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The annual Norwood Jazz Classic, held on Thursday, Feb. 16 in the Norwood High School Auditorium, saw student musicians from several area schools perform before a panel of judges. Participating schools from outside of Norwood included Wakefield High School, Framingham High School, Beverly High School, Stoughton High School, the Boston Latin School, King Phillip High School and Reading High School.

Above: Members of the Norwood High School Jazz Band prepare to take a bow at the conclusion of their performance during the Norwood Jazz Classic.

Right: Members of the Norwood High Jazz Choir shown during their performance, which concluded the day's activities.

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SPED services dropped the ball

School Committee looks at harsh budget cuts

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

An alleged lapse in special education (SPED) services led the School Committee to question an employee at length last week about her department's staffing practices.

Director of Student Services Joyce Onischewski met with the Committee last week to address allegations that a student had gone without SPED services for several weeks, apparently due to inadequate staffing. The School Commit-

tee took no formal action on the matter that evening, but said improvements to SPED staffing must be made so that such problems do not occur again.

Earlier this month, Susan Cahill of the Norwood Special Education Parents Advisory Council (SEPAC) informed the School Committee that her child had missed eight weeks of special education services, and that she had heard of similar incidents from other parents. The

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Proposed T cuts have some worried

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

Town officials are trying to determine how proposed cuts to bus and train services might affect residents, but they already see cause for concern.

The Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) recently proposed both service cuts and fare increases, and has been holding public hearings on the matter. Of particular concern to Norwood officials is a proposal to cut services on bus Route 34/34E, which goes through Norwood into Walpole.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Board members said they wanted the cuts and their potential effect on Norwood looked into, with Helen Abdallah Donohue appearing particularly concerned about the bus route. The selectmen decided to discuss the matter at a future meeting after more information has been gathered, though no date for the discussion had been set as of press time.

With Anthony Mastandrea, Norwood's liaison to the MBTA, out of

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Committee agreed to put the matter on a future meeting agenda, resulting in the discussion with Onischewski on Feb. 15.

In discussing the matter with the School Committee, Onischewski said that one occupational therapist had indeed been out for medical reasons for eight weeks. She said she had tried to fill the vacancy with the help of several staffing agencies, but to no avail.

"I had ten staffing agencies I was working with," Onischewski said. "Occupational therapists are very hard to find."

"I hear that fact," said School Committee Chairman Paul Samargedlis. "But to me, it's not good enough."

"I'd never use those ten agencies again," he added.

Onischewski noted that the services missed were eventually made up after a new therapist was brought on. And while School Committee member Richard Kief questioned how the services could be made up in a short amount of time without disrupting students' school days, Onischewski said she trusted the staffers involved to know how to manage the problem.

Samargedlis also wanted to know whether any follow-up communication had been sent to the parents of SPED students in the weeks after they were informed that a staff member had left. Onischewski said she had sent out a follow-up notice of the vacancy, but acknowledged that she did not keep parents informed of the position's status and when they could expect normal services to resume, noting that she realized she should have done this.

School Committee member Courtney Rau said she felt better management of SPED staffing was both necessary and possible, and suggested that a reshuffling of staff be considered - something Onischewski said had been attempted periodically. Samargedlis and Superintendent of Schools James Hayden told Onischewski that she should ask for help filling vacancies that arise, noting that



Joyce Onischewski

the School Committee had considered adding personnel in the past when needed.

"I appreciate the input," Onischewski said at the conclusion of the discussion. "But if people have [an illness], I can't plan for that."

Cuts proposed

The School Committee also heard some budget reduction ideas from Assistant Superintendent of Schools Alex Wyeth, who noted that he was not happy about the effects some of the reductions would have. The reductions, which amounted to \$538,659, were approved unanimously for incorporation into the school district's draft budget.

"This is done not without some detriment to the school system - I want you to know that," Wyeth said. "I will not call these savings, because they're not. They're reductions."

At the time of the first pass phase of budget discussions in December, the proposed school budget for Fiscal Year 2013 totaled \$37.2 million. Samargedlis noted that, based on revenue projections and shares of funds agreed to by town and school officials, a total of approximately \$2.2 million would be needed.

The most substantial cut included among those voted on by the Committee was to \$263,630 in textbook and instructional supplies costs, which were calculated in terms of per-pupil costs. According to Wyeth, the per-pupil costs for textbooks will now be \$50 at

the Balch Elementary School, \$43 at the Coakley Middle School, and \$20 at Norwood High School. The per-pupil costs for instructional materials will be \$50 for elementary students, \$77 at the Coakley Middle School and \$75 at the high school.

Elimination of computer software-related improvements - which included a Windows 7 upgrade and purchases of Fablevision and a survey tool - would result in a reduction of \$56,350, Wyeth said. \$23,950 would be cut from the Fine Arts Transportation line item, which Wyeth suggested could be offset by a revolving fund for that purpose.

Wyeth said that the proposed budget for supplies had been reduced to a "bare bones" level, and that no more savings could be expected by cutting from this area. Samargedlis said that, as much as he did not like to say it, personnel cuts would unavoidably follow, noting that personnel accounted for eighty percent of the budget.

In a related discussion, Samargedlis noted that members of the Budget Balancing Committee had expressed concern about the school budget being completed and submitted in a timely manner, noting the problems caused by a late submission of their budget last year. At his request, the Committee voted unanimously to adjust their budget timeline to include a due date of March 15, rather than the March 30 deadline originally included.

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Selectmen delay decision on farmers market manager

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously Tuesday night to delay a decision on a request for funding to hire a manager for the town's farmers market, with Board members saying they wanted more information on the matter first.

The request had been submitted by Stephen Costello, Director of Planning and Economic Development, who has been working with the former Farmers Market Subcommittee (which has since been re-named and made an autonomous board) to re-launch the town's farmers market. The request entailed \$2,640 to pay a farmers market manager, plus a total of \$2,805 to be sent to the Friends of Norwood Center, who will be handling payroll for the event.

Of the latter sum, \$2,000 would come from the town's Economic Development Fund, while the remaining \$805 would come from the Farmer's Market Donation account. That amount would constitute "the remainder of a \$1,000 gift" to assist the farmers market, according to the selectmen's agenda.

