



Officer of the Day Dennis Mawn (left) and Norwood Fire Department Chief Tony Greeley (right) bookend the NFD Honor Guard in this photo taken at the Firefighters' Memorial in Highland Cemetery.

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Memorial Day 2018

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

Memorial Day – Monday, May 28 – dawned chilly, gray, and threatening rain as the Town's commemorative events for the day began with an 8 a.m. Memorial Mass at St. Catherine of Siena's and finished – at around Noon – with the Norwood High School Marching Band's playing of "America" to conclude the program at Highland Cemetery.

Much happened in between, all of which honored those dead who had fought in the service of the country or – in the case of some at the Old Parish Burial Ground – what would become the country as a result of their service.

Leaving St. Catherine's at around 9 a.m. and crossing the street to the Common, a small group of adults and Boy Scouts from Troop 42 and 49 gathered before George "Tiger" Thomas' flagpole and – under Officer of the Day Dennis Mawn's direction (filling in for Ted Mulvehill, away at his daughter's wedding) – stood at attention and saluted be-

fore moving along to the Old Parish Cemetery across from Howard Street on Washington.

The Cemetery – with headstone dates stretching back to pre-Revolutionary War days – is contained by a chain link fence and usually locked. Today, however, its gate was open as the curious climbed its hill and visited graves, many of which were decorated with American flags and red geraniums.

The Cemetery has, as of late, been receiving – under the guidance of Patricia Fanning – a touch up, with headstones being cleaned, reset (straightened), and marked by volunteers, with Moses Guild's plot and headstone serving as the successful prototype, opposite the flagpole a crescent of people had gathered around for the lowering of the flag to half-staff, followed by a prayer from Troop 49 Chaplain Mike Guarin.

Fanning – along with some of the Old Parish Preservation Volunteers – chatted with visitors as some added their names to the group's email list and others made donations.

At about 9:30 a.m. the patriotic songs chiming from the Memorial Hall Tower began to be interrupted by sporadic bursts of marching music and bagpipe blasts and – as if that was some sort of a signal – the staging and mobilization began.

Colonial Pipers and Colonial Boys mustered on Washington Street, Masons from Orient Lodge unloaded from a shuttle bus. Boy Scout flag bearers – with some help from their moms – strapped on harnesses and fixed standards in stirrups for semi-official photos. The Norwood High School (NHS) Marching Band tuned up on Howard Street.

At 10 a.m. the 2018 Memorial Day Parade stepped off – with a marching Police Department escort led by Chief William Brooks and a Fire Department escort led by Chief Tony Greeley – heading down Washington Street toward Winter Street and on to Highland Cemetery with the aforementioned groups and others falling in behind them.

The number of spectators grew as the

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CMS Principal Margo Fraczek

School ranking, Saturday detention and sandwiches discussed

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The School Committee met at the Savage Educational Center (275 Prospect St.) on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 for a session that ran approximately two and a half hours. Major agenda items included discussion on student handbooks, and update on the food service policy regarding designated alternative lunches, the school choice public hearing, and several announcements.

Representatives from both Norwood High School (NHS) and the Coakley Middle School (CMS) went before the Committee to speak about and answer questions regarding updates having to do with their proposed

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Town Meeting focuses on School budget Override discussed

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Annual Town Meeting (ATM), began immediately at the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting (STM), on Thursday, May 17. Nearly the entirety of the three ATM sessions since has dealt with Article 8: the budget and – as the different categories have been dealt with – almost all have met with unanimous voice approval, while many have drawn questions from Town Meeting members.

Of the budget items, Category I: School Department Expenses drew the most discussion.

Throughout the budget season leading up to Town Meeting, balancing the School Department's FY19 budget was a constant theme, as funds were cut from what Superintendent Dr. David Thomson

described – in his opening presentation – as a “needs based budget” to move the School Department forward and fulfill student needs (“not a wish list, not everything that we could possibly have or use”) of \$47,469,733 to bring its FY19 budget request down to \$45,024,649.

Thomson followed by giving a detailed synopsis of the nearly \$2.5 million in cuts that were made to reach the District's “budget realities” in which he described reductions at all levels, including unmet staffing needs, particularly with adjustment counselors.

He also went into accounting devices used to bring the budget into balance, including the District's reliance on circuit breaker/special education reimbursements.

He was followed by School Committee Chair Myev Bodenhofer who spoke of the



Recreation Department Superintendent Travis Farley answers a Town Meeting Member's question at the May 24th session of Annual Town Meeting. It will continue on Thursday, May 31 at NHS.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

District not being able to maintain level services, which would have required – by her estimate – approximately \$45.8 million.

She cited the fact that – although there were no layoffs of classroom teachers – the net reduction by attrition would still have a negative effect on students.

Additionally, Bodenhofer referred to something that had been mentioned earlier by Finance Commission Chair Alan

Slater: the fact that – this budget year – the Schools (and the Town) “got lucky” (her words) because of a slight decrease in group insurance rates; a typical increase would have cut into its budget significantly more.

Following these presentations, the floor was opened for discussion, with Town Moderator David Hern reminding Town Meeting members that the School Department vote would be on the bottom line amount only. “Keep in mind, in the end, that we cannot legally bind them in the way that we can bind other departments.”

The talk almost immediately moved in the direction of the possibility of an override,

with Ed Ferris (District 8) wondering why – with the budget situation so difficult and the level of free cash so low – this hadn't been proposed much sooner.

Board of Selectmen Chair Tom Maloney – while touching on the relative predictability of the Town-side of the budget and the relative unpredictability of the School-side because of state mandates and other factors – spoke of a groundswell of popular support being necessary for an override proposal.

Ferris responded. “When you say that there has to be a groundswell of, ‘Tell me what to do with the money,’ that's

