



A team of engineering students from Norwood High School, led by Dr. Michael Crowley, are hoping their invention - an improvement to prevent excess snow on the NHS roof - is selected to receive a \$10,000 grant as part of the Lemelson Foundation and MIT's InvenTeam initiative.

COURTESY PHOTO

NHS engineering team among national MIT finalists

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

A team of Norwood High School students is working towards becoming a finalist for a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)-sponsored invention initiative.

The 15-member team, led by faculty advisor Dr. Michael Crowley, is participating in the annual InvenTeam grant competition, which is put on by MIT and the Lemelson Foundation.

"Essentially what it is, is they encourage teams of students from all across the country to submit proposals for inventions to solve real world problems," Crowley said. "That's the key, it has to solve a real problem and they want it to be unique."

The Norwood team was already selected as one of 35 national final-

ists, but must submit its final proposal by Sept. 8. If selected as one of the final 15 teams, the Norwood group would receive \$10,000 to build its prototype and a year of national exposure.

The team is comprised of Norwood High sophomores, juniors and seniors, including: Brandon Black, George Rammah, Rebecca Bamber, Luke Andrews, Khirallahifer Khirallah, Ioana Stoica, Jake Vail, Steven Lussier, Veronica Andrews, Clifton Clark, Victoria Mullen, Anuja Mitra, Janelle Kelleher, Karan Patel, and Nicholas Naumann.

After convening in January, the Norwood team opted to invent a retractable awning to prevent build-up of snow on parts of the roof of

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One rink not enough? How about three more?

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

While the Norwood Ice Arena awaits the release of additional state funding, as many as three private sheets of ice could be built in town.

According to several sources, Braintree-based developer Campanelli has been approached by several companies about available space at the old Polaroid site at Upland Woods, which it owns.

According to Campanelli spokesperson Danielle Simbliaris, the company still has a building and a substantial lot for lease on the campus, with around 110,000 square feet of build-to-lease opportunity and 18,500 square feet of existing building space.

Selectman Bill Plasko, who is involved with the Town's Skating Rink Committee, said one of the companies interested in the available space is a private skating club that is proposing three sheets of ice to be used mostly for figure skating.

Simbliaris said she couldn't speak to any concrete deals for the available space on Upland Road, nor did she have any comment about a skating club as a client. Simbliaris did clarify that any development on these lots would be separate from One Upland, the recently completed residential complex that should see its first tenants in October.

The 262-unit residential complex will feature a clubhouse with a fitness center, a pool and sundeck, two dog parks for large and small dogs, and a greenway for movie nights and an outdoor fireplace for its residents.

Simbliaris said the available lots could be leased for public recreational uses if interested parties in town approached Campanelli.

Plasko said he had asked the skating club about ice time for local uses, including high school sports, but said, "Their response has been a loud

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Excess land surrounding Campanelli's residential complex, "One Upland," on Upland Road has attracted preliminary interest from several potential developers, including a private ice-skating club, which would build three private rinks there.

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Jeffrey & Maureen Gadomski (of Dedham, formerly of Norwood) announce the birth of their twins. Teagan Riley Gadomski, born on July 11, 2015. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 20 inches long. Matthew Orion Gadomski, born on July 12, 2015. He weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 inches long. They were welcomed home by big sister Maeve. Paternal grandparents are Ted & Marianne Gadomski of Norwood, maternal grandparents are Trina Mallet of Norwood, and Graham Mallet of Hyannisport.



Norwood Police Briefs

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Off-duty officer stops thief

Norwood Police Officer Shawn Wilman may have been off duty on Aug. 1, but that didn't stop him from catching up with a shoplifting suspect in town.

Wilman was near the MonkeySports Superstore at 949 Providence Highway when he saw two males running through the parking lot, which turned out to be a store employee chasing after a man accused of trying to steal two \$300 baseball gloves.

Police said Wilman identified himself as a police officer and joined the chase. Eventually, the suspect hit a dead end at a high fence near some woods, where he gave up and was apprehended. Wilman arrested Matthew Bresnahan, 24, of Canton, who was transported to Norwood Police Station by Sergeant Doucette and patrol officers Costa and Payne, where he was booked on a charges of Larceny over \$250.