When the issue came up

Tuesday night, however, Board member Helen Abdallah Donohue questioned why it had even come before the selectmen for a vote, noting that she did not remember the idea of a paid manager being discussed by the Board before. Board Chairman Michael Lyons said he believed it had been discussed before, adding that the position would be self-sustaining. Donohue, however, countered that the position would be funded with town money at first.

Fellow Selectman William Plasko suggested that the matter be tabled, and the Board decided to have Costello come to a meeting to discuss the matter. Donohue said she thought this was a good way of handling the issue.

"We're just starting out on this," Donohue said. "So I'm glad you're tabling it."

Restaurant hearing re-done

The selectmen also gave quick reconsideration to a license request it had approved in January but partially rescinded shortly thereafter. At their Jan. 31 meeting, the selectmen had approved Ariana Musabeli's request for a Common Victualler's license and a wine and malt beverage license

for her new, Norwood-based venture, Ariana's Restaurant.

A week later, however, the selectmen decided to rescind the wine and malt beverage license, as they had learned that the restaurant's abutters had not been properly notified of the public hearing. The food license, however, was not rescinded.

When she came before the Board again on Tuesday, Musabeli apologized for the lack of notification to abutters, saying it was an oversight on her part and not deliberate, and a clerk informed the selectmen that all requirements had been met this time around. Seeing no one present to speak in favor or against the request, Plasko made motions to close the public hearing, and then to approve the license request, with the Board voting unanimously in favor of both motions.

The umpire strikes back?

Towards the end of the meeting, Selectman Paul Bishop raised concerns about train passengers parking their cars in the small number of spots available near Murphy Field. He asked that signage be put up indicating limits on parking there, so that those involved in youth baseball games would not be left without spaces when the season starts.

Donohue said she shared

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town, Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper has been looking into the matter on the town's behalf. And while he did not feel he had enough information to draw a definite conclusion, Cooper said last week that he was finding the process somewhat frustrating.

"I've been looking at this for a week and a half, trying to figure out what it means," Cooper said. "It's not at all clear what this means."

Cooper said he had been made aware of two proposals involving both fee increases and service cuts, with one of them featuring bigger service cuts and lower fares, and that he had been discussing the matter with Walpole's planning department. One concern they shared, Cooper said, was that buses would no longer extend to a loop that reached Route 1 in Walpole.

"It will affect Walpole," Cooper said. "I would hate to see that lopped off."

Attempts to reach an MBTA spokesperson for comment had been unsuccessful as of press time.

Cooper and Donohue both expressed concern about how

cuts to the bus route would affect workers traveling between Norwood and Boston for work. Donohue said she was particularly concerned about how they might affect workers commuting to jobs at the many stores that line Route 1, as well as residents who work in the city.

"A lot of people working here in South Norwood take the bus to get to Boston," Donohue said. "So that service is very important to us."

"There would be no [service] into Boston at all," added Michael Lyons, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. "It's a pretty dramatic and drastic effect it would have."

Cooper said he did not yet have enough information to make a formal recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. So far, however, he said he was inclined to recommend that the Board oppose the cuts, adding that he felt they were not the best means of addressing budget problems.

"Obviously, this is a financial problem that has been in the making for a long time," Cooper said. "Bills need to be paid. The question is how they're going to get paid."

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OPINION

NO FREE RIDE

There's been a lot of angry rhetoric about potential cuts in service and/or fare hikes for the MBTA. There have been protests throughout the state, notably at the State House, and our patchouli-soaked pals from #Occupy have even joined the fray.

Let's inject some common sense here. The MBTA's aging infrastructure is a nightmare. Trains and buses are continually late or broken down. In a perfect world the trains would run on time. They would also run more frequently and later into the evening.

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counts). We can divert saved snowplow money to prop up the transit budget. We can reduce service, cutting back on the number of daily trips and even eliminating some weekend service. But all of this is just a drop in the bucket.

Yes, waste needs to be trimmed, payrolls reigned in and service strategized. But, once again, it all comes down to money.

Is public transit a priority for the state? If so, then our officials need to treat it as such by reducing spending in other, "less important" areas, to aid the

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Letters to the Editor

BENSON FAMILY GIVES THANKS

To the Editor:

The family of Spc. Keith Benson US Army wishes to thank the Town of Norwood and all the people there for their outpouring of love and support on behalf of our loss of a son, grandson, brother, nephew and cousin. To all the children who stood out in the rain, to all the police and firefighters, the beautiful flag, and to all who showed their sympathy in one way or another, we are so very grateful. We will miss him always.

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HAPPY 140TH BIRTHDAY, NORWOOD

To the Editor:

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Rogers protects Norwood Electric Light customers

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

A large number of residents have been taking advantage of a discount available to those who pay their electric bill early, and a state representative said he has taken steps to ensure that residents don't have to pay more.

State Representative John Rogers announced last week that he had convinced one of his legislative colleagues to change a bill he had introduced that would have increased residents' lighting bills. Rep. John Keenan of Salem, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, had agreed to remove language affecting Norwood Municipal Light Department from a bill altering the role of such local agencies.

Under the proposed legislation's original language, Rogers said, assessments on ratepayers would have increased by a total of \$1,000,000. However, Keenan

agreed to eliminate the language affecting agencies like Norwood's from the legislation, while also asking Rogers to serve on an ad-hoc committee on the energy efficiency of municipal light plants.

Keenan's legislation called for increasing the efficiency and sustainability in municipal electrical agencies. Rogers pointed out to Keenan that Norwood had been leading the way in renewable and alternative energy projects, including wind and hydroelectric initiatives, mentioning the town's Residential Compact Fluorescent Bulb Giveaway as an example.

Meanwhile, a large number of residents have been taking advantage of a discount for those who pay their bills in a timely manner. In an offer that has been in place for much of the agency's history, those who pay their bills within ten days after they are rendered are entitled to a two percent discount on the electrical portion of their bills.

"It's very important, I think, especially for seniors," said Norwood Municipal Light Department Business Manager Donna LeRoy. "They take advantage of it."

Municipal Light Department Superintendent Malcolm McDonald said that approximately 73 percent of the agency's customers took advantage of the incentive. Of the \$2.3 million allowed for it, approximately \$1.7 million had been used in Fiscal Year 2011, a number McDonald said was typical for the agency.

"It's a lot of money," McDonald said. "If you think about it, it's like [eliminating] one bill a year."

