken. Then there was my mother's "stare" that could truly drill holes through cinderblock.

I discovered early on that my friends' parents also had their own version of the "look" that was equally effective.

Were we all terrified children afraid of any form of self-expression? No, we were not. We just learned early on where the lines were drawn.

In closing, here's one of my mother's favorites. Every so often I would try to attend an event or party that I knew my parents would not agree to so my argument was "but everyone else is going," to which my mother would reply, "if everyone else jumped off the Brooklyn Bridge would you follow them?" Sadly, I'm not sure if I would have or not as I knew the correct answer here was no. End of discussion.

Thanks for the trip down "Memory Lane."

*Dale Day
Norwood*

SAFE HARBOR TIME IS FLEETING

To the Editor:

Remember the date of July 13, 2015. For that is the date it became official. The Town has "betrayed us all." The Planning Board has rewarded our new 40R partner for deception and is preparing to welcome another 40B to town. Shame on them! The Town Planner has given up on the 1.5 percent Task Force, saying "I'm done with this committee." So is the Planning Board. The Planning Board feels Paul Halkiotis "doesn't have to do anything he doesn't want to," according to Paul Donohue. Our Town Planner

gets paid well to do a job. Do we even need a Town Planner anymore? I say no. We should change the title position to be what it has become. That is the Town of Norwood Housing Advocate. This town has been carved up like a Thanksgiving turkey. There's nothing left but swampland. Let's start up a community preservation act and raise our taxes to preserve what? Mr. Carroll has carved up this town quite well. When I asked at Town Meeting how the Town is planning to replace our shrinking cemetery, his reply included "I won't be around to see it." That's the same line the Planning Board used to describe what they just approved with The Carson City 40R. Never mind that Regal sits on a hazardous waste site. Forget the applicant doesn't have the parking. Ignore the MBTA's own documentation prohibiting this project that was submitted to the Planning Board on Nov. 24, 2014. Forgive Mr. Duffy for misleading to us all at Town Meeting to get his votes. Forget the Selectmen prevented an article to rescind the Regal 40R vote from going back to the last Town Meeting to correct things. Let Mr. Brobowski's antics go unchecked. Dismiss it all and sweep it under the rug. Just whip out the trusty rubber stamp and say it is a "good project." That is not how you plan for a town's future or well-being. Rather, it is "workhorse ethics" and "institutional knowledge" at its finest.

The admissions of failure from our Town Planner regarding our Town's 1.5 percent initiative strategy are quite telling. As he stated, get ready for another 40B come Sept. 5. Do you think this would be happening if I was on the Planning Board and Denis Drummey was back on the Board of Selectmen? Thank you Denis for stepping up and running. These issues have been discussed for years. Nothing has been done. Officials hide behind closed meetings, and rely on our Town Counsel to legitimize things and mislead the public. Let's

just pretend that "business is dead" and point the finger at those "nasty abutters" as the problem. Those "nasty abutters" are the ones who gave the solution to our Town with the 1.5 percent initiative. The Town has never sat down and discussed matters with Brain Hardiman, myself, or anybody else. Instead we have been dished out the Selectmen's version of things in the form of the 1.5 percent Task Force, led by Bill Plasko. The Town Planner just gave us his opinion of that dog and pony act. My heart is broken about what is going on in town. Business is not dead. It is just dead here in Norwood as an excuse to build housing. There is, however, plenty of monkey business going on here in town. Too much monkey business for me.

Go ask the towns of Wilmington, Wakefield, Woburn, Waltham, Needham, and Braintree if business is dead! There is a very long list of successful business growth going on here in Massachusetts. Go ask the folks around the Oldham School if things are running right here in this town. I still continue knocking on doors in that area. Why don't the Selectmen and Planning Boards do that as they view the new skyline? Perhaps our Town Planner could join them, unless he has something better to do. After all, the second half of his title is Director of Economic Development. They could ask folks if they are excited about the new neighbors coming soon. Do you think our elected officials would be well received? How about going over to the folks on Endicott Street where another 112 units of housing just got rubber-stamped by the town. No end of town is immune to this crisis. It is out of control, folks, and more housing is coming! We need to band together and somehow protect our school system without filing for bankruptcy or asking for a 2 1/2 override. We now have 30 percent of students living under the poverty level and crowded classrooms. Where will we build the new school? We have no land left! Here's another thought to consider. Here we are with just 36 days of 40B safe harbor left, and the citizens of this town have outspent Town Hall fighting 40B's. That is as sad as it gets. Talk is cheap. If you think the town is working hard to stop another 40B, think again. This Vermonter isn't buying any of that myth.

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Residents are concerned by recent incidents involving destruction of plants outside businesses and other buildings in town. One of the planters outside Guarino's Pastry Shop was thrown into the street last week.

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Residents convinced there is a pattern of plant vandalism

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

South Norwood residents are concerned an act of plant destruction outside of a prominent local business might be indicative of a larger vandalism problem.

On the evening of July 23, one of the two planters outside Guarino's Pastry had been emptied, as the plants and soil were torn from the pot and strewn across the sidewalk in front of the business. Witnesses the next day said the planter had been thrown into the street.

"Nothing ever gets done about it, I'm not sure if people are aware of it," South Norwood resident, business owner, and advocate Paul Eysie said. "Some people in South Norwood are afraid to put flowers in their pots."

According to Eysie, he saw the empty planter and contacted the business owners, Michael and Sandra Guarino, who notified the police. The business owners and Norwood Police said they will try to use surveillance footage from Guarino's security cameras to try to identify the culprits, who they believe to be four youths.

Eysie, who called the act disgraceful, said this incident was not a one-time affair, and other businesses and residences have been targeted.

"We have a beautification committee that tries to keep the main streets in Norwood as beautiful as possible during the summer season, and these people worked hard to bring these planters out," Eysie said. "It discourages people from doing it next year."

The Guarinos could not be reached for comment and their staff did not make any statements.