Norwood men arrested in heroin sting

According to the US At-

torneys office, three Norwood men were arrested as part of an investigation into a Taunton heroin ring that netted 12 individuals in total.

Norwood residents Luis Guzman, 22, Mercedes Cabral, 24, and Oristel Soto-Peguero, 22, were all arrested on July 6-7, while the sting also included the arrests of residents from Taunton, Fall River, Bridgewater, Wareham, Boston, and Providence, R.I., over the course of several months.

The investigation included wiretaps of alleged dealer Mejia Ramos of Taunton and the use of cooperating witnesses. Conspiracy to distribute heroin charges allow for prison sentences of up to 20 years, supervised release for three years or up to an entire lifetime, and a fine of \$1 million.

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Selectmen move forward with medical marijuana

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen took the first steps towards allowing a medical marijuana cultivation and dispensary facility to come to Norwood, during a meeting on August 4.

The Selectmen voted unanimously to send a letter of non-opposition from the Town to the state, which allows ARL Healthcare, Inc. (ARL) to pursue a Medical Marijuana RMD license.

“The process has been stalled at every level in this state and as I said before I think that it needs to happen,” Selectman Michael Lyons, who made the motion to send the letter, said. “The voters in this town, the voters in this state, demanded it overwhelmingly.”

Lyons noted that the letter was not a notice of final approval and “not a rubber stamp,” but allows the process to be explored further. The approval process for applicants includes a letter of intent to the Department of Public Health, a vetting of the group’s operations, and the letter of support. After these steps are completed, the proposal would go to local planning and zoning authorities.

ARL had not yet met with the Department of Public Health regarding its operations and management.

Lyons and other board members expressed comfort with ARL’s background and experience, as much of its leadership had met with the Norwood Selectmen previously, when a different principle sought to bring a medical marijuana facility to town - a proposal that did not move forward.

“We need to make it happen,”

Lyons said. “People are suffering and I believe it’s criminal to keep it in limbo for as long as we have. Not we personally, but we as a state.”

ARL has selected 625 University Avenue - which is within the Town’s Medical Marijuana Overlay District - as a potential site for its operations. There, it hopes to operate a cultivation center for growing marijuana, as well as a dispensary to serve licensed patients.

During the meeting, ARL, along with representatives from Marimed Advisors, outlined proposed operations and detailed their current facility, the Thomas C. Slater Compassion Center, based in Providence, Rhode Island.

Among the leadership team was Slater Center chief operating officer Raymond White, who is a retired Lt. Colonel and Deputy Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police. White said security plans would involve cameras, alarms, and a secure facility, and he said he had already reached out to local law enforcement, including Norwood Police Department.

“Our organization is local, we’re comprised of people that live in the surrounding community, from Massachusetts, and we think that has value,” said advisor Chris Reilly. “We understand the needs of a community like Norwood, we’ve lived and worked here and we feel it has value and some level of comfort as you consider our proposal for locating our facility here.”

Reilly stressed that the operation was “healthcare driven” and cited examples of demonstrated success when patients have access to the medicine, and the reduction of crime in areas with treatment centers.

He said medical marijuana

has been shown to help with opiate abuse in communities where facilities are available, and the Slater Center in Providence provides a non-psychoactive product to help children as young as two years old with seizures.

Reilly also cited the experience of the leadership team, which included medical professionals, those with law enforcement experience, and many who are involved with the Slater Center.

Reilly said ARL seeks to be a “good neighbor and corporate citizen” and to provide a safe place for patients to access their medicine and a facility the community-at-large can feel safe about having within its borders. ARL said it would not pursue any tax abatements, given its non-profit status.

The Board asked questions about the changes in the new presentation from the group’s first presentation, whether the group would consider nixing the cultivation component, and if ARL planned to sell its product to other dispensaries. Reilly said ARL was amenable to any of the Board’s wishes regarding cultivation and restrictions to keep sales local.

ARL did acknowledge that it had also contacted the Town of Middleboro since Governor Charlie Baker reopened the application process for medical marijuana facilities.

“I think we need a medical dispensary in Norwood,” Selectman Allan Howard said, noting that he had been in contact with several families with debilitating health conditions who expressed dire need for such medication.

