

Selectmen wish Plasko a quick recovery

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

Members of the Board of Selectmen asked for prayers Tuesday night for the one Board member who could not be there, after learning that he had been involved in a medical emergency on a plane flight.

A day earlier, it had been learned that Selectman William Plasko Sr. had been hospitalized in Connecticut, apparently after suffering a heart attack. While Plasko's current condition was uncertain at press time, Board Chairman Michael Lyons said he had heard it had improved somewhat after hospitalization.

"He is resting comfortably in Connecticut right now," Lyons said Monday. "He's doing much better."

The airline flight Plasko had been a passenger on reportedly conducted an emergency landing after he had complained of not feeling well. Lyons said he had been told Plasko suffered a heart



Selectman William Plasko Sr.

attack shortly after the landing, while being transported to a nearby hospital.

The other selectmen wished Plasko a quick recovery Tuesday night, noting that his tireless work ethic had made him invaluable to the town.

"He's a good man," said Selectman Paul Bishop. "He's always given 110 percent."

Selectman A.D. Howard said he also hoped for Plasko to recover quickly. Donohue noted that Plasko's hard work for the town had started at a surprisingly early age, with a

Plasko Sr.

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The roof on the Chapel of St. Gabriel at Highland Cemetery has undergone temporary repair work, but the town is looking into a more permanent repair job done.

PHOTO BY VINAYA SAKSENA

Chapel roof temporarily fixed

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Staff Reporter

The roof of a chapel building damaged by wind last month has undergone temporary repairs, with estimates being sought for more permanent repair work, according to

Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper.

The roof of the Chapel of St. Gabriel at Highland Cemetery underwent temporary repairs, shortly after it was damaged by wind getting under the roof and blowing it up into the air around Friday, Jan. 13 and Saturday, Jan. 14. Now, Cooper, who has

been overseeing the project, is looking into how more permanent repairs on the building will be completed and paid for.

Cooper said temporary repairs were made to the roof, which, unusually, is made

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Good reason the town is not returning your emails

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

After over a week without web connectivity, town employees appear to be getting email service back, while the official town website was still down as of press time.

Norwood's official town website (www.norwoodma.gov) ceased functioning sometime last week. Since approximately

Town website still down (as of press time)

the same time, town hall and public safety employees have also been unable to use their email accounts, due to problems with the equipment that keeps it up and running.

In the last few days, visitors to the town's web address would find that the only tasks that it could help with were payment of excise tax bills and online

registration for the town's recreation center. The only other information to be found was the following statement:

"Thank you for your understanding while we bring the Town's WEB Page back online. It will be back shortly."

On Friday, Town Manager John Carroll said the town's Computer Department was

working on restoring both the website and employees' email service. He said he hoped for email service to be restored by the end of that day, and the full website sometime this week.

Carroll said the problems with the town's website and email system appeared to have been caused by a hard drive failure.

On Monday, a police spokesman said the Norwood Police Department was able to send emails, but not receive them. He noted that emails sent after Feb. 13 were most likely not received, and asked that those who sent emails to the department during that period re-send them if possible.

As of this writing, the town web site had still not been restored to normal operation.



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UMass Boston: A 'Best Value' Proposition

By J. Keith Motley, PhD, UMass Boston Chancellor

Earlier this month the University of Massachusetts Boston received national recognition for something we know we've been doing from the start: providing students from our Commonwealth and beyond with a high-value education. Our university was named by the Princeton Review as one of the "Best Value Colleges" in the United States.

To qualify for the list, schools must offer excellent academics coupled with generous financial aid and/or relatively low costs of attendance. UMass Boston has always operated on the principle that these two qualities – excellence and value – can coexist, which is why this award is especially meaningful.

The Princeton Review's 2012 list of "Best Value Colleges" includes 75 public and 75 private colleges and universities across the country. Eleven are in Massachusetts; UMass Boston has the distinction of being the only public university or college in the state named to the list.

This is the season when students and parents are considering options for higher education and professionals are looking for opportunities to advance their careers. If that describes you, I encourage you to check out the list, along with profiles of the schools featured, in the new Princeton Review book *Best Value Colleges: 2012 Edition* or online at www.princetonreview.com.

The education services company selected UMass Boston as a "Best Value" school based on analyses of data collected from 650 institutions identified as having excellent academics. Its statisticians reviewed data on academics, cost of attendance, and financial aid, and also incorporated student feedback on professors and financial support.

It doesn't surprise me that our students are happy with their education and with the support they receive to pursue it. Our faculty take care to make sure our students are learning to the best of their potential, and they develop extramural research funding – including \$54 million in sponsored awards last year alone – so that our students can work with them on cutting-edge studies and projects with real-world implications.

And every year, we award more than \$132 million in financial aid to our students, much of it in the form of grants and scholarships that do not have to be repaid.

I am proud that UMass Boston has been singled out for excellence in our classrooms, and for providing the financial assistance that helps get deserving students into those classrooms. It's wonderful to have been recognized by the Princeton Review for what we already knew – that we are making good on our commitment to provide access to first-rate higher education, and that we continue to be Boston's public research university with a teaching soul.

For more information about the Princeton Review ranking, and opportunities at UMass Boston, visit www.umb.edu/bestvalue or call 617.287.6000.



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THERE COMES A TIME

*There comes a time, it can't be denied,
the decisions made on your own.
So many questions first put aside,
answers need not be given alone.
So long to a home where once your heart,
always brought such fashion and style.
It was right there from a hard-earned start,
your positive light made others smile.
There comes a time, when life's obstacle course
presents challenges about your protection.
Surrounded by friends you are absent remorse,
now content in your assisted direction.*

Time-consuming steps must be taken when deciding to permanently leave your residence in order to transition into an assisted living or extended care facility.

Questions run from the sublime to the serious? Where is the Tupperware going to be stored? What about the increased costs?

The emotional and financial considerations of moving into such a facility can be intimidating. Like any life-changing moment, all works out well, with proper planning. Where to begin is important.

Often, considering an assisted living facility is the result of a health and welfare concern. In many instances, a serious fall or the death of one's spouse begins the assisted-living journey for the surviving spouse.

Contemplating a departure from your family home, where so many memories were created and shared, is most difficult, on an emotional and financial level. Absent moving to a more comfortable, i.e. downsized,

single-family, or condominium property, assisted living is often a great option.

Individuals, couples, and their children and others involved in the transition are empowered when such a departure is a healthy choice, not a nerve-wracking, last-ditch alternative.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "each year, one in every three adults age 65 and older falls." We all know that falls in the elderly often lead to hip fractures.

Five years ago, my mother, now 84, and my six siblings and I grieved my dad's death and celebrated his life. Shortly, thereafter, my mother, a nurse for 32 years, fell and fractured her hip.

During her rehabilitation, we all discussed our mother's next best step. I recall my mother smiling and saying, "If any of you are thinking of adding on to your homes, it is not an option. I don't want to ruin anyone's marriage."

My oldest sister is a nurse and had a second home nearby to hers in Florida that provided one-floor living space. My mother moved south. However, eventually, she longed for a return to Boston.

That is when my siblings and I undertook the task of finding an assisted-living home. In addition to costs and geography (proximity to children) we learned about medical and personal care and other services, and facilities, extracurricular activities, dining and transportation services.

It was an education. We visited a few facilities and placed our trust in the staff at Edelweiss Village in West Roxbury. As a unique combination of housing and personalized care, it became the next place our mom called "home."

From the moment one is greeted at the front desk, taking note of the warmth and cleanliness, to the time a tour of its grand, inviting residences is complete, confidence is the word.

The skilled and compassionate staff - the nurses and aides, the administration team, the housekeepers, hair-



Frank Reflections/ Frank Sullivan

dresser, exercise staff and the dining room and activities staff and slew of young and older volunteers - everyone is caring and professional. Each is a valued participant in this phase of our mother's dignified and enjoyable life.

According to its website, "Edelweiss Village is part of the Deutsches Altenheim community, founded in 1914 by the German Ladies Aid Society of Boston... Once entirely of German heritage, today the Deutsches Altenheim, offering skilled nursing, post-acute rehabilitation, Alzheimer's care, outpatient rehabilitation, as well as respite and hospice services to individuals of all nationalities, races and religions.

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It is of great comfort to know that our mother, like the beautiful Edelweiss flower a charming and enduring woman, is surrounded by a proverbial garden of nurturing men and women, residents and staff, young and old, alike.

I admit I am biased. There are plenty of terrific assisted living facilities. Ours works great for our mother; as she insisted, nobody's marriage got ruined!

There comes a time when a fall or other traumatic incident may cause you to hurriedly seek a new home. With proper planning, a positive perspective and the guidance of professionals like those at a facility such as Edelweiss Village, the next step can and should be a change for the better!

St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.

In gratitude for helping me.
—J.R.G.

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.R.G.

Selectmen approve — DPW contract —

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously Tuesday night to approve a memorandum of understanding between the town and the union representing Department of Public Works (DPW) employees.

In a letter dated Feb. 27, Doug Wigandt, President of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFCSME) Local 1451, said the union had voted in favor of ratifying the contract it had recently agreed to during mediation procedures with the town. In a letter to the selectmen, Town Manager John Carroll informed the Board of the union's decision and recommended that the selectmen "do the same."

At their meeting Tuesday night, the selectmen quickly voted to approve the memoran-

dum of understanding, which was originally scheduled for their executive session later that night. Since no Board members had unresolved questions about the agreement, A.D. Howard made a motion to approve it, which was seconded by Helen Abdallah Donohue.

Full details of the agreement could not be obtained in time for publication in this issue. However, the details available included changes in compensation and conference attendance policy for union employees.

The memorandum said that employees covered by the agreement would not receive an increase to their base salaries in Fiscal Year 2012. The agreement, which is effective "from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014," includes a 1.5 percent salary increase for all employees covered, effective July 1, 2012- the beginning of Fiscal Year 2013.

Contract language regarding "night differential" pay for evening and nighttime hours set the differential for those shifts at \$1.50 per hour. Evening hours were defined as being from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., while night hours were defined as being from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m.

Union delegates, meanwhile, would be allowed six days on which to attend state and national conferences "without loss of pay," with these days to be divided among union members at their discretion. Under the new language, the union is required to give their department head no less than ten days' notice of conferences they wish to attend.

