Wings of Freedom delights everyone

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Wings of Freedom tour came through the Norwood Memorial Airport over the weekend to the delight and fascination of young and old alike.

The tour is part of the Collings Foundation Nationwide Wings of Freedom tour that gives a three-day historical aviation exhibition of rare bomber and fighter aircraft. This year, the tour featured the North American B-25 Mitchell Bomber and the B-24J Liberator. Missing from this year’s tour was the famed B-17 Flying Fortress, which was apparently undergoing repairs in Vermont.

The exhibition featured flights throughout, and hundreds of children and adult enthusiasts went through the planes to catch a glimpse of what it was like to be a pilot in World War II.

Residents Bill Malone and Deirdre Zaferacopoulos said this was the first time they came out to the Norwood event, but had been to similar events in the past.

“I went out to Fantasy of Flight out in Florida, that has since closed down, but that was a real big one,” he said. “This is pretty nice, but I would have liked to get on the B-17 Flying Fortress, but it isn’t here at the moment.”

Residents Jim and Jean Larkin said they wanted to show their children and grandchildren what it was like back in the 1940s and what was asked of an entire generation.

“We came out for a little bit of history,” said Jim Larkin.

BBC members considered putting a presentation on the Special Town Meeting, but decided against it.

BBC to host override presentation after TM

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Budget Balancing Committee (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, Oct. 1 and voted to host an informational session for the public on the possibility of an operational budget override for fiscal year 2019-20 (FY20).

The board mused on the idea of having a full presentation during Town Meeting on Nov. 8, but felt that since there would be nothing to vote on at that point, there wasn’t too much of an impetus to have a full presentation then. Also, presentations are not regular procedure for specials, and more appropriate for regular TM in the spring. The Committee voted to host a meeting on Nov. 26.

“If we try to have a comprehensive, long and detailed presentation at the (Nov. 8 Special Town Meeting), well we won’t be asking anyone to do anything,” said Town Manager Tony Mazzucco.

Committee Chair Alan Slater said, however, that they do plan to give a small update at TM and inform the public of the upcoming special meeting on Nov. 26. The idea for a meeting held after TM would garner a large crowd, or so the committee thought, so that they could inform as many residents as possible. However, Slater said that might not necessarily be the case.

“When TM is over, people just bolt,” he said.

Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue asked the BBC if it would also be discussing the possibility of a separate override for the
Selected from more than 600 school districts across the country, the Chartwells K12 team at Norwood Public Schools has been awarded the 2018 Be-A-Star National Account of the Year. Each year, one school district is recognized for their innovation in in-school dining, an unwavering commitment to food and nutrition education, operational excellence, and outstanding community partnership.

“At Chartwells K12, we’re changing the way a generation thinks about food and the team at Norwood Public Schools is leading the way,” said Elijah Norris, Director of Dining Services, Chartwells K12. “Whether it’s cooking and serving on-trend recipes based on student feedback, introducing new foods and flavors, or partnering with local farmers to feature the freshest ingredients, this is an outstanding team who is truly a difference in students’ lives.”

As a trusted partner to Norwood Public Schools for 2 years, the local team was awarded this top national award for going above-and-beyond to create an exceptional experience for students both inside and outside of the cafeteria. This included refreshing cafeterias to cook meals from scratch in school kitchens, developing new recipes and menu items based on student feedback, leading sustainability initiatives that included reducing food waste and using hydroponic gardens, and introducing a variety of nutrition education programs. Their work even earned a few moments in the spotlight on CBS Boston last fall.

The dining services team at Norwood Public Schools was also recognized for making both training and safety a priority. In addition, they foster a culture of inclusion and organized an impressive initiative focused on understanding individual differences that involved the broader community.

As a National Be-A-Star winner, Elijah Norris, Director of Dining Services, will represent the team in Orlando in October.

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NPS Dining Services Team recognized

High School Dining Service members: Back row: Belinda Oakley (Chartwells K12 CEO), Jennifer Botelho, Maria Neves, Sharon Hickey, Eli Norris, Vicki Zammito - Front row; Terri Chisholm, Christine Masciulli, Anna Loe, Donna Gronroos, Judy Loud, Ronnie Gordon

COURTESY PHOTO
Brooks here to stay; Morrice has busy first month

Norwood Police Department (NPD) Chief William Brooks met with the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, Oct. 4, to discuss his monthly report and to add he will be staying with the Town beyond a state mandated retirement age. Selectman Allan Howard was the only Selectman not present at the meeting.