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<p>THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS</p> <p>TOWN OF NORWOOD</p> <p>The owner or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Norwood, in the County of Norfolk and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public, are hereby notified that the taxes, thereon, severally assessed for the year(s) hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as the Collector of Taxes for the Town of Norwood by the Board of Assessors of said town, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the Town of Norwood on June 21, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. for the principal and interest, if any, with all legal costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged. All plans referred to are on file in the Assessors' Office.</p> <p>Mark Good, Collector of Taxes Fiscal 2017</p>	<p>INGTON STREET Map 9-1, Parcel 11 Registry of Deeds Deed Book-11860 Page-0265 2017 #2466, Taxes \$4,810.17, Late Charges \$889.04</p> <p>FARULLA, JOSEPH L TRUSTEE 115 WINSLOW AVE REALTY TRUST 11,847 Sq.Ft. of land with improvements situated at 115-117 WINSLOW AVENUE Map 3-9, Parcel 16 Registry of Deeds Deed Book-09544 Page-0077 2017 #2603, Taxes \$9,003.49, Late Charges \$1,877.01</p> <p>GORMLEY, LUCAS W ZANOWSKI, LAURA B 8,588 Sq.Ft. of land with improvements situated at 498 PLEASANT STREET Map 17-8, Parcel 11 Registry of Deeds Deed Book-29911 Page-0320 2017 #3360, Taxes \$503.41, Late Charges \$120.26</p>	<p>Page-0090, Document 00241463 2017 #6407, Taxes \$1,007.82, Late Charges \$200.70</p> <p>POIRIER, PETER H POIRIER, IRENE G 6,550 Sq.Ft. of land with improvements situated at -OFF SAVIN AVENUE Map 7-6, Parcel 11A Registry of Deeds Deed Book-22656 Page-0583 2017 #6709, Taxes \$102.58, Late Charges \$61.75</p> <p>QUINN, KEVIN M QUINN, SARAH N 4,750 Sq.Ft. of land with improvements situated at 64 ELM STREET Map 13-3, Parcel 23 Registry of Deeds Deed Book-24189 Page-0057 2017 #6840, Taxes \$1,230.31, Late Charges \$236.31</p> <p>ROONEY, JANE P RITCHIE, WALTER E 15,030 Sq.Ft. of land with improvements situated at 22 MANCHESTER ROAD Map 12-5, Parcel 25 Registry of Deeds Land Ct 00157432, Deed Book-00788 Page-0032 2017 #7141, Taxes \$2,109.87, Late Charges \$377.41</p>
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in the **Community Room in the Public Safety Building, 137 Nahatan Street, Norwood, MA 02062** on **June 19, 2018 at 7:30 PM** on the request of John and Kristin McKay (**Case #18-09**) with respect to property located on **24 Brook Street**, in a **S-2 Single Residential District**.

This Application requests a **VARIANCE** under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow: The construction of a free-standing garage having greater floor area and building height than allowed, on a lot having less width than required, together with such other or further relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may determine to be appropriate.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed during normal working hours, Monday – Thursday between 8:00 am to 4:00pm.

BOARD OF APPEAL
Patrick J. Mulvehill, Chairman; Philip W. Riley, Barbara A. Kinter, John R. Perry, Thomas Brady

Norwood Record, 05/24/2018, 05/31/2018

Selectmen discuss show cause hearings, overrides

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday night at Town Hall for its last session before entering its summer schedule. Main items on the agenda included two show cause hearings for alcohol violations and a Selectmen's Addenda discussion regarding overrides.

The 7:30 p.m. show cause hearing concerned Acapulco's Mexican Family Restaurant (500 Boston Providence Turnpike) in which alcohol was served to a minor.

In this case, representatives of Acapulco's went before the Board, as representatives did late last year for the same violation, for which the restaurant was given a stayed one-day suspension.

According to Paul Bishop, there had been another incident before that – in late 2011 – for which a one-day suspension was given but waived after six months without further incident.

When the hearing had closed, Bishop referred to these prior incidents in his recommendation.

"There is a progression here, and I would make a recommendation that we suspend the license three days in the future," with the days suggested three consecutive days from June 7-9.

Bishop's motion was sec-

onded by Allan Howard, with Helen Donohue suggesting the suspension be meted out in non-consecutive days, and William Plasko expressing his own reservations. While agreeing with Bishop and Howard, he shared his thoughts.

"Last time was a one-day suspension stayed. Perhaps this would be a one-day suspension and then – God forbid that there be a repeat – certainly much harsher."

After some discussion regarding breaking the dates up and Bishop amending his motion, Plasko added that he thought that this was "much more punitive than the first time."

"This is the third time I have knowledge of this group is in front of us," Bishop, sounding irritated, responded. "And it appears that somebody, for whatever reason – I'm not blaming anyone particularly – is not getting the message. I want to send a message."

Offering to amend to three consecutive Fridays or Saturdays, Bishop further amended his motion to Donohue's suggestion of June 8, June 9, and then the following Friday, June 15.

This was unanimously approved by the Board.

In the second show cause hearing, Chipotle Mexican Grill (1415 Boston Providence Turnpike) went before the

Board for the same violation. After a brief hearing, the Board voted unanimously to issue a letter of warning, as it was the restaurant's first offense.

During the Selectmen's Addenda at the end of the meeting, Chairman Tom Maloney brought up the last session of the Annual Town Meeting, held last Thursday, May 24.

Asking for advice from his colleagues regarding an operational override being put on the ballot, he touched on subject matter brought up at Town Meeting, including the level of work necessary to go through the override process and the threshold of community support required to entertain the idea, before making this statement.

"I think that threshold has been met, and it's not just the several voices at Town Meeting, but on a lot of boards in this Town, we're hearing conversations, particularly about the School Department and its budget. The School Department does not have sufficient funding year to year and the budget is tremendously strained..."

Maloney proposed to his colleagues that – if the matter is going to be a public discussion – it be detailed regarding the amount requested and what it will be used for.

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Letters to the Editor

LET'S PRESERVE THIS TOWN TREASURE

To the Editor:

Last Saturday, the public had the opportunity to tour and see for itself the Forbes Mansion. The Georgian Revival stands majestically on the highest hill in Norwood. While there are those who see the 27-acre estate as a liability and want to sell it in order to recoup the \$13 million, this writer sees it as an asset. It's been a long time for it to finally come home to stay. If it is sold, the Town will have neither the mansion and property nor the money because it all will be quickly spent.

The Forbes Library is still intact containing two floors of books. There are several exquisite fireplaces surrounded by rare wood no longer available. French doors and large windows let in natural light with beautiful views. Most likely the wall-to-wall carpeting covers hardwood and perhaps stone flooring. The interior needs renovations because it can't be restored as it originally was, but its strong structure can be leased out for a luxury hotel, a rehabilitation center, an educational facility or an academy of music and the arts. Oh, the possibilities!

A big plus is the fact the circa 1918 mansion has been brought up to code as it has been completely rewired, is fully sprinkled, and has an elevator to the second floor, all of which must have cost Putnam a small fortune. Everyone knows that land values increase with time, and in a couple years, the \$13 Million will be an advantageous purchase.

So far, the Forbes Hill Task Force has met with bankers and developers. Commercial is out so what has been discussed is residential housing. A developer came to a recent meeting and said in order for him to make a profit, he needs to build at least 200 housing units comprising of 15-20 condos in the mansion and 12-15 buildings for townhouses across the property. That would definitely mar the visual continuity of the woods along Route 1A. Isn't that why the Town purchased the property, to prevent further housing or more 40Bs? Campanelli has 264 units, Avalon another 198, now more than 200 has been proposed to total 662 in this already dense Town.

The Forbes Mansion and its property are so important. As to cost, which worries some, there are financial geniuses here to make it work. The vision and long-term plan for this Town should include conservation, open space, recreation, historic preservation, and schools that concentrate on high academic achievement; all necessities for residents to come together in what is in our Town of Norwood's best interest.