Selectmen

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OPINION

Not a mistake, so why are we uneasy?

Selectmen met on Tuesday with two firms looking to open medical marijuana facilities in Norwood. One company walked away with a "Letter of No Opposition", the other walked away with nada. As everyone made abundantly clear, even with the letter of support from Selectmen, which make no mistake is what that letter was, the company receiving the letter still has to jump through a myriad of bureaucratic hoops, both at the state level and locally, before a cultivation site and dispensary can open in Town.

The company receiving the letter said all the right things, has plenty of experience, and the money and personnel to make sure their Norwood location is well run and properly secured. Selectmen chose the right com-

pany. So why are we a little uneasy?

It's not because we don't believe in the benefits of medical marijuana, we are already on record as stating we believe such facilities should exist and no one should suffer from the pains of anything if medical cannabis can ease their burdens. We supported the state vote to allow such sites and admired Norwood for voting heavily on the side of allowance. However, as we have stated before and will state again, Norwood doesn't always have to be the home for companies servicing the disadvantaged, regardless of their altruistic intentions. We also don't believe that just because Norwood residents voted to allow medical dispensaries in

state, they were also conveying they wanted them in their backyards. Hasn't Norwood done enough?

Besides the obvious of Norwood Hospital being located here, there are also a plethora of social service agencies servicing the drug and alcohol dependent, the mentally and physically impaired, and has more than its fair share of subsidized housing for the less financially fortunate. Some may argue that this is exactly what makes Norwood the wonderfully welcoming community it is. However, it is our guess there are plenty of others, perhaps less vocal, wishing Norwood wasn't such a sanctuary for everyone needing assistance.

It is naive to think that Norwood taxpayers don't

shoulder a lot of the burden to support these kinds of services in the way of housing, schools and police to name just a few. Simply by reading the police logs weekly, it is obvious that a percentage of Norwood's crime problem is associated with some seeking the very services mentioned above. In fact, one of the marijuana dispensing companies on Tuesday even offered to provide drug dependency counseling funds should they locate here. And when taken to task for it by Selectman Donohue for even mentioning it, they tried to backpedal and explain they were only addressing a perception of the public and not the reality. Well, sometimes perception is reality, and in this case we believe at least a percentage of it is.

There is a benefit to Norwood residents requiring medical marijuana to have a

dispensary located in town. However, the benefit is minimal given everyone agreed that if one wasn't located in Norwood there would certainly be one located in a town very close by, and both companies made clear a good percentage of their business would come from home delivery, so those suffering wouldn't even need to leave their homes.

Did Norwood Selectmen err when providing a letter of support to this company? No, we don't believe it was a mistake. We also don't believe it was necessary. There are plenty of surrounding towns with equally good public transportation and near hospitals and highways. Selectmen appeared to be taking the moral high road in granting the letter and perhaps felt a little bit better about themselves when doing so. We are just hoping it wasn't at your expense.

TOWN OF NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS SEWERAGE WORKS IMPROVEMENTS

AREA 3 AND AREA 4 SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT NO. CWSRF-4014 CONTRACT NO. NPW-16-01

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for construction of the Area 3 and Area 4 Sewer Rehabilitation will be received by the Town of Norwood, Massachusetts in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 until 11:00 AM (Verizon Time), Thursday, September 3, 2015 and at that time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work of this Contract includes furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals required to perform rehabilitation of the existing sewer system within underdrain Areas 3 and 4 which is located in Norwood, Massachusetts. Sewer rehabilitation work includes but is not limited to the following: preparatory cleaning of existing sewers, sewer manholes and sewer services; installation of cured in place pipe lining in mainline sewer (8,245 LF) and service laterals (204 ea.); installation of 8" PVC sewer (602 LF) and manholes; protruding tap removal; manhole rehabilitation; TV inspection; and all related work and miscellaneous items as specified herein and as shown on the Drawings required to complete the contract.

The Contract Time shall be 300 Calendar Days commencing ten days following the Effective Date of the Agreement.

Contract Documents may be examined and/or obtained at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062, Tel. No. (781) 762-1240, extension 106 or 107.

