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Norwood Superintendent of Schools James Hayden spoke as part of a panel discussion on Education Financing hosted by the Norwood League of Women Voters on April 14.

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Norwood LWV hosts Ed. Finance talk

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Norwood League of Women Voters held a panel discussion on Education Financing on the local and state levels on April 14.

The event was prompted by a study of the state's education budgeting and foundation budget that was ordered during the League's annual meeting.

"There is just not enough money to support our schools," League Education Finance Committee chair Mary Anne Kenney said.

Speakers included State Rep. John Rogers, Norwood Superintendent of Schools James Hayden, Norwood School Committee Chair James Gormley, Walpole School Committee Chair Nancy Gallivan and State League

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Students participate in government

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

A very different Norwood Town Meeting body met for around an hour on April 12 and voted to make announcing students' future plans at graduation optional, that Norwood should not become a sanctuary city for Syrian refugees and that a policy preventing students from wearing offensive gar-

Student Gov.
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Norwood High students participated in Student Government Day on April 12, which culminated in a mock Town Meeting. Here, the Norwood student "Selectmen" listen to their colleagues before a vote.

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ments was not specific enough to adopt.

This Town Meeting was actually a mock exercise during Student Government Day, with all of the representatives and official positions being held by Norwood High School students. Several dozen students participated in the event, taking on the role of Selectmen, Town Manager and other positions after shadowing the real officials that morning.

The "Town Meeting" body deliberated four articles: one to see if Norwood should become a sanctuary city, one to see if Norwood should take an active role in housing Syrian refugees who are undocumented immigrants but show no criminal history, another regarding future plans announcements at graduation and a fourth regarding adopting a policy on clothing and jewelry that could be deemed offensive to any other students.

For instance, the mock Board of Selectmen was made up of elected members Connor Flynn, Michael Dooley, Danny Quinn, Ashling Devaney and Cassie Whitcomb, with Dooley acting as chairman.

Selectmen Chair Allan

Howard spoke highly of the student representatives during the actual Selectmen's meeting that evening.

"This is the day that I look forward to all year to interacting with about 50 students from Norwood High, it's so exciting to me," said Howard, who has attended around eight or so Student Government Days in a row.

"It brings me to the thought that people criticize our school system at times because we may not attain the greatest scores on these state tests and things, but if you had seen these young people today... (there were) so many insightful comments, so many intelligent comments by these young people. It just impressed me so much."

Student Government Day was implemented many years ago at the urging of Town Manager John Carroll, and is now helped by teachers in the History Department. Students put forward their preference for an official Town position they would like to learn more about, though sometimes they receive different assignments. Then they spend the morning meeting with and shadowing that official, before the entire Student Government Day body

puts on a mock exercise in Town Government. There was also a tour of the police and fire facility and a lunch



Students who participated in Student Government day spent the morning shadowing their town government counterpart - including library director, Airport Manager, Town Engineer and others - before participating in mock local government exercises.

PHOTO BY PAUL ELDRIDGE

at the Olde Colonial Café.

The School Committee hosted its Student Government Day representatives at an April 6 meeting, where Surya Adelye, Allison Silletti, Roberto Bernal, Alessandra Varon and Maya Hall took on the roles of School Committee members and the Superintendent of Schools to open the meeting.

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BOS accepts host offer from marijuana biz

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen voted 4-1 on April 19 to accept a community host agreement and send a letter of non-opposition to Middlesex Integrative Medicine (MIM), which seeks to operate a medical marijuana dispensary in Norwood.

The Board had already granted the company a letter of non-opposition after it first met with the Selectmen, but revisited the matter when MIM brought back the financial plan to allow the Town to share in the company's profits. MIM offered a set amount of money for every pound of product sold, with a yearly cap of \$300,000.

The Board also had another offer on the table from Green Harbor, but Selectman Bill Plasko said he felt that the Board perhaps only had the appetite to approve either one or none, and said MIM had the better agreement for the Town.

"You might want them not to come to town at all, but if they're going to come to town, you want to get something back from it," Plasko said.

The community host agreement is not required or objected to by the state during its part of the approval process, but the vote by the Selectmen did appear to give MIM an advantage over the other companies that are seeking to open a dispensary in Norwood, Chairman Allan Howard said.

Plasko noted that the Board is not prohibited from accepting other agreements from companies in the future. The Board voted not to accept a community host agreement and letter of support from Green

Harbor at the time, with only Plasko in favor. So far, the Selectmen have offered letters of non-opposition to ARL Healthcare and MIM.

The decision came after the Selectmen met with Norwood Police Chief Bill Brooks, who discussed a letter he wrote to the Board expressing his opposition to allowing a medical marijuana dispensary in town.

In his letter, Brooks said he felt there would be more fraud than legitimate use of medical marijuana cards. He cited several instances of Norwood Police already encountering those with marijuana cards who did not appear to have anything wrong with them.

Brooks also stated that the recent decriminalization and approval for medicinal use of marijuana could lead to more adolescents using the drug. He cited studies and articles on such cases in states like Colorado, Washington and California, where marijuana is either legal or allowed for medicinal use.

"As you know, adolescent drug use is significantly affected by perception of harm," Brooks said. "That is, if teenagers do not perceive a substance as harmful, they are more likely to use it."

Brooks argued that Norwood could see a "localization of crime" around dispensaries if they were allowed to open in town. Such crime would include resale of product by those with cards, robberies of employees or clients and burglaries of the facilities or homes where the product is.

Brooks' fourth concern was that voters in the state could approve recreational use of marijuana in the coming years, meaning that residents could

expect to see marijuana shops and advertisements in the center of town and could smell marijuana on the street. Brooks said there was a possibility that the medical dispensaries could convert to full retail operations as well, though Plasko disputed this.

"It's called legalization, but really it is commercialization," Brooks said.

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue expressed concern that if there is no dispensary nearby or in town, residents could claim

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CHRISTMAS ON THE NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to compliment Jackie Saber on her excellent article in The Norwood Record, April 14, 2016, "Town and Country—Let's Get It Right." Ms. Saber correctly reminds the readers, of this newspaper, of the injustice which was done to the townspeople and, more importantly, to the school children of the Norwood Public Schools when the National Holiday of "Christmas" was deleted from their School Calendar.

A salute should also be given to Jim McPherson, of South Norwood, for his excellent letter on this same topic and for his reminder of the 76 percent vote of the citizens of Norwood, in a 2014 Referendum, who voted for "Christmas Recess" to be restored to the School Calendar.

Praise should be extended, too, to School Committee Member, Patrick McDonough, for his courage and resolve to bring up this issue again.

"Christmas Recess" has been on the Calendar for countless years, and as the School Committee have publicly stated, there was never any sign of displeasure with that holiday being on the Calendar.

Superintendent of Schools, James Hayden, has often referred to the second page of the Calendar wherein the National Holiday of "Christmas" is listed. Well, this "second page" has nothing to do with the Norwood Public Schools and was published by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education which lists a total of 31 holidays, of all creeds, and is available to every school system in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. If the State Department of Edu-

cation can include "Christmas" on its Calendar, why then can't the Norwood School Committee do likewise?

Under the caption, "Politically Correct Attacks on Christmas Rob Us All," Joe Fitzgerald made the following statements in the Boston Herald in January 2016. "I remember a time when a corporate giant, like the John Hancock, distributed thousands of Christmas carol booklets throughout the Boston School System, filled with timeless songs of the season. No one complained. No one sued. No one saw it as proselytization."

Also, Iris, a Jewish immigrant from Lithuania, told Mr. Fitzgerald, "I see America turning into the kind of society I came from where everyone was worried about offending someone else, where it was dangerous to draw attention to your beliefs. I'm not worried about a country where there are too many religions; what I'm worried about is an America becoming a country where there is no religion at all. I want Christmas trees all around me. I want memorahs, too. I don't care if somebody else doesn't like them; let them display an apple tree if a Christmas tree offends them." When she arrived in America, just before Christmas in 1989, she said, "Everywhere we looked we saw ornaments. It was so festive and such a joy to see everyone free to celebrate what was important to them."