Brooks’ actual contract ends in April. And, according to Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, he will reach the mandatory age for retirement in Massachusetts in two years. Mazzucco said, however, they will be able to grant him the ability to stay longer through a state legislative process.

“But that is no heavy lift,” said Mazzucco.

Brooks said he’s looking forward to continuing to work with the Town.

“It’s been my pleasure to be your chief and I look forward to continuing to be in the future,” he said.

Selectmen then voted to put a new article on the upcoming Nov. 8 Special Town Meeting for an act authorizing the Town of Norwood to continue the employment of Brooks. It was passed unanimously. All Board members said they were happy to see him stay.

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Though a hell-raiser in Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee, then joined a strict, fun-loving in New York was raised as a Methodist. Living in a 2-room log cabin, during the Vietnam War, delve searching that conscientious moviegoers to analyze the soul and Margaret Wycherly portrayed Brennan playing Pastor Pile, Swampscott's twangy Walter "York became even more famous after Gary Cooper portrayed him in the 1941 movie "York," earning him the best actor award. Asisted by a bubbly Joan Leslie as his love interest, Swamps... York's change of mind from being a conscientious objector, enabled by his meditation on the biblical verse "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God, the things that are God's," should make Bostomians recall the same change of mind that permeated Emily Greene Balch's thinking, she of a Yankee Jamaican Plain family who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1946. All during World War I, she was an avowed pacifist, but after she heard/ saw the prison camp atrocities of World War II, she changed her mind about how to put an end to the horrors. (Does it seem right that if Tennes- see can honor Alvin York, our fair city should do similarly for the only Boston na- tive to win Stockholm's most prestigious honor?) Anyways, Sergeant York: we're grateful for all that you did for our country. And may every October 8, no matter what day of the week it falls on, serve to help us recall your unparalleled valor to save your comrades and compassion for the lives of the 132 prisoners of war whom you spared from an early death.

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Letters to the Editor

October 4, 2018

LAST WEEK'S LETTER WAS INACCURATE
To the Editor:
The town of Norwood is facing an escalating economic crisis. This is not news to the editor last week contained ten points with inaccuracies re- serving the town's current fi- nancial situation. The best way to address serious finan- cial challenges is to present complete and accurate infor- mation. In the last section of the town and the school depart- ment project a growing defi- cit. This deficit will continue to required to complete addi- on taxes in relation to Point 2: "Level spending" and "level services" are not the same thing. Economic inflation, which moved and special education vary on a yearly basis and ex- sist outside of our control. We a Nature's whims nor can we mandate that only students without special education needs attend our schools. Both things may be varia- ble and required variable expendi- tures. Arguing over these costs serves nothing for our local opera- tional overrides. The new town manager has already begun this work by implementing a new financial management system and increasing stabiliza- tion funds. Proceeding with a strategy that addresses our current revenue shortfalls and leverages technology to drive more efficient and economical processes will mitigate our need for future operational overrides. Point 7: A long- standing myth is that our teacher salaries escalate at a higher rate than surrounding towns. School Committee Chair Myev Bodenhofer pre- sented research demonstrating that Norwood is at low end of the scale for comparative salaries in this area. Our pay increases also do not escalate faster than other area commun- ities. I would encourage all residents to review the presen- tation in its entirety. Point 8: The referenced presentation looked at towns presented in the Abrahms' report as well as other abutting communities. Removal of the more affluent towns did not change the findings of the School Committee. Point 9: Norwood is an afford- able, diverse, working/middle class community. I do not want that to change. This is not about keeping up with Westwood or Wellesley. It is a matter of maintaining the quality of education requirements with Mass Core education standards – which we currently do not meet. These standard classes are re- quired for entry for all state compar- isons. It is also about making resources and guidance coun- selors available for our most at-risk students. This is not about luxuries; this is about the basics. Point 10: Norwood has the lowest tax rate of any town in the Boston area by a significant margin. Norwood's current residential tax rate stands at $11.09. Demographically similar communities in the Boston area (such as Easton ($12.42), Dedham ($14.55), Stoughton ($14.81), Walpole ($15.27), Randolph ($15.88), Norfolk ($16.21), Taunton ($16.56), Norfolk ($18.62) and Plainville ($19.08) all have significantly higher residential single-family home values than Norwood. Norwood Single-family home values will ultimately have the same impact as an override as the increased costs will be passed onto the town's single-family home owners. This is a school AND town is- sue and we must collectively address the town's mounting financial challenges as a com- munity. Any solution we de- cide upon will impact all resi- dents of the town as a whole. Let's all keep an open mind, seek out facts from experts and avoid sensational arguments and half-truths that do nothing to move our town forward. At the end of the day, we are all working towards a common goal of preserving the culture of the town for generations to come. Norwood Resident and Town Meeting Member