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T. They also need to find a better way to deal with the authority's crushing debt and annual deficit. They need to address fare increases, whether people like them or not, and despite the hollow threat that many will just buy a car instead of paying an extra buck a day. The gas tax would need to be raised, perhaps even more than would be suggested if Congress decides to redistribute how its federal gas tax is distributed.

We're not at all suggesting that these steps are palatable. However, it is the reality. Protest all you want folks, but barring a serious cash infusion we will continue to get the public transporta-

tion system we pay for. There is no magic bullet other than big bucks. Spare us the drama about class warfare and all that nonsense. Do voters think the T is worth all that extra money? Or, are we willing to just get by with the status quo?

That stark reality, perhaps a no-win situation politically, is why our elected officials - we're looking at you Governor - have done their best to stick their heads in the sand and avoid taking any real, meaningful position. We guess it's easier to raise a relative pittance in revenue by taxing candy bars than it is to tackle, head-on, a very vital and expensive dilemma.

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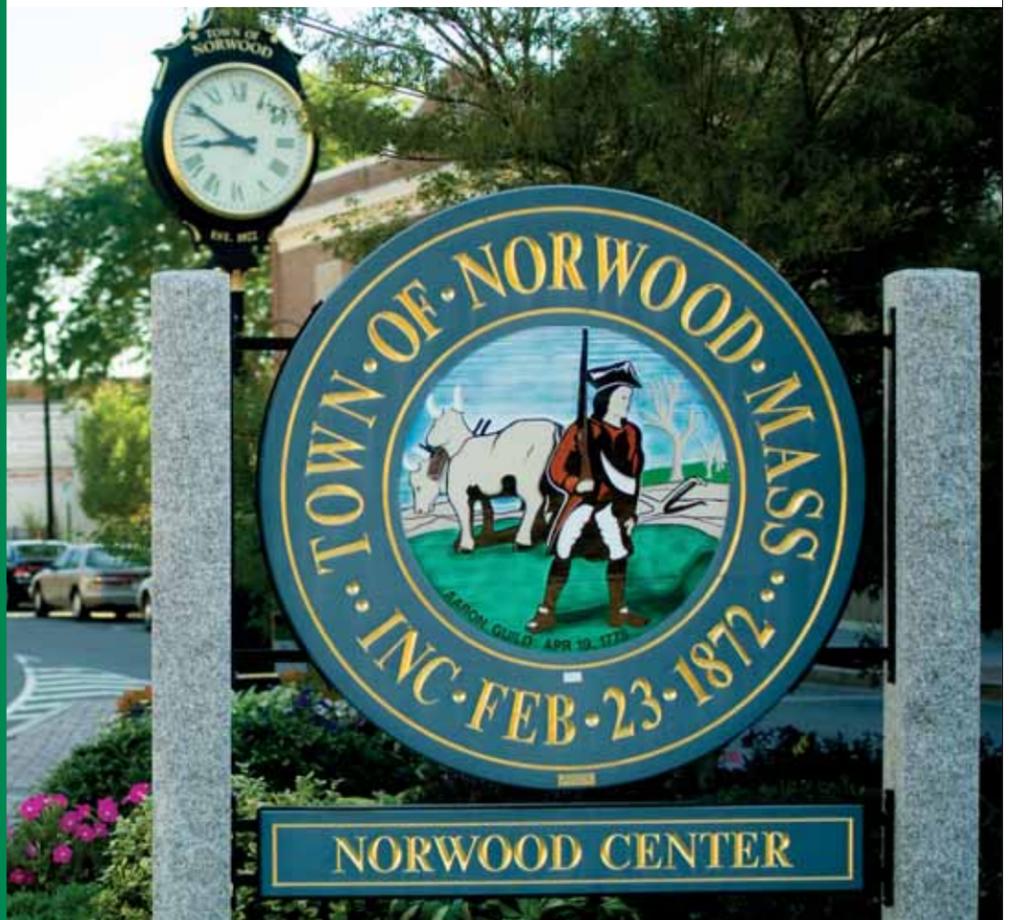
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Long-serving Planning Board member passes

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

A Planning Board member who had served on the Board for nearly half a century has passed away, taking with him what officials who worked with him said was a wealth of knowledge about the town's recent history.

E. William Bamber was 81 years old when he died on Friday, Feb. 17, according to his obituary. According to Planning Director Stephen Costello, Bamber had served on the Planning Board consistently since 1965, and as a result had extensive first-hand knowledge of the town's recent developmental history that proved valuable to the Board.

"He had an amazing memory," Costello said. "He could tell you who built what in what year, who was on the Board [when it happened]. He provided a lot of guidance to the board."

"It's [a] great loss to the town," said Town Manager John Carroll. "Not many people serve on any board as long as he has."

According to Costello, Bamber had plenty of basis for the guidance he provided, having served on the Planning Board long enough to see its role in town change as the town expanded, with its population jumping from roughly

15,000 people to 30,000 in the early years of his tenure. In the 1960s and '70s, Costello said, it was not uncommon for the Board to consider the pros and cons of subdivisions containing as many as one hundred lots each - a number much higher than is commonplace nowadays, due to the smaller amount of land available.

Bamber was an opinionated member of the Board, and was keen on making sure new developments served the town's best interests. Costello said Bamber had some choice words that he was known to use with developers whose requests he considered unreasonable.

"If he thought the developer was asking too much, he'd say, 'why don't you ask for the Town Hall bells while you're at it?'"

Over the years, the Planning Board's role shifted, with large subdivisions becoming less common and the Board's authority being broadened to include special permitting. As a result, Costello said, Bamber and his colleagues began considering different types of developments, including car dealerships and multi-business plazas like the one on Boston Providence Highway where FM Global and Dedham Medical Associates are preparing to open offices.

Costello said Bamber was particularly keen on minimizing any new development's impact on nearby residents



E. William Bamber

through glare, noise and other factors. He said regulations had changed in such a way as to encourage more interconnection and fewer isolated developments such as cul-de-sacs and dead end streets.

Bamber was opinionated, but was always looking out for what he thought was in the town's best interest, Costello and Carroll said.

"I think he was a wonderful, fabulous public servant," Carroll said. "Tough guy in many ways. I certainly respected him."

"He was very firm in his beliefs," Costello said. "He was a strong leader and a strong member of the Planning Board. We'll miss him."

Bamber's seat will be filled by appointment, given that the deadline for filing nomination papers for this year's election has passed. The Planning Board has thirty days to notify the selectmen of the vacancy if they wish to be part of the appointing process. A Planning Board meeting originally scheduled to take place on Feb. 27 has been postponed until March 12.