Eysie said his neighbors and others along Washington Street have been afraid to put taller flowers in their planters for fear they might be pulled out.

One passerby outside the pastry shop said they have begun bringing their planters around to their backyard at night to avoid the vandalism.

The Norwood community received a lot of media attention earlier in June, when the fledgling nature trail at the Callahan Elementary School was vandalized. Plants and signposts had been torn from their designated spots and scattered across the trail the night

after volunteers prepared for the school's fifth grade graduation. In this instance, landscapers, contractors, and community volunteers dedicated their time and materials to repairing the trail.

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ing and temporary tattoos, but one event in particular seemed to be the favorite: the dunk tank.

"Because meatball gets wet. Hey meatball," said Vanessa, who enjoyed seeing third-year camp counselor Jack Higgins fall into the tank of icy water over and over again. "And now he's soaking!"

Program Director for Norwood Recreation, Linda Berger, said the organizers always select a favorite camp staff member for the dunk tank, and nodded over to Higgins, who was perched above the dunk tank, gesturing and taunting a camper about to make a throw.

"We know the ones who will always get the kids most interested," Berger said.

While Vanessa enjoyed the dunk tank, her friend Veronica said the pony rides were her favorite part of the day. The two friends are veteran campers and

attend the Day of Hope Carnival each year with Veronica's grandmother, Cathy Bartelle.

"It's for a very good cause, it's the perfect family time to be together, or with friends, relax and enjoy the summer," said Bartelle, who set up a lawn chair in the shade. "Norwood is the best town. I've been here for 45 years, these kids grew up here, we come here every year."

Meanwhile, campers Joe, 10, and Ethan, 7, spoke about their favorite events while waiting in line for cotton candy.

Ethan liked the newest attraction to the Day of Hope, the inflatable water slide best, while Joe couldn't decide between the pitch meter or the Games2U video game truck. Both sported temporary tattoos and painted faces, with Ethan proudly showing off a pirate tattoo on his forehead.

"This is what camps all about, a fun, spirited event," Berger said.

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According to Griffin, nearly half of the equipment and materials for the event are donated by sponsors, including Norwood Police, DiffeRentals and Orange Leaf.

And while the Norwood play camps make up most of the day's attendees, the event was open to the public, and attracted the Norwood Challengers, Heroes, and another camp that had been on their way to use the Coakley fields before seeing the carnival.

Mother Kelly Naughton, whose children Jack, 6, and Lyla, 3, attend summer camp and swimming lessons in Norwood, said the carnival was a great way to maintain social interactions over summer vacation.

"I think the kids like to see each other outside of school and doing fun things, kind of staying connected in that way," Naughton said, noting that the dunk tank was usually the favorite for her children, though this year's water slide was also a contender.

Both Berger and Griffin acknowledged the role that the Norwood community plays in sustaining and growing the annual event.

"Norwood is very tradition focused, they love traditions here in Norwood," Griffin said. "We try to do things that are traditions, then enhance the tradition."

Off-duty NPD saves heart attack sufferer

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Norwood Police Officer Gregory Shore planned to spend his night off on July 23 playing hockey in a men's league in Quincy.

Instead, he found himself working to save another man's life.

As Shore entered the arena, he was approached by an acquaintance, who was headed onto the ice without his hockey gear. This individual told Shore that a teammate had suffered a heart attack while on the ice and was currently being given CPR by an off-duty EMT who was also a participant in the league.

Shore, seeing that two individuals were giving the man CPR, asked for someone to grab an AED. Shore, who is a certified first responder with CPR and other life-saving skills, prepared the suffering man and gave him two shocks with the AED, which started the man's pulse again.

At this point, on-duty medical personnel arrived and continued to treat the individual, who friends say was recovering at a Boston-area hospital that night. Norwood Chief of Police Bill Brooks said his department is well-trained in CPR and other first responder skills - as is Norwood Fire Department staff - and connected that training with the importance of the officers' presence in the community.

"Aside from the number of hours they spend learning about CPR or how the AED works, the thing to remember, I think, is there is a thread that runs through their training and the experience of working the street," Brooks said. "When an off-duty cop is at the scene of a life threatening event, you have someone who can take action quickly, sometimes tell others what you need them to do, and work under pressure."

Shore said he was thankful for his training in lifesaving skills, which he learned in the military and while on staff with the Norwood Police. He also gave credit to the two individuals who were giving the victim CPR.

"We are all very proud of Officer Shore," Brooks said.

Legals

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF NORWOOD

The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved the following amendment to the Town By-Laws which were voted at the Special Town Meeting, May 12, 2014 namely:

Article 1. Medical Marijuana By-Law. (A complete copy of this Town By-Law Amendment is posted in 11 different locations in the Town and is on file in the Town Clerk's Office).

The above named articles are posted in the following public places throughout the Town, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 32: District 1 & District 2 - Municipal Building; Norwood News and Bookstore; District 3 & District 5, Morrill Memorial Library; Murph's Place; District 4, Rite-Aid Pharmacy, Walpole Street; Hannaford Market; District 6 & District 7, South End Hardware; Pam's Market; District 8, Shaws Market; CVS - Shaw's Market Plaza; District 9, Neponset St. Gulf Gas Station.

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Pops Night *continued from page 1*

Part of the popularity may be due to the delicious free food and catering service - a regular tradition that accompanies Pops Night, coordinated by the event's organizers.

"We order food for about 500 people and prepare about 60 tables with tablecloths and centerpieces that can seat about five," said Doloras Elias, who co-heads the Pops Night organizers with Olga Abdallah. "There are rarely leftovers."

There's plenty of room for everyone," said Patricia Schick, one of the organizers and greeters. "If we run out of tables, people can just plop their lawn chairs down on the common and we'll come by

and serve them refreshments."

The catering staff was all volunteers.

"We get all sorts of people volunteering," said Elias. "This year, we had a few Selectmen (do some catering)."