In the works at Public Works...

The Selectmen also heard a monthly report from Mark Ryan, Director of Public Works and Engineering, regarding the Department's recent activities. In addition to the DPW's usual maintenance-related activities, Ryan noted that the Department had issued 41 trash and recycling violations, with offenses including leaves in trash cans, trash in recycling bins and "excessive trash" outside of trash containers.

Ryan noted that the Department had recently been working with a consultant on concept

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Special registration — for election —

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the April 2, 2012 Annual Town Election.

An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is the FINAL REGISTRATION SESSION prior to the Annual Town Election.

Daily registration of voters

will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office.

Qualifications to register to vote are that applicants must be 18 years old on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a Naturalized Citizen.

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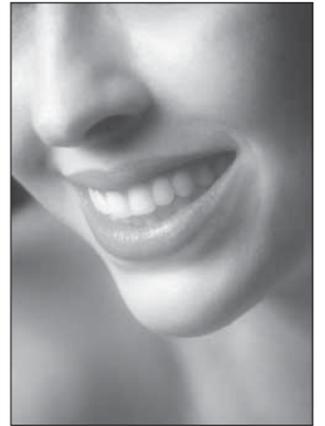
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OPINION

Politics makes strange bedfellows

How feverish the last few days must have been prior to the deadline for filing papers seeking election to the Norwood School Committee. Three incumbents choosing to run for the open two year seat on the board versus seeking the three year seat as most would have assumed is odd enough. Then discovering Sue McQuaid is the only candidate seeking the three-year seat seems downright bizarre, until one stops to think about it.

As most are aware, there was a covert operation at the last Town Meeting to reduce Norwood's School Committee to five members from its current seven. Covert in the sense that some school committee members were in on the planning of the article for the reorganization without other members of the committee being aware of it. As written here before, this newspaper found the underhandedness odious. We support the reduction of the board from seven members to five, just not the way it was orchestrated.

So, how does the reorganization efforts explain the oddities of who is running for what seat? Well, it became obvious that two current members of the school committee, Dick Kief and Jim Gormley, were part of the gang seeking the board's reduction. It should also be noted that Sue McQuaid spoke strongly in favor of the board's reduction during the discussion of the article at Town Meeting.

Given the above, it doesn't take a Mensa member to assume that Kief and McQuaid, and perhaps Gormley, have formed an alliance to continue the board's restructuring. What can also be reasonably assumed is that Paul Samargedlis has not been invited to the dance, given he was left out in the cold during Town Meeting. Therefore, is it a stretch to assume that Kief made a pact to seek a two-year seat so that McQuaid could go head to head with Samargedlis?

"I don't make decisions based on other people," Kief said when asked. "I make my own decisions- although I'm very happy she's in the race. I think she'll be an excellent addition to the School Committee." McQuaid declined to comment on the other candidates' decisions not to run in the same race as her. However, she did express surprise that Samargedlis in particular had opted to run for the two-year seat. "I was surprised, because I was still under the impression that he was running for a three-year seat," McQuaid said. "I haven't spoken to him, so I don't know what his rationale was."

Ok, reading between the lines, why was McQuaid surprised at Samargedlis's decision to seek the two-year seat and not surprised that Kief made the same decision? And does anyone really believe that Kief opted to seek the two-year seat without prior knowledge of McQuaid's intentions? And finally, no one should be surprised when McQuaid said she hadn't spoken to Samargedlis prior to her filing papers. That's the only part of all this that is consistent and makes sense.

At least Samargedlis was honest and open about everything. "Having someone like Susan McQuaid express interest is very powerful," Samargedlis said of learning that McQuaid had joined the race. "So I made the choice to go out and get my papers that day for the two-year seat." In other words, he was aware of the dynamics going on behind the scenes and made the move he felt best to preserve his presence on the board. We appreciate his candor.

Given past criticisms of the School Committee by this newspaper, it should be no surprise when we state that most any changes would be welcome ones. Even discounting the past arrests and resignations, it really has been a dysfunctional group the past few years. However, what shouldn't be forgotten is that at least a portion of the dysfunction can be attributed to the fractured nature of its members. We can only hope that the recent behind the scenes maneuverings of a few to direct the outcome of the next election is not a harbinger of actions to come by the Norwood School Committee. Residents and school kids deserve a fully functioning, cohesive board.

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Library Events

AUTHOR OF APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKE TO SPEAK AT LIBRARY

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library on Tuesday, March 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon to hear author Charme Burns tell the story of how one group of women hiked the Appalachian Trail, section by section, over the course of 20 years.

While many Appalachian Trail hikers judge their success by whether or not they complete the 2,180 miles in six months or less, the Mountain Marching Mamas took a different approach. In the late 1970s, this group of intrepid women committed to leave work and family for one week a year to tackle the "five million steps" of the A.T.

The author of *It's Always Up: Memories of the Appalachian Trail*, Charme Burns, will tell the Mamas' story, recounting their history on the trail and presenting readings from the book and photos from their adventure. *It's Always Up* highlights their wilderness experiences, both thrilling and humorous, as they went from naïve enthusiasts to seasoned hikers. Their stories reveal the joyful spirit of these five friends and the life lessons they brought home from their annual reunion on the trail.

Ms. Burns is a retired educator from Gainesville, FL. Copies of her book will be available for purchase after the program, and complimentary trail mix and bottled water will be provided. Please sign up at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is accessible to people with physical disabilities.

BETH GOLDMAN TO PORTRAY GRACE FAIRBANKE AT THE LIBRARY

Would you like to meet Grace Fairbanke, who lived in the earliest surviving timber-frame house in North America, now known as the historic Fairbanks House in Dedham? Actress Beth Goldman, as Grace, will return to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m. to tell us the story of the Fairbanke family and their life in early Colonial times right up the highway.

Beth is currently directing *The 39 Steps* at the Black Box Theater in Mansfield and will appear there onstage in *The Gin Game* in June. She has numer-

ous acting and directing credits to her name, and delighted her audience at the Norwood Library last year with her portrayal of a Donut Dollie during World War II. The former Outreach, Reference and Technology Librarian at the Morrill Memorial Library, Beth is now the librarian at Norwood High School and works as an acting coach as well.

Don't miss another terrific performance by this talented local favorite. Funding for this free program is provided by the Friends of the Library and a partial grant from the Norwood Cultural Council. Space is limited, so sign up early at the Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is accessible to those with physical disabilities.

FRIENDS WELCOME CANALE

Welcome local author and guest speaker Suzie Canale on Wednesday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Canale is the author of the children's book *The Land of Chocolate Cosmos* and, most recently, *The Popcorn Hydrangea of Poppingtom*, published earlier this year! She is currently at work on further books which, like the originals, elegantly mesh fun and exciting stories with valuable messages about the importance of protecting the environment. We hope you will be able to join us for this fun and informative night. For more information and to register, please call the library at 781-769-0200. Ms. Canale will be speaking in the Library's Simoni Room.

WHAT ARE WE EATING? FOOD TALK AT THE LIBRARY

Join Health Coach Charissa Sharkey when she returns to the Morrill Memorial Library on Tuesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. to talk about a subject close to everyone's hearts: food!

Over the last 50 years, food in America and the way we eat has changed dramatically. Home cooking was the norm a generation or two ago, and restaurant dining and take-out were the exception. In today's busy world, access to affordable restaurants and the abundance of processed and fast foods have made a balanced meal made from scratch somewhat of a luxury. In this workshop we will explore what we're really eating, how it may be affecting our health, and what we can do about it.

Some of the topics being covered will include the difference between organic and conventional food and when to splurge; gluten, dairy, nut and other food sensitivities; and factory farms, processed foods and other dietary concerns. Please sign up for this free and informative program at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is accessible to the physically disabled.

"WHY I LOVE MY LIBRARY" ESSAY CONTEST AT THE LIBRARY

Put your writers' caps on! This March, the Morrill Memorial Library in Norwood will be sponsoring an essay contest for

students and adults. The topic is "Why I Love My Library." The contest has two categories. The first is open to any student who is a resident of Norwood. The other category is open to adults, age 18 and over, who are residents of the town.

Anyone interested in entering the contest may stop by the Norwood Library for details and the entry form or find them online at www.norwoodlibrary.org. Each submission MUST include the entry form and may not exceed 1,000 words. To qualify, essays must be submitted between March 1-31 by email to nling@minlib.net or to the library's Outreach Department. Three prizes will be awarded in each category, student and adult. The first, second and third prizes are \$50, \$30 and \$20 gift cards to Barnes & Noble. Winners will be announced on Monday, April 30, 2012.

The library wishes to express its appreciation to the Andrew and Ernest J. Boch Memorial Fund for its generous donation to this contest. We encourage our library users to give it a try.

DRUM AWAY THE BLUES AT THE LIBRARY

Get in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day with drummer/percussionist Craig Harris at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m. Using hand drums, assorted percussion instruments, puppets, stories and songs, Mr. Harris will give a presentation suitable for all ages entitled "Drum Away the Blues: the Music and Rhythms of the Emerald Isles."

Mr. Harris has performed in concert and recorded with many internationally known artists. A highly respected music journalist and photographer as well, his articles, reviews and photographs have appeared in publications around the globe. He is also the author of three books on world and folk music. With a Master's degree in education and a Massachusetts teaching certificate in music, Harris taught in public schools for 26 years before launching *Drum Away the Blues!* in 2009.

Sign up for this enjoyable evening of Irish music, funded by the Friends of the Library, at the Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is accessible to the physically challenged.

SIGN-UP FOR WINTER STORYTIMES

Registration has begun for the Children's Winter Storytimes at the Morrill Memorial Library. There are weekly storytimes for children, ages infant thru 5 years, as well as a monthly evening pajama storytime. Older children may join the Scrabble Club, Origami Club, Duct Tape Club, or the NYRA Book Club, or enjoy the Yoga Program or Valentine's Crafts and Cards. Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog will be visiting, and we will be celebrating her birthday. Stop by the library for more information and to register for these exciting programs. You may also view the programs online at norwoodlibrary.org.



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Boch Honda faces union-busting allegations

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

The allegations keep coming in a labor dispute between a prominent local auto business and the union that its workers recently joined.