Contract Documents are available for examination at CDM Smith, 75 State Street, Suite 701, Boston, MA 02109 and at F.W. Dodge Division, McGraw Hill Information Systems Co., 24 Hartwell Ave., Lexington, MA.

A deposit of \$50.00 (check payable to the Town of Norwood) will be required for each set of the Contract Documents. A refund of the deposit will be made for such Documents returned in good condition within 30 calendar days after the Bids are received. Documents will also be available electronically by emailing PBilotta@norwoodma.gov or CCarney@norwoodma.gov

Bidders requesting Contract Documents by mail shall include an additional non refundable check payable to the Town of Norwood in the amount of \$15.00 per set to cover costs of handling and mailing.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond, by a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts satisfactory to the awarding authority in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the total bid price must be submitted with the Bid. The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award furnish the Town a performance bond and a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the bid by a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts satisfactory to the awarding authority.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of thirty days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays after the actual date of the opening of the Bids.

The successful bidder shall be required to submit documentation that all employees to be employed in the work subject to this bid have successfully completed a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration. Any employee found on a worksite subject to this section without documentation of successful completion of a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration shall be subject to immediate removal.

Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the contractor, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract. Federal Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the United States Department of Labor under the Davis-Bacon Act also apply to this project.

The bidding and award of this Contract will be under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 39M.

The work under this Contract is funded in part by the Massachusetts Division of Water Pollution Abatement Trust (the "Trust").

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals are applicable to the total dollars paid to the construction contract. The goals for this project are a minimum of 3.40 percent D/MBE participation and 3.80 percent D/WBE participation by certified DBEs. The two low bidders shall submit completed DBE forms (EEO-DEP-190, EEO-DEP-191 and the DBE Certification of United States Citizenship form) by the close of business on the third business day after bid opening. Failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph may be deemed to render a proposal non-responsive. No waiver of any provision of this section will be granted unless approved by the [Department of Environmental Protection \(MassDEP\)](#).

This Project requires compliance with the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Diesel Retrofit Program by use of after-engine emission controls that are EPA certified, or their equivalent, on all of the off-road (non-registered) diesel vehicles/equipment, and vehicles greater than 50 brake horsepower, which will be used in the performance of the work.

A list of current plan holders can be obtained on-line at www.norwoodma.gov.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any part of a bid or the one deemed best for the Town.

By: John J. Carroll
General Manager

Norwood Record, 08/06/15

Letters to the Editor

REAL LOSERS ARE THE CHILDREN

To the Editor:

To the Citizens of Norwood:

This letter is in regard to the action taken at a meeting of the Norwood Public School Committee on March 28, 2012, wherein the National Holiday of "Christmas" was removed from the School Calendar and "Winter Recess" was substituted in its place. The late Richard Kief and Paul Samargedlis had the common sense and wisdom to vote against this motion.

Not only have 200 townspeople signed a petition to have "Christmas" restored to the School Calendar, but on April 7, 2014, at a town election, more than 76 percent of our residents voted to restore "Christmas" to the School Calendar. In spite of this action by the townspeople, the School Committee has been adamant in its refusal to adhere to the request of the men and women who maintain the Norwood Public Schools with their taxes and other avenues of support.

I, and my supporters of "Christmas on the School Calendar," have questioned the School Committee as to why they took this action on March 28, 2012, when there was no evidence of disagreement or unhappiness with a holiday on the calendar which is enjoyed and embraced by all faiths in Norwood. Regardless of what well-meaning intention these three School Committee members may have had, what is there about the word "Christmas" that is offensive?

The real losers of this unfortunate motion and vote on March 28, 2012, are the children of Norwood who have been told that the word "Christmas" has no place on the calendar of their school.

Mohammed Khaku has stated: "The Christmas holiday is coming upon us with colorful lights, joyful carols, and people going to church to celebrate the birth of Jesus (Prophet Isa). It is well known, particularly in this holiday season, that Christians follow the teaching of Jesus. What is less well understood is that Muslims also love and revere Jesus as one of God's greatest messengers to mankind.