Roche Brothers and Honey Dew Donuts provided the food and services, but while some came for the food, others came to dance the night away.

"We might dance later," said Barbara Butler, who was sitting with her husband on the green in a couple of lawn chairs. "This is the type of music we love."

"This is my favorite type of music," said Julie Dauphinee, another audience member. "I love that whole '40s era."

For some, it's just a great way to keep in touch with friends and family.

"We get to reconnect with people we have not seen in a while," said Ann Fellini, longtime Norwood resident and frequent concertgoer.

"I go to these concerts every Wednesday and Sunday," said Mike Wodogaza, who works at The Common Café and Patisserie across the street from Norwood Town Common. "I like music, I like so-

cializing, and I get to see my friends who usually come by."

Pops Night is completely funded by private donors, and this year it was largely funded by Chestnut Hill Realty and David Spiegel.

Like any private venture that relies heavily on volunteers, organizing the event is not without challenges.

"This year the weather turned out beautifully," said Elias. "Last year, we had to call it off because of rain. We didn't know how bad it was going to be and had no place to hold the concert. Fortunately, Roche Brothers delivered all the catering to our local church at the last minute and we were able to do it there. We are just really thankful to everyone who volunteers."

In all, the annual event provided yet another fantastic summer atmosphere for Norwood residents to experience world-class music with friends, family, and neighbors.

"Events like these are really important to the community," said Eysie. "Many people in Norwood don't get to go into Boston to see the Pops, so this is our way of bringing the Boston Pops to them. Boston shines on Pops Night, and we do as well."

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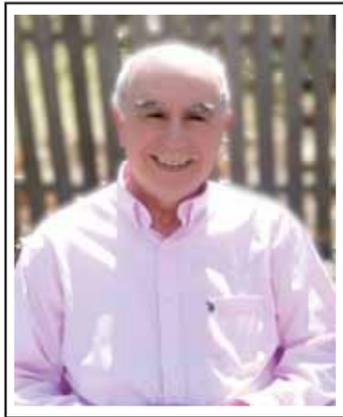
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Brady's great play (and not even on a football field)

This week the Patriots begin formal practice sessions. Undoubtedly the media will flock to cover our star quarterback out of the University of Michigan and capture every word he speaks.

Brady's great play, a few weeks ago, should have deserved more coverage, when he donated the \$170,000 he made for a brief speaking engagement at Salem State University to charity. This play salvaged a lot for him. In fact, he took a page from the book of former Tennessee senator Estes Kefauver, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee formed to investigate racketeering in the 1950s—the first politician to really benefit from the glare of television. Just as North Carolina's folksy and avuncular Sam Irwin became a regular fixture on TV during the Watergate hearings, so too did the gutsy Kefauver who challenged numerous mobsters some 65 years ago. But when Kefauver appeared on the television show, "What's My Line?" he donated his stipend to charity: he wanted to avoid the risk of parlaying his fame at the taxpayers' expense into a moneymaking procedure for himself.

Citizens of the Commonwealth were aghast that a state institution would pay such



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money for a speaker instead of reducing students' tuitions across the board. The speaker series contends that it netted \$40,000. Let's see: \$170,000 plus \$40,000 adds up to \$210,000. So, if 2,100 people who fawn over the quarterback attended, they probably paid about \$100 apiece to hear him mouth platitudes; if corporations bought blocks of tickets, then the equation would be different.

Number 12 was wise to donate the pittance—in comparison to the salaries that he and his model wife command—to

charity. Upset citizens could not accuse him of making money off students' backs, even if there was a profit for the night. Although it is unclear whether the \$40,000 resulted AFTER maintenance people and police were paid, the venture did catapult Salem State into the spotlight and gave the college great exposure.

The invitation to him to speak clouds the opportunities that Salem State had to invite other speakers. True, many of us rabble are willing to shell out serious money to be in the presence of movie celebrities and movie/television stars who speak without substance. Just listen to their bland, substance-less interviews after games and presentations when the media ask marshmallow questions.

The attendees who long to be in the presence of the rich and famous are not the people who attend the John F. Kennedy lecture series to hear famous and not-so-famous people speak with substance.

It was a great play by Brady. The only people who might have egg on their face are the administrators who arranged for his talk or those who shelled out big bucks for the talk.

Vandalism

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Norwood Police Department spokesman Kevin Grasso also noted an instance the same day as the Guarino's incident in which a trash barrel had been knocked over near Mug n' Muffin, at the edge of the uptown business area, though he could not confirm whether the incidents were related.

"I went back to January 1 of this year, searching over 1,300 reports and did not locate any similar incident reports filed in this area," Grasso said. "The search category I used was malicious damage, vandalism and even mischief kids. It is possible that a report was filed under a different category."

Still, some residents insist this has become a pattern over recent months and Eysie said it was important to get awareness of the issue to the Town. Grasso urged residents to contact police regarding such incidents, as many minor infractions may go unreported, and therefore not documented for future reference.

"We would like to know of these incidents, whether a Police report is filed or just noted in the call log," Grasso said. "Reporting incidents like this allow us to see the troubled area and increase patrols to prevent or identify the culprits."