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this concern, but asked if signage was necessary, given that the field was town property and that unauthorized parking amounted to trespassing. Town Manager John Carroll noted that there were currently no signs indicating that parking was not allowed there, a fact that Plasko noted made it difficult to enforce "no trespassing" orders.

Bishop initially made a motion to ask Carroll to take steps needed to have signs put up indicating a limit on parking at the field, possibly two hour parking. In the end, however, it was decided that Carroll would look into the matter and make recommendations for the Board to consider at a future meeting.

Remembering a "loyal helper"

Donohue, whose husband has long served on the Planning

Board, noted the passing of an even longer-serving member of that board, E. William Bamber, whom she said had been a "loyal helper" to the town. Other selectmen joined her in praising Bamber's work on the Planning Board and noted that he would be missed by the town.

"He [was] a fine member of the Planning Board," Plasko said. "His shoes will be large ones to fill."

Plasko said the Planning Board has thirty days to notify the selectmen of the resulting vacancy, in which case the two boards will hold a joint meeting to pick a replacement. If the Planning Board fails to provide that notification, the decision will be left to the selectmen alone.



Wayland resident Pierce Keegan, founder of Pierce's Pantry, visits the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood, accompanied by its Executive Director, Ruth Taeger.

COURTESY PHOTO

Special consideration for others Food pantry now offering gluten-free foods

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

A local food pantry has partnered with a highly specialized new pantry to service a sizeable clientele whose needs have often not been addressed by food pantries in the past: those who cannot digest gluten.

In a statement last week, the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood announced that it is now carrying gluten-free food, which it noted is "an absolute necessity" for people with celiac disease. The introduction of this food at the facility was made possible by a partnership with the Wayland-based Pierce's Pantry.

According to Ruth Taeger, Executive Director of the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood, the idea of partnering with Pierce's Pantry came from a woman who used to frequent the Norwood facility. Taeger credited the woman in question, who had recently learned that she could not eat foods containing gluten, with helping to initiate communication between the two pantries.

"She wasn't able to take any of our food anymore," Taeger said. "She saw the name of Pierce's Pantry" and informed the staff of the Norwood facility of her discovery.

Pierce's Pantry is a food bank that gathers gluten-free food for use in food pantries and distributes it to facilities in Massachusetts. According to its web site (located at www.piercespantry.com), Pierce's Pantry distributes gluten-free foods to food pantries in Wayland, Boxborough and Worcester, in addition to the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood.

Pierce's Pantry derives its name from its founder, Pierce Keegan, an 11th grader from Wayland, who began participating in Project Bread's Walk for Hunger six years ago - roughly the same time he learned that he had

celiac disease. It was while he was participating in the walk last year that the idea for Pierce's Pantry began taking shape in Keegan's head.

"On about mile nine of the Walk for Hunger in May of 2010, I asked my mom where someone with celiac disease would be able to get gluten-free food if they were in need," Keegan said in a statement announcing the Norwood partnership. "She didn't know."

Not long after that walk, Keegan began talking to his parents about opening a food bank that would provide gluten-free foods to those in need. The facility, which opened in January of last year, caters to the needs of people who have either celiac disease or the related condition of gluten intolerance, the latter of which is believed to affect roughly fifteen percent of Americans, according to the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood. Pierce's Pantry is estimated to have collected roughly 4,500 pounds of food to date.

"He's truly a remarkable young man," said Ruth Taeger, Executive Director of the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood. "We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with Pierce's Pantry and have provided our volunteers with special training in the handling and storage of gluten-free products."

According to the statement from the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood, a gluten-free diet is the only treatment for celiac disease, which it describes as "an autoimmune condition that damages the small intestines, interferes with the absorption of nutrients from food - and can cause a host of serious complications, ranging from stunted growth in children to osteoporosis, liver disease, and cancer." Gluten-free foods are expensive, the statement noted, because all gluten protein from wheat, barley or rye has to be removed from the food, with separate manufac-

turing facilities being used to prevent cross-contamination from manufactured foods containing gluten.

"As a result, a cake mix can cost \$4.50. A box of elbow macaroni, \$3.00. A loaf of bread, \$6.00 or \$7.00," the statement noted. "So you wind up paying two and a half, four, or even six times as much as you would for regular products. That can be a real problem for families already struggling to get by in today's troubled economy."

The Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood serves clients from as far afield as Dorchester. Anyone seeking more information can call Ruth Taeger at (781) 769-0425.

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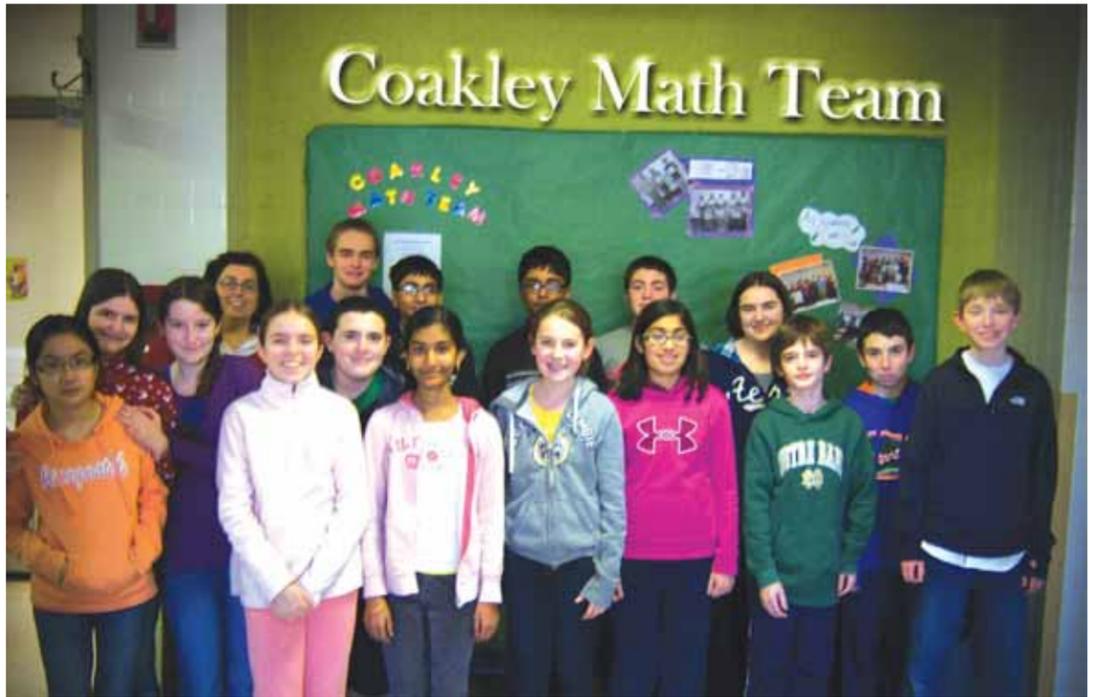
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The Coakley Middle School Math Team, shown here, will be competing against teams from Mansfield, Norfolk, Franklin and Sharon at a meet to be held at the school on March 29.