In the fight to separate religion from schools and government, I think the Christmas celebration is a great victory to bring back spirituality to one's life. I take pleasure in seeing the Gospel of Jesus displayed in public places. It is a shame to see that "Merry Christmas" has given way to "Happy Holidays" or "Season's Greetings."

The blame lies with commercialism rather than militant Islam or Judaism. Denying the Christianity in Christmas cel-

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St. Jude's Novena

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SECTION A - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA

Sealed bids will be received up to 11:00 A.M. (Verizon time), August 20, 2015, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following Public Project:

"Athletic Training Services"

The complete bid package may be obtained in the Purchasing Department during regular business hours or electronically by emailing PBilotta@norwoodma.gov or CCarney@norwoodma.gov. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, "Athletic Services, CONTRACT #NSD-16-01."

This contract is for a one-year period. The Town of Norwood reserves the right to renew this contract for a second and third year at the Town's sole discretion if it is deemed in the Town's best interest to do so.

No bid bond or performance bond is required.

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with all statutes governing such contracts (MGL Chapter 30B as most recently amended). Every General Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of General Bids, Saturdays, and Sundays excluded.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended.

The Town of Norwood notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any part of a bid or the one deemed best for the Town. A copy of the planholders' list can be obtained at the Town's website: www.norwoodma.gov

BY: John J. Carroll, General Manager

Norwood Record, 8/6/15

celebrations helps no one. Actually we Muslims welcome having more of a Christian content, because, at present, it is more of a shopping festival. Muslims do celebrate Christmas in our own way, by celebrating our love to the blessed baby and Messiah." (Contact: IslamAwareness@gmail.com)

The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., an eminent civil rights leader, has stated: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

*Theresa McNulty
Norwood*

OFFICIALS NEED TO LISTEN

To the Editor:

Imagine not getting wrapped around the axle about a global event. To be unencumbered, free, mobile and be part of the solution, not dwelling on the problem. Bravo to Mayor Marty Walsh. As Mayor of Boston, he

executed an intelligent solution that benefited not only the residents of Boston, but all of us that live in Massachusetts. Was he pressured, was he bullied, was it the good old boys network trying to run the show? Somehow Mayor Walsh rose above the sewage and came out smelling like a rose.

Was this a religious event, i.e., a miracle? I think not, this Mayor actually listened to the residents that he values as neighbors. Yes, he lives in the same city with his constituents. Is the city in such pristine condition that it has smooth roads, no pot-holes, no gridlock, an infrastructure that is safe and a transportation system that runs like the Silver Bullet in Japan? I think not with lots of projects to fix that are broken.

So, let's look at this change of venue for the Olympics as a possible change that is solution driven for some of the problems in Norwood. At this moment, we have schools that are deteriorating, and heating systems that are dysfunctional, a downgrading of our education standing in Norfolk County, but guess what? The priority of outdated non-essential personnel is an ice

rink, more lights for baseball fields and we have one resident who is an expert of the baseball fields. We need a citizen who follows the rating of our schools and equipment for the schools in Norwood because they are more important than baseball fields, lights and ice rinks.

Who, what and where are critical questions to be pondered by every responsible citizen residing in Norwood. It may not be in your neighborhood, but let's pay attention to the various areas in town because we are one town. Let's get back to business and I mean good honest business. Not enough funds for our schools, a deteriorating downtown, etc. And this is the result of not listening to the residents' wants and needs. Just a few people deemed the pending projects essential and mandatory for Norwood. The voting public does not agree with this assessment.

There is an attitude out and about that the majority of resident having brought up their families in Norwood, are ready to retire and move away, and they don't care. I doubt this because most residents know how to be responsible citizens. My kids are out of state, and I am not proud of the current standing in Norwood, but I'd like to participate in making it work. First of all, we need "new" leadership. This leadership needs to include residents whose voices are heard and listened to. Leadership is not bi-partisan, it is respectful, it is transparent, it is full disclosure and truthful. It is good planning with an outcome that benefits ALL citizens, not just a few.