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Library Events

TITLES ON TAP BOOK GROUP

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

FAIRBANKS HOUSE HISTORIAN AT THE LIBRARY

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

DR. HYLANDER LECTURES ON "TRUMAN AND THE BOMB"

Seventy years after the historic bombing of Japan, Professor Gary Hylander will speak at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. about the events leading up to President Truman's controversial decision. After Japanese leaders rejected Truman's demand to accept unconditional surrender or face "prompt and utter destruction" from the air, the President gave the orders to target Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Saying that the time had come to "bear the unbearable," Emperor Hirohito surrendered, thus ending the most destructive war in human history. To sign up for this program, funded by the Friends of the Library, email norprograms@minlib.net, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

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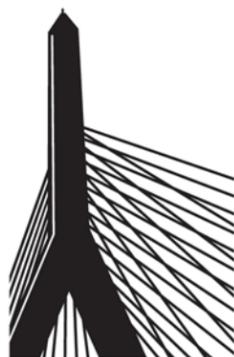
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IRISH GENEALOGY SEMINAR AT THE LIBRARY

The Friends of Irish Research in Brockton will present a seminar at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. focusing on an exciting development in Irish genealogical research. Joe Petrie and Richard Reid will talk about the National Library of Ireland's newly released website containing records from all 26 Roman Catholic dioceses, which includes 1,091 parishes. The presentation will focus on birth and marriage records, but the new website also contains information such as census records, soldiers' wills, military archives, photographs, and Ellis Island ledgers. In addition to providing detailed handouts, the presenters will review other useful genealogy databases and demonstrate how to use these free, valuable resources to help you explore your own family's Irish ancestry. To sign up for this program, email norprograms@minlib.net, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

BROADWAY MUSICALS AT THE LIBRARY THIS SUMMER

Back by popular demand, "Broadway Musicals on the Big Screen" will take place at the Morrill Memorial Library on eight consecutive Wednesday evenings in August, continuing, "Anything Goes" (1956) on Aug. 5, "Annie" (2014) on Aug. 12, "Gypsy" (1962) on Aug. 19, and "Across the Universe" (2009) on Aug. 26. All movies begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the air-conditioned Simoni Room. Complimentary popcorn is donated by Regal Cinemas in Bellingham, and the movie licenses are funded by the Friends of the Library. To sign up for any or all of these films, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

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

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DEATHS**GREENWOOD**

Mildred E. "Millie," of Westwood and formerly of Norwood, 77, suddenly at home on Wednesday, July 22. She was a daughter of the late Edward and Margaret Hanlon. Devoted mother of Joni E. Sheridan and her husband Michael of Great Meadows, N.J., Thomas F. Greenwood Jr. and his wife Lyn of Abington, Patricia E. Vance of Mansfield, Michelle A. Kenney of Halifax, John E. Greenwood and his wife Jill of Hopedale and Jane M. Herrick and her husband Steven of Billerica; loving grandmother of 13 grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Loretta Scafati, Louise Nolan, Eileen Coullahan, Jean Cassidy, Mary Reilly, Robert, James, Edwin, and Paul Hanlon, and is survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A) NORWOOD. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Expressions of sympathy in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St. Framingham, MA 01701.

KUBILUS

Lawrence "Larry" D., 63, on Saturday, July 18. Beloved son to the late Vity and Ursula (Yarusavage) Kubilus. Larry graduated from Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair, N.J. and Seton Hall University, where he earned his degree in Marketing. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; son and daughter-in-law, Joseph Kubilus and Teerin Meckmongkol of Philadelphia; daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Jon Hendershot of Brick, N.J.; and three granddaughters, Taylor, Grace and Adelaide. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Norbert Kubilus and Linda Ferri of Los Angeles; his sister and brother-in-law, Ursula and Tom Naklicki of Belle Mead, N.J., and numerous relatives and friends.

For the last twenty years, Larry owned and operated the food brokerage firm Lanan Foods of Needham and Marco Island, Fla. He began his career in food sales and marketing with Reingold Beer before joining Oscar Meyer in 1974. Larry moved to North Attleboro in 1975 and became active in local civic and business affairs; Town Moderator and Fire Commissioner of North Attleboro; Chairman of North Attleboro Business and Industrial Commission; delegate to the

Southeast Regional Planning and Development Commission of Bristol County, MA; Chairman of the North Attleboro Democratic Town Committee. The North Attleboro/Plainville Chamber of Commerce named Larry "Man of the Year" in 1980. He co-authored "North Attleboro: Then and Now" for the North Attleboro Centennial in 1987.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Needham on Saturday, Aug. 1 at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Highland Cemetery in Norwood. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to: A Safe Place, 5B Windy Way, Nantucket, MA 02554.

KUHN

Joan C. (McLellan) of Norwood, formerly of Dedham, July 24, 2015. Age 79. Beloved wife of the late Carl L. Kuhn. Devoted mother of Carl L. Kuhn Jr. and his wife Beverly of Bellingham and Karen Lorenzo of Walpole. Loving grandmother to Angela Silva, Mike Lorenzo, Dan Kuhn, Rob Lorenzo, Tim Kuhn, Beth Amatucci and their spouses, and the late Christina Kuhn. Gigi to 13 great-grandchildren and the late Robert Lorenzo, Jr. Sister of Richard McLellan of Hyde Park and Joyce Souza of Connecticut. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM, Interment Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Joan's memory to American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

McCABE

Florence Grace, 92, formerly of Norwood, July 21. Beloved wife of the late Edward J. McCabe. Loving mother of Elizabeth M. O'Brien and her husband William of Scituate and Catherine M. Coleman and her husband Joseph of East Walpole. Cherished grandmother of Meghan, W. Cory, Lindsay, Leslie, Brooke, Meredith, Darci and the late Caroline and great-grandmother of Olivia and Owen. Sister of Eileen Laming of Marshfield, Marie Mike of East Dennis, the late Kathleen Casey, the late Joseph Rydings, the late John Rydings, and the late Theresa Hillen. Funeral arrangements by the James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home, Walpole. Interment will follow in Highland Cemetery in Norwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: The Tippet Home, c/o VNA Care Network and Hospice, Development Office, 199 Rosewood Drive, Suite 180, Danvers, MA 01923-1388.

O'CALLAHAN

Ruth E. (Cooper), 82, of Norwood passed away on July 8. Beloved wife of Daniel O'Callahan. Devoted mother of Thomas Mogan of Walpole, Catherine M. Doherty and her husband Denis of Foxboro, Michael Mogan and his wife Kathleen of Florida, Kevin Mogan and his wife Terry of Plainville and Rick Mogan and

his wife Trish of England. Also sister of many late brothers and sisters. Cherished grandmother of seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Daughter of the late George and Hazel (Snow) Cooper. A graveside service was held at Highland Cemetery 320 Winter St. Norwood, MA 02062. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Norwood, MA.