Technicians employed by Boch Honda joined the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers in November of 2010, and have since begun contract negotiations with the business's management. Since negotiations began, however, the union claims that Boch Honda management has deliberately drawn the process out and engaged in various union-busting tactics, while the company insists it has been negotiating in good faith.

Last month, the union staged a protest in response to the company's actions, joined by members of several other labor unions, including the AFL-CIO, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), the Massachusetts Nurse's Association and the Greater Boston Labor Council. There, union representatives took Boch Honda to task for what they said was a failure to reach a contract agreement after a whole year, which they further alleged was the result of a company effort to stall negotiations until the union's presence at the shop could be weakened, and eventually eliminated.

"We've probably done about 25 or 30 of them, with very minimal progress," said E. Michael Vartabedian, business representative for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

In a written statement issued the day of the protest, Boch Honda management said it had negotiated "in good faith" with the union, reaching agreement on "many issues," and meeting with the union as recently as Feb. 9. The statement noted that a group of employees had filed a decertification petition with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), which would effec-



Boch Honda.

tively end the shop's union status if successful.

"Recently, a Decertification Petition [sic] has been filed by a group of employees with the National Labor Relations Board, requesting that the NLRB conduct an election at Boch Honda to determine if the Machinists currently represent a majority of the Technicians [sic]," the Boch Honda statement said. "Unfortunately, that Petition and Election [sic] are being held in abeyance pending Charges [sic] filed against the Company by the Machinists Union."

Vartabedian said the combination of stalled negotiations and a request for a decertification vote added up to a common union-busting tactic: slowing negotiations down long enough so that workers would be without a contract long enough to make decertification a viable option. Another common tactic, he said, was to hire several new employees who would not support the union in order to skew the vote.

Vartabedian and the Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers have filed numerous charges against the company, including allegations of efforts to intimidate or discourage union supporters, which Vartabedian alleged had resulted in one shop steward quitting his job. Most recently, on Feb. 23, the union filed a charge of changing terms and conditions of employment.

Thomas McAndrew, an attorney who has been representing Boch Honda in the dispute, declined to comment on the newest charge, saying he was not familiar with the nature of the allegations. However, Boch Honda's statement said

the company intended to continue to uphold its end of the bargain in the negotiation process.

"I'm unaware of it and I know nothing about it," McAndrew said of the latest charge against the company.

"It is the Company's hope and expectation that all Technicians [sic] will have an opportunity to vote in a secret ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board in the near future," the Boch Honda statement said. "In the meantime, the Company remains committed to fulfilling its obligation to negotiate in good faith with the Machinists Union."



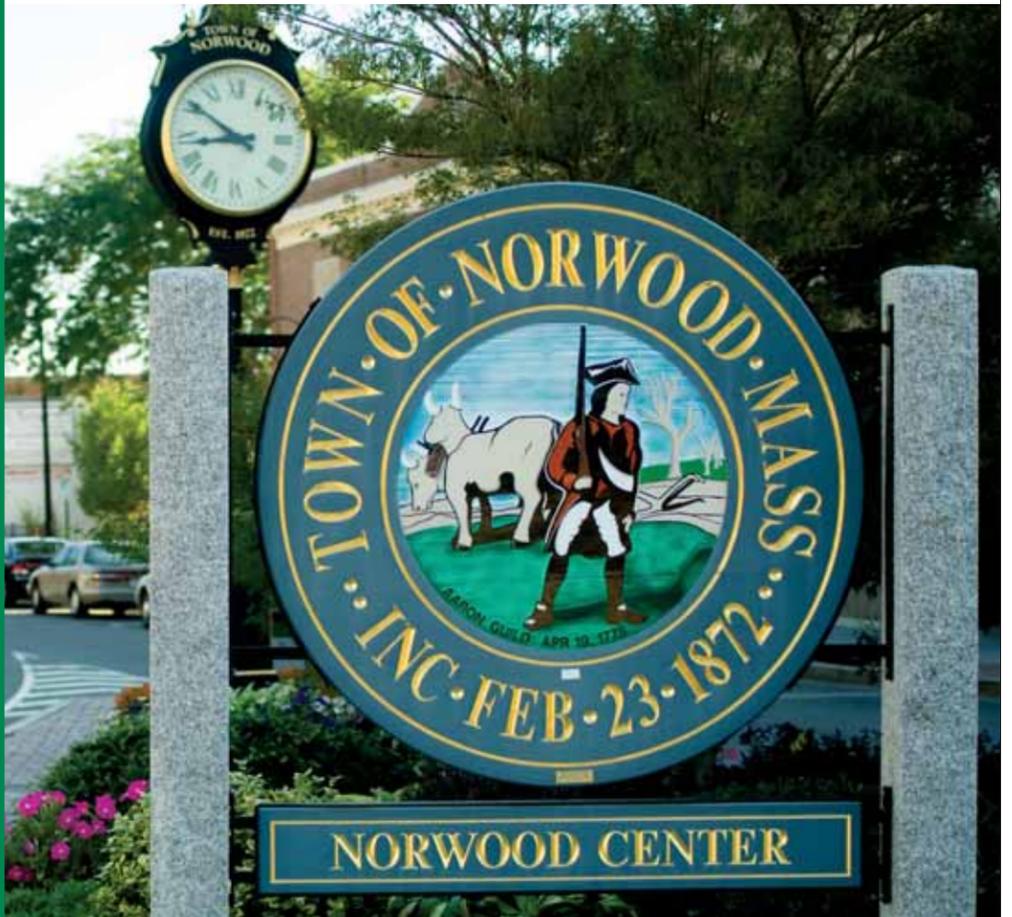
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Some TM seats could be write-in's

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

There are a small number of town meeting member positions with no candidates seeking them, but there may be a way to take care of that, Town Hall staffers said.

Of the 252 total member seats, thirty-five do not have any potential takers at the moment, according to staff in the Town Clerk's office. However, that is nothing that at least thirty-five write-in campaigns can't solve. Although the deadline for filing nomination papers for this year's election has long since passed, it is not too

late to conduct a write-in campaign.

Of those thirty-five vacancies without candidates, the most- ten of them- are in District Six, followed by District Seven with nine. There are three vacancies each in Districts One and Two, four in District Five, and six in District Eight. There are candidates for all vacancies in Districts Three, Four and Nine.

Town Moderator David Hern Jr. said the ability to hold a town meeting was not threatened unless there were not enough members for a quorum. He said a quorum required that fifty percent of all available

member seats plus one be filled. "We may operate without a full complement of town meeting members," Hern said. "As long as we have a quorum," it is allowable.

Hern noted that a re-districting following the 2010 census caused all town meeting members to have to run for election again, even if their terms had not expired.

Those interested in conducting a write-in campaign are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk's office for more information on the proper way to do this. The general number for Town Hall is (781) 762-1240.

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from copper. He said the contractor who performed the repairs had been paid well under \$10,000 for the temporary repair work.

"The roof is water-tight at the moment," Cooper said late last week. "So that's not a problem."

Cooper said one side of the roof had been stripped as a result of the weather damage. And while the status of the other side of the roof was not known for sure, Cooper said it appeared likely that the entire roof would have to be replaced.

Cooper said the town has requested a cost estimate for all of the work needed to complete permanent roof repairs on the Chapel, and a report from an architectural firm on what work will be needed. Once the estimate is received, Cooper said, town officials will determine whether or not the project needs to be put out to bid.

The temporary repairs had been funded out of the Cemetery's operating budget, Cooper

said. However, the source of funding for the permanent repairs was less certain, and may be the subject of a Town Meeting article later this year, he said.

"Later in the year, we'll see how big a [financial] impact it makes," Cooper said.

Cooper said the town had been in contact with the insurance company that covers the Chapel to see how much of the damage would be covered by the town's policy. He said the policy had a \$10,000 deductible, with any balance over that amount to be covered by the insurance company. Cooper previously told the Board of Selectmen that he believed the total cost of the repairs would exceed \$10,000.

Making the project unique was the fact that the Chapel's roof was made of copper, Cooper said. He said efforts were being made to find out if a copper replacement roof could be procured and installed, noting that town officials wanted the new roof to be similar to the old one to whatever extent possible.

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plans for a proposed Public Works yard, which would expand their existing facilities. He added that Highway and Parks Department employees had been cleaning and weather-proofing a property on Lenox Street that had recently been purchased for Department use. He said the work included replacement of broken windows, installation of a concrete floor and new interior lights, and the addition of a "Public Works" sign on the outside of the building.

Let there be light... and broadband

Also giving their report to the Board that evening were representatives of Norwood Light and Broadband. Department Superintendent Malcolm

McDonald began by thanking State Representative John Rogers for seeking changes to legislation that he said otherwise would have had adverse effects on their department, including probable fee increases.

Norwood Light Electric Assistant Superintendent James Collins Jr. gave a brief report on a project the department hoped to undertake in the near future, making improvements to transmitter poles in the area stretching from Dean Street to the nearby town of Sharon. He said the work was not in urgent need of being completed, but would have to be addressed before too long.

Collins said sixty-eight of the poles were wooden units, which were about forty years old

and probably the most likely to need replacing. A mile of line purchased from NSTAR included units that were in better condition, Collins said.

One factor that would have to be looked into before work on the poles could begin, Collins said, was permitting. He noted that some of the poles might be on wetlands, and that accessing some of them was tricky.

"It's not that accessible," Collins said. "Some of it's in pretty rough terrain."

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term as town moderator, and many positions since then.

"He works, and works, and works and works," Donohue said. "Maybe that's why he got sick."

"We really need him," Lyons agreed. "He's always been the [hardest-working] man in show business."

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Left: Matt Brown and his father, Michael Brown, with Matt's prized hockey jerseys from Bobby Orr, Patrice Bergeron and Wayne Gretzky. Right: The customized wheelchair Matt rode in the Hyannis Marathon.

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Brown setting sights on Boston Marathon

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

If you find it surprising that someone who has been paralyzed from the chest down would be found anywhere near a 26.2-mile marathon route, consider this: for Matt Brown, that was just the first step towards a larger goal.