SCHOOLS NEED TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX
To the Editor:
Kellie Noumi

Like Mr. Hall, I find it very troubling that the town's annual increase in school spending over the next few years will increase at a rapid rate. Why? Wouldn't school spending with a "level fund- ing" budget rise at a much slower pace than what the town and the school department projects in the future. Norwood Public Schools may be funded in the future. Like Mr. Hall, I find it very troubling that the town's annual increase in school spending over the next few years will increase at a rapid rate. Why? Wouldn't school spending with a "level fund- ing" budget rise at a much slower pace than what the town and the school department projects in the future. Norwood Public Schools may be funded in the future. Like Mr. Hall, I find it very troubling that the town's annual increase in school spending over the next few years will increase at a rapid rate. Why? Wouldn't school spending with a "level fund- ing" budget rise at a much slower pace than what the town and the school department projects in the future. Norwood Public Schools may be funded in the future.
Robin’s Friends coming to Norwood Elks

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

This Sunday, Oct. 7, Robin’s Breast Friends is making its debut in Norwood for its second annual Fundraiser and Walk at the Elk’s Club at 152 Winslow Ave.

The event starts at 12 p.m. sharp with a 1.5 mile walk through Norwood. Founder Robin Riley DiFlaminies said they had to have the event in Walpole last year, and it was successful, but it just wasn’t the same as having it in her hometown.

She said she couldn’t find any place to house the fundraiser last year in Norwood.

“(Selectman) Helen Abdallah Domohue asked me a couple of months after last year’s fundraiser why I had it in Walpole, and I said I just couldn’t find any place to accommodate me in Norwood,” she said. “Every place I called for the date I wanted was booked. Helen said ‘we need to get this back in Norwood.’”

DiFlaminies said it wasn’t long before she got the call. “The next thing I know I’m getting a phone call from someone from the Elks asking ‘what date do you want?’” she said with a laugh. “It kind of just snowballed from there.”

DiFlaminies added that the Elks Hall is a beautiful building.

Robin’s Breast Friends coming to Norwood Elks

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several neighboring towns because the average assessed valuation of Norwood homes is much lower than the average assessed valuations of homes in neighboring towns like Westwood and Dover. Thus, with homes having lower valuation, owners will pay less in property taxes. Additionally, there is a much smaller percentage of wealthy homeowners and a much larger percentage of lower-and-middle income homeowners, including those on fixed incomes, in Norwood than in several neighboring communities.

All is not lost. The Norwood School Committee and Norwood School Department need to “think outside the box” to come up with an innovative and sustainable funding plan for the school system that provides a quality education without “operational overrides” of Proposition 2-1/2 that would substantially raise property taxes, destroy Norwood’s reputation as a wonderful place where one can live affordably, and cause real hardships on fixed incomes, in Norwood than in several neighboring communities.

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“That was the cherry on top of the sundae,” she said. DiFlaminies said she is expecting a decent crowd for the event. She said this year’s Norwood Day saw a host of support from many of the thousands who attended.

“I don’t know exactly how many people are going to walk with us, but we’ve tried to get it out by word of mouth and on the airwaves,” she said. “We’ve got fliers everywhere and Kathy (Morrison) and I are doing the beat and we’re hitting all the supporters and local businesses that helped us out last year, and we’ve got a couple more this year.”

She said this year Launch and Monster Mini Golf have both come onboard to help the event. She said many of the local businesses around Norwood are participating this year, as opposed to last year when it was Walpole businesses.

“You know, we went to Walpole vendors last year because we were hosting it in Walpole,” she said. “But this year, we’re trying to stick with Norwood businesses.”

She said the grand prize for the raffle is dinner for four at the Olde Colonial Cafe and tickets to see the Nutcracker at the Norwood Theatre. She said other prizes include a family pack of four tickets for one hour at Launch, family pack of four tickets for Monster Mini Golf, a lottery ticket raffle board donated by Lucky Mart, Pam’s Market and Broadway Liquors, and much more.