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Middle School to host math meet

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

The Coakley Middle School is gearing up for a meeting of the minds next month, when some of its students will test their mathematical skills against those of other nearby schools.

On March 29, the Middle School will host a competition put on by the International Mathematics League of Eastern Mas-

sachusetts (IMLEM), which will include a total of eight teams from five school districts. Norwood, Norfolk, Mansfield, Franklin and Sharon will all have teams competing in the meet, with the latter three towns sending two teams each.

The Coakley Middle School's Math Team has not even existed for very long, but has already hit the ground running. The team, which has about twenty students involved, really got off the ground in 2011, and has participated in three competitions prior to this one.

"This is the first year we've ever done this," said Math Team Coach and 7th grade math teacher Laurie Norris. "I've been trying to get it going for quite awhile."

Norris said she had heard that the school had a math team long before she started working there, but that an active team had not

existed there in recent memory. She said parent-teacher organizations had played a big part in making the effort a success, noting that they had helped come up with funds to pay the \$200.00 registration fee required to compete.

Since then, Norris said, the Math Team has gotten off to a strong start, placing first in their division at a meet in December. In a competition last month, she noted, Coakley 6th grader P.J. Hennessey received the highest score of any student in his grade.

According to Norris, each team will be assigned a classroom to work in for next month's competition, which will consist of five rounds of individual competition and one of competition between whole teams. Afterwards, snacks will be served in the cafeteria while the competing teams await the meet's results.

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Nothing on Sunoco

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

A Zoning Board of Appeals hearing on the proposed expansion of a Sunoco gasoline station, which was expected to take place on Feb. 7, has been put off until next month as a result of a written communication received from the applicant.

The Board of Appeals was expected to continue hearing a request for zoning relief by the company for a station of theirs located at 515 Boston Providence Hwy. At a previous hearing in November, Sunoco representatives said they wanted zoning relief with respect to issues including parking, signage and lighting.

According to Board of Appeals Chairman Phil Riley, Sunoco had written to ask for a later hearing date. And while he did not know of the matter's current status, Riley said the company seemed interested in taking more time to talk with neighbors and representatives of a nearby auto dealership that had ex-

pressed concerns about their plans.

The Board granted Sunoco a continuance, with the hearing to be resumed on March 13.

At the November hearing, Sunoco's attorney, Paul Schneiders, had said that under the company's plans, the buildings currently on the property would be knocked down and replaced. Board member E. William Bamber said at the time that the station's appearance was an issue, but acknowledged that the company's proposal would at least partially address that.

Concerns had previously been expressed about how close the new building would come to the edge of the street, as well as how LED lighting on the property would affect residents' ability to sleep in nearby condominiums. Sunoco representatives, who are hoping to open a 24-hour convenience store, had previously suggested that the LED's they want to install could improve safety by reducing the amount of glare emanating from the building.

Sports



The boys' basketball team is back in the state tournament, defeating Walpole on February 16 to guarantee a spot in the postseason.

PHOTO BY KEVIN STONE

Boys' Basketball back in the state tournament

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

People often say the hardest things in life are the ones that are the most worthwhile and require the most work to obtain.

For the Norwood boys' basketball team, the two-year tournament-less

drought they were in seemed like it might extend to three years when they fell to Natick on Valentine's Day night in a game that would ultimately decide the Herget division winner.

However, in a year that has had ups and downs nearly every week, it was no surprise that the Mustangs

responded to one of their toughest losses of the season in a rousing fashion, defeating Walpole on Thursday, Feb. 16 to clinch the program's first tournament berth in two years.

"It's nice to finally be

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Senior captain Tom Munro battles for a rebound in a game earlier this season. Munro has been a catalyst for the Mustangs this season.

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Wrestling looks back at season

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

While the season technically is not over yet for one stand out from the Norwood wrestling team, for all intents and purposes first-year head coach Dan McQuade was able to reflect recently on what it was like at the helm of the Mustang grapplers.

Mark Saulnier, who won the 195 lb. state championship at Reading High School two weeks ago, will be competing at All-States this upcoming weekend. It is one of the more grueling tournaments of the entire season, as McQuade explained.

"After winning the Division two state title, now the top six place finishers in D1, D2, & D3 face off in a killer tournament. While other kids are off on ski trips, Mark is going to be spending much of school vacation working out, running, and wrestling. He's still working hard and staying focused."

While Saulnier continues to work hard in order to continue representing the

program with great pride as its first state champ since 1989, the rest of his teammates are now done for the year, a year that started with a lot of unknowns, especially for the head coach.

"I wasn't sure what to expect at the beginning of the season," said McQuade, who had left the "wrestling game" for several years before returning to coach Norwood.

It did not take him long to realize he had made the right decision to come back though.

"Once we started practicing, and I got to know the the kids, I was pleasantly surprised and happy that I had such a good group of wrestlers to coach."

One of the problems McQuade ran into this season, whether it was injuries, a young team, or just uncontrollable circumstances, was the numbers game. The Mustangs however, made due, again impressing the new coach.

"We didn't have the numbers I'd hoped for, av-

Wrestling

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Pictured (l to r): Sharon McManus, Robyn Jones and Patty Wheeler.

Sweets for a cause!

The Balch School held a successful ice cream social fundraiser at The Sweeterie Ice Cream Shop on Tuesday evening, February 14. Students, parents and friends were excited to order delicious ice cream treats and be served by their teachers, working as guest scoopers behind the counter. A fun time was had by students and teachers alike. The Sweeterie donated a portion of the evening's proceeds to the Balch PTO.