*Judith Howard
TMM – District 3*



Stamp Out Hunger was a huge success here in Norwood, as local letter carriers came out in droves to donate food and other sundries to those in need.

COURTESY PHOTO

LETTER CARRIERS MAKE THE DELIVERY!

To the Editor:

On the second Saturday in May, the parking lot of Norwood's First Baptist Parish Hall looked like a particularly busy branch of the Post Office.

The reason? The 26th annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, organized by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

All afternoon, a seemingly endless parade of dozens of letter carriers pulled up at the doorway to deliver hundreds of bags, boxes, and tubs of food destined for hungry neighbors in Norwood and Westwood.

Many of them sported

handsome jackets with the NALC motto, "Proud to Deliver." And deliver they did. Because when the bounty was added up the following day, the grand total came to 13,144 pounds – over 6-1/2 tons!

"The people of Norwood and Westwood are always exceptionally generous," said Jack Curran, Drive Coordinator and Vice President of Local 742, which includes carriers from both towns. "And all of us want to thank every single person on our routes who donated."

"Huge thanks also go to the carriers," Claudia Mackey, Executive Director of the Norwood Food Pantry, added. "Each one who participated donated hours of his or her

spare time to help in this terrific effort. As one of our teen volunteers put it, 'Not all superheroes wear capes!'"

"That's also how we feel about our pantry volunteers who helped tote all the bundles that drizzly day," says Cynthia Zafft, Past President of the Norwood Pantry Board, who coordinated the pantry's side of the massive undertaking.

"And we absolutely couldn't have done it without all the sorters and packers – including many volunteers from Instron and FM Global – who showed up

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Tech. Director discusses ATM Chromebooks request

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

As Annual Town Meeting makes its way through the many different sections of Article 8, its last budget item – Section X: Capital Projects – will likely lead to some discussion.

In particular, the \$520,000 of capital requests made by the School Department for technological updates will likely bring about some questions of clarification.

In a recent conversation, Technology Director Joe Kidd broke down this request, including \$373,000 of it for the approximately 1,800 Chromebook computers that would bring Norwood High School and Coakley Middle School to one-to-one status.

Chromebooks – low cost laptops on which almost everything (including Microsoft Office style functions) is done and stored on the Internet – are currently available for use throughout the Town’s school

system, but not at the one-computer-per-student level that has become standard in comparable school districts.

If Town Meeting approves the \$520,000 requested, \$73,000 of the \$373,000 allotted for the new computers would be reimbursed as part of a digital connections grant awarded by the Commonwealth to the District in order to update its wireless systems.

The amount requested by the District – in this case \$146,000 – is covered by this and, as part of it, the Commonwealth is eligible to receive a 50 percent federal reimbursement on this amount (\$73,000) from the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Services Fund (commonly referred to as E-Rate) which provides discounts to schools and libraries to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access.

As part of the deal, if the District pledges to spend half of the amount on student de-

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parade went on, with isolated pockets of them in the Town Hall area more frequent toward Guild Square, turning into small crowds on lower Winter Street, and finally becoming a full parade crowd at Shattuck Park.

In Highland Cemetery – opened when space in the Old Parish Cemetery had become scarce – the parade came to rest in the open area around the flagpole between St. Gabriel’s Chapel and the administration building, with a large wooden rostrum facing the entrance and the crowd loosely estimated at around 300 people.

The program – which ran about a half hour – featured a number of speakers, including NHS senior Alessandra Varon reading “Lincoln’s Address at Gettysburg” and NHS freshman – and Project 351 Ambassador – Jade Perry reading Governor Charlie Baker’s 2018 Memorial Day Proclamation.

Additionally, 6th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master Robert Vartanian and Board of Selectmen Chair Thomas Maloney attempted to get at different aspects of the essence of the day, with Vartanian listing the numbers of those lost in wars since the Revolution (over 1 million) and Maloney getting at why this is marked with festivity (“because underlying our collective grief is the more intense collective gratitude and pride”).

Mixed in with these remarks, readings, and prayers were patriotic and marching tunes from the three musical outfits, as well as – near the end of the program – the playing of “Taps” by two different NHS horns, in succession, far separated from the crowd.

Maloney’s remarks – spoken earlier – seemed to fit this conclusion, and this morning:

“And so it goes, again and again: the trumpets blare, the guns roar, and the warriors fall. And the mothers wail and the fathers weep. And the community gathers to comfort. To commemorate. As long as the cycle repeats itself, your hometown Norwood will say to you, Michael Colbert, Robert Vickery, Joseph Grigniali, Keith Benson, and the hundreds whom you represent: we will decorate your graves, we will whisper your names, we will toast your lives. We’ll forever bear witness to your sacrifice. We will always be proud.”

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He further requested Town Manager Tony Mazzucco and School Superintendent David Thomson to use the summer to get this underway.

Though met with a general acknowledgment of support from the Board, Donohue brought up the newness of the concept while also touching on the effect it may have on building a new middle school.

“I’m wondering how we should handle the question of an operational override – which is a new concept for the Town, it’s never done before – and how are we going to educate everybody in Town about it.” Continuing, Donohue added, “I don’t want to hurt the chances of getting an override for the junior high school because that’s the type of override that we’ve experienced before and that’s because there is a need there that really is not questionable.”

In other business, the Board scheduled a meeting regarding the application for representatives of a registered marijuana dispensary. This will be held on July 10.

The next Selectmen’s meeting will be on June 12 in Room 34 of Town Hall.

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2018-2019 student handbooks.

NHS Guidance Director Kristen McDonnell (Principal Jonathan Bourn was away due to a death in his family) – in her appearance before the Committee – spoke of the proposal to change the integer-based class rank system currently used to the Latin ranking system (ie: cum laude, magna cum laude, summa cum laude). Advocating for this, McDonnell said,

“It will allow students to compete with themselves a little bit more than with their classmates and – at the same time – be able to really highlight their actual GPA...”

Going further into what she considered its benefits, McDonnell added that, “I think it will push each student to collaborate with people around them instead of using it as a competition. What we’ve heard from our top juniors and seniors currently – who wanted this to be implemented this year, if we could – was that it’s really toxic at the top,” with students doing whatever possible to get ahead, with the intended or unintended consequence of “putting down someone else.”

McDonnell stated further benefits of the new system: the promotion of the more thoughtful consideration of courses: choosing a course because it’s relevant rather than rank boosting; visible recognition of strong academic performance; the fact that it mirrors the college system.

“We will have to keep internal rank for college reporting purposes. We’ll still have a valedictorian and a salutatorian, so we’ll still have those top two but, other than that, we’ll be able to recognize kids for their achievements,”

she summed up.

McDonnell’s proposal was for rising juniors (Class of 2019) to continue under the current ranking system, with rising sophomores (Class of 2020) to combine that with the Latin ranking system, and rising freshmen (Class of 2021) to be completely Latin based.