On Sunday, the Norwood High School senior, who was paralyzed in a hockey-related accident just over two years ago, completed the entire Hyannis Marathon. He was pushed- literally and otherwise, he says- by family friend Lucas Carr, and rode in a customized wheelchair made by the Adaptive Star company.

Brown said the idea came partly from the famous father-son athletic team of Dick and Rick Hoyt- the latter being a Holland, Massachusetts man who has cerebral palsy- for whom Carr had performed fundraising work. After learning that the two had participated in the Boston Marathon multiple times, Carr mentioned the idea to Brown, and the two got to work.

According to Brown, he and Carr did a couple of practice runs before last weekend's marathon- a three-mile track run at Norwood High School last Thursday, followed by a two-mile run the following day. On Sunday, Matt and his father, Michael Brown traveled to the site of the Hyannis Marathon, joined by several family members and friends.

For the final stretch of the marathon, Carr unfurled an American flag, eliciting cheers from the audience. However, Brown said, the two of them had already been in high spirits for some time by that point, despite the challenges presented by the run.

"The emotions were flying," Brown said. "We did the first four or five minutes with great time. I think I underestimated the cold a little bit. It was pretty challenging, but it turned out to be a good day."

"I didn't actually [run], but I was drained," he said of finishing the marathon. "I can't imagine how Lucas felt, but I was exhausted."

That experience, however, is just the beginning for Brown and Carr, and was actually a sort of stepping stone towards the larger goal of running the Boston Marathon. They decided to try the Hyannis marathon first, Brown said, because the organizers of the Boston Marathon recommended that they attempt a similar event before running in the Boston event.

Despite having been paralyzed during a varsity hockey game, Brown still loves the sport, and has remained active with the team. These days, however, he plays more of a coach-like role, evaluating the team's playing and helping to devise strategies.

"Me and the coach talk almost daily," Brown said. "I tell him what I see, he tells me what he sees, and we go back and forth on that."

Michael Brown said Matt has always been a positive person, and gives his son a lot of credit for doing so, noting that he likes to see that positivity available as a source of inspiration to others. On the day of the Norwood Record's visit to the Brown household, Matt conducts a chat via Skype with two young men who are patients at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Georgia, one of whom recently suffered an injury similar to the one for which Brown was treated there two years ago.

During the chat session, Brown asks the two young patients questions about their experiences, and offers plenty of encouragement, as well as thoughts on how he has dealt with the challenges they are facing for the first time. He tells them a simply philosophy that has become central to his life: "Don't quit."

"He's an upbeat, positive kid," Michael Brown said of his son. "It's good for [other] kids to see that you don't have to lose that personality."

As for life after graduation from Norwood High School, Matt Brown said he has applied to several colleges, and is thinking of studying business. However, he said he would like to do something sports-related if possible, noting that sports management or a similar field was starting to appeal to him.

"I'd really like to continue with it and do something with sports, because sports are my life," Brown said.

Are you a Big Loser?

The head of the town's Recreation Department is looking for people who can prove themselves the biggest losers in town.

Recreation Director Jerry Miller said he was looking to resurrect the town's "Biggest Loser" contest, in which locals compete to see who can lose the most weight. Although he has not officially announced it yet, Miller recently told the Board of Selectmen of his intention to re-launch the contest.

"We're trying to get it back

online again," Miller said.

Miller said the town first put on the contest about eight years ago. It ran for about four years, but eventually came to an end due to lack of interest. However, Miller said he had recently been contacted by several residents asking if the contest could be brought back to life.

According to Miller, contestants have typically been divided into teams of six or eight members, with a weigh-in taking place before the start of the contest. Teams in past contests

have been formed to represent town departments, local businesses, neighborhoods or other groups of residents. In one past contest, Miller said, one police officer lost thirty pounds over the course of the contest.

The entry fees in past contests have been in the \$5.00 range, Miller said. Details of the upcoming contest were still being finalized at press time, but Miller said they would be announced on the town's web site (www.norwoodma.gov) in the coming weeks.

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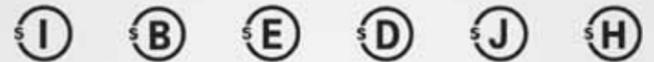
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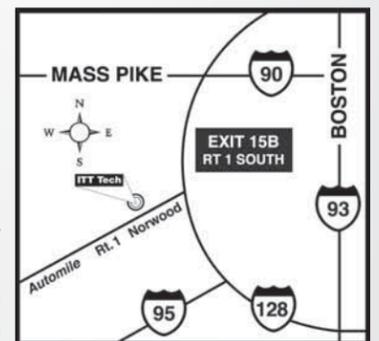
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Tuesday, Feb. 20

09:39:26 WASHINGTON ST 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
11:39:28 NAHATAN STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
12:59:10 EDGEHILL ROAD 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
13:01:55 HILL STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
13:28:57 EAST CROSS STREET 444 Power line down
16:27:01 PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route
18:16:47 WALPOLE STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
21:16:43 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
21:36:18 PLIMPTON AVENUE 424 Carbon monoxide incident
23:27:52 ADAMS STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
23:57:29 EAST CROSS STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury

Wednesday Feb. 21

00:16:41 NEPONSET STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
02:30:20 EAST CROSS STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
04:44:30 RAILROAD AVENUE 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
09:15:25 STURTEVANT AVENUE 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
09:38:53 WINTER STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10:06:48 OLDE DERBY ROAD 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10:27:02 WINDSOR RD 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10:42:58 VANDERBILT AVENUE 324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries
12:49:29 WASHINGTON STREET 511 Lock-out
13:48:30 EVERGREEN CIRCLE 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
14:16:14 WINTER STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
14:36:10 PROVIDENCE HWY 745 Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional
14:52:11 CLAPBOARDTREE ST 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
16:14:19 WALPOLE STREET 600 Good intent call, Other
17:01:06 NAHATAN STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
19:18:49 HILLCREST ROAD 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
19:39:28 THIRD STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
20:48:32 HILLCREST ROAD 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
22:09:5095 322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries

Thursday, Feb. 22

02:28:15 HILL STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
07:16:14 CLAPBOARDTREE STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with

injury
08:46:32 HOYLE STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10:32:43 WASHINGTON STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
15:12:14 OLDE DERBY ROAD 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
15:55:59 WASHINGTON STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
17:16:58 EISENHOWER ROAD 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
18:21:24 WASHINGTON STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
19:31:27 BEACON PARK ROAD 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
20:14:07 WICKHAM WAY 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
22:22:18 LONGWOOD TERRACE 550 Public service assistance, Other
03:57:49 WINSLOW AVENUE 151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire

Friday, Feb. 23

05:35:35 ENDICOTT STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08:23:39 FAIRVIEW ROAD 511 Lock-out
02/23/2012 09:11:59 PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction
11:41:23 NICHOLS STREET 511 Lock-out
11:56:47 NAHATAN STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
11:58:00 GLACIER DR 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route
13:02:04 RIVER RIDGE DRIVE 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
13:14:45 RIDGEWOOD DRIVE 700 False alarm or false call, Other
13:20:50 PENDERGAST CIRCLE 324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries
14:00:36 NAHATAN STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
16:30:51 SAUNDERS ROAD 745 Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional
17:35:50 BREWSTER DRIVE 561 Unauthorized burning
17:43:05 PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
21:37:51 BAHAMA DRIVE 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
22:32:01 JEFFERSON DRIVE 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)
23:09:02 NORWEST DRIVE 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury

Saturday Feb. 24

02:21:04 WASHINGTON STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
07:11:59 NAHATAN STREET 600 Good intent call, Other
09:45:32 RIVER RIDGE DRIVE 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10:16:02 WASHINGTON STREET 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route
11:33:25 EISENHOWER ROAD 444 Power line down
14:55:21 WASHINGTON STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury

14:57:58 RAILROAD AVENUE 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
15:02:53 ELLIS AVENUE 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)
15:37:28 PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY 324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries
15:58:27 VILLAGE ROAD WEST 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
16:04:43 NAHATAN STREET 324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries
17:01:52 HARTFORD STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
17:27:58 ORLEANS ROAD 451 Biological hazard, confirmed or suspected
17:40:32 PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY 324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries
18:39:04 NORWEST DRIVE 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
21:42:57 PLEASANT STREET 324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries
23:19:44 MINIHAN LANE 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury

Sunday Feb. 25

00:49:35 FISHER STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
02:45:56 ELLIS AVENUE 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
11:48:57 VANDERBILT AVENUE 440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other
02/25/2012 12:10:59 NAHATAN STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
12:36:09 WASHINGTON ST 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
02/25/2012 14:12:02 PLEASANT STREET 322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries
15:58:30 PENDERGAST CIRCLE 324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries
02/25/2012 20:58:19 HILLSIDE AVENUE 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
21:28:42 OLDE DERBY ROAD 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction

Monday Feb. 26

00:20:29 LENOX STREET 324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries
07:04:01 BAHAMA DRIVE 745 Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional
07:05:16 ENDICOTT STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
09:14:31 NAHATAN STREET 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
09:38:52 JACOBS ROAD 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
13:34:25 ROCK STREET 113 Cooking fire, confined to container
15:49:36 NORWEST DRIVE 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
17:56:02 WASHINGTON STREET 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional
18:04:23 CUSHING ROAD 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
19:16:50 MAPLE STREET 600 Good intent call, Other
19:50:37 BEACON AVENUE 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
20:02:54 WOODLAND ROAD 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
Total Incident Count 96

Sports



Emily Kelly and the girls' hockey team will head into the state tournament as the number four overall seed, with a first round game on Friday night.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

Girls' Hockey readies for tourney as number four seed

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

And so it begins. Last year, a much older girls' hockey team than the one taking the ice now came within one goal of a state championship appearance. Now, a young squad will enter the Division 2 South tournament this weekend as a number four seed with one of four byes in the first round. Before the seeding was announced, the Mustangs had to complete their senior day last week. They did, and in the process had some nice moments as well. Norwood beat Bishop Fenwick 6-0. Sydney MacQuilken had a hat trick with goals and also one assist. Molly Newman had a goal and one assist, Sammy Hayes also had a goal and a helper, while Bella Aspinwall scored too. Just two seniors were

playing their final regular season game for the gold and blue. Hayley O'Rourke got an assist while Nicole Casey, who started as goalie and earned the shutout with a number of nice saves, had the finest moments of the day. Casey was the team manager from last year's team who as a senior stepped in to be the back up goalie this year. "Hayley played on a team in her freshman year that lost a number of games. In the last 3 years the Mustangs have had a lot of on-ice success and Hayley is one of the reasons why," said head coach Bill O'Donnell "It took a lot of courage for Nicole as a senior to not only play hockey but be a goalie. Nicole made our team better with her hard work and spirit. Nicole is a great teammate." As for the tournament, the Mustangs will face off against

Martha's Vineyard in their opener. They will start their quest for a state title at home this Friday night at 5 p.m. They have a tough bracket that includes 18-0 Duxbury, which is also the defending state champion. The bye could be key, as the girls now sit just three wins away from a trip to the title game. "The players on the team are excited about the upcoming tournament. These players have worked hard, competed, played as a team and made it a fun season," said a hopeful O'Donnell. The team hopes that their youth won't be a deterrent as they work to make a run in the postseason. Seniors O'Rourke and Casey will be relied upon for their experience during the run. The team was more celebrated last season, but this year's squad is excited to make their own imprint.