Boys' Track closes out the season

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

This past week, the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston was home to some of the greatest high school track athletes this state has to offer. The Division 1, 2, 3 and 4 state championship meets were all held there, and Norwood's boys' indoor track team had three representatives competing in the division two portion of the week/weekend.

While the season was not a huge overall success, the fact that Norwood had three of its own competing with the states top runners is a victory in itself.

Nick Way ran the 600 in 1:29, which, according to his head coach Russ Booth, "was a good race for him."

"We are hoping he will come out for the outdoor season because he is a great kid and would really help the team out with his work ethic and leadership," added Booth.

Jason Matovu competed in the long jump and had a best jump of 18' 10".

"He was a little disappointed with how he performed, but we are very happy with how his season turned out," said Booth.

Booth is also hoping Matovu will be a bit of a recruiting tool as the squad looks to expand the program, as they have all season.

"Jason works so hard at practice everyday and is a great example for other kids on the team to follow. We are really looking forward to having him compete for us during the outdoor season, and we hope he brings along some other kids with the same level of commitment," explained Booth.

Dan DiTomasso had a season best 43-foot throw in the shot put during the competition in Boston.

According to Booth, DiTomasso is the best thrower that the Mustangs have and "he is also a great leader with an outstanding work ethic for other kids on the team to follow," he added.

"He and I talk a lot since I coach the throws and we are both looking forward to the spring season and looking to improve both personally and as a team."

Coming into the season, the original goal, aside from winning, which is any high school team's goal in any sport, was to expand the program and make a name for the Mustangs in the track and field game, in what is a very tough Bay State Conference, even if the results weren't always there.

"Overall I am happy with how the team did this season. The wins were not there, but we also compete in a very difficult league," said Booth. "The kids all saw their times drop and jumps improve and that is almost all you can ask for. I am hoping the spring season will see a lot of the same kids from indoor along with many of the kids who were playing another winter sport."

The other key aspect to the indoor season leading into the outdoor season come March is the work ethic, which makes the future that much brighter for Norwood track and field.

"The training we developed has been better, so it makes it exciting to see how much we can improve with kids coming to practice every day, committed to getting better," said an optimistic Booth. "If we get a bunch of kids who are committed to getting better then I think we will have a great spring season."



Captain Sean O'Neill is announced during warm-ups in a recent game against Natick. O'Neill had seven points and six assists in a game against Walpole to clinch a postseason berth.

PHOTO BY KEVIN STONE

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able to get that monkey off of our back and head to the state tournament again," said relieved head coach Rich Cormier.

After trailing Natick by double digits at one point on their senior night in the Red and Blue's home gym, Norwood could have easily folded the tent and just given up on their hopes of a division title, licked their wounds and gotten ready for the next "all important" game two nights later.

The Mustangs have been a team of responses all season and this night would not be any different. Eventually, Norwood actually took the lead over Natick, 49-48, late down the stretch, coming within minutes of a Herget division title.

Unfortunately, a late three-pointer down the stretch ended up giving Natick a 51-49 win, leaving the 'Stangs at 9-8 with their hopes of a tournament berth riding on the final three games of the season.

"They hit big shots when they needed to respond," said Cormier after the Natick game. He was still proud of the effort his squad put forth though, something he has been able to say all season long. "I was proud of our resiliency down the stretch but Natick was just able to hold on for the win."

The best thing Norwood could do against a weak Walpole team two nights later was just win. It would silence a lot of doubt that continued to creep around the team in regards to their ability to win big games or

respond in crucial moments. A win and they would guarantee themselves a playoff game.

Well, the Mustangs responded all right, with one of their best overall wins of the season, a 55-41 drubbing of the Rebels.

"It was a great team effort with 14 team assists and great ball movement on offense," said Cormier, whose team moved to 10-8 on the season with the win.

Defense, as it has been all season, was the key, with Norwood giving up just 16 first half points.

Daron English hit a three on the first possession of the second half and Norwood began to pull away in the third quarter, sparked by that three, leading 42-28 after the third.

English led the way with 10 points overall in the game. Pat O'Rourke chipped in with 9 points in his first start of the year including a big 3-pointer in

the fourth quarter after Walpole had made a little run to cut into the big Mustang lead.

Tom Munro filled up the stat sheet as usual against the Rebels with seven points, nine rebounds, two steals and three blocks. O'Neill had seven points, six assists and three rebounds. Steve Martinez got Norwood going with a three ball early to start the game and ended up finishing with eight points and four rebounds.

The Norwood squad now can finally rest a bit easily after they close out the season with the Westwood tournament this Tuesday night. Tournament seedings will in all likelihood be given out during the week following school vacation, and then the blue and gold can finally get ready for a post-season basketball game again.

Apparently, good things really do come to those who wait.



The Mustangs jumped all over Walpole taking a 42-28 lead at halftime.

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Norwood Cheerleading back to work after Florida

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

When the Norwood cheering team originally found out they were state champions and going to be representing Massachusetts in Florida at the National Cheer Leading Championships, the actual reality of the situation hit quickly.

Fundraising began, new routine planning began, and the hard work that comes with being one of the best in the state multiplied in order to provide the best show possible for all those in attendance, and perhaps watching around the world, once they got to Florida.

Well, the girls' (and guys) are back home after getting a rousing send-off from Wally and the Mayor, and the trip was a fairly big success, as they placed 25th in the country and 9th in the world competition. But the hard work is not over. In fact, it is just beginning all over again.

Norwood's squad will be competing next in the South

Regional's competition at Dartmouth High School on Sunday, March 4. The goal now is to again qualify for states. First and second place-finishing teams at Dartmouth move on automatically. A third place team may move on if their score is above 140 points. Any team can move on to the competition in Lowell on March 11 if they score above a 160.

"We got a much needed rest after Nationals and now we're back working at it," said head coach Lisa Verrochi, who's team began practicing again this week at Broderick's Gymnastics Academy in preparation of the next competition.

Although one would never really think of it in terms of a hitter breaking down film on a pitcher or an NFL player watching video to find tweaks in his game, Norwood's cheering squad got back to work by analyzing itself on film from the trip to Florida.

"We watched the video from World's and Nationals and discussed what we need



The Norwood Cheerleading squad has returned from Florida but is back to work, preparing for South Regionals on Sunday March 4 at Dartmouth High School.

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to improve," explained Verrochi.