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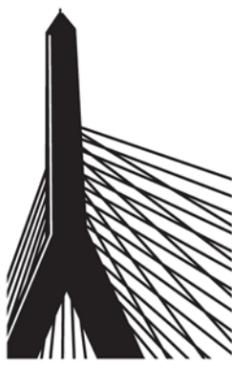
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Selectmen take the ice bucket challenge

As part of a fundraiser for the ALS Association, Selectmen Allan Howard and Paul Bishop took the ice bucket challenge, in which freezing water was poured over their heads by Fire Chief Tony Greeley and police officer Kevin McDonough.

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"I would like to see us go forward and support their application for a dispensary."

Chairman Paul Bishop noted that he also had changed his mind on the issue, mentioning his 39-year career in law enforcement.

The Board also heard a presentation from Massachusetts Patient Foundation, Inc. (MPF) and its attorney Valerio Romano, which also sought a Medical Marijuana Dispensary, though it only planned to bring retail operations to town. MPF had contracted Norwood-based firm Lan-Tel for security.

The Board opted not to pursue further relations with MPF, which had identified both 51 Morgan Drive and 244 Vanderbilt Avenue as possible locations. Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue noted that these locations were near gyms and other facilities that had childcare operations.

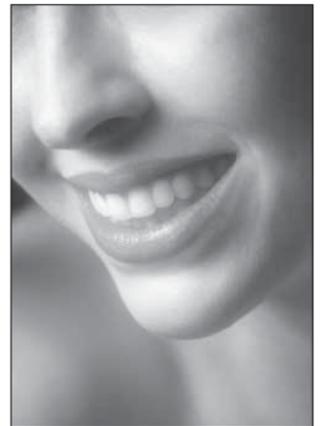
MPF's leadership team consisted of Daniel Kartin and Joseph Lekach. Kartin had 15 years experience in operating gastrointestinal pathology labs, while Lekach came from a business background. Neither had experience in running a medical marijuana facility.

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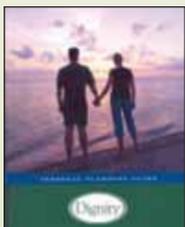
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Sports

State champs tour State House

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

The summer of accolades continues for the Norwood Mustangs baseball team, with a team trip to the State House its most recent honor.

On July 29, the team was invited to Beacon Hill by State Rep. John Rogers, who serves the district of Norwood and Walpole. Players and coaches were introduced to a crowd already present for a session of the Massachusetts congress, receiving an ovation from the masses. The Mustangs have also been honored with a float in Norwood's Fourth of July parade, and were able to sit in front of the Norwood Board of Selectmen as part of the celebration for the team's first state championship since 1943, an 8-1 victory over St. Peter-Marian on June 20.

"We got to meet the speaker of the house, [Robert DeLeo]" said Mustangs head coach Kevin Igoe, who has taken Norwood to the postseason in each of his first four seasons in the dugout, reaching the Div. 1 state title game in each of the last two years. "Johnny Rogers set it all up, he's great. He's always been great to Norwood. The kids had the time of their life."

The team was present for a busy day in the house, the last

day of the summer session for legislation. They received a tour of the building, located on Beacon Street near downtown Boston, and were able to have lunch outside of the complex, overlooking the scenic landscape of the area. The Mustangs were hoping to meet Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker, too, but he was unavailable due to prior commitments.

"It's a unique group," Igoe said of the team, noting the great leadership qualities many of his seniors possessed. Three members of the Mustangs plan on enlisting in the military: Scott O'Brien and Joe Panetta will join the Marines, while Brandon Trahon will join the army. Additionally, two are attending service academies in the fall. Jake O'Rourke will be going to The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., while Denny Drummey will be attending Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay.

"A lot of leaders in this group," said Igoe. "We're going to miss them for sure."

Igoe believes despite the losses, Norwood will still be in excellent position to compete next year. Several local media outlets, such as ESPN Boston, have the Mustangs on early Super 8 watch lists.

"You'd be crazy not to put us on there," said Igoe. "We're pretty loaded next year. We've got the pitching."



The 2015 state championship Norwood boys baseball team was honored at the State House on July 29.

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Fall sports schedules released



The Norwood field hockey team will hope to improve on its successful 2014 campaign, when they finished 16-2-2 on the season. This year, the squad opens the season on Sept. 9 against Milton.

FILE PHOTO

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Norwood High School's 2015 fall sports schedule has been released tentatively, with some dates still subject to change.