Boys' Hockey readies for Barnstable

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

This past Saturday, the Norwood boys' hockey team was up for discussion when it came to the teams being selected for the prestigious Super 8 hockey tournament. While the tournament is usually dominated by Catholic schools, a few public schools around the state, like Burlington and Hingham, have made some noise over the years and given the private schools some scares, and even secured a state title in 2010, when the Habormen shocked everyone.

The problem with being voted in is that strength of schedule often plays a bigger role than it should, with some key victories often being overlooked. Needham ended up being one of the teams to be voted into a "play in" game, a game in which they ultimately lost, dropping them down into the Division 1

South tournament as the number one seed. Norwood, who beat Needham 4-3 on their ice, ended up with the 4 seed in the tournament, something that head coach Bill Clifford was prepared for prior to the meeting. "I think we have a good shot (at the Super 8)," he said prior to the decision making process this past weekend. "I think we can compete with anyone in this state when we're playing right, so no matter where we get in we're going to play hard and the kids will be ready." The boys will now play Barnstable in Bourne this Saturday night (time is still unknown). They enter the game at 14-3-4, while Needham has six losses at 14-6-1 - a difference that demonstrates some of the politicking that goes on behind the doors of that all-important Super 8 selection meeting.

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The boys' hockey team will also head into the state tournament as the number four seed. They will square off against Barnstable this Saturday.

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Coach Rich Cormier rallies the troops during a recent game. Cormier and the Mustangs are set for a second round game against Stoughton on Thursday.

PHOTO BY KEVIN STONE

Boys' Basketball knocks off Medfield in tourney opener

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

In sports, or anything for that matter, there is a reason why you continue to go through with something despite people saying you shouldn't.

The Norwood boys' basketball team has struggled all season with consistency. They've proven they have the ability to play alongside some of the best teams in the state, but they just hadn't been able to put together a full 32 minute game when it mattered the most.

What better time than now? On Tuesday night in Medfield, the Mustangs entered their first round postseason game against the "Big Blue" as the number 12 seed in the Division 2 South tournament. Medfield was

fifth and were heavily favored on their home floor.

It turns out there was more than a chance as Norwood pulled off the upset 62-50 and will now play the number four seed Stoughton tonight for the chance to head to the quarterfinals.

"We came out shooting the ball really, really well, but I still don't think we played an overall great

game," said a cautiously optimistic and happy head coach Rich Cormier. "We had two of our captains out with foul trouble for five and seven minutes a piece in the first half, that can't continue to happen or we won't be around very long in this tournament. With that being said guys really stepped up with some big shots."

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The Mustangs knocked off Medfield on Tuesday night in a game that many expected the Mustangs to lose.

PHOTO BY KEVIN STONE

Girls' B-Ball looks at DaLuz's first year

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

There is a first time for everything. Sometimes those firsts have some bumpy roads.

For first-year girls' basketball coach Alex DaLuz, this was definitely one of those years.

"Considering this was my first year and the first varsity experience for 10 of the 12 players, I think it was a nice season," he said. "The kids worked hard, did what was asked of them and were competitive for the most part all season."

Experience will be key next year, with 11 returning varsity players that have all contributed at times this year; the expectations will certainly be elevated.

"We won't have that lack of experience excuse to justify losses. I am challenging all of the girls to work on their game in the off-season so we can get better as a team," explained DaLuz.

As far as handing out praise for the season, DaLuz pointed out some of the key contributors to his squad over the winter.

"Amy Duggan was our lone first team all-star. She deserved it. She was a stat stuffer all year, averaging 13 points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals and 1.5 blocks per game."

"We realized how valuable Makenna Lane is to the success of our team once she got injured. She sat out the last four games of the season due to various leg and knee injuries. Our offense didn't run the same, and we scored far less points. If it were up to her, she would go out there and play on one leg. She is a warrior," said the head coach.

Senior leadership is key, and one of the problems for Norwood this season was that they had just one.

"Our lone senior, Meghan O'Connor, has also sat out the past four games with an ankle injury. She has been our best attacker all season. We really missed her scoring punch down

the stretch," said DaLuz of his one upperclassman.

Rounding out the starting line-up, Kelly Duggan had some standout performances this season. She was the best low post finisher, according to DaLuz, all season.

As far as role players are concerned, off the bench, DaLuz said the "6th man" all season has been Shannon Reen.

"She gets a lot of minutes because of sheer heart and hustle. She is often asked to play multiple positions and guard the other team's best player," explained DaLuz.

Liz Whitney emerged as the "go-to" post player off the bench. She improved her low post moves and even added a decent three-point shot to her bag of tricks during the season.

Kaileen Spaulding and Gianna Pugliano also got some credit from DaLuz for having added depth all season and having "played solidly when called upon," said the head coach.

Moving forward, there were some young players who also gained some invaluable experience at the big level.

Olivia Philbrook, Erin Garczynski and Julia Copponi have all split time with junior varsity, but because of injuries and their improvement throughout the year, have gotten valuable minutes on varsity during the second half of the year.

DaLuz knew coming in that things would not be all roses in his first campaign, something he was fully aware of when taking the job.

"Overall, this has been a successful season. Upon accepting the position, I was warned that this had the potential to be rough season," he said. "I think we have exceeded expectations in the win column and with our spirit. We gave some of the top teams in our league a run for their money. We have a lot of talent coming back and a lot of talent coming up in the youth levels. I am hopeful that next year will be the start of a state tournament streak."

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Head Coach Bill Clifford is confident that his squad can make a run in the postseason thanks to the play of Tyler Gover (above) and others.

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Girls' Track reflects on season

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

Over the course of any athletic season, there are bound to be some expectations that are met, and bound to be some that are exceeded.

For the Norwood High School girls' track team and their head coach, Matt Curran, there was a little bit of both.

The squad finished at 0-6, but showed improvement as the season wound down.

"The last two dual meets came down to the relay. In track, you can quantify improvement, and times and distances showed that," explained Curran.

Norwood was led during the season by their sprints and jumps, according to Curran.

Senior Danielle Ringler and sophomore Jess Murphy led the way, followed by Tessa Petit and Allison Ryan.

Courtney Ferndandes led the hurdlers. Ringler was tied for the best jump in the league in the high jump at 5-3.

The often-underrated shotput was actually a big event for the Lady 'Stangs this year.

That was a solid event for us," explained Curran. "That also showed great improvement. Senior Jackie Sobchuk led the way there, improving by three feet over last year, with junior Ashley Felix, junior Sarah Lussier, and freshman Adaze Izeko behind her."

The sayings "you play to win the games" and "just a paper team" are often extremely relevant in sports. Upsets are possible at any time, and while this Norwood squad was often overlooked this season for lack of experience, they should be a force in the following seasons to come.

"While on paper we were weakest in the distance, the Bay State Conference is one of the best leagues in the state in the distance events and that's where we relied heavily on sophomores and freshmen for depth, and they showed the greatest improvement over the season," said Curran.

Seniors Caroline O'Day and Rebecca Dyckes led the way, yet sophomore Alanna Keady, and freshman Sabrina Cubelli, Kelsie Doherty, and Ashley Conley pushed them, a key experience that Curran is fully aware can help in the future for this young team.

"They form a core we can build on for the future," he said.

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"The kids have worked hard and deserve a good end to their season," said Clifford. "They've competed hard all season, done what they've been asked to do. We had a few lapses here and there at some points on the ice this season but overall I

feel like we're ready for the postseason."

With just 10 teams in the Division 1 South bracket, a trip to the semi-finals is just one win away. However, the dream of a state title is still a long ways off, as Norwood will have to in all likelihood

go through Needham again, as well as Bay State rivals Milton (3 seed), Natick (9 seed) and Braintree (7 seed). Marshfield enters as the two seed with 18 wins and is also the defending state champion.

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With a huge and very vocal Norwood fan base packing the gymnasium and seemingly taking over home court advantage Those big shots were falling early and often for Norwood as they came out smoking, taking a quick 13-4 lead with 4:25 to play in the first quarter thanks in large part to sweltering shooting from Sean O'Neill before Medfield was forced to take a time out.

It was 19-10 after the first thanks to a deep buzzer beating three pointer from Troy Sousa-Semper.

A little over half way through the second quarter Norwood had extended it's lead to 15 at 31-16 when Pat O'Rourke and Tommy Bartucca had back to back buckets after Medfield turnovers.

From the 3:54 mark Norwood went ice cold, getting just three more points before half time while

Medfield was allowed to stick around and make it 34-25 at the break.

The all important third quarter couldn't have started any better for Norwood. Needing to come out and extend the lead as quickly as possible, the Mustangs did so to keep the crowd out of it. Daron English buried a three ball on the Stangs' second possession of the half. Norwood continued to keep their foot on the gas, going up 43-30 with 2:03 remaining in the third quarter and closed it out at 45-35 when Steve Martinez buried a jumper at the buzzer to go up 10 and leave them eight minutes away from the upset.

The fourth quarter has plagued Norwood all season, holding leads has been a problem all year, and this was not the time for that trend to continue.