Consistency as a state champion is key, and that is exactly what the team will be looking for as they head to Dartmouth in two weeks.

How do you stay consis-

tent? By cheering as much as possible.

"This week of vacation will be important and we will be practicing at the Willet," said Verrochi. "We'll be cheering at some of the basketball games as well."

If you're at one of the basketball games and get to watch this team perform, do so carefully, and try to remember, you are watching a state champion hard at work in the process.



The Norwood boys' hockey team topped Walpole on Friday evening with a 2-1 victory. The victory puts the team at 14-3-4 overall and 11-1-4 in the Bay State League. It's the second win in a row for the Mustangs, who topped Natick 3-1 the week before. Norwood wrapped up the outright division title for the Bay State Herget. This is the Mustangs first division title since 2005. Norwood edged out Milton to take the division title, and hopes to make a run in the postseason.

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eraging fewer than 20 per practice, but the kids that came worked hard and improved dramatically," he said.

As is they key with any high school sport, a youth program can provide a head start for some schools that is invaluable. Whether it is baseball, lacrosse, hockey or wrestling, an established youth program has led to some of the most successful runs in high school sports history, all because kids are learning how to take coaching and improve at a young age.

McQuade clearly understands the importance of a youth program and just how beneficial it can be to Norwood wrestling moving forward.

"We are trying to build the program. Coach Gearty runs the middle school team at the high school (Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3), all middle school students are welcome & encouraged to give it a try," he says. "The schools that are successful all have middle school / youth programs that feed their high schools. I know it's going to take time, but hopefully more younger Norwood kids will want to try wrestling."

Although the wins were not always there this year for McQuade and his Mustang wrestlers, it is very apparent that the right foundation is being set, and the program is continuing to improve with every new goal that is set and accomplished.

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10; Clifford, Emily, 10; Collins, Matthew, 10; Dacaj, Samuel, 10; Gundlach, Chelsey, 10; Harder, Samuel, 10; Junkins, Taylor, 10; Kelly, Meghan, 10; McCarthy, Megan, 10; McDonough, Lauren, 10; Miller, Hallie, 10; Nguyen, Vincent, 10; Noonan, Casey, 10; Pitaro, Anthony, 10; Prendergast, Connor, 10; Prue, Meaghan, 10; Rydzewski, Joseph, 10; Shaughnessy, Meaghan, 10; Stoney, Gregory, 10; Tribuna Madison, 10; Way, Robert 10; Wong, Christopher, 10; Adhikari, Saloonee, 9; Aspinwall, Isabella, 9; Bartucca, Joseph, 9; Chammas, Jessica, 9; Conley, Ashley, 9; Crowley, Erin, 9; Doherty, Kelsie, 9; Duggan, Amy, 9; Erker, Kelly, 9; Figueiredo, Pedro, 9; Foley, Mary, 9; French, Victoria, 9; Geary, Shannon, 9; Guglietti, Hailey, 9; Hines, Kevin, 9; Icuspit, Hannah Joshabel, 9; Kamma, Deepti, 9; Leduc, Maxwell, 9; Lynch, Katherine, 9; Maffeo, Michael, 9; Martin, Amanda, 9; Nedunchezian, Saihariharan, 9; O'Donnell, James, 9; O'Donnell,

Kathryn, 9; Pagliuca, Joseph, 9; Quinn, Christopher, 9; Rivard, Charlotte, 9; Sangani, Nancy, 9; Sullivan, Caitlin, 9; Sullivan, Carolyn, 9; Turchetta, Alexis, 9; White, Jessica, 9.

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Alfieri, Christina, 12; Alty, Andrew, 12; Bartucca, Tommaso, 12; Brissette, Shirley, 12; Brown, Callie, 12; Buckley, Stephen, 12; Carito, Ariana, 12; Casey, Nicole, 12; Christie, Jamie, 12; D'Agostino, Benjamin, 12; De Castro, Racquel, 12; De Meo, Christopher, 12; Dreeik, Talal, 12; Giambanco, Alyssa, 12; Greeley, Christopher, 12; Hayes, Andrew, 12; Hess, Samantha, 12; Hogan, Zachary, 12; Holton, Patrick, 12; Johnston, Kelsey, 12; Kaganowicz, Aleksander, 12; Lane Maxwell, 12; Leanos, Rebecca, 12; Loji, Sammy, 12; Maggio, Mark, 12; Marinucci, Jennie, 12; Martina, Michael, 12; McDonough, Robert, 12; McGowan, Kelly, 12; Moynihan, Amy, 12; Munro, Thomas, 12; Murray, Michael, 12; Nakyagaba, Jean, 12; Norton, MaryPat, 12; O'Connor, Joseph, 12; O'Neill, Sean, 12; Ranalli, Jake, 12; Seijido, Lauren, 12; Sheehan, Bailey, 12; St. Cyr, Christian, 12; Troiano, Kevin, 12; Wong, Matthew, 12; Amos, James, 11; Anderson, Ryan, 11; Aspinwall, Walter, 11; Begley, Ryan, 11; Blais, Leo, 11; Boucher, Robert, 11; Brown, Kelley, 11; Callahan, Shaun, 11; Campbell, Emma, 11; Cange, Christina, 11; Caprigno, Maria, 11; Clapp, Ryan, 11; Cubelli, Alessandro, 11; Cullinane, Aidan, 11; Depoutot, Hannah, 11; Dow, Carly, 11; Erker, Joseph, 11; Flynn, James, 11; Fogg, Alayna, 11; French, Sarah, 11; Gallagher, Richard, 11; Gassoway, Charlotte, 11; Greeley, Ryan, 11; Holmes, Ashley, 11; Kelly, Amanda, 11; Lane, Makenna, 11; Lee, Patricia, 11; Little, Christopher, 11; Little, Thomas, 11; Lussier, Sarah, 11; Martin, Dana, 11; McIsaac, Bradford, 11; Metayer, Erin, 11; Moynihan, Daniel, 11; Muller, Eric, 11; Neal, Ciara, 11; O'Donnell, Jennifer, 11; O'Leary, Shannon, 11; O'Malley, Colin, 11; Panetta, Paul, 11; Perez, Alex, 11; Pietrzak, Nicholas, 11; Pipes, Gerald, 11; Rossman, Jennifer, 11; Salazar, Cesar, 11; Shirosky, Anna, 11; Wiseman, Daniel, 11; Wood, Rachel, 11; Alexander, Walker, 10; Alley, Veronica, 10; Athanasi, Joana, 10; Bartlett, Devin, 10; Barrows, Rahshaun, 10; Bragg, Charles, 10; Conley, James, 10; Costa, Vanessa, 10; Dunn, Brian, 10; Eid, Nancy, 10; Fitzgerald II, Blake, 10; Folan, Brittany, 10; Folan, Kristen, 10; Gjata, Fjorelo, 10; Goss, Jennifer, 10; Heckmann, Mira, 10; Henneberry, Megan, 10; Hussey, Kayla, 10; Kane, Shayla, 10; Kelly, Emily, 10; Kelly, Kevin, 10; Kelly, Roisin, 10; Kent, Timothy, 10; Kimmitt, Nicholas, 10;