In 2015, "Texas Values" announced the re-launch of the Merry Christmas project, a statewide effort to educate and protect the acknowledgment of Christmas in the public schools

and ensure the religious liberty of children, parents, teachers, and school administrators. See: <http://txvalues.org>

A PEW Research Center Survey found that nearly all U.S. Christians say they celebrate Christmas. PEW also found that 81% of non-Christians in the United States celebrate Christmas, testifying to the holiday's wide acceptance. A 2012 PEW Research Survey found that roughly three-quarters of Asian-American Buddhists (76%) and Hindus (73%) celebrate Christmas. Also, a survey found that about a third (32%) of U. S. Jews had a Christmas tree in their home. Some American Muslims celebrate both the religious and cultural aspects of Christmas. See: Besheer Mohamed: PEWRESEARCH.ORG/S T A F F / BESHEER.MOHAMMED

"Islam also assigns a very high degree of respect to the Mother of Jesus, (Mariam). Christmas is an awesome time of year, but the irony is that the Prophet Jesus and his teaching are becoming more and more absent from the celebrations. The American Muslim community stands ready to honor the legacy of building bridges of interfaith understanding and challenging those who would divide our nation along religious or ethnic lines."

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The newly elected School Committee members, Myev Bodenhofer and Michelle Mullen, are quoted in the NORWOOD RECORD as saying that they want to put this issue behind them and move on to other matters. Well, I do not think that this is going to hap-

pen. Apparently Ms. Bodenhofer, and Ms. Mullen are unaware that their election to the School Committee was, due in large measure, to the townspeople who hoped and expected that these new members would have the common sense to restore "Christmas Recess" to the School Calendar, from which it should never have been removed.

I am puzzled as to why some members of the Norwood School Committee refer to the need of "diversity" and being careful to be "all inclusive," etc. Why does the School Committee assume that the children of Norwood need the protection of "diversity" and "inclusiveness"? I am a member of the teaching profession, and I find that, in many instances, young people today exceed their elders in tolerance and acceptance. Don't sell them "short." They can handle "Christmas Recess" on their school calendar.

Theresa McNulty
Norwood

IN SUPPORT OF CPA ADOPTION

To the Editor:

On May 9, Norwood's Annual Town Meeting is scheduled to begin. This year, proponents of the Community Preservation Act (the "CPA") have put forth an article on the warrant asking that Norwood adopt the CPA with all its benefits and costs. Procedurally, Town Meeting is being asked to vote favorably on this article which, in effect, will allow the question of whether Norwood should adopt the CPA to be placed on this November's presidential election ballot to be directly voted on by the citizens of Norwood.

During the period after World War II, Massachusetts enjoyed healthy economic growth which resulted in significant development and sprawl in many communities. A movement to preserve community character arose in response. In 1983, the Nantucket's Planning Commission's idea to preserve open space for public use resulted in the establishment of the Nantucket Islands Land Bank, the first such program of its kind in the nation. It became an inspiration for the CPA which was approved by the legislature and signed by Governor Cellucci in September 2000.

The CPA was created to provide a framework for the preservation of community character for cities and towns across Massachusetts. At this time there are 160 municipalities across Massachusetts that have adopted the CPA. Participating communities can use CPA funds to acquire, create and preserve open space and develop land for recreation purposes, historic preservation and community housing. Norwood could purchase land identified on its Open Space and Recreation Plan or stop development by purchasing

the subject property. Historic renovations on St. Gabriel's Chapel at the cemetery or renovations to Town Hall are also candidates for CPA funds. Depending on the outcome of pending litigation regarding the level of Norwood's Subsidized Housing Inventory, CPA funds can be used to extend deed restrictions on the small number of affordable housing projects that are due to expire in the next few years. Such extensions have been done creatively and effectively in other towns. On the recreation front there are playgrounds, fields and a bath house that could benefit from CPA funds.

CPA Revenue for the Town is generated through three sources. There is a CPA surcharge on property taxes, funds from a portion of Registry of Deeds receipts from transactions on Norwood real estate filings, and state surplus funds from the state when available and secured.

According to the Community Preservation Coalition, the estimated CPA revenue for Norwood for FY 2016 would total \$678,634. That is based on a 1 percent surcharge on property taxes that would generate \$542,907, and a matching distribution of \$135,727 from the state and county combined. These funds do not have to be used in a given time frame. They can be saved and used in another year. This allows towns to save funds for large projects.

For residential homeowners the CPA is partially funded by a 1 percent surcharge on your property tax bill. However, there are exemptions. On the first \$100,000 of the assessed value of your home there is an exemption. That means that for the median priced home in Norwood of \$399,580, the CPA surcharge would be \$33. You take \$399,580, subtract \$100,000 and get \$299,580. Multiply that by the residential tax rate of \$11.12 and multiply that result by 1 percent and you get the CPA surcharge of \$33. Please note that there are also exemptions for low income citizens and for low and moderate income seniors (age 60 and over).

In this space, we can only scratch the surface compared to the abundance of valuable information available on the Community Preservation Coalition Website at (<http://www.communitypreservation.org>). There you can read about the origins of the CPA, its history, information on the 160 municipalities in Massachusetts (160 of 351) that have adopted the CPA, and view many of the innovative and creative projects that have improved those communities. Also, learn how many of these communities use their CPA funds to leverage additional funds from state and federal grant programs, other local funds, funds from nonprofit organizations and from private entities. In the competition for such funds, the town that is willing to put some funds into a

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Letters to the Editor

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Schools host 19th festival

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Norwood Public Schools held its annual Fine Arts Festival on April 12-13 at the Savage Center gym on Prospect Street.

This year marked the 19th iteration of the event, which showcases student work in visual arts, music, drama and television production.

There were performances by the Oldham Saxophone Quartet, the NHS Brass Sextet, Elementary Honor Band, Coakley Honor Band, the NHS Jazz Ensemble, NHS Celtic Strings, Elementary Orchestra, Coakley Chorus, NHS A Cappella, and the Madrigal Choir. The Albie awards were presented on April 12, while the Fine Arts Advocate award was presented on April 13.

Scores of students from each school in the Norwood Public Schools were featured, and a full list is available in a program found on the district website. The event was put on by Director of Fine Arts Catherine Connor-Moen, Fine Arts administrative assistant Anne Calligan, the Visual Arts, Music, Drama and Television Department faculty, with help from Paul Riccardi and Maureen Heffernan.



Norwood arts educators and students hosted the 19th annual Fine Arts Festival last week at the Savage Center, performing and showcasing their works to the public.

PHOTO BY PAUL ELDRIDGE

“Many people contribute to making this annual festival a success,” Connor-Moen said. “I’d like to thank Mr. James Hayden, Dr. Alec Wyeth, and the Norwood School Committee for their support of a comprehensive K-12 Fine Arts Curriculum and the fine arts faculty, a truly outstanding and dedicated group of educators.”

If you missed the festival this year, you can catch Jazz Night at 7 p.m. on May 4 at the Four Points Sheraton, NHS Pops Night on May 13 at Norwood High at 7 p.m., NHS Drama’s presentation of Robin Hood will run May 5-7 at 7 p.m. and May 8 at 2 p.m. The NHS TV program will host its NEMMY awards at Norwood

High School on May 24 at 6:30 p.m.

And if you still want to check out some Norwood students’ visual arts, the grades 6-12 Sculpture Show will be held on May 14 at the Sunken Garden at Grace Church on Chapel Street from noon to 2 p.m. The National Art Honor Society Show will be held on May 19 at Gallery 9, Custom Framing on Central Street. There are also ongoing exhibitions at the Savage Center, the Morrill Memorial Library and Perks Coffee House.

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of Women Voters Education Chair Terry Yoffie. League members Julie Hempton, Sarah Cullen and Susan Quinn also presented their findings as part of the Norwood League's Education Finance Committee.

Gallivan, who has been on the Walpole School Committee for 18 years, said that while Norwood appears to have struggled with funding its school system appropriately, the news is not specific to Norwood. She noted that while school budgeting is expensive, it should be valued.

Gallivan introduced the primary form of state education funding, Chapter 70, which she said was often the largest sum municipalities receive from the state, but mentioned that it was flawed in its calculations and that education in the Commonwealth was underfunded by around \$2 billion, largely in the areas of special education and healthcare costs.

"Towns should be receiving more funding from the state to fund the cost of an adequate education," Gallivan said, urging that it was time for commu-

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nities to come together as a state to deal with the issue.