After Medfield opened the final frame with a jump

shot, it was apparent this was going to be a different out come as O'Rourke nailed a three-pointer to answer the jumper and keep the Mustangs momentum rolling.

Norwood was not completely out of the woods yet, as Medfield went on a serious run, something that was expected by everyone in attendance, and cut the Mustang lead to 48-42 wi 5:34 to play, forcing Cormier to call time out and calm his troops down.

Quickly, Norwood pushed it back to 51-42 with foul shots from Sousa-Semper. Senior captain Tom Munro, who was fairly quiet as far as points are concerned, made his presence felt on the glass and defensively all night. His biggest moment came with 3:20 to play with a huge block that ended up resulting in Sousa-Semper getting to the line to expand the lead.

"Defense is always our key, and I've been saying it all season," said Cormier. "It proved to be the case again tonight I thought our guys were very active and we got stops when we absolutely needed to."

With just about a minute to play and the Medfield team down 10 it was clear that this was going to be Norwood's night as both coaches started pulling their starters for some deserved standing ovations.

Now that the proverbial monkey is off their back, moments following the game Cormier was informed that Stoughton had beaten Duxbury, and he was already looking forward.

"It's a quick turn around,

but that shouldn't be an issue at this point in the season," he said. "We'll get ready for Stoughton and see what happens. Hopefully we can bring this intensity back to the floor on (Thursday)."

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CARR

Barry, suddenly, on Feb 21. Late Director of the Addiction Program for Billings Human Services, Norwood. Beloved father of Daniel E. Carr and friend and former husband of Linda Carr both of Fall River. Brother of William Carr of Boxford and nephew of Walter Carr, Collette Fitzpatrick, Sr. Patricia Smith and Sr. Marie Patrice Carr. Also survived by 4 nieces a nephew and many cousins. Son of the late Edward and Margaret Carr. Funeral arrangements by the Eaton Funeral Home, Needham. Interment Needham Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Polaris Project, P.O. Box 53315, Washington, DC 20009 (polarisproject.org/give) or the Sisters of St. Joseph 637 Cambridge St. Brighton, MA 02135 (bostoncsj.org/donate).

DeFORGE

Stephen Guy of Norwood, on Feb. 21. Beloved husband of Julie (Stellmach) of 22 years. He is also survived by his adoring sons Jesse P. of West Roxbury, Geoffrey G. of Dorchester and Stephen J. of Norwood, his brothers Michael and his wife Kathleen of Norwood and Kevin and his wife Cheryl of Jamaica Plain. Steve is predeceased by his parents Louis and Rosemary (Sullivan) of Jamaica Plain and Marstons Mills. He was the son-in-law of Joseph Stellmach of Hampton, NH and his late wife Regina and was brother-in-law to the Stellmach and O'Brien families. He will be missed by his Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and friends. Funeral arrangements by the Brady &

Fallon Funeral Home. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Boston College High School through the Stephen G. DeForge Scholarship Fund, 150 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA, 02125. Steve and his family request that friends consider making a difference in his memory by becoming an organ donor and making an appointment with the Red Cross to donate blood products (<http://www.redcrossblood.org>).

GRAHAM

Eileen A. (Pineau) of Norwood, on Feb. 20. Beloved wife of the late Richard H. Graham. Loving mother of Richard Graham of Norton, Edward Graham and his wife Jacquelyn of Norfolk, Patricia Healy of Norwood, Joanne Welch and her husband Edward of Barnstead, NH. Dear sister of the late Robert Pineau of Brockton. Also survived by seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Funeral service and interment private. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood.

McDONOUGH

Anne Leger, 82, on Feb. 23. A longtime employee of New England Telephone, Anne served as President of the Southwest chapter of the Pioneers, the phone company's charitable volunteer board. She also found time to volunteer with SHARE, a local food

pantry. A longtime and proud Norwood resident, there was no other place Anne wanted to live and raise her family. Beloved wife to the late Patrick McDonough and is survived by her children: Katie, Kevin and his wife Maureen of Norwood, Brian and his wife Julie of Walpole, Stephen and his fiancée Julie Dearnley of Pleasanton, CA, Joe and his wife Kathy Ryan, Barry, Tim and his wife Diane, and Colleen DiBlasi and her husband Joe DiBlasi, all of Norwood. She is also survived by seventeen loving grandchildren and her dear "siblings", Elaine, Margaret, and David. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment will follow the Mass in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Anne McDonough may be made to Hearts for Hope Foundation, c/o Jayne Davis, 18 Bragg Road, Foxboro, MA 02035, a Cystic Fibrosis charity, in honor of the Ryan-Palermo family.

NABRESKI

Pasqualina S. (Tedesco), 92, formerly of Norwood, on Feb. 26. Beloved wife of the late Joseph J. Nabreski. Devoted mother of Albert T. Nabreski and dear friend Diane Bouthillette of N. Attleboro, Joseph J. Nabreski Jr. and his wife Mary Jane of Walpole and Anne M. Fellini and her husband Joseph F. of Norwood. Loving sister of Mary DeVasto of Westwood, Beatrice Mancino of AZ, Gloria Adkisson of CA. and the late Angelo Tedesco. Also survived by her lifelong friend Nicky Prevetti of N. Easton. Cherished grandmother of 6 grandchildren & 5 great grandchildren. Daughter of the late Albert and Josephine (Cappobianco) Tedesco. At the request of the family all services

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ROSS

Joseph S. of Norwood, on Feb. 23. Dear brother of Wilfred of Nova Scotia and Tena Penney of SC. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the May Funeral Home, Norwood. Funeral services and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

SHEEHAN

Kathleen G., 63, (Gallagher) of Norwood, on Feb. 23. Member of the Local #369 Electrical Union at Nstar Co. in Westwood. Beloved mother of Megan Summers, Deirdre Gallagher and Francis Sheehan all of Norwood. Loving sister of Susan MacDougall of Taunton, Meg Bradbury of Attleboro and the late J. Stephen Gallagher. Cherished grandmother of Richard Gallagher, Luca Pellegrine, Elizabeth Summers and Helena Summers. Daughter of the late Charles E. and Helen J. (Hennigan) Gallagher. Mother-in-law of Richard Pellegrine of Newton. Also survived by her loving Family. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Italian Home for Children, 1125 Centre St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

TOWNE

Richard J., 102, on Feb. 25. Veteran of World War II serving in the Army of the United States. He was the oldest member of the first graduating class of the old Norwood High School.

He was a former police officer for the Town of Norwood and owned Towne's Express Trucking Company. Beloved son to the late Harry Towne and Adelaide (Clarke), he grew up in Norwood. Beloved husband for 62 years of the late Dorothy E. (MacDougall) and loving father of Judith Miller and her husband John MacDonald and Jeanne Lawson all of Norwood. He is survived by his sister, Mary Cushing of Rhode Island and is also survived by his grandchildren Wendy Risko and her husband Chris, Jessica Lawson, Elizabeth Wachter and her husband Matt and great grandchildren Ezra, Brody, SailorMae and Atticus. He was predeceased by his brothers Merrill, Lee and Warren Towne. Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral service on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 10a.m. at the May Funeral Home, 85 Nichols St., Norwood. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Visiting hours are on Friday from 6-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to the Norwood Police Association, P.O. Box 802, Norwood, MA 02062.

WENZEL

Mary Alice "Mame" of Norwood, on Feb. 19. Late clerk, Stone and Webster. Beloved daughter of the late Edward Wenzel and Helen (Coakley) Wenzel. Loving niece of Helen (Wenzel) Wedge of Walpole, Joseph Robert Wenzel of Norwood and William F. O'Donnell of East Walpole. Also survived by many cousins. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Donations in memory of Mary Alice may be made to the MSPCA, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130.

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On March 12, the bus will leave from the Norwood Elks parking lot at 8 a.m. Those interested should call Fran Macaulay at 781-686-4346 for information. The cost will be \$24.00 per person. The proceeds will benefit the Norwood American Legion Baseball.

NORFOLK ADULT DAY HEALTH CENTER MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS

On the Last Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Located at the Norfolk Adult Day Health Center, 595 Pleasant St., Norwood. Are you a caregiver? Feeling the stress? Worried about how to pay for everything? Don't know what to do next? All caregiver support meetings are free and open to the public. For more information or to RSVP, please call 781-769-4495. To learn more about care giving resources, visit www.communityvna.com or call 800-220-0110. Norfolk Adult Day Health Center is a program of Community VNA in Attleboro.

A PASSION FOR FASHION

The Norwood Senior Prom Eleventh Annual Fashion Show will take the stage at the Norwood High School on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Senior students and faculty of Norwood High School will be modeling prom fashions by David's Bridal, Richard Lewis Formal Wear and MW Tux of Norwood. Before and after the show there will be tables showcasing even more fashions, accessories, flo-

urists, hair and nail salons. A partial list of business participants includes A Bella Mia, Yelanna's Beehive Florist, Beaumont Photography, Salon Rouge, and On the Edge Hair Design. The cost of the event is \$5.00 for students/Seniors and \$7.00 for adults in advance or \$8.00 for students/seniors and \$10.00 for adults at the door. Proceeds from the Fashion show benefit the Post Prom Party. Come one, come all for a fabulous evening of glamour! For additional information please contact Jessica Kaplan at 781-769-2333, ext. 6334.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN TO NORWOOD STUDENTS

South Norfolk County Arc (SNCARC) is pleased to announce that it will once again award up to five scholarships of \$500 each to college students who are studying Special Education or a closely related field and who will be college juniors, seniors or graduate students in the 2012-2013 school year. Students from the towns served by SNCARC are encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications is Friday, April 13.

SNCARC awards scholarships in honor of founders and donors who wished to encourage women and men to enter this important field. Scholarships will be presented at the Annual Meeting of South Norfolk County Arc on Wednesday, May 16, in Westwood, MA. In reviewing applications, the committee will give preference to applicants who have not previously received a SNCARC scholarship.

You can pick up an application at the reception desk at SNCARC (located at 789 Clapboardtree St., Westwood) or leave your name, address and phone number at: 781-762-4001, ext. 331 or email nlewis@sncarc.org for an application or more information. Applications are also available online at www.sncarc.org/scholarship.html.