Practices for the football team may begin on Monday, Aug. 24, with the rest of the teams set to follow on Thursday, Aug. 27.

The boys golf team will be the first varsity team to play a game/match that counts in the standings, on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at Norwood Country Club vs. the Brookline Warriors. The golf team was 7-6-1 in match play a year ago, qualifying for the postseason and also capturing the South Shore Division 2 sportsmanship award.

Field hockey, which had the deepest postseason run for any Mustangs fall team last year, opens up on Wednesday, Sept. 9 vs. the Milton Wildcats. Field hockey went 16-2-2 a year ago, bowing out in the Div. 1 south semifinals vs. the Oliver Ames Tigers, 3-0. The Mustangs lost just one game in the regular season, vs. the archrival Walpole Porkers in its regular season finale, 3-1. Norwood will have two

more cracks at the Porkers this fall: at home on Thursday, Oct. 1, and again in the regular season finale, this time at Walpole on Thursday, Oct. 29. Norwood will also play a night game at home for the second year in a row, scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 8 vs. the Framingham Flyers. The Mustangs do not have any non-conference road games currently scheduled, and have just two such opponents at home: the Canton Bulldogs (Sept. 28) and Westwood Wolverines (Oct. 5).

Football finished 4-7 in 2014, winning four of its final five games after a 0-6 start. The team's first game is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 11 at Framingham. The Mustangs did not play the Flyers, a Bay State-Carey Division team, in '14. Norwood's nonleague schedule includes a rematch with the Wayland Warriors, who edged the Mustangs 14-12 last season, a frigid September game with temperatures in the upper-40s. This time the game is in Norwood, serving as the home opener for the Mustangs, on Saturday, Sept. 19. Additionally, Norwood is scheduled to play the Dedham Marauders, its usual Thanksgiving Day opponent, on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Girls volleyball, which quali-

fied for the postseason last year despite a 5-15 record, will open its season on Wednesday, Sept. 9 vs. Milton. The non-conference schedule for the Mustangs includes home-and-home series with the Brockton Boxers and Sharon Eagles.

Boys and girls soccer are both coming off winless seasons. The boys team opens 2015 on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at Milton, and has its first home game on Friday, Sept. 11 vs. Brookline. The girls will play the opposite schedule to begin the season: home vs. Milton on Sept. 9, and at Brookline on Sept. 11.

Norwood's swim and dive team will be the last fall team to open its season, waiting until Friday, Sept. 18 to jump in the pool at home vs. the Natick Red Hawks.

Both boys and girls cross-country open their seasons with tri-meets vs. two Bay State-Carey Division opponents, the Newton North Tigers and Needham Rockets, at home on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

For the complete Norwood Mustangs fall schedule, be sure to check out www.baystateconference.org and click on 'Norwood.'

InvenTeam *continued from page 1*

Norwood High. The idea came after the historic snow-fall this winter, which dumped excess snow loads onto parts of the school, notably above the library and outside of Rooms 358 and 360.

The telescopic retractors, the key features to the awning, were designed and built by Norwood High students.

According to Crowley, the team found out that the east-facing building leaves that part of the roof vulnerable to prevailing winds coming from the west, where a low pressure point was created. It was this that caused the excess snow build up.

Crowley also pointed out that the high school was built according to the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) Model School designs, which he said are widely used throughout the state. Using these plans can be beneficial to communities, since there are millions in design savings, and the leg-

islature then reimburses the project at a rate of 50 percent.

In Norwood, the school project cost \$68 million, but taxpayers were only responsible for \$34 million.

Because the school is built according to widely used plans, the Norwood team believes it has a solution to a very real-world problem.

"We wanted to see if we could get the project endorsed by the MSBA," Crowley said.

In addition, the team has begun seeking endorsement letters from town officials, including the Permanent Building Construction Committee, the Board of Selectmen, and others.

"We meet roughly once per week and it is a big commitment, everyone is very dedicated," said rising senior Khirallahifer Khirallah, who is working on the project description for the final proposal.

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Khirallah said she began taking accounting classes, but liked the hands-on approach to science courses, and decided to begin taking Engineering and Robotics classes at Norwood High, which inspired her towards a new career path.