Norwood League member Julie Hempton detailed the history of educational funding in the state, beginning with the state constitution of 1780 and going through the reforms to the foundation budget in 1993. The result was the local communities contribute funds to meet requirements for education budgeting, and the state would fill the gaps with Chapter 70 funds to equalize education funding throughout the state.

That said, the calculations used to create assumptions for Chapter 70 funding and what a

school district in the state should be providing are out of date, according to Hempton. The calculations, which included 14 enrollment categories and 11 functional areas - such as special education, English language learner, low income populations, and benefits and continuing education for staff - have not been updated in 23 years.

Hempton said that while Massachusetts schools are top in the country, the state is required to ensure adequate funding is provided for every student. For example, Norwood's FY13 foundation budget was \$34 million and required spending was \$36 million, but the district actually spent \$43 million.

Massachusetts League education chair Terry Yoffie also detailed the legislative and court history of educational funding, and noted that court decisions have determined that the federal government is not required to recognize the right to equal educational opportunity based on student relative wealth or poverty. Instead, that must be handled at the state level.

Hayden provided a local example, noting that Norwood starts its budgeting in October and finishes in June. The FY16 school budget total was almost \$39.5 million, with over 80 percent of that going towards salaries. Special Education costs accounted for \$10,854,061.

Revenue projections included \$32.6 million in Town Net revenues, and 55 percent of Chapter 70 allocations, totaling \$4.9 million. Special education Circuit Breaker provides \$1,450,000, and revolving accounts make up a small difference. The FY17 budget represents a 2.23 percent increase at \$40,823,311.

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Hayden said that Norwood has changed, and is not simply a textile, tannery and manufacturing town and students now have different needs.

"Yes, budgeting is painful, taxes are painful, but what kind of opportunities do we want to provide our children whose world is changing faster than ours has?" Hayden said.

Hayden did cite the achievements of many students in the arts, sports and in academic organizations like the award-winning InvenTeam, as examples of students reaching goals and going on to do great things.

"We know that given the tools, our students will rise to the occasion," he said.

Gormley said that when he first ran for School Committee, he regularly mentioned that his greatest asset was his house and one of the best ways to protect the value of that asset was to support the school district. This would keep families moving into and staying in Norwood.

Gormley said that students only "get one bite at the apple in public schools" and have essentially one shot to learn many essential skills, so educating the public about needs and funding options has long been one of the School Committee's primary goals.

State Rep. Rogers closed the event, and agreed with Gormley's sentiment about the timeliness of providing adequate funding to students.

He mentioned his House Bill 4219, called an Act strengthening public education in the Commonwealth, which is currently in the Joint Committee on Education.

The bill, he said, would put into action immediately all of the Foundation Budget Review Commission's recommendations, addressing the dated Chapter 70 calculations and other funding hiccups. He said the Senate's "Charter School Bill" would implement changes over seven years.

"We're going to fail them if we don't fix this now," he said, noting that under the bill, the commission would become permanent and would have to send recommendations regularly.

Rogers urged the audience to attend hearings on the matter and "speak up" in favor of changing educational funding.

"I welcome your voice. I need your voice, I need your testimony," he said. "We have to continuously and zealously advocate for our school children."

Rogers has also put forward legislation to include transportation costs in Circuit Breaker allotments for Special Education.

Rogers also provided the latest Chapter 70 recommendations for Norwood. The State Budget initial recommendation is \$5.7 million, while House 2 (the Governor's Budget) recommendation is \$5.82 million, and the Ways and Means Committee recommendation was at \$5.9 million. Unrestricted aid after the 55-45 split would result in \$206,377 going to Norwood Schools.



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Norwood Firefighters battled a blaze at an abandoned building on Endicott Street and Davis Avenue last week, which required mutual aid from departments in neighboring towns.

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NFD battles Endicott Fire

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Fire Department, with the help of mutual aid from the Walpole Fire Department, knocked down a building fire on Endicott Street during the morning of April 10.

The call reporting a fire at the old United Aniline building came in at 9:22 a.m. The vacant building has a Davis Avenue address, but is part of the 61 Endicott complex at the end of the street.

Norwood Fire spokesman George Morrice said crews were on scene within three minutes, and saw smoke coming from openings in the building. Captain Michael Costello ordered a working fire and crews attempted to gain access to the empty and condemned building

with ground ladders and a wall breach.

The fire was knocked down within minutes and the scene was cleared at 10:40 a.m., after overhaul and wet down were conducted. This marked a much different scene than the Feb. 5, 2015 two-alarm fire at the Endicott St. Complex that resulted in a collapsed building and a firefight that lasted the better part of the day and into the evening.

This time, fire investigators Eric Henry and John Cody said the fire was accidental and was possibly started by squatters in the building. There was no damage estimate on the building, Morrice said.

Westwood Fire Department

Fire

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provided station coverage while Norwood crews were engaged in battling the fire. Sharon Fire was also involved, and both mutual aid companies handled three medical runs and two fire investigations during the Endicott fire. These included possible structure fires at Landsdowne Way and at Regal Press on Lenox Avenue, though there was no alarm.

The events marked a busy month so far for Norwood Fire, after March was one of the quietest months for the Department under Chief Tony Greeley. On April 16, Norwood crews provided mutual aid for the Town of Westwood during an extensive brush fire in the Conservation land area between the Hanlon School, Laura Lane and Cardinal Lane. Norwood was engaged again in battling a structure fire on Providence Highway due to an electrical panel on April 18, a day when Westwood provided medical mutual aid while Norwood's ambulance crews were already involved in medical runs.

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hardship and grow marijuana themselves legally. She also asked if they would be able to shut down companies with numerous violations, as they can with businesses holding liquor licenses.

Plasko said the Town has local zoning bylaws and general bylaws dealing with medical marijuana operations, as well as a licensing process, which would give the town control.

Plasko, Howard and Select-

man Paul Bishop acknowledged the possible negatives, but each mentioned how medical marijuana can help those with terrible illness - often instead of using opiates - and referenced the political will of voters in the town and state in favor of medical marijuana.

In his letter, Brooks said that if the Selectmen did accept a community host offer, the Police Department does not receive a share of the benefits.

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project up front may have an advantage over another town that has not.

Citizens of Norwood, now is the time to seize this opportunity. Please support the drive for Norwood to adopt the CPA.

Joe Sheehan TMM,
 District 2

WHAT A TOUCHING TRIBUTE

To the Editor:

On Friday morning, April 15, 2016, students from St. Catherine's School lined the sidewalk from Washington Street to their church's front door as the casket carrying the body of Mark C. Welch, Major, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.) was rolled by and then carried into the church.

Each student, properly attired in their school uniform, held an American flag and stood with reverence to honor the death of this fallen Marine, an American Hero. Years earlier, at a similar ceremony, Mark could have been one of the students holding a flag since he was a graduate of St. Catherine's.

This understated and unspoken tribute made a powerful impression on those who witnessed the ceremony. Watching those kids holding those flags delivered a most eloquent eulogy and not one word was necessary. All of this was enough to make a grown man cry, at least one that I know of.

It's likely that none of these students ever knew Major Welch, and it's just as likely they will never forget him.

Richard Armour
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Sports

Baseball bounces back with win over Braintree

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

What's one tried and true method of getting over a disappointing loss?

Beat the team that you want to be.

Thanks to Sean Mellen's complete game one-hitter, Norwood's surprising season opening loss to Dedham has been cancelled out – and then some – with a 4-0 win over the defending Super 8 Champion Braintree Wamps.

"You don't want to be staring 0-2 in the face," Mustangs manager Kevin Igoe said after the win last Wednesday, which happened to be Norwood's home opener. "The plan all along was Mellen for Braintree; they're one of the best teams in the state. We wanted to see where we stood in terms of a litmus test. With Sean, I think we passed."

Norwood's first two games of the season were postponed due to inclement weather; dates at Milton and at home vs. Brookline have been pushed back to early May.

Mellen carried a no-hitter into the seventh, spoiled by a leadoff double off the bat of Wamps' designated hitter Sean Casey. The Northeastern University-bound lefthander spun a shutout in

his first outing for Norwood since last season's Division 1 title game, striking out nine and walking two.

He last faced Braintree in the regular season a year ago, suffering a loss to the eventual Super 8 champs. But Mellen remembered a few things that hadn't gone his way the first time around, and was able to use those lessons to keep the Wamps off the scoreboard.