“There’s $200 worth of scratch tickets. You buy a strip of three raffle tickets for $10 and you have a chance at $200 worth of scratch tickets,” DiFlaminies said.

DiFlaminies said it has been amazing to see the support from the community for this event. She said Abdallah-Donohue’s commitment to the event was literally just the start, as the Board of Selectmen pushed for it at a recent meeting and the Norwood Fire Department and Police Department have also given their blessing. She said it was just amazing to see so much support in such a little time.

“People are just so happy to give us support here in Norwood and, for me, it’s the people who I talked to and their stories,” she said. “It’s one thing to get people together and get them on a bus and raise money, but it’s another thing to see a community come behind you for the second year in a row and that’s exactly what Norwood has done. It’s just incredible to know that people care that much.”

She added that many times when she’s tried to get people out in the past for other events like Making Strides or other fundraisers, she gets a lot of okay’s, but not always a lot of participation. She said in Norwood at least, that has not been the case.”

“Norwood has shown me they mean what they say, the businesses, the people, you know it’s not just my friends and relatives that are my supporters,” she said. “It’s just gotten so big for me; it’s become bigger than me.”

For more information on the event, go to facebook.com/events/247643002733865/. The Walk starts at noon on Oct. 7 and the fundraiser at the Elks goes from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

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to put out the fire because it was in one of three roofs in the building. He said originally it was thought that it may have been maliciously set, but an investigation has determined it to have been a simple electrical fault.

The next weekend, Morrice said his department went to Lawrence to help out with the gas explosions, along with the NPD and many other departments. He said one of his firefighters was injured falling through a floor during a fire in Lawrence the Sunday after the initial gas explosions. He said that firefighter is now fine.

The next week, another lightning strike, this time in Westwood, required mutual aid. Morrice said they covered the Westwood station while that town’s fire department handled the fire. Then, on Sept. 23rd, there was a basement fire at 16 Neponset St., which he said was also very difficult to access.

Morrice pointed out that two of the local fires in the Town were caused by electrical faults, and he said those are fires when the electricity arcs between a broken or faulty wire.

“I just wanted to let people know that there are devices called arc fault breakers,” he said. “If there’s an electrical arc anywhere in a home it trips and cuts the flow of electricity off from that.”

Morrice said it is a required feature in any new home, remodel or upgrade to electrical in a house by state law.
Liam’s Run returning to Norwood Elks for ninth year

Jeff Sulhan
Staff Reporter

The ninth annual Miles for Liam Halloween Trick or Treat 5K is returning to Norwood this year at the Elks on October 27 from 9 a.m. to noon to help raise funds for the Liam’s L.E.E.P charity, started by Norwood resident Jeff McGourty.

McGourty said he first started the charity with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, a charity for which the run also gives benefits. Liam has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), which affects one in 3,500 male children. He said after getting the charity going, he branched out to other more local charities, like the Jett Foundation and JB’s Keys to DMD and he works with a program to send children with DMD to overnight camp.

“Liam is an honorary member of the Northeastern University hockey team,” he said. “Their charity, called Team Impact pairs college athletes with children experiencing life-threatening illness for teaching purposes for both the kids and the players, and all the players come to the 5K and run in costume. McGourty said it’s been an amazing experience, especially considering Liam’s love for baseball. His service dog is named Fenway, and he has been to more than 40 at-home Red Sox games. “His wheelchair is called the Green Monster,” McGourty said. “His service dog was from Golden Opportunities for Independence, and we were on a wait list for a service dog for over a year. Not only is green his favorite color, and the entire litter was born green due to a medical issue... All the puppies came out green and Fenway stayed crayon green for three weeks. They called us up and said not only do we have a puppy, but we have a green puppy.”

McGourty said they are currently awaiting Fenway’s completion of training, but that it shouldn’t be too long.

The race concentrated early on Liam’s Trust Fund, which raised money for necessities for Liam’s life and treatment. “We concentrated a lot on the trust fund, because we needed a van,” he said. “Liam went from walking to not walking in a very short period of time, so we needed a van and we needed it right away.”

McGourty said they now work to help out as many as they can affected by the disease. He said the charity they work with to help provide research funds and necessities for families experiencing the disease. He said they usually get around 150 to 200 people each year, but he’s always trying to make it a better event.