O'CONNOR

John Patrick, 65, of Norwood, died at his home on Monday, July 20, 2015. Born in Gorthaleen, Castlemaine, Co. Kerry, Ireland, he was a son of the late Timothy and Bridget (O'Connor) O'Connor. He was the beloved husband for 34 years of Mary Catherine (Thornton), and the loving father of Fiona C. O'Connor of Norwood. John O'Connor emigrated to the United States on July 16, 1966, and worked for over 25 years as a Sprinkler Fitter for Local 550 in Boston, retiring in 2009. John was the "Unofficial Mayor" of the Town of Norwood, and was an usher at St. Catherine of Siena Church for many years. He was a member of the Irish Social Club in West Roxbury, and a huge fan of the Kerry Gaelic football team, as well as all Boston area sports teams, especially the New England Patriots. In his free time, he enjoyed playing golf and traveled to many golf courses around the world. John was the brother of Joan Finn of West Roxbury, Maureen Creavin and her husband Thomas of Roslindale, Margaret Horgan of Co. Kerry, Ireland, James O'Connor and Bridie Kennedy and her husband Michael, all of London, England, Nora Annis and her husband Al of Abington, Gerard O'Connor and his partner Carmel Moll of London, England, and Thomas O'Connor and his wife Mary of Co. Kerry, Ireland, and the late Jeremiah O'Connor, and his wife Joan Gaffney-O'Connor of Walpole, and the late Timothy Joseph O'Connor. He is survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews, as well as many relatives and friends in the United States and in Ireland. He will also be missed by his beloved Border Collie, Kerry, who came all the way from Ireland. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A) NORWOOD, Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Expressions of sympathy in John's memory may be directed to the A.L.S. Foundation, 320 Norwood Park S. #2, Norwood, MA 02062 or the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

O'NEIL

ROBERT E., Jr. of Norwood, passed away on July 26, 2015 at the age of 92. Beloved husband of Ruth E. (Cusick) O'Neil. Devoted father of Elizabeth LaRosa and her husband Robert of Waltham, Susan Kafouse of Attleboro, Marie Jones and her husband Stephen of Phoenix,

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Sports

Jonathan Longley reflects on whirlwind first year as AD

Jake Levin

Staff Reporter

On Aug. 24, just 31 days from now, Norwood High School football will hold its first practice of the 2015 season. And with that, Mustangs athletic director Jon Longley will no longer be a rookie, his sophomore campaign officially underway.

His sophomore season with Norwood, anyways. Longley came to town last year with nine years of experience as a head athletic director, the first two in Beverly followed by a seven-year run in North Andover.

"It was a great first year for me, personally," said Longley, who was looking for an athletic director's job in the area since his fiancée is from Plainville. With former athletic director Brian McDonough retiring at the end of the 2013-14 school year, Norwood became a perfect fit for Longley. "Getting to know the people and the community, and the kids and the coaches, I found Norwood to be a very supportive community, and loyal. And that's important."

The Duxbury native has been around athletics his whole

life. He was a three-sport athlete for the Dragons, playing football, basketball and running track, graduating from Duxbury High School in 1993. Football was his main sport, playing a multitude of positions from tight end and running back on offense, to linebacker on defense. He prepped for a year at the Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield, Maine, where he continued to play football.

Longley then attended UMass-Amherst for a year before transferring to Bridgewater State. He played football his lone year at UMass, in the fall of '95, and also played at Bridgewater in the fall of '97.

Upon graduating, Longley returned to Duxbury and began coaching, an early passion of his.

"I was really interested in coaching and athletics, and educational athletics, really all through my college career," said Longley, who coached everything from freshman boys basketball, to both indoor and outdoor track, to freshman football while starting out. He cited former Duxbury athletic director Dana Battista, who's now in the same role with Pembroke, as

one of the people who enabled him to get his start.

His contributions didn't stop at strictly coaching, either.

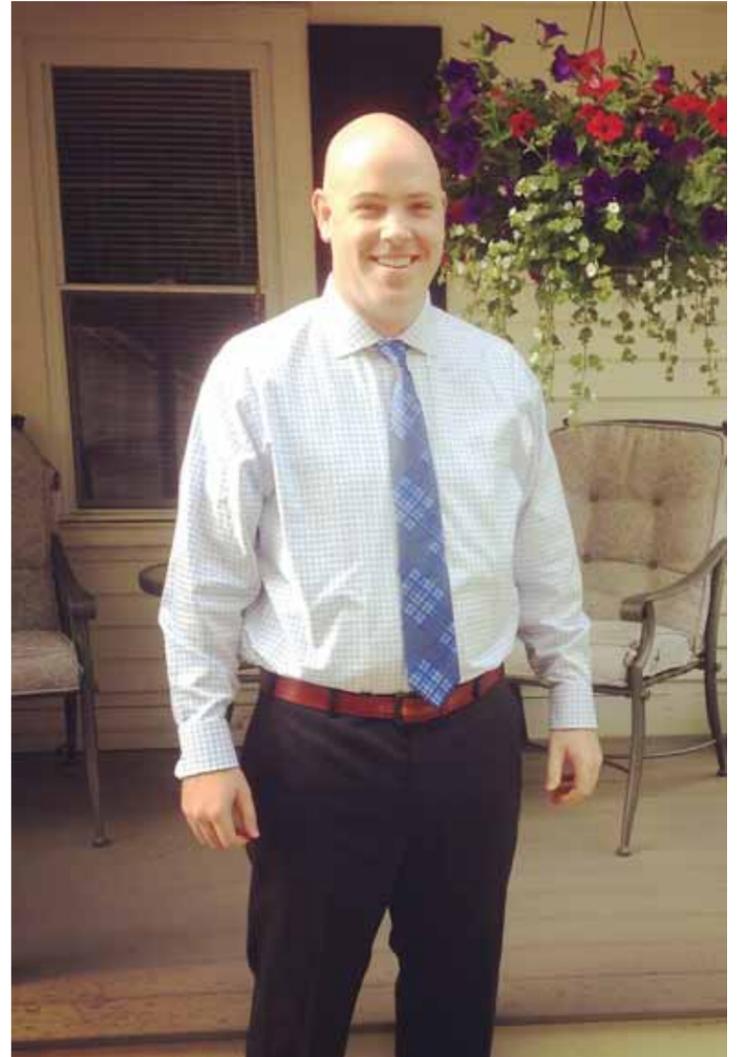
"I did everything," recalls Longley. "I was selling tickets at football games, I was coaching the freshman basketball team, doing the book-coming back after a freshman boys basketball game on the road, coming back to the high school and doing the book for the varsity girls game."