"I remember last year when I pitched against them, they were saying how they jumped on my first-pitch fastball," Mellen recalled. "So I knew I had to get ahead of them with breaking stuff, not just fastballs and trying to blow it by kids. That's a great lineup over there."

Mellen got stronger as the game went on, as evidenced by some sharp contact made by Braintree hitters in the top of the first. Leadoff man Erik McDonald smoked a liner to third base that was caught by Danny Sullivan, while Steve Dimartino gave a ball a ride to deep centerfield – the furthest a ball was launched by the Wamps on the afternoon – that was squared up by Michael James.

"I think that first inning was really big for us," Igoe said. "The line drive to third, we make the play. And that hit to the outfield, MJ comes



Norwood ace Sean Mellen picked right up where he left off from a season ago in his first start of the season vs. Braintree last week. The Northeastern-commit allowed just one hit while fanning nine Wamps in a 4-0 Mustangs victory.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

in on it, turns his hips, and makes a great play. It set the tone for the rest of the day."

"Really, in the first inning I was just trying to get ahead of the batters, I know we've got the best middle infield in the state," Mellen said, praising the tandem of Galvin at shortstop and Connor Flynn at second that

combined for five putouts on the afternoon. "So I was just trying to get ahead, to get outs quick, pitch to contact today. We were short in the bullpen so I knew I had to go out and be efficient, not try to strike everyone out."

Despite his best efforts, 43 percent of Mellen's outs came via strikeout. Though he didn't strike out the side

in any one inning, he recorded at least one K in all seven frames.

Cam Flahive drove in two runs in the bottom of the first to give Mellen all the support he would need. The two out, two-run single brought home Paul Galvin,

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Boys Volleyball still winless, falls to Taunton

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Fast starts yielded no strong finishes for the Norwood boys volleyball team on Tuesday as they fell in straight sets to Taunton, 12-25, 24-26, 18-25.

The Mustangs are now 0-7 on the season, but despite the most recent setback vs. the Hockomock League opponent, head coach Paul Nimblett feels his team is capable of breaking through with a little more consistency.

"We're in every set," Nimblett said following the match. "In the game of volley-

ball, it's very, very partial margins.

"We're getting better, because last time we played them, the sets were not that close."

Norwood held leads in each set; from a quick 4-1 start that got nowhere in the first set to a 14-12 advantage in the third set, the Mustangs improved as the match went along. But they were no match for an athletic Tigers team that capitalized on various momentum swings, capable of explosive runs.

"If they just get over that hump, I fell there'll be a turn," Nimblett said. "It's one of those things in volleyball, it's a game

of momentum. One thing can turn. You win a set, you win a match and things can turn."

After holding a 4-1 lead in Set 1, Norwood allowed Taunton to go on a 14-2 run to completely grab control.

Set 2 was much more even, with the Mustangs showing resiliency on several occasions. They jumped out to a lead as large as 10-5 before giving the Tigers new life and quickly found themselves trailing 12-11. The deficit turned to 18-12, but rather than wilt over for the second set in a row, Norwood made things awfully interesting.

A spike on the front line by

junior Jarred Houston energized his teammates, leading to an 8-2 run to tie the set at 20-20. Taunton took control once again, getting a set point at 24-21. Once more, the Mustangs climbed back in, forcing deuce by tying things at 24-24. The Tigers would claim the next two points to survive, 26-24.

"The result is not what I want, but my setter's only a sophomore," Nimblett said. "He's only going to get better. I have a lot of juniors, first-time players. They're getting better."

Taunton rallied again in Set 3, flipping the switch after trailing 14-12. Norwood climbed

back in to trail by one point, at 18-17, but the Tigers would score the next six to put the Mustangs on the brink. After surviving one match point, Norwood would fall in Set 3, 25-18.

"It's one play, one kill, one block," said Nimblett. "When you have a team down 10-5 in the second set, you need to keep your foot on the gas and keep pushing points. It's not a game where you can lay back and let some points go."

The Mustangs will next be in action on Monday, as they'll host the Needham Rockets for a match at Norwood High School at 4 p.m.

Boys Lax falls to Braintree 13-4

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Momentum from its first win of the season still fresh, Norwood couldn't string together back-to-back wins with Braintree in town, falling 13-4 to the Wamps.

The Mustangs (1-3) hung around with Braintree early on, holding a lead for much of the first quarter thanks to defenseman Zac Pungitore's tally 2:52 into the contest.

Braintree would score the next two goals, including the go-ahead score just 11 ticks into the second quarter. Kyle McCue tied things up for the Mustangs less than a minute later, but that would be just about it from the Norwood offense. The Wamps went on a 9-0 run through the end of the third quarter, leaving the Mustangs in the dust.

"When you lose Danny [Farrell], you've got a lot of kids in way different roles – roles that they're not used to," Norwood head coach Anthony Roman said after the game, aware of the transitional phase the offense is in without the school's all-time leading scorer. "I knew the offense was going to be a problem. I'm probably more concerned about clamping down on the defense and not giving up 13 goals."

The Mustangs were without the services of midfielder Max

Pfingston for the game, leaving themselves without one of their top offensive weapons from an already thin unit.

"Not to blame it all on that, but with our lack of numbers – especially at the [short sticks] – he's one of the best," Roman said of Pfingston, a sophomore who's caught his eye in the early stages of the season. "So missing even just that one kid, that's a huge deal."

Braintree took the lead for good at 6:12 of the second quarter, tacking on four more before the first half was out for a commanding 7-2 lead. The lead had expanded to 11-2 by the end of the third quarter.

"We played a lot of young guys, so that's what happens," Roman said.

The Wamps did not lose a single draw at the faceoff X in the game, giving them a clear edge in time of possession as well.

Roman was able to keep the lopsided score in perspective, because thanks to the Sullivan Rule, it technically does not count in the grand scheme of things.

As a Division 2 team in boys lacrosse, only Norwood's record against teams in Divisions 2 and 3 is taken into effect when it comes to qualifying for the postseason (Braintree is a Div. 1 team).

For example, last Tuesday's win over Norton will help the



Freshman defenseman Austin Reardon, wearing No. 15 in white, prepares to levy a hit on his opponent from Braintree in a game last week for Norwood.

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Mustangs, as the Lancers are a Div. 3 team.

"The way I've started to look at the seasons, is these Division 1 games – because of our situation and the Sullivan Rule – they're basically glorified scrimmages to make us better," Roman said. "I'm less concerned with the score than the fact I had to tell guys at half-time things that we worked on all day yesterday [at practice].

That part is frustrating."

Still, Roman wouldn't use the Sullivan Rule as an excuse for subpar play.

"If the score was same, but the guys were actually doing what we were practicing yesterday and we were still getting beat, then I would understand," he said.

With three games against Div. 2 and 3 schools over April vacation, the Mustangs have a

chance to make some serious progress in using the Sullivan Rule to its advantage early on.

The first game, however, did not go as planned. Norwood fell on the road to Cardinal Spellman in Brockton, 12-3. They also faced Melrose yesterday, in an event held after the Record's deadline, and will make a shorter trip to Canton this morning at 11 a.m.

DeMaio family brings lax talent westward

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

From Norwood to California and eventually (almost) back again, the DeMaio family has sculpted quite a legacy on lacrosse fields near and far.

A legacy which is nowhere near complete, with former Norwood youth lacrosse players Anthony and Nicholas DeMaio committed to Boston University to continue their lacrosse careers upon graduating from Coronado (Calif.) High School.

"It's always been a goal and dream for both of them," the boys' father, Tom DeMaio, said. Anthony is currently a senior and Nicholas is a sophomore in Coronado, an island town of about 25,000 residents in San Diego Bay. "Going back east and playing is really the best option for all of these kids."

Tom, the head coach of the Norwood High School boys lacrosse team for seven seasons until he and his family moved

west in 2010, is now the head coach at Santa Fe Christian School. A private high school in Solana Beach, Calif., Santa Fe is currently ranked sixth out of 54 teams in San Diego County per LaxPower.com, boasting a perfect 10-0 record through games played on Monday.

DeMaio was also instrumental in growing the Norwood youth lacrosse program once upon a time; the same program that would produce the future all-time scoring leader in the history of California high school lacrosse: Anthony DeMaio.

The eldest DeMaio son, who plays on attack like his younger brother, broke the California scoring record nine games into his senior season as part of a 17-7 win for the Coronado Islanders on April 5. His record-breaking 325th point came on an assist to none other than Nicholas.