“I go back and forth with it,” she explained. “I just don’t want to have it where... all of a sudden, it’s something they (rising juniors already used to the system) have to adjust to. It may not be that big a deal but, again, I just want to tread carefully.”

Michele Eysie Mullen, however, was strongly in favor of implementing the combined ranking system for the Class of 2019, and McDonnell – who had worked on the proposed change herself – did not require much persuasion to go with Mullen’s suggestion.

There was also additional discussion – prompted by Mullen – regarding the dangerous weapons policy as laid out in the handbook. The discussion alluded to, without specifically referencing, the May 15 altercation at NHS resulting in the Norwood Police Department being called in and the school being put on temporary lockdown.

Mullen’s question generally had to do with suspension/expulsion policy, while more specifically concerning the policy regarding students with knives.

“I’m just trying to clear it up because I want to make sure that there are no dangerous weapons and we’re not giving a 10-day suspension versus an expulsion... We want to keep our kids in school, but I also don’t want a school that has knives or any kind of weap-

ons in it.”

The policy – as explained by Superintendent Dr. David Thomson – is governed by Massachusetts law. He spoke specifically of its knife component.

“Depending on how a knife is used or found or located depends on whether it’s being a weapon or a tool. That, unfortunately, comes under the decision of the school administration.”

McDonnell – adding to Thomson’s comments – floated closer to what had happened when she mentioned that the police had also used the length of the blade in determining its categorization.

“So when the kids find out, and they see a student getting a 10-day suspension for bringing a knife to school, that worries me. Because it worries me that another kid could say, ‘Oh, big deal. I’m out for 10 days, that’s it. Expulsion is a lot different.’”

Thomson explained that a 10-day suspension leads to an expulsion hearing and went into the ramifications of one being carried out.

“Even if a child is,” Thomson half air-quoted, “expelled, we still need to educate them. So that usually means an out-of-district placement, or tutoring, or something along those lines.”

“That’s okay,” Mullen responded. “At least they’re not in school, bringing a knife.”

“Well, they’re back in 90 days, by law.”

Thomson further clarified the suspension process, making mention of the emergency removal of a student precipitating a dangerous situation, “which is exactly what happened in the case we’re almost not really talking about.”

The 2018-2019 NHS Student Handbook – with the ranking

change – was approved unanimously.

CMS Principal Dr. Margo Fraczek also went before the Committee regarding her school’s student handbook, with much of the discussion concentrating on the Coakley’s de facto pilot program of Saturday detention.

In this program, students who may otherwise have been suspended go to school for a period of time on an appointed Saturday, during which they will do school work – or some positive project in relation to their offense – under the supervision of either Fraczek or her Assistant Principals.

“One of the reasons that we like Saturday detention versus, say, in-school suspension... is that, when I have a student who’s struggling to come to school, the last thing I want to do is not have them come to school.”

Fraczek added that these Saturday detentions have been held several times over the current school year, and that they have become more infrequent as the year has gone on. She also stated – in response to a question – that she and her two assistant principals have been doing this work for free.

The 2018-2019 CMS Student Handbook was also approved unanimously.

In Policy, Teresa Stewart updated the Committee on proposed food service policy changes based on Maura Smith having brought to its attention – at the May 9 meeting – the concept of “food shaming” students with negative account balances by switching out their chosen lunches with a designated alternative lunch of a cheese sandwich.

According to Stewart – having met with Thomson, Business Manager Ann Marie Ellis, Food Services Director Eli Norris, and Chartwells’ Erin Long – any policy language referring to the designated alternative lunch has been removed, with new language

stating that – even if a student has a deficit – any regular menu option can still be chosen.

Additionally, once a deficit notification is sent to parents (these notices are sent out weekly), students will still be able to order five additional meals without the account being replenished.

Stewart also noted that those students whose accounts are in a negative balance will not be allowed to order a la carte/snack and dessert items; for students who are still hungry, language has been added allowing them to go back for fruits and vegetables.

Smith – although seeing the point of a la carte as something extra – was still concerned that excluding students from ordering these items would result in food shaming, leading to her opposition vote in the 4-1 approval of the policy as amended.

Mullen also received confirmation from Thomson that there had been no food shaming with cheese sandwiches at the elementary level this year.

The School Committee also held a public hearing – with no speakers – regarding School Choice for the 2018-2019 school year. The vote was unanimous against enrolling non-resident students, thus beating the June 1 deadline set by Massachusetts general law to keep this from taking effect.

In Announcements, Thomson informed the Committee that Dr. Hugh Galligan – currently serving as Associate principal of Hanover High School – has been named Principal of NHS and that Norwood native Brian Riley – currently serving as Assistant Principal of Francis Scott Key Elementary School in Washington D.C. – has been named Principal of the Prescott Elementary.

The next School Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, June 6, at 7 p.m. at the Coakley Middle School, located at 1315 Washington St.



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Mass General Law CH 40A section 9 and the Norwood Zoning Bylaw sections 6.1 Off Street Parking and Loading Requirements and 6.4 Landscape & Screening; the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday June 18, 2018 at 7:15 P.M. at the Police & Fire Station community room, 137 Nahatan St., Norwood, MA. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept comments on the Special Permits and Site Plan Approval application submitted by the Norwood Light Department, for renovation of an existing building on 136 Access Road for the purposes of becoming the future headquarters of the Norwood Light Department. The subject property is shown on the Norwood Assessor’s Map as Map 21, Block 15 Lot 200. Plans and supporting materials of the proposed development are on file in the Planning Board Office and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Ernie Paciorkowski, Clerk

Norwood Record, 5/31/18, 6/7/18

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Mass General Law CH 40A section 9 and the Norwood Zoning Bylaw sections 7.4 Major Project Special Permit, 6.3 Buffers, 6.4 Landscape & Screening and section 3.1 G. Wholesale Business & Storage, (3) Open Lot Storage; the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday June 18, 2018 at 7:45 P.M. at the Police & Fire Station community room, 137 Nahatan St., Norwood, MA. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept comments on a Major Project Special Permit and Site Plan Approval application submitted by DCD Realty, for Open Lot Storage of 863 vehicles at 84 Morse St. The subject property is shown on the Norwood Assessor’s Map as Map 9, block 7C lot 121, Map 9, block 7C lot 114 and Map 9, Block 7B lot 102. Plans and supporting materials of the proposed development are on file in the Planning Board Office and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Ernie Paciorkowski, Clerk

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Chromebooks *continued from page 5*

VICES within 12-18 months of the grant being awarded, the Commonwealth will reimburse it.

Kidd explained. “Technically, we can’t purchase student devices with e-rate money. The state is using e-rate money for the wireless infrastructure, and then the state itself is reimbursing us the \$73,000.”

Should Town Meeting approve the budget request, the reimbursement would be processed once the District provides the Commonwealth with receipts, and would go to the Town sometime – by Kidd’s estimate – within the next year.