"Those two years, in college and right after college, I had a real unique experience, to really see the ins and outs of an athletic department. It really was something that interested me, and prepared me. You need to be prepared to do a book, to run a clock. It's not all walking around, meeting and greeting all the time. Half the time, it's trying to keep things moving."

July is generally a quiet month for athletic directors, sandwiched between the June grind of finalizing schedules for the next school year, and the

Longley

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Jonathan Longley's first year at the helm of Norwood High School athletics featured a number of successful seasons, highlighted by the baseball team's first state championship in 72 years.

COURTESY PHOTO

Post 70 bows out of playoffs with loss to rival Walpole



Johnny Ryan relieved starting pitcher Paul Galvin in the sixth inning of a post-season game against Walpole Post 104. Norwood Post 70 would ultimately lose the contest 7-4, thus ending their 2015 season.

FILE PHOTO

Jake Levin

Staff Reporter

Baseball season is officially over in Norwood, after Walpole Post 104 mounted a four-run rally in the sixth inning to eliminate Norwood Post 70, 7-4.

It was the sixth meeting between Norwood and Walpole on the diamond in calendar year 2015, dating back to the high school season. The archrivals split the series, 3-3, with each team eliminating the other in the respective postseasons; Norwood blanked Walpole 4-0 in the Division 1 south semifinals back on June 10, and Walpole exacted revenge on Monday night.

"We're a good team, we came to play hard. It comes down to executing on defense," said manager Paul Samargedlis after the game.

Norwood found itself in an elimination game after falling to Medfield Post 110 on Saturday night, 8-2. The double-elimination format crosses over teams between the East and

West divisions of American Legion District 6, but each of Norwood's final two games were against fellow West Division opponents.

Paul Galvin got the start for Norwood, going five-plus innings while allowing five runs (four earned) on six hits while striking out nine and walking six. He was relieved by Johnny Ryan in the bottom of the sixth, who ran into some bad luck before giving up a three-run double to Nate Porack which broke a 4-4 tie and wound up being the game-winning hit.

Ryan entered the game with no outs and runners on first and second, each on by means of a Galvin walk. Charlie Auditore hit a ground ball towards second base that would have been a remarkable play if gotten to by Ben Shields, but he just overextended himself and wound up kicking the ball past Galvin, who was covering the bag at second for a potential

Legion

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August rush to get ready for September, when it's full speed ahead. It can make for a good month to reflect on the school year that was, and the accomplishments of the various Norwood athletic teams.

In the fall, field hockey, golf and cheerleading all had varying degrees of success. The field hockey team, led by all-time leading scorer Kacie Smith, had just one loss in the regular season, ultimately bowing out in the Div. 1 south semifinals to Oliver Ames.

"We all were able to be a part of the magnificent season, or year, that Kacie Smith had," said Longley. "She's a once in a generation type of athlete."

Boys golf made the tournament and also won the Div. 2 south sportsmanship award, while cheerleading attended a regional tournament.

In the winter, both girls basketball and hockey made their respective postseason tournaments, while boys track had a strong showing also.

Spring just might have been the most successful for Norwood teams in Longley's debut season. Girls lacrosse hosted a tournament game and knocked off Braintree, losing to ultimate state-runners up Westwood in the second round. Softball had a 19-1 record in the regular season before being upset in the sec-

ond round of the playoffs by King Philip.

"A tough loss in the second round, but they had an unbelievable season," said Longley. "Erin Garczynski got MVP."

Girls tennis made the tournament for the first time in over a decade, and boys track also had a successful spring. Not to mention the baseball team winning its first championship since 1943.

Longley sees several ways to keep growing the athletic program, to give it an even stronger status. Communication is one key, he says, while also getting more involved with the younger generation of Norwood's athletes in the youth programs.

"Meeting daily with the coaching staff is important, having constant communication with them," said Longley on how important it is to stay updated. "Having the staff reach out to our youth sports organizations. We've started a relationship with the [Norwood] Civic Center. We're starting to offer more youth sports clinics, where we're trying to build a connection with the youth programs. That's the main goal, it won't happen all at once, but as we move forward, that's the overall goal."

Meetings with athletic directors from the rest of the Bay State Conference, and even those from other leagues, are right around the corner. A day in the life for Longley during the school year consists of constant

contact with his fellow AD's, daily meetings with the principal, making sure transportation is ready to go for Norwood's away games, making sure game officials are taken care of, and other behind-the-scenes items.

"That's a big piece of the job that people may not be aware of, the amount of communication that the athletic directors have between each other, between the schools within the league," said Longley. "It's really the only position in a school system where you're in constant communication with another administrator from another school."

After the school day is over, it's off to the fields, sometimes more than one on any given day.

This coming year, Longley is already looking forward to Norwood hosting another football game and field hockey game under the lights on the same weekend. Last year's field hockey game was the first home outdoor night game for a girls team in Norwood history.