Anthony DeMaio currently has 211 goals and 137 assists for 348 points in his career, shattering a state record previously held

by Max Tagliaferri (324 points), who's currently playing collegiately at the University of North Carolina. DeMaio has the goals record under control (was previously 197), and is just 10 assists shy of holding that record as well.

What makes DeMaio's accomplishment even more impressive is that he did it despite missing 10 games – or roughly half a season – his junior year with a broken hand. He's more than made up for lost time this spring, with 86 points (49 goals, 37 assists) through 13 games.

"He's succeeded without having me as his head coach, which says something about how he can adapt to any coaching style and play in different systems," Tom DeMaio said, fearful of the stigma that can sometimes be attached to a coach's son.

"Oh, he's only good because his dad's coaching him," DeMaio cited as an example. "It's been nice that he went off and broke a state scoring record



The DeMaio brothers, Anthony (left) and Nicholas (right). The former Norwood residents will be returning east for college lac at Boston University.

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without me doing anything."

Being from the northeast provided Anthony and Nicholas with a chance to get ahead in California right away. They hit the ground running on the Pacific coast thanks to some hockey-inspired roots, according to their

father.

"Kids seem to specialize earlier in sports out here because they can play more sports year round," Tom DeMaio said of California. "I think you see kids

DeMaio

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who'd reached on an error, and Cam Ryan, who'd reached on an infield single that barely rolled safely in front of home plate.

Ryan had two more plate appearances where the ball rolled about 20 feet in front of home plate, by design in each of those instances. He successfully laid down two sacrifice bunts, advancing a runner from first to second both times up.

"Just put the ball in play, nothing special," Igoe said of his team's performance at the plate. "Hit behind runners, we bunted a little bit today. I'm pretty happy with the performance overall, it's just one game though."

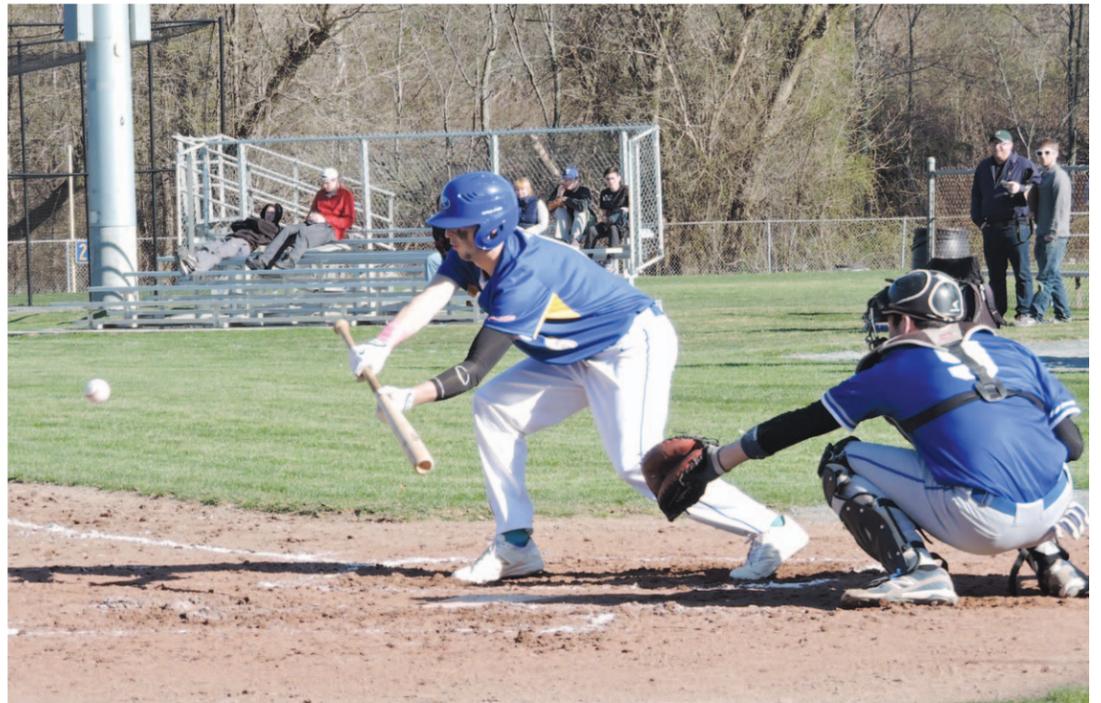
The Mustangs were again opportunistic in doubling their lead in the bottom of the fifth. Mike Keady led off the frame with a single, followed by Galvin reaching on an error. Ryan's second sac-

bunt advanced both runners, setting the stage for Connor Flynn's two-run single to give Norwood a commanding 4-0 lead.

Mellen responded to Casey's leadoff double in the seventh by mowing down the rest of the Braintree lineup in order, striking out Joe Vannelli looking to end the game.

"He makes us look like really good coaches," said Igoe. "I mean, the kid's incredible. I'm happy with the rest of the team, because we really laid an egg on Monday. We played good defense, we had our third-string catcher [Kyle Begley] in there and he played great; it's tough to catch Sean. I'm proud of the team just in terms of bouncing back from a really awful performance."

The Mustangs couldn't string together back-to-back



Senior Cam Ryan may not have hit a ball out of the infield last week, but he didn't need to. His pair of sacrifice bunts (as well as another infield single) created runs on two occasions, as Norwood took a small ball approach to the game vs. Braintree.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

wins in a nonleague game on Tuesday morning, suffering a 3-2 loss to the Plymouth South Panthers.

Norwood will host Plymouth South in the return game of a home-and-home series tomor-

row at 11 a.m. at Balch School Field, and will face the Xaverian Hawks tomorrow afternoon at Catholic Memorial as part of the inaugural Bay State Conference-Catholic Conference Challenge at 1:30

p.m.

Other matchups in the BSC-CC showcase include: Newton North vs. Catholic Memorial (11 a.m.); Braintree vs. BC High (4:30 p.m.); and Walpole vs. St. John's Prep (7 p.m.)

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on the east coast – specifically in that Bay State [Conference] area – a lot of kids have hockey roots, which is a different style of play in lacrosse. Maybe a little bit more transition-based, six-on-six, more improvisation. A little more physical, too.

"That physicality of kids that play in that area is certainly different than what you see on the west coast."

Even though the brothers are two years apart in age, the plan is for them to get three years together at BU. Anthony will do a post-graduate year back east to make that happen; his choice will likely come down to Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, N.H. or Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Mass.

"I'm looking forward to playing for the city that made me the person I am today," Anthony DeMaio said, adding that he misses the passion the people of Norwood and Boston have for all sports, not just lacrosse. "We still have a lot of family and friends there and I know they will be supportive of my brother and me in our college career."

Nicholas DeMaio recalls his younger days in Norwood, winning championships in various sports with the same group of friends, no matter the season. He said that "it will be fun to have family and friends come to our games and see them more often."

The younger DeMaio currently has 143 points (64 goals, 79 assists) for his career, including 58 (29 goals, 29 assists) this season. That's good enough for 4.4 points per game over 32 career games, putting him on a pace for roughly 350 points by the

time he graduates. A tad behind Anthony's rate, who has averaged 5.8 points per game in his career, but still projected to be the second-leading scorer in the history of California.

Both brothers weigh in at approximately 160 pounds, but Nicholas has a slight advantage in height (he's 5-foot-11, compared to Anthony's 5-foot-9). This led to him being scouted at a younger age than Anthony even.

"Size is something that the big D-I schools are looking at early on, so they're more apt to recruit a 6-foot-3 kid in ninth grade than they would be a 5-foot-9 kid," Tom DeMaio said. "Especially from the west coast."

"He was naturally bigger," Tom said of Nicholas. "He just looked the part, essentially."

The DeMaio boys were groomed on the fields at Coakley Middle School, where their father said they'd play three games in a row on Sundays.

"If they were U-11, they'd play U-11, U-13 and U-15," he said.

And they're ready to get back to the same area code where it all began, where they'll be representing Norwood just as much as Coronado.

"I miss the program and all the people in charge of it," Anthony said of the youth lacrosse program in town. "Even though my dad is out here, there are people like Kevin MacLean who pushed me to be a better player and a better person. I can't thank him enough."