Sitting in the computer room behind his office, Kidd listed three main educational benefits to providing a Chromebook for each student at both NHS and the Coakley:

The first had to do with ease of accessibility to school resources no matter where the student may be, so long as they have access to the

Internet.

Chromebooks – which use shared Cloud (an Internet based data storage system) files – make course interaction between students and teachers easier, both inside the classroom and outside of it; providing one for each student will maximize this.

Currently, with a total of eight Chromebook carts (which hold about 30 computers) at NHS and 14 at the Coakley, this is not the case, leading to Kidd’s second listed benefit: preparation for college and career.

In addition to citing the preponderance of technology at the university level, he touched on professional life, where computers – and access to them – are essential.

The third – one of the biggest benefits, in Kidd’s opinion – involved personalizing learning for students.

He gave as an example a student – given an assignment – builds on that by having the ability – through technology

– to find other viewpoints on the subject matter and then to share them with peers and teachers.

Filtering restrictions for unsuitable web sites are in place and will continue to be in place for all Norwood Schools accounts, rather than for the devices themselves.

Kidd also explained that the School Department plans to get a maximum of four years out of this batch of Chromebooks, rotating them down to the elementary schools as they age.

This would require new stock in 3 years, which – he hoped – would move out of capital expenditures and into the operational budget.

Taking this reality into account, Kidd closed with another: “It’s important that people understand that this is not going away. It’s going to have to be a continual investment each and every year, not just for administrative reasons, but for instructional reasons: teachers are using technology every single day.”

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not my job. We pay people for that. We have a School Administration, we have a Town Administration that get paid, and they should be the ones telling us: we need this money.”

Sarah Quinn (District 2) followed up on this by asking what Thomson and Town Manager Tony Mazzucco’s long term plan was to try to fix this problem, to which they spoke of the budget balancing committee that is scheduled to begin meeting on June 4 to address the situation, as well as – in Mazzucco’s case – an override and the “enormous community support” necessary to pass one.

Some of the discussion concerned bringing the schools back to level services by somehow restoring the \$800,000 necessary to do so, which – as Thomson

pointed out – would result in redirecting funds from the already cash strapped Town-side.

Bodenhofer, however, did announce that Governor Baker had, in fact, earlier in the week signed the supplemental budget for FY18, which will send approximately \$200,000 in circuit breaker reimbursement money to the School Department, which will allow it to prepay more for FY19 and provide for “a little more flexibility in our budget.”

She also gave her personal recommendation for the School Department to wait until final enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year to decide on how to use it, “so I don’t think we’re going to be adding anything now, but I want people to understand that there’s hope that

there’s a little more money coming in. It’s not the \$800,000 that would be required for level services.”

She added, “I don’t want to squash this idea that we need help. We do need help. But I also don’t want to make it sound like there’s no hope when I am aware of a little bit of extra money coming in.”

This, however, did not stop talk in support of an override, and – though the vote was unanimous in favor of the School Department budget – this discussion will continue.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in the **Community Room in the Public Safety Building, 137 Nahatan Street Norwood, MA 02062** on **June 19, 2018 at 7:45 PM** on the request of Patrick McDonagh (Case #18-10) with respect to property located on **225 Vernon Street, in a S- Single Residence District.**

This Application requests a Special Permit under Section 5.4 of the Zoning Bylaws to allow: The reconstruction, extension, alteration, or structural change of an existing non-Conforming single-family dwelling to permit an addition to said dwelling, which addition would conform with the dimensional requirements of the Zoning Bylaws in all respects except for rear yard setback; and

This application requests a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow: [IF REQUIRED] An addition to a existing non-conforming single-family dwelling, which addition would conform with the dimensional requirements of the Zoning Bylaws in all respects except for rear yard setback, together with such other or further relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may determine to be appropriate.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed during normal working hours, Monday – Thursday between 8:00 am to 4:00pm.

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On the 74th anniversary of D-Day, come hear historian Dr. Gary Hylander discuss this pivotal event during World War II at the Morrill Memorial Library on Wednesday, June 6 at 7 p.m. Dubbed Operation Overlord, the Allied invasion of Europe began on June 6, 1944. The greatest armada the world had ever seen began to assemble in the pre-dawn hours off the French coastline in preparation for the final assault upon Hitler's Germany. In his General Order of the Day, Eisenhower called the attack a "great crusade" and assured the soldiers about to storm the Normandy beaches that the "hopes and prayers" of the free world "march with you." To sign up for this program, funded by the Friends of the Library, call 781-769-0200, x110, email

norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

BEACH READS IS BACK

By popular demand, librarians Margot Sullivan and Beth Goldman will return to the Morrill Memorial Library on Wednesday, June 27 at 10 a.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. to present Beach Reads, their annual summer book talk. Margot and Beth will each review a number of their favorite books from a variety of genres including mystery, historical fiction, romance, women's fiction and non-fiction. In addition to being highly entertained, you'll leave with some ex-

cellent reading recommendations. This event is funded by the Friends of the Library, and no registration is necessary. If you have questions, please call the Reference Dept. at 781-769-0200, x110.

**UNDERSTANDING
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Facebook has been in the news recently for its mishandling of customer data. In her latest Lunch & Learn workshop at the Morrill Memorial Library, on Wednesday, June 20 from 12-1 p.m., Technology Librarian Alli Palmgren will explain what actually occurred and how to find out to what extent your

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**NORWOOD KNITS
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THE TOWN COMMON**

Take part in Worldwide Knit in Public Day and join the Morrill Memorial Library's "Norwood Knits in Public," hosted on the Norwood Town Common on Saturday, June 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event will be casual and social, and will be a happy gathering of knitters, crocheters, and whatever other fiber artists want to come. Basic beginner instruction may be available if you bring your own materials – please email norprograms@minlib.net to inquire. Saturday June 9 will also be Art in the Park. We'll set up a tent with chairs off to the side of the other festivities. Street parking is available around the Common, and light refreshments will be provided. Bring whatever project you're working on; materials will not be provided. Feel free to bring whatever you need to be comfortable outside – after all, this is New England! In the case of inclement weather we'll meet in Perks Coffeehouse, 685 Washington St. in Norwood. World Wide Knit in Public Day is the largest Knitter run event in the world. It started in 2005 and was celebrated in 54 different countries in 2017. The mission of WWKIPD: "Better living through stitching together!" Learn more on the WWKIPD website, wwkipday.com. To join us in this global event, please register by calling 781-769-0200 x110, emailing norprograms@minlib.net, or visiting the Reference or Information Desk.