“You still want more, it can always be better and that’s the way I like to look at it,” he said. “When you see the same exact faces there every time, that’s when it starts to become you can only bleed the same people so many times and that’s when I feel some- times.”

McGourty said they will have a raffle at the event with a full team autographed 2017 Bruins jersey as well as an array of other signed items like a David Pastrnak signed puck.

“Liam’s got more sports memorabilia than you could possibly imagine, he’s met the Bruins, he’s sat at the front row of the Celtics game and he’s skated on the ice, his one and only time skating, with the Bruins,” he said.

For more information on the race, go to facebook.com/Liams-LEEP-151556781537355.
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However, in previous meet-
ings the school department stated they would need an in-
crease in their operational bud-
get just to continue to offer level services, and that’s after already
cutting a good deal of program-
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ous meeting that for level ser-
VICES, the fiscal year (FY) 2020 budget would require an addi-
tional $3.7 million. For FY2021, $4.5 million, $5.3 million for FY2022, $6 million for FY2023 and 6.8 million for FY 2024.

Abdallah-Donohue asked if there were other ways to help raise funds the Town could em-
ploy, but Mazzucco pointed out that Prop. 2.5 won’t allow the Town to raise taxes by more than 2.5 percent each year on property taxes without an operational override, which was instituted in 1980. Prop 2.5 states the total annual prop-
erty tax revenue raised by a municipality shall not exceed 2.5 percent of the assessed value of taxable The Town can take fees for certain services, but Mazzucco said those fees have to go directly to those services and cannot be used for anything else, like balancing the budget.

Slater and Norwood Schools Superintendent David Thomson pointed out that there are some variables within the budget, like the snow and ice budget and special educa-
tion prepay amounts that can-
not yet be predicted, but both said they felt an override should be on the table regard-
less.

The BBC also discussed the drafting of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Town that would state it would not seek another bud-
get override within a certain period of time, but the details of that are still very much up in the air. The MOU would detail exactly how much in taxes the Town and Schools could increase each year, with some extremely limited flex-
ibility for certain programs within each.

Mazzucco said he is also re-
questing first-pass budgets from all Town departments, and that they will detail what they think they can cut to keep a level-funded budget.

“We’re going to compile not just the budget documents, but all of what they think you can cut,” Mazzucco said. “Bas-
ically, you would take a de-
partment and say this is where our budget is to do a bare mini-

um of what we did last year... Hopeful those cuts in total will match up to the deficit.”

Abdallah-Donohue has said her school was one of the first to be added to the list of those that could receive an override.

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“We went down to the Rhode Island Air Show this year in Narragansett, and it was great and it was free,” he said.

“But this is also a nice event. I like being at the Norwood Airport, we come here all the time to see the air-
planes. We basically like any-
thing that moves.”

Resident Todd Lacoss said he comes out with his oldest and dearest friends to events like this every year to remem-
ber those lost, and it’s a great reason to get together.

“We and friends of ours get old men together to see what basically our fathers did,” he said. “We get out once or twice a year and it’s better than meet-
ing at funerals, I can tell you that...”

The Collings Foundation organization is a nonprofit educational foundation dedi-
cated to supporting living his-
tory. The Wings of Freedom Tour has been a part of that since 1989, and when possible has included the aircraft already mentioned as well as P- 51C Mustang fighter aircraft.

The organization is based out of Stow Massachusetts and also operates Vietnam Memo-
rial flights and acts as a clear-
inghouse both for history and preservation. The Stow facil-
ity houses dozens of military artifacts and, in 2013, took on the custodianship of the Jacques Littlefield Military Vehicle Collection, the largest privately held collection of historic tanks and military ar-

tifacts in the world. The group is also working on a new ex-
pansion that will feature 66 automobiles and vehicles made in America from the Revolutionary War to the Gulf War, including a 1940 Cadillac V-16 owned by Al Capone.

For more information, go to collingsfoundation.org.

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“We went down to the Rhode Island Air Show this year in Narragansett, and it was great and it was free,” he said.

“But this is also a nice event. I like being at the Norwood Airport, we come here all the time to see the air-
planes. We basically like any-
thing that moves.”

Resident Todd Lacoss said he comes out with his oldest and dearest friends to events like this every year to remem-
ber those lost, and it’s a great reason to get together.

“We and friends of ours get old men together to see what basically our fathers did,” he said. “We get out once or twice a year and it’s better than meet-
ing at funerals, I can tell you that...”