With a wife and four younger daughters all firmly entrenched on the west coast, Tom DeMaio

said the family has no plans of pulling up stakes and coming back east anytime soon.

But he'll be back in the Eastern Time zone plenty to watch his sons play, with an ETA of the spring of 2018 for

Anthony and 2019 for Nicholas.

"We always miss Norwood and Boston as a family," DeMaio said. "We still follow the sports teams avidly as a family. We definitely miss those

days of hockey rinks when the kids were little, playing hockey and playing indoor lacrosse. As much as we love the weather, the tightness of the Norwood community is something that could never be duplicated."



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Library Events

WORLD WAR II-ERA DRAMA

The second screening in a four-part series of films directed by Alan Parker—"Come See the Paradise"—will take place on Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. Released in 1990 and starring Dennis Quaid and Tamlyn Tomita, this love story is a fictionalized account of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. The remaining two screenings in the Alan Parker film series are "Fame" on May 11 and "Angela's Ashes" on May 18. To sign up, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk. All films begin at 6:30 p.m., and complimentary popcorn is provided by Regal Cinemas in Bellingham. This series is being held in anticipation of an evening with David Gonthier on June 9 as the Friends of the Library welcome the co-author of "The Films of Alan Parker, 1976-2003."

CUTTING THE CORD: ALTERNATIVES TO CABLE

If you've experienced sticker shock upon opening your cable bill and would like to learn about other choices available to you, join technology librarian Allison Palmgren at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. for a discussion and demonstration on this topic. You will get an overview of various devices (Roku, Apple TV, Chromecast, and Fire TV) as well as services (Netflix, Hulu, Prime Instant Video, apps, etc.) that allow users to stream television shows, movies, music, and more at a fraction of the cost of cable. To register, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

ORIGINAL PLAY READING

The local theatre group Playwrights' Reading Room will return to the Morrill Memorial Library on Saturday, April 30 at 2:00 p.m. to present "Chat Rats," an original play by Mary Sue Price. It's the story of two families—one from the Missouri Ozarks and the other from a Quapaw Native American tribe—and how their lives were permanently altered by the lead and zinc mining industries. The final play in the three-part series, "La Llorona" by Cecelia Raker, will take place on Monday, June 6 at 7 p.m.

To sign up for either of these performances by PRR, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR LIBRARY BOOK SALE!

The Friends of the Library are asking people doing their spring cleaning to put aside gently used adult and children's books they no longer

need and donate them to the Morrill Memorial Library's upcoming book sale taking place May 6-8. In addition to hard covers and paperbacks, DVDs, music CDs, and audio books are also welcome. Donations in any quantity may be dropped off at the first floor Circulation Desk during normal library hours. Proceeds from the book sales go to support the Friends of the Library organization, which funds many of the free library programs and events you and your family enjoy. Thank you for contributing to this very worthwhile cause.

SPRING FILM SERIES AT THE LIBRARY

In anticipation of a talk on June 9 by author David Gonthier about renowned film director Alan Parker, the Morrill Memorial Library will show four of the movies Parker directed on consecutive Wednesday evenings this spring. Starting Wednesday, April 27, the film series will kick off with a screening of "Evita" at 6:30 p.m. This 1996 musical, starring Madonna and Antonio Banderas and with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, chronicles the short but dramatic life of actress Eva Duarte, who rose from obscurity to become the controversial second wife of Argentinian President Juan Peron. The remaining screenings in the Alan Parker film series are "Come See the Paradise" on May 4, "Fame" on May 11, and "Angela's Ashes" on May 18. All films begin at 6:30 p.m. Complimentary popcorn is provided by Regal Cinemas in Bellingham, and the Friends of the Library fund the licenses that allow these movies to be shown to the public. To sign up, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

TITLES ON TAP BOOK GROUP

Join the staff of the Morrill Memorial Library at Napper Tandy's of Norwood on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. for the next meeting of Titles on Tap. This social group is designed for readers in their 20s and 30s and the young at heart, and is a casual way to meet up with fellow book-lovers for a fun night out. April's title will be "Ms. Marvel: Volume 1, No Normal" by G. Willow Wilson, Adrian Alphona, and the Marvel team. This new take on Marvel superheroes features a Pakistani-American girl as the protector of Jersey City. Copies are available to pick up at the Reference Desk, so come out to meet, discuss, eat, drink, and be merry! RSVPs are not required, but you may sign up by emailing norprograms@minlib.net, calling 781-769-0200 x110 or 222, or visiting the Information or Reference Desks. Visit our blog titlesontap.wordpress.com or follow us on Twitter @titlesontap to learn more.



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BIBLE STUDY ARTICLE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Come join us for a Bible Study looking at the Gospel of John at the First Congregational Church in Norwood. Beginning on Sunday, April 24, and continuing through Sunday, May 22, the study will focus on the characters in the Gospel of John, particularly those that appear only in John. We'll meet in the church parlor at 8:15 a.m., and begin each class with a time of fellowship including coffee, muffins, and bagels.

Community Service Day at the First Congregational Church is on Saturday, May 7, and gives you a chance to make a difference in your community. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. you can lend a hand building and finishing kitchen tables for New Life Refurnishing (www.newlifehr.org), put together emergency buckets for Church World Service (www.cwsglobal.org), or donate blood by booking your own time slot at www.redcrossblood.org/give/drive.

Enjoy a special children's program at 11 a.m. by Miss Elaine featuring songs, dance, stories, puppets and poems, or let the kids burn off some energy in the bouncy house.

Buy some tasty treats at the huge bake sale, check out the yard sale featuring outdoor toys and equipment, then kick back and relax at a classic rock concert by Peter G Band & Co. at 1 p.m.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Thursday, May 5 at 1 p.m. at St. Catherine of Sienna Church, 547 Washington St., come join us and pray the beautiful Patriotic Rosary for our Country!

BASEBALL SIGN-UP

Baseball signups and practices will be on Saturdays and Sundays starting on April 30 and continue through May at the Coakley Middle School Baseball field in back from 4 to 6 p.m. Any player born prior to May 1, 2000 and on or after Jan. 1, 1997 will be eligible for Babe Ruth 16-18 competition. Any player born in 1997, 1998, 1999 and players born in January, February, March and April of 2000 are eligible for the 16-18 division. Come prepared for practice with the tools of your baseball trade. Registration charge is \$89.00 plus a \$20.00 Norwood field fee for a total check of \$109.00 made payable to Norwood Senior 16-18 Babe Ruth Baseball. You also will need an original or certified birth certificate and a parent to make out the registration form. The season begins June 5 in the South Shore Senior Babe Ruth League with 21 games plus playoffs, tournament and a season ending awards event. For more information email: georgebrl@norwoodlight.com or call 781-762-1121 - Thank You!

COMMUNITY LECTURE ON DAY HOUSE

On April 27, at 7 p.m. at 93 Day St., join us in welcoming a Historic Preservation Architect, Mark Almeda as he share his thoughts and findings from his recent existing conditions assessment of the F. Holland Day House. The presentation will highlight the research and conclude with recommendations for the present and future stewardship of the Norwood Historical Society's home.

FREE BABYSITTING COURSE

The Women's Community Committee (WCC) is sponsoring a free babysitting course for 6th, 7th and 8th grade Norwood students. The one-week course will be held from 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 2 through Friday, May 6 at the Coakley Middle School. Registration forms are available at the Middle School, the Morrill Memorial Library and the WCC Thrift Shop, 1091 Washington St., Norwood. (Thrift Shop retail hours are Wednesdays 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) According to WCC Educational Committee Chairperson Ruth Martowska, presenters at the 63rd annual babysitting course will include the Norwood Police Department's safety officer, a fire fighter, a registered nurse, a professional babysitter, a nursery school teacher, and a librarian. Certificates from the WCC (an all-volunteer, non-profit community service organization) and from the Massachusetts Extension 4H will be given to students who complete the course.

WILLETT GOLF DAY

Join us for mini golf, bounce houses, games, raffles, and more at the Willett Early Childhood Center's 11th Annual Golf Day Fundraiser. We will be auctioning off Disney tickets and other fabulous items! Golf Day will be at the Willett School, 100 Westover Parkway, on May 19 from 4-7 p.m. Call 781-559-3368 for more information.