**THRU-HIKING THE
APPALACHIAN TRAIL
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The Friends of the Library have invited Sam Ducharme to the Morrill

Memorial Library on Thursday, June 14 at 7 pm to present "Thru-Hiking the Appalachian Trail," an entertaining talk about his life-changing journey hiking the 2,180 mile A.T. from Georgia to Maine. Having spent 20 years working inside Connecticut's prisons, this empty-nester with no backpacking experience was searching for a positive recharge. In addition to showing slides of the rugged beauty of the landscape and the wildlife, he will share stories of some of the remarkable people—and obstacles—he encountered along the way. Join Sam as he takes the audience through the towns, mountaintops, and back country during his six months on the trail. He will also display his backpacking gear and answer any questions. To sign up for this all-ages event, presented and funded by the Friends, please call 781-769-0200 x110, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

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DEATHS**ARONSON**

Neal M. of Norwood, MA. Entered into rest on March 27, 2018 at the age of 58. Dear son of Donna (Chodikoff) Aronson and the late Alan R. Aronson. Beloved husband of Dawna M. (Staples) Aronson. Loving brother of Andrew and his wife Janet Aronson and the late Charles R. "Chuck" Aronson. Graveside services will be held at a later date. Expressions of sympathy in his memory may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), New England Chapter, 60 Walnut Street, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481 or online at www.jdrf.org. Stanetsky Memorial Chapel (781) 821-4600 www.stanetskycanton.com

BRAMS

Sherri Of Norwood, passed away on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 48 years of age. Devoted daughter of Alan Brams and the late Ellen (Kaplan) Brams. Cherished sister of Doug Brams & his wife Christina of Canton, GA. Loving aunt to Abby, Adam and Amelia also of GA. Graveside service at Sharon Memorial Park, 40 Dedham St., Sharon, on Friday, May 25th at 11:45 AM. Memorial observance will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sherri's name may be made to The Aneurysm and AVM Foundation, www.TAAonline.org.

KELLY

Sister Irene Kelly, SSND 85, a member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, died on May 23, 2018, at Villa Notre Dame in Wilton, CT. She was born on October 21, 1932 in Norwood, daughter of the late John and Grace (Welch) Kelly.

After pronouncing her vows as a School Sister of Notre Dame in 1956, she began teaching in New York and Massachusetts schools. Her career continued in Puerto Rico working as an administrator, teacher and grant writer for 30 years.

Theresa is survived by her brother-in-law, and three

nieces, all of Massachusetts. She was predeceased by her sister.

Friends may call at the Villa Notre Dame, 345 Belden Hill Road, WILTON, CT on Friday, May 25, 2018 from 3:00 - 7:00pm with a Christian wake service at 6:00pm.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am on Saturday, May 26, 2018 in the Chapel at Villa Notre Dame. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, Bethel, CT.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Atlantic-Midwest Province, c/o Development, 345 Belden Hill Road, Wilton, CT 06897.

To light a candle please visit www.CornellMemorial.com

PHILLIPS

Mark J. Of Maynard, May 24, 2018. Beloved son of Mary Ann (Kling) Phillips & the late Bernard Phillips. Survived by his former wife, Sherry Phillips, stepchildren Stephanie (Sean) Campbell, Shannon McCarthy, and Tyler McMahan, and three grandchildren, all of Maynard. Loving brother of Janie (James) Schwab of NY, Teresa (Charles) Katuska of Harwich, Stephen (Laurie) Phillips of Southborough, Robert (Kathy) Phillips of Acton, Paul (Joan) Phillips of Westborough, Christopher (Diane) Phillips of Walpole, Michael Phillips of Northborough, Anne Marie Phillips (Charles Heinle) of NJ, and the late Andrew Phillips. Mass of Christian Burial in St Anne Church, 20 Boston Rd., Southborough on Saturday, June 2 at 11:00 am. Visiting hours will be held at Morris Funeral Home, 40 Main St., SOUTHBOROUGH on Friday, June 1, from 4-7 pm. Donations, in Mark's memory, may be made to Emerson Health Care Foundation, 133 ORNAC, Concord, MA 01742. To leave words of condolence to the family, please visit: www.morrisfuneralparlor.com.

**Ask The Doctor**

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns a 10-bay auto repair service center in Hyde Park and an 8-bay center in Middleboro. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

A pair of very different commuter cars

The first is the electric powered BMW i3, a four-door hatchback with a gas engine mileage extender. The electric power is amazing and travel mileage is 75-90 miles before the gas engine comes on to power up the electric battery. The gas engine is a small 2 cylinder that is very quiet and extends the travel range an additional 80 miles or so before the 2.3 gallon tank needs a fill up. Charging the battery with the 110-volt plug takes 24 hours when the battery is dead; charging time is less than half that when using the 240-volt plug.

The interior seats four and room up front is plentiful; seats are firm and supportive. Touchscreen display, radio, navigation, heat and a/c controls are all at the driver's fingertips. The driving is very different than a gas-powered car – it takes a day or so to get used to, especially the deceleration when lifting your foot off the gas pedal. The power is instant from a standing start to yes, way above the legal speed limit, without any hesitation or transmission gear shifting because there are none. This is a great car for driving less than 50 miles a day, unless you can recharge the car every night. The i3 comes in four versions: two with the battery extender, which, in my opinion, is a must. Base price starts at \$44,450 to our test version at \$51,500 (destination fee: \$995). Electric vehicles are not for everyone, but if my travels were mostly local, an electric type hybrid would be on my shopping list.

Next: the Toyota Yaris. It has been a while since I had the opportunity to spend a week in a Yaris and, a few years ago, it was not one of my favorite cars. The Yaris has grown up and now I consider it a good subcompact car and a great Toyota product. Our test car is the Yaris – not the Yaris iA built by Mazda. The Yaris comes with either a manual or 4-speed automatic, our test car was the automatic version. It drives fairly smoothly and power is so-so, but not over the top. The car seats four and there is plenty of front seat room. All controls are in reach and easy to operate. The base Yaris L 5-speed starts out at \$15,635 to the SE 4-speed automatic at \$19,060 (destination fee: \$885). Fuel economy fell short of my expectations of 32-33 MPG; I think gas mileage would be more if equipped with a 5-speed automatic. The car is easy to drive and park, with easy vision from all windows.

There are many options when it comes to vehicle selection – take your time, road test, and mark all the pros and cons on every vehicle you have an interest in.

Boston's own Junior Damato, "The Auto Doctor" has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please forward your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

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early Monday morning to organize and pack the cans, boxes, and bottles into 472 plastic tubs and banana boxes."

Before the food was transported to the storage facilities, it was blessed by Interim Pastor Veronica Truell of the First Baptist Church. "And that blessing will be shared by hundreds of local families throughout the summer and into the fall," concludes Mackey, "thanks to everyone in Norwood and Westwood who stepped up to help us make sure that all our neighbors have enough to eat."

Jean Hall
Norwood

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. —J.M.D.

Miracle Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.

—J.M.D.

Sports

Softball hopes to fine-tune issues for tournament run

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

At the beginning of the season, Carol Savino wanted nothing more for the Norwood High softball team than to leave the Bay State Conference with another Herget Division title on its shelf.

After last week's 2-0 loss to Walpole High, there'll be no such parting gift for the Mustangs to the rest of its soon-to-be former league. But that doesn't mean it's time to pack up and go home yet for Norwood. Not by a longshot.