The Collings Foundation organization is a nonprofit educational foundation dedi-
cated to supporting living his-
tory. The Wings of Freedom Tour has been a part of that since 1989, and when possible has included the aircraft already mentioned as well as P- 51C Mustang fighter aircraft.

The organization is based out of Stow Massachusetts and also operates Vietnam Memo-
rial flights and acts as a clear-
inghouse both for history and preservation. The Stow facil-
ity houses dozens of military artifacts and, in 2013, took on the custodianship of the Jacques Littlefield Military Vehicle Collection, the largest privately held collection of historic tanks and military ar-

tifacts in the world. The group is also working on a new ex-
pansion that will feature 66 automobiles and vehicles made in America from the Revolutionary War to the Gulf War, including a 1940 Cadillac V-16 owned by Al Capone.

For more information, go to collingsfoundation.org.

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The Child ID event is part of the Masons’ statewide observance of “Square & Compass Days.” More than 250 lodges across Massachusetts will open their doors on October 20, offering tours and providing an opportunity for the community to learn more about Freemasonry.

For more information, visit www.orientlodge.org or call our information line at 781-762-1240 x220.

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CONOLLY

TIMOTHY, of Attleboro, formerly of Norwood, passed away on September 26, 2018 at the age of 78. Beloved husband of Eunice (Stauffer) Connelly. Son of the late John J. and Elizabeth (Duffy) Connelly. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Church, Attleboro. Burial will be private. Arrangements by Gillis Gillooly Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Donations may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 50088, Cleveland, OH 44101.

GOTHAM

EDWARD G. OF N. FT. MEYERS, FL, formerly of Norwood, passed away on January 23, 2018. He was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Jenny Gotham. Edward was a graduate of the 1977 Norwood High School Super Bowl Football Champions. After graduating from Colby College, he pursued his law degree at New England School of Law, passed the bar exam and continued his excellence in education at Boston College Law School, earning his Master’s in Business Administration. Joe was a partner in his business and later in contract management. At the request of the family all services were performed at Gillooly Funeral Home in Norwood 781-762-0174.

Please note that the content of this obituary might not be complete. It is an example of how obituaries are typically formatted, but some details might be missing or incomplete. Always refer to the actual obituary published in the newspaper for the most accurate and complete information.

RODGERS
John E., lifelong resident of Norwood, passed away peacefully on September 30, 2018. He was 72 years of age. John was the son of the late Richard and Margaret Rose (Curran) Rodgers and grandson of Patrick and Margaret Curran. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, October 9th at 11:00am at the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A), Norwood. Interment will follow the service in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. There will be no calling hours.

SMITH
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This issue of the Norwood Record contains an advertisement for a play called "Miz Arnette," directed by Ronnie Claire Edwards. The play is a musical that features a variety of performers, including a drag queen, a musical number, and various sets. The play will be performed at the Footlighters Playhouse, 2 Scouter Road, East Walpole, Massachusetts. Performances are scheduled for February 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16 at 8:00 pm and February 10 and 17 at 2:00 pm. The play is open to the public and tickets are available at www.mass-culture.org. For more information, contact John Joyce at CulturalCouncil@norwoodma.gov.

In addition to the play, the Norwood Cultural Council is accepting proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs due Monday, October 15. The Norwood Cultural Council has set an October 17 deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community. To apply, visit www.mass-culture.org and complete the application forms.

For more information about the Local Cultural Council Program, contact John Joyce at CulturalCouncil@norwoodma.gov. Online application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available at www.mass-culture.org.

According to Council spokesperson John Joyce, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Norwood, including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures. For local guidelines and complete information on the Norwood Cultural Council, contact John Joyce at CulturalCouncil@norwoodma.gov.

The Walpole Footlighters are pleased to announce open auditions for "The Mystery of Miz Arnette" by Alan Bailey and Ronnie Claire Edwards, directed by Ronnie Claire Edwards. The auditions will be held on Sunday, October 21 and Monday, October 22 at 7:00 pm at the Footlighters Playhouse, 2 Scouter Road, East Walpole, Massachusetts. Callbacks, if needed, will be held on Tuesday, October 23 at 7:00 pm. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. The role of Miz Arnette has been cast.

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For more information, please visit www.walpolefootlighters.com, and fill out the online audition form. Call or visit www.norwoodlight.com for more information on our services.

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