SARA'S VOICE COMES TO TEMPLE ALIYAH

Join us on Wednesday, May 4 at 8 p.m. as special guest Deborah Shelkan Remis discusses "From a Number to a Name: A Journey to Reclaiming a Name from the Shoah." Remis, daughter of the late Cantor Gregor Shelkan of Congregation Mishkan Tefila, will describe her journey uncovering the story about her father's first wife, Sara Rashina, a young Jewish violin virtuoso from Latvia who perished in the Holocaust. Remis will discuss how she

came to produce a multimedia musical presentation titled "Sara's Voice sotto voce" to share Sara's story, and about her belief that researching and sharing the life of one of the six million victims of the Holocaust is to return that person's dignity and soul and give them back a voice. Remis' talk - part of the joint Holocaust Memorial Program of Temple Aliyah and Temple Beth Shalom to mark Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) - will be followed by the recitation of memorial prayers for all of those who suffered at the hands of the Nazis.

SMOOTH TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, May 11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Savage Educational Center on 275 Prospect St., join us for an informative workshop on how to transition your preschooler into kindergarten. We will be going over things like understanding the developmental level and the new expectations, the importance of collaboration and coordination of services, social and emotional skills required, dealing with separation anxiety issues, and ideas for activities to help prepare the child and family. To register contact Christine Tomasello in the CFCE Office at 781-440-5983 or e-mail to ctomasello@norwood.k12.ma.us.

COMMUNITY DAY

Have you been searching for a way to make a difference in your community? Are you a hands-on person who's ready to pitch in whenever needed? Then Community Service Day is the place for you. On Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Norwood, community service organizations from the Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry to Abundant Table to the Neponset Valley Humane Society will be on hand to fill you in on how you can help them. Dive into a hands-on project like building and finishing

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TOWN OF NORWOOD - ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in Room 12 of the Municipal Office Building on **May 3, 2016 at 7:30 PM** on the request of 1008 Washington, LLC (Case #16-05) with respect to property located on **1008 Washington Street**, in a **GB-General Business District**.

This Application requests a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.5.A.4 and 5.5 of the Zoning Bylaws to allow: Conversion of an existing building to a multi-family dwelling having six (6) one-bedroom apartments, together with such other or further relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may determine to be appropriate.

This application request a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow: [IF REQUIRED] Conversion to multi-family use of premises having less lot area, less open space, and greater floor area ratio than set forth in Section 4.1.1 of the Zoning Bylaws, together with such other or further relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may determine to be appropriate.

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

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BABEL

Stephanie M. (Wieliczka), 95, of Norwood, on April 15. Beloved wife of the late Fred Babel. Devoted mother of Brenda M. Babel of Norwood, Paula M. Roberts and her husband Dennis of Pennsylvania, Cathy B. Collins and her husband Chris of Norwood, Patty Lydon of Walpole and the late Frederick P. Babel. Cherished grandmother of Kimberly Benfer, Michael Roberts, Stephanie Collins, Ryan Collins and Natalie Lydon. Great grandmother of Audrey Benfer, Grady Benfer, Noah Benfer, Owen Roberts and Hannah Roberts. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St., Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to Catholic TV, Attn. Father Reed P.O. Box 9196 Watertown, MA 02471.

FRASCA

James M., of Norwood, on April 10. Beloved son of Florence (Picillo) Frasca of West Roxbury and the late Charles E. Frasca. Brother of Charles Frasca, Jr. of Braintree, Joyce O'Neil and her husband Michael of West Roxbury, and Edward Frasca and his wife Stacey of Franklin. Also survived by his wife Ruthann Fallon Frasca. Uncle of Jessica Conley, Michael O'Neil, Christian C., Alexis, and Taylor Frasca, Krystle Manning, Erin Wright, and Adam Goffredo. Former owner of Frasca Brothers Auto Sales, Norwood. Volunteer Dealer for EPT. Funeral arrangements by the P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., West Roxbury. Interment private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in James' memory to American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

GUGLIOTTA

Michael, 103, formerly of Norwood. Beloved husband of the late Jennie Gugliotta (McKenzie) for 70 years. Born outside of Philadelphia, Italy, Michael came to the United States in the 1920s and became a barber in Norwood for more than 30 years. He was an avid Red Sox fan and enjoyed following politics and engaging in thoughtful conversation. Music was another passion of Michael's - he sang and played the guitar and trumpet. Above all else, he loved spending time with his grandchildren. He is survived by his children: Anthony M. Gugliotta of Hyannis, Marie V. (James) Cleary of Hopkinton, John F. (Heidi) Gugliotta of Falmouth; his six grandchildren: David, Cheryl-Ann (Eric), Melissa (Jonathan), Kristen (Peter), Stacy and Nikolas; and his four great-grandchildren: CJ, Olivia, Robert Otis and Charlotte. There will be a visitation from 10-10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 21 at Chapman Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 475 Main St., Falmouth Center. A Funeral Mass will immediately follow at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 511 Main St., Falmouth. Burial will be at 2 p.m. at Highland Cemetery, Winter Street, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Cape Cod Healthcare Foundation for VNA Hospice of Cape Cod, P.O. Box 370, Hyannis, MA 02601.

KARWASHAN

Hunain "John" Yousef, 87, of Norwood, on April 14. John was born on Sept. 23, 1928 in Damascus, Syria. He moved to America in September 1977 in hopes of finding a

better life for his wife and children. John never rested, working as a baker in West Roxbury at the Near East Bakery, where he continued to work until retiring in 2001. John was the kind of man that would give anyone the shirt off his back. He worked very hard for everything he had and never let his kids want for anything. John lit up a room when he walked in. He had the biggest heart and always had a smile on his face. Nobody ever came to his house without leaving with a full belly. He loved to have his family and friends over for dinners and Sunday cookouts. When John saw someone in need he would help them with whatever they needed, be it monetary, finding a job, or a ride to where they needed to go. Through his valiant fight with cancer, his strong will to live, unwavering faith in God, and the love and prayers of family, friends, and many supporters carried him through his last months. Even through his struggle with cancer he took care of his loving wife until the day she passed. The strength to live came from the love he had for his family. John leaves behind a loving family. He was the devoted father of Susan Karwashan and her husband Antoin of Seekonk, Rosette Karwashan of E. Providence, R.I., Claudette Karwashan of Norwood, Janette Karwashan of West Roxbury, Margaret Lampasona and her husband Anthony of Franklin, and his only son Michael Karwashan of Norwood; cherished grandfather of Ellias, Samantha, John, Antoinette, Nicole, William, Catherine, Jade, Anthony, Vincent, Jagger, Angelo and Rocco. Funeral arrangements by

Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., Norwood. Expressions of sympathy in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St. Framingham, MA 01701.

MAC ADAM



Francis J., Sr. "Frank," 89 of Norwood, on April 15. US ARMY WWII Vet. Son of the late Angus MacAdam, Sr. and Mary (Nolan) MacAdam. Beloved husband of Patricia A. (Walsh) MacAdam. Devoted father of Francis J. MacAdam Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz., Susan M. Pace and her husband Michael of Gilbert, Ariz., David P. MacAdam and his wife Mary of Millbury, and Maura A. Leear and her husband John of Walpole. Cherished grandfather of Christopher M. and Matthew T. Pace, Daniel T., Laura G., Katherine M., and Sarah A. MacAdam, and Bryan P. and Allison M. Leear. Loving great-

grandfather of Ryan C., Emma M., Lily C., and Layla M. Pace. Brother of the late Angus MacAdam, Jr. and James MacAdam. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. 1945 Graduate of St. Clement High School, Somerville and retired Engineer for Analogic in Wakefield and Peabody. Long time Lector, St. Timothy's Church, Norwood. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., Norwood. Expressions of sympathy in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

PALLEIKO

Genevieve M. (Domohowski) "Jean," 99, formerly of Norwood, on April 18. Beloved wife of the late Bennie Palleiko. Devoted mother of Benjamin Palleiko and his wife Jeanne of Newbury, N.H. and Virginia Mullane and her husband Thomas of Plainville. Sister of the late Alyce Cain, Stella Smith, Jessie McCarthy, Nina Berry, Ted, Frank, Edward and Henry Domohowski. Daughter of the late Peter and Victoria Domohowski. Also survived by six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Jean was active member at the Norwood Senior Center for many years. A funeral home service will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 10 a.m. at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Maples Nursing and Rehab. Center, Recreation Fund 90 Taunton St., Wrentham, MA 02093.