ALLIANCE FOR MENTALLY ILL MEETING

South Norfolk affiliate will hold its monthly meeting in Cafeteria B of the Lorusso Building at Norwood Hospital at 7 p.m. on Thursday March 1. Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The Alliance is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones.

The Alliance welcomes all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. In case of inclement weather the meeting will be cancelled if the Norwood schools have closed. For further information call 508-668-2941.

FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE NHS VARSITY GYMNASTICS TEAM

The Chateau is sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit the NHS Varsity Gymnastics Team. On Tuesday, March 6, bring in a flyer and they will donate 20 percent of all dine-in or take-out orders from 11:15-close. For a flyer, please call Jayne at 508-364-6709 or email eyesiefam@norwoodlight.com. Chateau Restaurant, 404 Providence Hwy.

TOWN OF NORWOOD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Town of Norwood's Department of Community Planning and Economic Development is seeking qualified homeowners and investor owners interested in rehabilitating their homes. The Norwood Housing Rehabilitation Program (HRP) offers Deferred Payment Grants to low- and moderate-income homeowners residing within the HRP Target Area. The Program targets properties with code deficiencies and seeks to improve living conditions by repairing or replacing roofs, windows, electrical systems, siding, heating systems and more. Homeowners interested in participating in the program should contact Pam McCarthy, Community Development Fund Coordinator, at 781-762-8115, ext. 209, or email: pmccarthy@norwoodha.org.

FORMER NORWOOD ATHLETES

Attention former Norwood Athletes who loved reading about your sporting accomplishments in Frank Wall's legendary "Sports Slants" columns! Jack Tolman is hosting a Tribute to Frank Wall night on Thursday, March 1 from 7-9 p.m. There will be Sports Slants t-shirts for sale, raffles, light refreshments, and a premier of the video "Sports Slants, The Frank Wall Story." Tickets are \$10.00, and will be sold at the door. Or, while supplies last, contact Jack to get your souvenir "FRJP" wristband, which will get you VIP admission to the event. (Not really VIP..just admission!) All proceeds will benefit Norwood's Circle of Hope foundation. Please call Jack with any questions at 781-801-2120 or tolman@norwoodlight.com. Please spread the word to friends who have crossed the Norwood borders.

CLEVELAND TRIVIA NIGHT COMING SOON NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Cleveland Trivia Night Committee is asking the Cleveland Community to help prepare for the annual Trivia Night on March 30 by gathering raffle and silent auction items. Sport and event tickets are always welcome, but feel free to be creative. Please contact any of the Trivia Night

Committee members for more information or Jayne Ford at jayne@verizon.net.

5TH ANNUAL NORWOOD BASKETBALL TRAVEL BANQUET!

The boys and girls 4th-8th grade travel teams will be honored at the 5th Annual Banquet on Sunday, March 25 at Christian's in Foxboro. Players are free with one parent or guardian ticket (first ticket \$20.00, second \$15.00). The event will run from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Enjoy an evening of dinner, dessert, awards, player raffles and much more. To donate silent auction items contact Bill Butts at wjbutts@verizon.net or to sponsor a table please contact Marie Reen at mariereen@aol.com

NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL'S WALKING TRACK OPEN FOR RESIDENTS

Norwood High School is ready to open their walking track above the gymnasium to residents of Norwood. Residents will be issued picture ID badges that will be programmed to open the walking track door on weekdays from 5-9 p.m. Those wishing to take advantage of this new facility need to fill out a CORI form and drop it off at any school office in Norwood verifying their address with a picture ID. CORI requests are a routine procedure by the School Department for all personnel, including those who act as chaperones for various activities. Our student athletes will be using the High School facilities into the evening each day as residents are also accessing the walking track and this procedure will ensure their safety.

After CORI clearance has been issued, each resident will be invited to the Facilities Department in the Savage Center at 275 Prospect St. for a picture id access badge which will open Door #9 on the gymnasium side of the High School. The picture badge will cost \$5.00 and is to be worn while using the walking track in the evenings.

A list of guidelines for the use of the walking track will be issued with the id badge. Depending on the demand for the use of the track our hours will be adjusted or expanded as interest and parking spaces increase. Residents with questions are encouraged to call the High School main office at 781-352-3522.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY COMMITTEE TO HOLD FREE BABYSITTING COURSE

A free babysitting course sponsored by the Women's Community Committee (WCC) will be held at the Coakley Middle School, the week of April 30-May 4 for Norwood residents in grades 6, 7 & 8. Applications for registration will be available in early April at the Coakley Middle School, St. Catherine of Siena School, Morrill Memorial Library and the WCC Thrift Shop, 1194 Washington Street, Norwood during shop hours. For additional information, please call the Thrift Shop at 781-762-2991.

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Tuesday Feb. 21

1131 phone - Well being chk Location/address: Highview St Employer requests wellbeing check on worker who never stays out without calling. BCli, me, c-pac notified. Lt McDonough

1223 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Washington St Sister requesting well being check on her 59 yo brother. She hasn't heard from him in a month. Officer spoke to several neighbors in the apt, they state individual is in a hospital. Officer and detectives clear.

1317 walk-in - Susp activity *report filed Location/address: Orthopedics & Sports Med - Washington St Physical therapist reports he may be being stalked by a client. Strange emails and phone calls.

1353 phone - Animal complaint *report filed Location/address: Evergreen cir Dog bite. NACO and NFD respond.

1502 phone - Mischief (kids) services rendered Location/address: Monroe St Kids in the street tossing a nerf ball at traffic.

1616 walk-in - Fraud Location/address: Codman Rd Fraudulent activity on debit card.

1618 phone - Road hazard citation/warning issued Location/address: Hoyle St + Walpole St Car on sidewalk and mv next to it is leaking something into Catch basin. NFD sent. 1)n662 tagged car on sidewalk.2)NFD handled leaking car before officers arrival, no hazard, it is water.

1711 phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: Rock St Westwood pediatrics requests well being check on both a Mother-slurring words on phone, and child-missed doctor's appointment. Westwood obtains new address in Norwood. N666 spoke to mother, had visitors over the home and will be rescheduling appointments, she is not under the influence. Westwood PD notified.

1812 cellular - Animal complaint area search negative Location/address: Morse St + Highview St Report of a possum bleeding from the mouth walking down the One-way section of road. N669 checked street and surrounding Area-gone upon arrival.

2245 initiated - Oopen door/gate spoken to Location/address: Sumner St N669 reports ma pc 8682ey,parked, unoccupied, in driveway, Door open, trunk open. N669 spoke to owner, all in order.

2309 cellular - Well being chk

Police Logs

gone on arrival Location/address: 525 Block - Bos-Prov Hwy Passing motorist reports a subject in a hoodie sitting on the median strip guardrail. N666 reports this section has a fence running along inside guardrail, but checked area and no one is around.

Wednesday Feb. 22

0333 911 - Unwanted party spoken to Location/address: McDonalds - Everett/Rte1 - Bos-Prov Hwy Manager reports 2 aggressive males in lobby and he believes they may start something. He is trying to close lobby to do system upgrade and he would like them to leave. N667 reports misunderstanding as they are not taking credit cards only cash at this time. All in order and sent on their way.

0732 phone - Parking violation gone on arrival Location/address: Gazebo - Town Common - Washington St Cab company reports car parking in cab parking spot, he has no place to park.

0836 phone - B & E of motor vehicle *report filed Location/address: Plymouth Dr

0837 phone - Well being chk police & fire notified/r Location/address: Hoyle St Caller requests well being check on fellow employee he picks up for work but, didn't come to door this morning.02/22/2012 0856 entry made by NFD, male is there and NFD administering to him. Refused transport. Daughter arrived and advised.

1116 phone - Larceny Location/address: pleasant st Summons: Hunt, Tammy L Address: 74 Pleasant St Apt. #apt B Norwood Dob: 05/11/1977 Charges: larceny over \$250**

1122 walk-in - Fraud Location/address: Jefferson Dr Walk in party wants to report that someone in Nebraska is using his social security number. N677 speaks with party

1439 radio - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Sturtevant Ave Mother out looking for daughter who may be at residence at #15. Off going with mother and friend. Child located and riding with case worker to calm down. Mom given courtesy transport to 285 Nahatan St. S/m 42507 @1457 hrs. E/m42509 @ 1509 hrs.

1531 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Sunrise Breakfast -

Washington St Caller reports older female with housecoat on walked into closed establishment. Female lives two doors down and was looking for iced coffee. Officer found proprietor who forgot to lock door and officer will get good call back #.

1603 phone - Susp person gone on arrival Location/address: Fulton St Caller reported two suspicious males in the area. Officer checked area, no one found.

1641 phone - B & E of motor vehicle Location/address: Bahama Dr Caller reported past b&e to a motor vehicle.

1705 initiated - Walk and talk no action required Location/address: McDonald's - Broadway From 1705-1720 hours did a walk and talk in and around McDonald's on Broadway. No sp activity.

1721 phone - Well being chk gone on arrival Location/address: Dean St + Neponset St Caller reported female in gray sedan slumped over. Officers To check well being. Officers checked area, nothing found.

1804 phone - Suicide / or threat Location/address: Davis Ave Report girlfriend sent a text message stating she took pills. Bolo to cars, areawide 3 for ma pc 126hs5. Needham PD Locates same and transports her to the hospital.

1819 cellular - Well being chk Location/address: Washington St Report of a male subject lying in grass in front of #397. Nfd sent. N664 places subject in protective custody and Transports to 58 Highland St were they accepted responsibility for him. P/c: Perkins, Frederic Address: 58 Highland St Norwood Dob: 08/13/1957 Charges: protective custody

1859 phone - Susp activity area search negative Location/address: Prospect St + Fulton St Caller reported someone threw an egg at his car. Party did not want to speak to an officer. N673 took drive through before marked unit-no one throwing eggs, n662 then went through area, same result.

1907 phone - Vandalism services rendered Location/address: Norwest Dr Report between 1600-1800 hrs someone threw strawberries around the door to apartment. New tenant, no problems with anyone, maintenance will clean same, wanted log entry only.