"I want to be an engineer, so this is a stepping stone on the path to becoming more successful," she said. "Dr. Crowley is a very good mentor. (Without him), we wouldn't be as close knit as we are."

Crowley said the hands-on approach is essential to teaching such advanced concepts to high school students.

"What I like about teaching engineering and robots is that it's the ultimate application, regardless of the topic they're studying in science," Crowley said. "We haven't taught just a single discipline, since the lesson leads to projects that are al-

ways multi-disciplinary."

Crowley also lauded the Norwood Public Schools for the preparation his students receive before taking his classes.

"The project was born out of the classroom," Crowley said. "I teach a full-year engineering course, which is offered at the college and honors level, and we cover seven major topics ... So this is really like the ultimate application."

As part of the selection to the national finalist group, Crowley was sent to MIT in June, where he received feedback from MIT faculty and associates. The Norwood proposal did not have any weaknesses, according to the evaluators, and the team was recognized for being already on its third PVC prototype at the beginning of the summer.

"Usually, failure is seen as a horrible thing you don't want to be associated with," Khirallah said. "In engineering, failure is just as good as success because it points

you in a new direction or a new approach to something."

The group continues to meet regularly throughout the summer to hammer out the final details of the proposal and prepare the communication components of the presentation.

"It's been an exciting ride. They've done phenomenal job, they deserve all the credit, and they have taken the ball and run with it," Crowley said of his team.

Crowley sees the InvenTeam Initiative as another way Norwood High School can better serve its students.

"We're always trying to build a better mousetrap for our students. Many of our students apply to very competitive institutes of technology and engineering schools," Crowley said. "One of the things we've always tried to do at NHS is create opportunities for them to shine in the area of engineering and robotics."

DEATHS

ARAMIAN

Ann, 84, of Norwood, on July 30. Beloved wife of 57 years, K. Richard Aramian. Mother to Richard Aramian and his wife Carol Hacker of Westwood, formerly of Needham, MA, Carol Scully of Comer, GA, and the late Craig Aramian. Sister to Ri-

chard Badishkanian of Livingston, NJ. Grandmother to Casey Aramian and Dylan Rodrigues and their families. Also survived by nieces, nephews, and cousins. Gracious appreciation to the many caregivers that helped her along her journey. Funeral arrange-

ments by the George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, Needham. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, we ask memorial contributions in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.

KYDD

Jane, 82, of Norwood, on Feb. 24. Beloved wife of late Russell Kydd, daughter of late Walter and Ruth Chambers, preceded by siblings Ruth Ann Haverstick and Walter Chambers, Jr. She is survived by nieces and nephews, Linda Chambers Lucas, James, Charles, Jean, and Susan Haverstick. Memorial service at Needham Cemetery, Aug. 8, 9:30 am, followed by repast at St. Joseph's Parish Linse Room.

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HUNT

Mary T. (Sweeney) of Norwood, on July 27. Beloved wife of the late Thomas F. Hunt. Loving daughter of the late Patrick and Elizabeth (O'Hara) Sweeney. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on at Sacred Heart Church Roslindale. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

LAVENDER

David A., Sr. of Norwood, on July 28. Beloved husband of the late Margaret M. (Foley) Lavender. Father of David A. Lavender, Jr. and his partner Caroline Ahdab of Pepperell, Dennis J. Lavender of Dracut, Michael E. Lavender and his partner Roberto Flores of Franklin, and Alan R. Lavender and

his husband Danny Milner, Jr. of Norwood. David is also survived by his companion Bea Thompson of Morrill, ME, and by 3 grandchildren, Joshua, Andrew, and Matthew. A graveside service was held at Westview Cemetery, in Lexington. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Bedford VA Hospice, Attn. Volunteer Services, Ref. Patient Programs, 200 Springs Rd., Bedford, MA 01730.

PENDER

Maribeth, 50, on July 28. Beloved daughter of Dorothy Pender of Onset and Norwood and Richard Cipollone of N. Kingstown RI; devoted mother of Jessica Pender-Vezina of Medfield; and loving sister of John J. Pender of Urbana VA. Also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment private.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

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Grateful thanks. —J.R.G.

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