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To see what sum or sums of money the Town will vote to raise by taxation and/or transfer from Surplus Revenue for the purpose of appropriating such sum or sums for wage increases for all Town employees, including the School Department, or take any other action in the matter.</p> <p>ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and Committees.</p> <p>ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector of Taxes to use the same means as a Town Treasurer may use when acting as collector.</p> <p>ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contract for the expenditure of funds allotted by the</p>	<p>Commonwealth and/or County for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of public ways under the provisions of Section 34, Chapter 90 of the Mass. General Laws, Ter. Ed., and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, or take any other action in the matter.</p> <p>ARTICLE 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise, borrow, or transfer from available funds in the treasury and appropriate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 for the following purposes, or take any other action in the matter. "All sums voted for salaries are to be expended in conformance with the official budget of the Finance Commission unless otherwise voted by the Town Meeting. All sums voted for New Equipment shall be expended for items listed in the budgets approved by the Finance Commission and voted by the Town Meeting."</p> <p>A. GENERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS B. PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY (PUBLIC SAFETY DEPTS.) C. HEALTH AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT D. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT E. WATER DEPARTMENT F. CEMETERIES G. HIGHWAYS H. PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION I. SCHOOLS, GENERAL AND VOCATIONAL J. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND GAS DEPARTMENT K. LIBRARY L. RETIREMENT FUND M. NORWOOD MUNICIPAL AIRPORT N. INTEREST AND DEBT REQUIREMENT O. INSURANCE P. GROUP HEALTH AND MEDICARE INSURANCE (CHAPTER 32B) R. RESERVE FUND S. RETIRED POLICE/FIRE MEDICAL (Chapter 41, Section 100B)</p>	<p>T. STABILIZATION FUND U. BLUE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL/NORFOLK AGGIE V. SELECTMEN - SCHOOL BUILDING SPECIAL REPAIR W. MASS. WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY X. ARTICLE 1 WAGE/SALARY ADJ. Y. CAPITAL OUTLAY EQUIPMENT</p> <p>ARTICLE 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to meet overdrafts and unpaid bills incurred for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 and fiscal years prior, or take any other action in the matter.</p> <p>ARTICLE 7. To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to apply from free cash in the treasury in offset to the amount appropriated to be raised by taxation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, or take any other action in the matter.</p> <p>ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Treasurer (from time to time) to enter into compensating balance agreements with banks in accordance with General Law, Chapter 740, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action in the matter. (On petition of Town Treasurer and Tax Collector)</p> <p>ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2016 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.</p> <p>ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a Revolving Fund in Fiscal Year 2017 in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the purpose of funding programs administered by the various departments, or take any other action in the matter.</p>	<p>ARTICLE 11. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will vote to raise or transfer from taxation or from surplus revenue or other available funds, or borrow, and to appropriate for the costs of capital projects not otherwise provided for elsewhere on this Annual Town Meeting Warrant, including construction, reconstruction and major renovations and repairs to buildings, facilities, and other public works; the purchase of new equipment; and engineering, design and other costs incidental and related to such capital projects; and for other capital projects not otherwise specified;</p> <p>And further, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sums required for the aforesaid capital projects; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen or other appropriate authority to expend the aforesaid funds for the specified purposes; or take any other action in the matter.</p> <p>Any individual with a disability who needs accommodations related to accessibility/communications or other aspects of participation in town meeting or other related programs should contact: John J. Carroll, General Manager, Town of Norwood, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062 (781-762-1240) or David Hern, Jr., Town Meeting Moderator, Town of Norwood, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062 (781-762-1240). The Town of Norwood does not discriminate on the basis of disability.</p> <p>And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in ten public places in this town seven days at least before the time and day of said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the day and time of said meeting.</p> <p>Given under our hands at Norwood this fifth day of April, A.D. 2016. Allan D. Howard, Chairman Paul A. Bishop Helen Abdallah Donohue Thomas F. Maloney William J. Plasko NORWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Norwood Record, 4/21/16</i></p>
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kitchen tables that New Life Refurbishing provides to families in need (www.newlifehr.org). Or put together emergency buckets for Church World Service (www.cwsglobal.org) to send to victims of natural disasters. Donate blood to the American Red Cross by booking your own time slot at www.redcrossblood.org/give/drive. Want to have some fun? Let your kids burn off some energy in the bouncy house or treat them to a special children's program at 11 a.m. by Miss Elaine featuring songs, dance, stories, puppets and poems. They can pot their own seeds and herbs to grow at home. For the grown-ups, we'll have a huge bake sale, a yard sale of outdoor toys and equipment, and a classic rock concert at 1 p.m. by Peter G Band & Co. A lunch of beef burgers, turkey burgers, veggie burgers and salad will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m. All proceeds from these events will be donated to the community service organizations participating in Community Service Day. For a complete list of Community Service Day events and times, visit www.firstcongregational-norwood.com.

BALCH SCHOOL PTO GRADUATE AWARD

The Balch School is currently accepting applications for the Balch School PTO Graduate Award. This award is presented to two deserving graduates of the Balch Elementary School. Application forms are available at the Norwood High School Guidance Department and at the Balch School Office. The application deadline is May 4. Please call the school office at 781-762-0694 with any questions.

PRESCOTT SCHOOL GRADUATE AWARD

The C. J. Prescott School P.T.O. will present two special achievement awards in June at the Fifth Grade Musical. The awards will be given to an outstanding girl and boy who attended the Prescott School in fifth grade, are presently residing in Norwood, and are graduating from high school in June 2016. The awards will consist of a \$500 check, a certificate to each winner, and their names to be inscribed on plaques, which will hang permanently in the Prescott School. Application forms are available at the Prescott School and at the Norwood High School Guidance Office. Applications must be returned to the Prescott School by Friday, May 6.

NORWOOD FOOD PANTRY WALK FOR HUNGER

If you've ever thought about taking part in Project Bread's annual Walk for Hunger – but weren't sure you were up to a 20-mile trek – there are four different ways you can do it this year. And whichever one you choose, the Norwood Food Pantry would like to have you on their team.

First of all, the 2016 Walk, which will take place on Sunday, May 1, has been shortened from 20 miles to 10, due to construction in Watertown. So it will only take half the usual effort. Second, you don't have to walk the whole 10 miles. You can pick whatever length you're comfortable with and take pledges based on that distance – even if it's just a mile or two. (There are buses at intervals along the entire route to take you back to the starting point if you choose this

option.) Third, if you're unable to walk or have a schedule conflict, you can sign up as a Virtual Walker and raise money for this worthy cause without doing anything more strenuous than picking up the phone or dashing off a few emails. And fourth, you can be a donor...and pledge to support the Norwood Pantry Team (or any individual member) by making a tax-deductible donation in person or online. Last year, the Norwood Food Pantry Team members raised

\$7,996.50 for Project Bread and, though relatively small in size, ranked in the top 10 fund-raising teams.

"This year, we're hoping to do even better," says Team Captain Nick Campagna, who already has 32 walks and 640 miles under his belt. To find out more, sign up, or call Nick at 781-762-6866, email ncampagnajr@gmail.com, or go to <http://support.projectbread.org/goto/NorwoodFoodPantry>.

WILLET EARLY CHILDHOOD LOOKING FOR PEER ROLE MODELS

Willett Early Childhood

Center is looking for Peer Role Models to enroll for the school year September 2016 - June 2017. There are eight peer role models in each classroom and seven children with identified special needs. Three adults= one licensed teacher and two highly qualified educational assistants. Children must: exhibit strong language skills; be toilet trained; live in Norwood; turn 3 or 4 years old by Aug. 31, 2016. Children may not have identified special needs. Preschool Applications are located on the Norwood Public School web site, norwood.k12.ma.us and at the front office of the Willett School, 100 Westover Parkway.

March Citizens of the Month



Grade 8: Kyra Pfeil, Solomon King, Tarun Ramani

Grade 7: John Michienzi, Shreya Thalvayapati, Sherry Chen

Grade 6: Jack Doyle, Jacob Bodenhofer, Jeffrey Wilds

Congratulations to the March winners of Dr. Philip O. Coakley Middle School's Citizen of the Month. Citizens of the Month exemplify the school's mission statement and are chosen by teachers and staff. To celebrate their accomplishments, an end of the year breakfast celebration will be held for students and their families.

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