1936 phone - Susp vehicle area search negative Location/address: Pond Ave + Baker Ave Report of a RI plated car, 2 people in same, sitting there For 25 minutes, past location of some discarded syringes. N669 reports no RI plated ve-

hicles in area, checked Surrounding streets, all cars legally parked.

1945 phone - Kids gathering spoken to Location/address: Edward Kornack DMD- Washington St Report kids on bicycles playing on ramp to building. N669 spoke to a group on the corner of the street and informed them not to use the ramp.

2121 phone - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Roxanna St Caller reported suspicious vehicle in the area, occupant cut through a neighbors yard. Officers out with pc ma 51rt77. Officer advised party not to cut through yards.

2129 initiated - Juvenile offenses spoken to Location/address: Railroad Ave + Prospect St Officer reported window of cruiser hit with a water bottle. Officer located juveniles responsible for throwing water bottle. No damage found. Subjects taken home to their parents at 187 and 176 prospect street, advised.

2143 911 - Juvenile offenses Location/address: McDonald's - Broadway St Caller reported several juveniles throwing rocks at the property, left towards Nahatan street. Officer reported minor damage to one window. McDonald's management will seek letters of disinvite against eight youths.

2223 phone - Animal complaint gone on arrival Location/address: Nichols St + Shattuck Pk Rd

2307 phone - Disturbance spoken to Location/address: Engamore Ln Caller reported possible argument between two males. Officer reported two friends conversing loudly, one left prior to arrival. No problems found.

Thursday Feb. 23

0154 initiated - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Stonebridge Apts - Dean St N661 reports suspicious vehicle in parking lot. N667 responds. Group of kids in sitting in car talking. All in order. Sent on their way.

0400 911 - Report of fire police & fire notified/r Location/address: Winslow Ave Caller reports her porch is on fire. N663,n664,n661 responded and made sure everyone was out of house. NFD responded and handled fire.

0617 phone - Susp activity gone on arrival Location/address: Roosevelt Ave Caller states suspicious vehicle is driving up and down her street. N664 responded, vehicle gone on arrival.

1032 phone - Warrant arrest *arrest(s)made Location/ad-

dress: Norwood Hospital - Washington St

1158 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: E Vernon St Motorist reports a female was down in the sidewalk and the driver of ma 826hwg assisted her but she left on foot . officer spoke with the witness but unable to locate the female . Witness was 200 yards away and cant be sure if she was hit or fell.

1223 phone - Warrant arrest *arrest(s)made Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Patient with warrants fled the emergency room. Sgt Curran locates same . One under arrest and transported by off. Costa . Arrest: Conlin, Sean P Address: 240 Park Cir Attleboro Dob: 10/18/1988 Charges: warrant arrest

1236 phone - Vandalism *report filed Location/address: Davis Ave

1321 phone - Report of fight spoken to Location/address: Lansdowne Way Caller from reports fight in upstairs apt. No fight, just arguing with someone on the phone. Officer confirmed same.

1455 phone - Pedestrian accident transported to hospital Location/address: Mr. Franks Gulf Station - Washington St

1505 911 - Report of gas leak services rendered Location/address: Ellis Nursing and Rehabilitation Center - Ellis Ave Smell of gas inside building. NFD handled.

1906 phone - Larceny Location/address: Cross St Caller reports driveway markers stolen. 665 dispatched.

2043 phone - Assist other police depa services rendered Location/address: Concord Ave Plainville PD requests us to check address for male that they have pc to arrest. Male not at above address.

2144 phone - Motor vehicle accident Location/address: Pleasant St Caller reports vehicle hit a stone wall. Negoshians to tow Ma reg#85kj65 one female placed under arrest for oui. Arrest: Neves, Susan C Address: 78 Cross St apt. #1 Norwood Dob: 11/26/1982 Charges: marked lanes violation Negligent operation of motor vehicle Oui liquor or .08%

Saturday Feb. 25

0129 walk-in - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Party in station upset that he has been receiving calls from mother in hospital and hospital staff will not let him see her. N662 spoke with party and he went home for the night.

0134 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Vernon St Neighbor states his neighbor's garage

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"Oh Jesus, through the merits of your Holy Face, have pity on us, and on the whole world." (Three times).
 —B.D.

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

Prayer to St. Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers.

Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.

O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Sweet Infant Jesus who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.
 —B.D.

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door is open and thought it was unusual. N663,n679 responded. Everything appears to be in order. Door secured.
 1251 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: St Joseph Ave Owner reports noise on 1st floor and front door is open, this is vacant. N665 checked interior, all in order, maybe wind.
 1544 phone - Unwanted party group moved Location/address: McDonalds - Broadway St Report they would like a panhandler removed. N679 checked same-not wanted, McDonald's furnished information for letter of disinvite, subject sent on his way.
 1547 phone - Well being chk *report filed Location/address: Engamore Ln Request check for ma pc 755mx8 and on resident after a suicidal email was sent. N679 reports car is not in lot, no answer at door, no name

on mailbox, neighbors do not recognize name.
 2125 phone - Malicious damage *report filed Location/address: Winslow Ave Someone threw eggs at her house.
Sunday Feb. 26
 0123 initiated - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Broadway Package - Broadway St Officer out with suspicious party. Subject checked, ok.
 0212 initiated - Recovered m/v plate services rendered Location/address: Plymouth Dr Officer recovered revoked plates pc ma 547gr4.
 0319 phone - Complaint of m/v Location/address: McDonalds - Everett/Rte1 - Bos-Prov Hwy State police report pc ma 866cn3 operating erratically. vehicle belongs to resident of Norwood. Officers located the vehicle in the parking lot of above address. One under ar-

rest. One placed into protective custody. Don & Wallys Towed vehicle. Arrest: Reyes, Cruz R Address: 1103 Village Rd E Norwood Dob: 07/01/1988 Charges: oui liquor or .08% Negligent operation of motor vehicle B on fficer
 1048 phone - Breaking and entering Location/address: Cottage St Report stone statue stolen and back porch door window broken.
 1455 phone - Breaking and entering *report filed Location/address: Neponset St Resident arrived home to find window in the back door is broken.
 1739 phone - Mischief (kids) services rendered Location/address: Balch School - Washington St Officer advised group in the back of building. Group moved.
 1929 911 - Disturbance transported to hospital Location/address: Riverside Community Services - Beacon Ave Caller reports that a patient is causing a disturbance individual was

transported to hospital due to a section being issued
Monday Feb. 27
 0934 phone - Larceny spoken to Location/address: Light Dept - Short St Resident reports a gry vw just pulled into light dept and took wiring. Left toward rte 1. 2/w males. Last 3 digits possibly 650. Eld responded, there is nothing of value in yard anyway.
 1002 phone - Assist citizen *report filed Location/address: Deerfield Rd Under investigation. More info to follow over the next few days. Check written to a business in Arizona.
 1244 phone - Larceny Location/address: Elliot St
 1454 phone - Domestic spoken to Location/address: Saunders Rd Cell phone caller reports possible domestic. Lots of yelling and screaming. Officer spoke to resident, 4 people in house, no fighting at all.
 1818 walk-in - Animal complaint other Location/address: Pros-

pect St + Fulton St Passing motorist in the lobby reports a cat carrier with 2 cats in it, is sitting in the intersection. n.a.c.o. notified. A 2nd caller reports a male showed up and took same, stated it fell out of the car.
 1908 phone - Harassment Location/address: Shattuck Pk Rd 1912 initiated - Drug law violation citation/warning issued Location/address: Cedar St Fi'd two parties, and heroin paraphernalia inside ma 1165po. Conducted pat frisk of both parties. Nothing found, ma 1165po tagged for obstructing a sidewalk. As a result of checking on ma pc 1165po that has drug remnants in same, 2 subjects id'd in the home, no contraband on them, n666 tagged the car for a parking violation.
 1948 911 - Breaking and entering Location/address: Richland Rd Caller reports a past b&e to his house Officer reports that a police report will be filed

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Special registration for election

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the April 2, 2012 Annual Town Election.

An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is the FINAL REGISTRATION SESSION prior to the Annual Town Election.

Daily registration of voters

will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office.

Qualifications to register to vote are that applicants must be 18 years old on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a Naturalized Citizen.

Cautious optimism about snow surplus...for now

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

This winter season has been mild with minimal snowfall so far, and the man in charge of snow removal for the town is cautiously optimistic about whether he will end up with a budget surplus.

Tom McCarthy, General Forman for the Norwood Department of Public Works, said he was indeed stunned by the lack of snowfall this season. Having performed this kind of work for seventeen years in Norwood, plus an extensive tenure with the City of Boston before that, McCarthy said this season has been quite unique.

"This is the [least snowy] winter I've ever seen," McCarthy said. "I've been doing this for seventeen years. But this stuff changes from one year to the next."

That last sentence is of particular importance. This winter has been fairly easy so far, but McCarthy said he is well aware that this could change at any

time - and change dramatically enough to have a major effect on the \$90,000 surplus the department's snow removal account currently enjoys. The total snow and ice removal budget for Fiscal Year 2012 was \$262,000.

"\$90,000 doesn't go a long way in snow removal," McCarthy said. "If we have one good snow storm, it would pretty much wipe it [the surplus] out."

McCarthy said his biggest snow removal-related expense was typically the purchase of salt, which mostly arrives in the area via ship. Most recently, he said, the bid price on salt was in the range of slightly over \$40.00 per ton, though he noted that the price had reached over \$70.00 per ton about three years ago.

The lack of snow has had a mixed effect on local businesses, with some benefiting and others anticipating a somewhat diminished luck by the season's end.

"It's been great for the ice

cream business," said Susan Yandell, co-owner of the Sweeterie ice cream shop on Washington Street. "We've had a better winter than last year, that's for sure. We've even been busy on the weekends."

Andy Abate, co-owner of Suffolk Auto Body and Repair on Lenox Street, said it would be too soon to be sure how the mild winter would affect his business until the end of the season, noting that the shop normally sees an increase in business after winters, as vehicle owners came in to have work done that had been put off during the snowy months. However, he said it was quite possible that Suffolk Auto Body would see diminished business due to a lack of seasonal damage and blemishes to vehicles, as well as pre-existing economic conditions.

"Usually, a snowy winter does bring a lot of new business in the spring," Abate said. "But with the economy so bad, I'm really not sure."

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