"We thought that that weekend was a real success," said Longley. Football will host Wayland on Friday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m., while field hockey will host Dedham the following night, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. "The field hockey and football parent groups were big contributors to help support the lights, and we're going to do that again this year. That was a nice community event that we wanted to do again this fall."

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double play, end everyone was safe.

Ian Fair, who committed to Northeastern-commit like Norwood's Sean Mellen, hit a ground ball to Galvin at short, and Galvin flipped to Shields at second to get the force out there, but Norwood had conceded the tying run.

Samargedlis then decided to intentionally walk cleanup hitter Liam McCabe.

"The rationale for walking that guy, [is a] force at any base," explained Samargedlis. "Johnny [Ryan] is a strikeout pitcher. So I'd rather see him go after the rightly. He had him 1-1, we should have called curveball. He left a fastball up, and that's on us.

"With the 4-hitter, a lefty, and a bag open, why not walk him? Because I've seen too many of their lefties just punch it the other way. The way Johnny throws his curveball, it's tough on righties."

Norwood jumped out to an early 3-0 lead, sending eight men to the plate in the top of the first. Galvin singled and Jake O'Rourke walked to give Post 70 two runners on and no outs. After Mike Flynn struck out, Ryan punished a Nick Cordopatri offering to the gap in left-center field to give his team a 2-0 lead. Danny Sullivan followed with a RBI single, bringing Ryan home, boosting the score to 3-0.

Walpole got two back in the bottom half of the first, and threatened for much more, but Galvin got Tim Bender to strike out with the bases loaded to escape the threat.

Walpole then tied the score in

the bottom of the second inning, when Auditore came home after Flynn's attempt to catch him stealing at third sailed high into left field.

The game remained tied into the fifth inning, when Norwood collected its first hit since the first inning. Ryan and Sullivan had back-to-back singles with one out to set the stage, and speedster Declan O'Brien dropped a textbook bunt down the third base line to advance the runners. O'Brien wound up with much more after the third baseman Porack fired the throw over the head of first baseman James Newman, scoring Ryan for the go-ahead run and giving Norwood runners on second and third with just one out.

But again, the offense stalled out, enabling the Walpole rally to kill Norwood's season. Ryan, Sullivan and O'Brien went down 1-2-3 in the top of the seventh to end the season.

"Since we beat Walpole in the [high school] playoffs, it's still bittersweet, but it gives you a little bit of a cushion to fall back on," said O'Rourke. "No one wants to end their season against Walpole."

O'Rourke, who was a captain of the hockey and baseball teams this past school year, will be attending The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. this fall. With one year of Legion eligibility remaining, O'Rourke said he'd like to play again next summer.

"I'll definitely be playing, no reason not to. Norwood's such a great baseball town, it's good to represent Norwood in a baseball uniform. There's always a good crowd of people supporting you, so you always want to make them proud."

CATMOBILE IS COMING

The Catmobile, which offers low cost spay/neuter for cats only, is coming to Petco located at 1210 Providence Highway in Norwood on 8/20. The Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society operates The Catmobile which is staffed by a licensed veterinarian and one veterinary technician. The package consists of spay/neuter, rabies vaccinations, exam, nail trim, and treatment for fleas and ear mites. Microchipping is available for \$20. Individually packaged take-home flea treatment is available for \$15 per dose. The neuter package for male cats costs \$80 and a female spay is \$120. Ferals

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are \$35 and will be ear-tipped. Reservations are required and can be made online at www.catmobile.org or by calling 978-465-1940.

SCHOOLS HOLDING PLAY GROUPS

Play Groups for 24-36 month olds beginning Thursday, Oct. 8, once a week for 12 weeks from 9 to 10:30 a.m. 36-48 month olds beginning Tuesday, Oct. 6, once a week for 12 weeks from 9 to 10:30 a.m. 48-60 month olds be-

ginning Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 6, once a week for 12 weeks from 12:30 to 2 p.m. All groups being held at The Village Center, 82 Roosevelt Ave., Norwood. For more information and an application, please contact Christine Tomasello at ctomasello@norwood.k12.ma.us or call (781) 440-5983.

1ST ANNUAL KIDS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

On Aug. 4, Rick Goldin. Rick's interactive and humorous children's songs have made him a popular children's entertainer in New England. His performances invite children to sing, dance and jump along with Rick and his singing animal puppets. This concert is sponsored by Charles River Running. On Aug. 11, Velocity Sports Performance & Norwood Moms & Tots. Wayne Potash Band Parents' Choice Award winner. Wayne and his band put on high energy shows that involve young audiences with sing-a-longs, dancing, jumping, and lots of fun. His music features bluegrass, country, rock, and folk musical styles, with

excellent vocal and instrumental performances. This concert is sponsored by Dedham Savings Bank! A BIG thank you to our Sponsors! Grab a blanket and have a summer picnic! Pizza will be available for purchase 7 to 8 p.m. Norwood Town Common Norwood Moms & Tots Cooperative.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

GROW A STORY AT TEMPLE ALIYAH

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE

The Norwood Day Committee is seeking nominations for the 2015 Anne Lydon Volunteer of the Year. Due date for nominations is August 4th. Anyone interested in nominating a Volunteer of the Year may do so by dropping off the nominee's name and a paragraph bio of his/her services to Norwood, at the Civic Center, or you can go on our website norwoodma.gov. The recipient will be honored during Norwood Day festivities on September 12. The spirit of Norwood has always been its volunteers who come and share their time, labor, and finances to make Norwood a better place to call home, and enhance the quality of life for its residents. No one epitomized volunteerism as Anne Lydon did. She was the first to raise her hand and volunteer for so many groups, charities, and town activities.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail!)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
Grateful thanks. —B.D.

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Grateful thanks. —P.A.B.