The Mustangs are still tournament bound for the ninth time in as many seasons under the stewardship of Savino, with a still-impressive record of 11-5 through games played on Tuesday. Wins in their final two games this week would give Norwood an identical record to last spring's 13-5 mark and, in all likelihood, at least one home game in the tournament.

"The bottom line is to go as deep into the tournament as we can," Savino said, up-

beat as ever despite the Mustangs' 2-4 record since sealing up a tournament berth. "I tell the kids the same thing, it's only what's ahead of you that counts. Right now, they're playing for a decent spot in the tournament."

It's a different tournament Norwood is prepping for this year, however. Following statewide realignment for the 2017-18 school year – unrelated to the school's pending move to the Tri-Valley League – the Mustangs were dropped down from Division 1 to Division 2 for tournament purposes.

An easier path? Not so fast, Savino said.

"I was hoping to stay in Division 1 this year, but I know we're going to the Tri-Valley next year," Savino said. "The bottom line is Division 2 is tough. It is what it is, we've got to go where we've got to go."

Savino cited Norton High – a future TVL opponent – as well as Dighton-Rehoboth High powerhouses Norwood will have to contend with along their tournament journey.

Prior to a 5-0 win over



Erin Murphy, a senior co-captain for the Mustangs, remains one of four batters currently hitting .500 or better for Norwood.

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Brockton High last Friday, the Mustangs had dropped three straight: a 5-2 loss at Braintree High, a 10-0 loss vs. Natick High – a result which "never should have happened," according to Savino – and the 2-0 setback at Walpole.

Norwood was victimized

by uncharacteristically poor defense against the Wamps, giving up five unearned runs. The result was hardly the fault of pitcher Amanda Olbrys, whom Savino said her team will go as she goes.

"We go as Amanda goes," Savino said. "She pitched a great game against Braintree,

those were five unearned runs. The kids know that they've got to do the best that they can. They've been playing good defense for the most part."

The Mustangs play their regular season finale on Thursday afternoon vs. Walpole at 3:45 p.m. at Cleveland Elementary School.

Quintet of athletes bound for All-States, including relay team

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Four years of hard work has culminated in an All-State appearance for select members of the Norwood High track team.

Thomas Condon, Jacob Logan, Craig Riley and Tarek Zaki placed third out of 18 teams in the 4 x 800 relays in the MIAA Division 3 Championships at North Reading High School last weekend. The group, comprised entirely of seniors, completed the race in 8 minutes, 21.39 seconds, finishing behind only Pembroke High's gold medal-winning time of 8:12.3 and Norton High's silver time of 8:20.27.

The Mustangs group will compete in the MIAA All-State Championships on Saturday at Fitchburg State University beginning at 9:30 a.m. Norwood's group is seeded at No. 21 out of 30 qualifying teams.

Junior Aidan Mulligan is also bound for All-States in the 200-meter dash after placing fifth with a time of 22.92 sec-

onds in North Reading, emerging from an initial group of 23 qualifiers to reach the finals. He's seeded at No. 22 out of 30 sprinters in the field at Fitchburg.

Ryan Motta earned a fifth-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 59.19 at the Division 3 meet to earn a medal, while Zaki earned an additional medal in the 800-meter run with a ninth-place finish with a time of 2:02.90.

Mulligan, along with Robert Noonan, Tiago Gomes and Anthony Venuto, placed 11th out of 22 teams in the 4 x 100 relay with a time of 45.06.

The lone member of the Norwood High girls' track team to participate last weekend in North Reading was freshman sensation Olivia Beaudet, who capped her rookie season with a 15th-place finish in the two-mile run with a time of 12:44.12. Beaudet finished roughly 90 seconds behind the winner, Norton High's Julia Palin, but about 45 seconds ahead of the last-place finisher from Milton High.



The MIAA All-States meet is this Saturday, June 2, at Fitchburg State University.

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Despite record, tennis hopes to smash way into tournament

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

More and more positives continue to emerge for the Norwood High boys' tennis team, with all eyes now on its final match of the regular season.

Though the Mustangs dropped each of their team matches to Walpole and Weymouth last week, 4-1, head coach John Churchill stayed as upbeat as ever in the progress of the team that's 3-12 overall, 1-9 on its final lap through the Bay State Conference.

Churchill juggled the lineup for Norwood a bit against Weymouth last Thursday, with sophomore Chris Cox elevating from doubles to get his first opportunity at third singles and junior Alex Yuen making his first varsity appearance at any spot at second doubles.

Cox pushed his Wildcats' opponent to a second set tiebreaker, while Yuen (playing alongside freshman Will Fehm) went to a third set, but the lone winners of the day for Norwood were the first doubles team of Sai Nedunchezian and Finn Kelley – 6-1, 1-6, 6-1 winners over their Weymouth opponents.

"We took some positives from this experience," Churchill said after the match at the courts adjacent to Norwood High School. "I have no regrets from this lineup."

Cox lost to Weymouth's Warren Wiriadjaja, a freshman, 4-6, 6-7 (4-7). Yuen and Fehm lost 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 4-6.

"Chris has a good debut at third singles, despite the loss," Churchill said. "He



Tej Aryaputra, who has played predominantly second singles for the Norwood High tennis team this spring, unleashed a forehand vs. his opponent in a recent match for the Mustangs.

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played a very steady opponent but still had some narrow leads at points in this close contest. Chris gave us the best chance to win at this position and sweeping the doubles would not have – on its own – given us a chance to win the overall match."

Cox held a 4-1 lead in the second set tiebreaker before Wiriadjaja came storming back to take the final six points. Yuen and Will Fehm jumped out to a 3-2 lead in the third set before running out of gas.

Nedunchezian and Kelley clinched a winning record for the season out of the second doubles position, improving their record to 9-6 overall in the match vs. Weymouth. It was their third straight win – in a span of just four days – after they also defeated Braintree's first doubles team and supplied the Mustangs their lone win vs. Walpole last Wednesday, 6-3, 6-2.

First singles T.J. Fehm lost to Weymouth's first singles player, Sean Dougie, 1-6, 5-7. As Churchill pointed out, that was a drastic improvement for Fehm

since his last matchup with Dougie in April, when he fell 2-6, 1-6. Fehm, a sophomore, even held a 5-2 lead in the second set before Dougie, a senior, reeled off five straight games.

Second singles Tej Aryaputra lost to Weymouth's Michael Crowley, 2-6, 5-7.

As a team, Norwood lost to Weymouth 3-2 back in April by winning both doubles matches.

"Weymouth was a closer 1-4 loss than the Walpole match, although both teams were in reach on the right day," Churchill said. "The margins weren't overwhelmingly against us in either match. The doubles were winnable for both matches, but we were closer to the Weymouth singles than the Walpole singles, and you cannot win in team tennis without at least some singles depth. A major goal as we head into next year will be to come back with stronger singles play as this young team can work with their year of experience."