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Ariz., Janet Willemain and her husband Douglas of Belchertown and the late Robert D. O'Neil. Loving brother of Marion O'Neil and her husband Jeffrey of Melrose. Son of the late Robert E. Sr. and Mary (Gilhooley) O'Neil. Cherished grandfather of 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Robert volunteered for military service in the Army Signal Corp in 1942. He was assigned to a series of posts in the United States, and was eventually assigned to Bell Labs in New York City to help finish testing the highest security system of World War II that was utilized by Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and Winston Churchill. By June 1943 he had joined a small team in the newly completed Pentagon to install SIGSALY, a top secret encrypted communication device. His team operated the system until 1944 when he was sent to Frankfurt, Germany to set up and operate a SIGSALY terminal to aid the Allied Forces top secret communications. Returning to the US after the war, he was honorably discharged in 1946 as a Techni-

cal Sergeant. His unit was given a Meritorious Service Award because by Army estimates the work they accomplished shortened WWII by six months. Robert was a Graduate of Norwood High School class of 1941. When he returned from the war he earned his Bachelor's Degree from Northeastern University in Electrical Engineering and later his Master's Degree from Boston College. While attending BC he met Ruth Cusick who would become his cherished wife of 58 years. He worked at Hanscom Air Force Base for the Department of Defense for many years and, in later years, he was an Associate Professor at Bunker Hill Community College. Robert was also a member of the Bay State Auto Club, the Pierce Arrow Society, and The Sons of Union Veterans. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Interment with Military Honors at Highland Cemetery Norwood. Donations may be made in his name to The American Heart Association 20 Speen Street Framingham, MA 01701.

RANALLI

Anne Joan (Turco), 90, of Norwood passed away on July 13. Beloved wife of the late Mario A. Ranalli Sr. Devoted mother of Mario A. Ranalli Jr. and his wife Marianne of Walpole, John Ranalli of Norwood, David Ranalli of Hyde Park, Paul Ranalli and his wife Mary Lou of Lakeville, Jean M. Gagne and her husband Ron of Walpole, James Ranalli and his wife Cathi of Norwood and Judi-Anne Martin of Norwood. Sister of the late Peter Turco, Fred Turco, James Turco, John Turco, Mildred Mastropieri, Irene Copparini and Josephine Hazlett. Dear Sister in Law of Mary Ann Brown of Walpole. Dear Friend of Angie Palladini of Walpole and Betty Ryan of Norwood. Daughter of the late John B. and Anna V. (Penza) Turco. A survived by 15 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Anne was a member of the Norwood Catholic Women's Club, the Norwood Senior Center and Civic Center Knitters Club and was very active at the Norwood Senior Center and St. Catherine of Siena Church. 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 Compassionate Care Hospice 800 Cummings Park Suite 3100 Woburn, MA 01801.

VINCI

Frank S., 63, on July 12. Beloved husband of Carol J. (Greenstene) Vinci. Devoted father of Mary Ellen Hughes and her husband Lee of Florida, Frank W. Vinci of California and Michael J. Vinci of Everett. Loving brother of Dr. Salvatore F. Vinci and his wife Margaret of Westwood. Cherished grandfather of Liam Hughes and Mia L. Hughes both of Florida. Son of the late Frank and Mary (LoGiudice) Vinci. Uncle of Frank A. Vinci and his wife Terri of Florida and Joseph P. Vinci and his wife Laura of Westwood. Frank was a retired Supervisor for the Mass. Turnpike Authority and was the former Vice President for Local Union #127. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will be at Brookdale Cemetery Dedham. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Mass General Hospital Nephrology Dept. 55 Fruit St. #1008, Boston, MA 02114.

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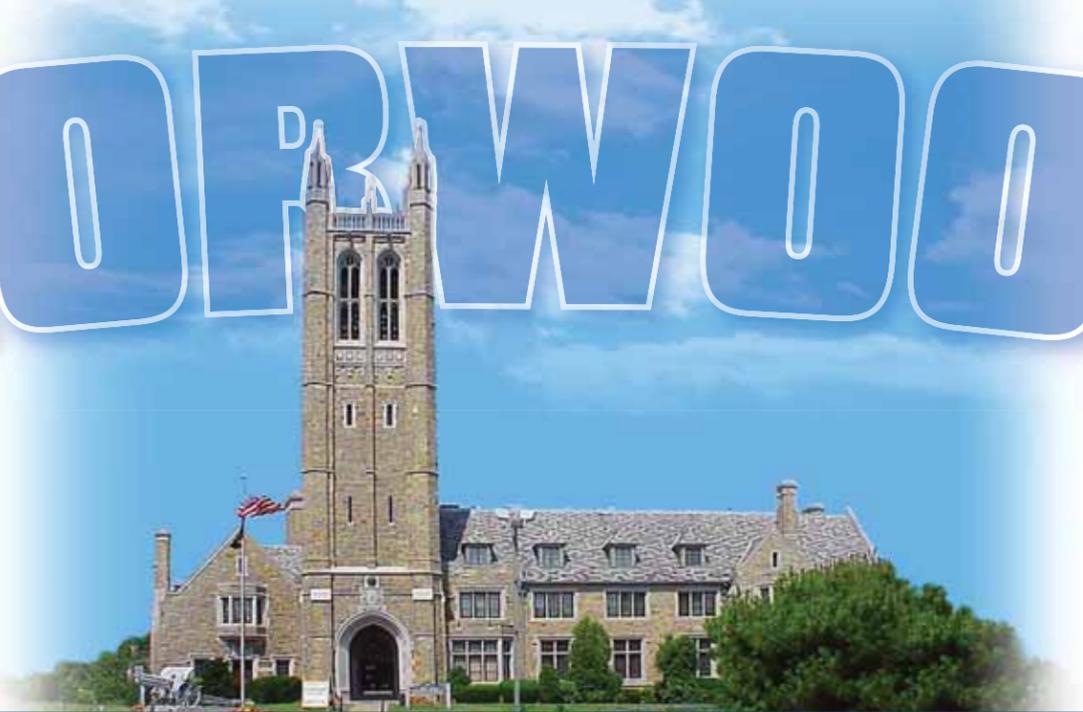
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