The Mustangs hosted the Ashland Clockers on Wednesday, in an event held after the Record's deadline. Should Norwood emerge victorious in the preview of Tri-Valley League play, it will qualify for the Division 2 South tournament via the Sullivan rule with a record of 3-3 in matches against teams in Division 2 and 3.

Tourney streak over for Norwood baseball



Sean Moleon, seen above taking a lead off of first base, is versatile enough to play either first base or catcher and is more than adequate with the bat, too. He'll be a senior next spring for the Mustangs.

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Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Things just never fully clicked for the Norwood High baseball team this spring.

For the first time since 2010 – and the first time in manager Kevin Igoe's coaching tenure – there will be no playoff baseball for the Mustangs; their fate sealed after a 13-1 loss to Walpole High last Wednesday at Balch Elementary School.

The game, shortened at the end by lightning, dropped Norwood's record to 6-11 – one loss over the maximum of 10 needed for tournament qualification.

"It's certainly disappointing," Igoe said. "We expect it [the tournament] every year. I knew we left a lot of games on the table early. There's a lot of different excuses we could use, but it doesn't help us. We had to be perfect down the stretch and we're gonna' come up just short."

The previous worst record for an Igoe-led Norwood team was 10-10, back in 2015. Of course, that team clinched its tournament berth after its 16th game of the regular season. After a four-game malady to end the regular season, those Mustangs recovered quite nicely to win each of its next six, culminating in the school's first State Championship in baseball since 1943.

No such magic this time around. Norwood defeated Braintree High last Monday to keep the dream alive, but that was that.

"We didn't make plays when it mattered, and that was late in games with leads," Igoe said. "Ultimately, that was our demise."

The Mustangs went 0-5 in one-run games; when expanded out to games decided by two runs or fewer, the mark was still just 2-6.

Chalk it up perhaps to relative inexperience – Norwood routinely ran out a team stocked with underclassmen – or perhaps a little bit of bad luck with injuries. Senior captain Matt Jeannetti, the Opening Day starter for the Mustangs on the mound, didn't pitch again after the season's first week due to

tightness in his elbow.

But even without Jeannetti, Igoe lauded the accomplishments of the rest of Norwood's rotation, including Mat Rice, Danny Quinn, David Hayes and freshman Jason Denehy.

Denehy was the pitcher of record in the Mustangs' 5-3 win over Xaverian last Friday, the team's first win in the series since 2016 when Sean Mellen took down the Hawks.

He gave up three earned runs over six innings for work, walking only one batter and striking out three before giving way to Quinn, who struck out the side to record the save.

Jay Wladkowski went 3 for 4 and drove in three of Norwood's runs, while Matt Ferreira and Matt Moleon also drove in runs for the Mustangs.

"It was certainly a signature win, same with Braintree on Monday," Igoe said. "At the very least, we knew the kids weren't going to quit, even with the postseason out of reach. It was a great response."

The Mustangs are off to the Tri-Valley League in all sports next school year, baseball included. Given that the team was still competitive in the grinder that is the Bay State Conference this spring, the TVL had better take notes for what's in store on the diamond when Norwood arrives. The one-year postseason absence figures to be nothing more than a blip on the radar by then.

"The fact that we could put an all junior-and-below team on the field and compete solidifies the fact that it is a blip," Igoe said. "It better be."

"We've got a couple other freshmen that are going to compete for varsity spots as sophomores. There's plenty of talent. It's more of a mindset, and I think the younger kids have it. If they don't, we'll replace them with people that do."

The Mustangs played their regular season finale on Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. back at Balch vs. Westwood High, another team that's also on the outside looking in of the postseason, but also a closeup look at TVL play for next year. The game began after the Record's deadline.

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**THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE
FOR MENTAL ILLNESS
MONTHLY MEETING**

The National Alliance for Mental Illness—South Norfolk affiliate will hold its monthly meeting in Cafeteria B of the Lorusso Building at Norwood Hospital at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 7. Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it

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strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The South Norfolk Alliance is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones. We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. In case of inclement weather, we will align with the Norwood schools. If they close, the meeting will be canceled. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

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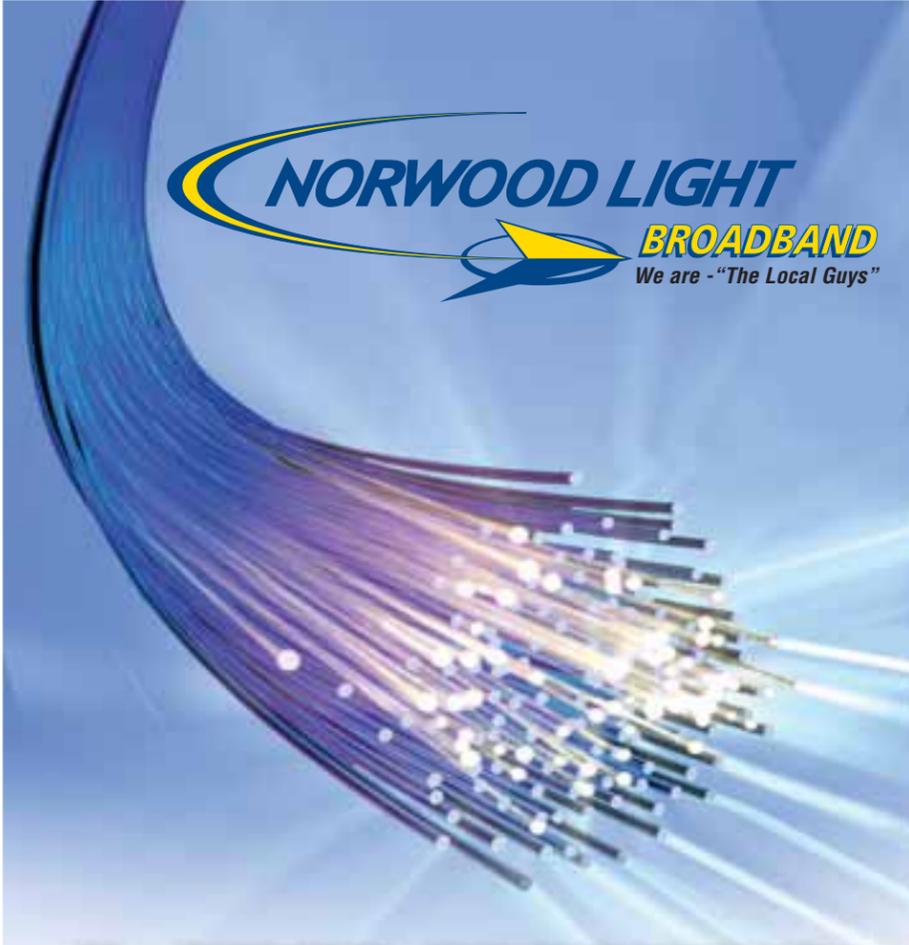
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