Loo, Brandon, 10; Maciejowski, Kyle, 10; Maguire, Tessa, 10; Maloney, Sarah, 10; Martin, Dylan, 10; Mathiesen, Austin, 10; Mazzotta, Alyssa, 10; Meltzer, George, 10; Murphy, Devan, 10; Murphy, Jessica, 10; O'Malley, Lauren, 10; Osborne, Katherine, 10; Pinciario, Jessica, 10; Plasko, Lauren, 10; Porter, Daniel, 10; Rodriguez, Anthony, 10; Rogers, Matthew, 10; Roy, Michael, 10; Ruiz, Jovanny, 10; Sharra, Kristina, 10; Slater, Jacob, 10; Stryer, Jonathan, 10; Suryanarayanan, Kaushik, 10; Trieu, Kelley, 10; Allen, Nathan, 9; Blake, John, 9; Boral, Julia, 9; Boykin, Darren, 9; Ciriello, Christopher, 9; Cortese, Sabrina, 9; Cruickshank, Kyla, 9; Daly, Michele, 9; DeVingo, Isabella, 9; Drummey, Allyson, 9; Eckhardt, Matthew, 9; Figueiredo, Ana, 9; Francois, Suzeanna, 9; Giambanco, Peter, 9; Gold, Isabella, 9; Greeley, Colin, 9; Gregorio, Jessica, 9; Jones, Nathan, 9; Lee, Caitlyn, 9; LeSavage, Isabella, 9; Looney, Natalie, 9; Marchant, Nicole, 9; Marchionda, Claudia, 9; McDonough, Michael, 9; Morales, Belanna, 9; Murphy, Michael, 9; Newman, Molly, 9; Norton, Margaret, 9; O'Brien, Scott, 9; O'Hanlon, Tara, 9; O'Rourke, Kelly, 9; Peterson, Erin, 9; Pitaro, Christopher, 9; Rammah, Brian, 9; Riley, John, 9; Sassine, Oula, 9; Thompson, Jessica, 9; Varitimos, Antonio, 9; Walsh, Colleen, 9.

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ADAMONIS

Jean T., 92, of Norwood, on Feb. 18. She was a retired Executive Secretary for the Federal Gov. and during her life Jean traveled the world and enjoyed playing Bridge, Scrabble, reading and her family. Beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Anna (Taraskevich) Adamonis. sister of Walter Adamonis and his wife Genevieve of Norwood and the late Edward Adamonis. Cherished aunt of Nancy Greeley and her husband John of Reading, Beverly Bonner and her husband James of Norwood and Janet Sharp and her husband William of Florence, Ma. Great aunt of Walter and William Greeley both of Reading and Simeon Sharp of Florence, Ma. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Friday at 8am followed by a funeral mass at 9am in St. Mary's Church, E. Walpole, MA. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday from 4-7 p.m. Interment will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood.

BAMBER

E. William, 81, a lifelong resident of Norwood, on Feb. 17, Beloved husband of Arlene D. (Olson) Bamber. Devoted father of Gary W. Bamber and his wife Dianne of Sharon and Chatham and Judith A. Gear and her husband John of Norwood. Brother of Arline Veracka of Norwood and the late E. Peter Bamber, J. Edward Bamber and Marion Moses. Grandfather of Michael Gear, Daniel Gear, William Bamber and Robert Bamber. Great Grandfather of Evan and Sarah. Son of the late John E. and Margaret (Kerr) Interment will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

FOLAN

Clara M. (Dalton), 91, of Norwood, on Feb. 14. Beloved wife of the late John J. Beloved

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BOOK CLUB

Deaths

mother of John J, Jr. and Faith F. Grassi also of Norwood. Sister of the late Bernice L. Dalton, grandmother of Faith, Hope and Kyle Grassi. Funeral arrangements by the May Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

HOPKINS

Frank W. "Hop", formerly of Norwood, on Feb. 13. US Navy World War II Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Rosemary A. (McDonough) Hopkins. Devoted father of Susan Ostergren and her husband Eugene of Bellingham, Cynthia Griffin and her husband Clifford Barnes of Walpole, Rosemary Robinson and her husband Walter of Franklin, Elizabeth Harlich and her husband Jeffrey of Pittsburg, PA., Francis Hopkins and his wife Karen of N. Attleboro, Anne Hopkins and her husband Robert Pollard of Chicago, IL., and Marcia Schwab and her husband Thomas of Pittsburg, PA. Also survived by 20 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Brother of John A. Hopkins and his wife Sally of Duxbury and the late Elbert E. Hopkins and Elizabeth Procter. Brother in Law of Rev Joseph McDonough of Norwood, Phyllis McDonough of Norwood and Iris McDonough of Needham. Son of the late Francis E. and Anna M. (Beuchler) Hopkins. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

JEMELLA

Dominic D. on Feb. 14. He was born in Norwood. World War II Veteran, he served with the 456

Bomb Group as a Ball Turret Gunner on the B-24 Liberator. While stationed in Stornara, Italy he flew on 48 missions, and was decorated with the Purple Heart, two Silver Stars and the Distinguished Service Medal. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Elks Club and was past president of the Lions Club. Beloved father of Donna Whiting and husband Kenneth of Harwich, MA and Donald Gemella and wife Sheila of Bluffton, SC; Grandchildren, Kendra Whitney of Chatham, MA, Robert Gemella of NY City, Brian Gemella of Middletown, NJ and Thalia Anderen of Norwalk, CT; and a great granddaughter, Grace Whitney. He was married to Ann (Yelapi) Gemella for 64 years prior to her death in 2010. Funeral arrangements by the Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Home, Bourne. Interment Service to follow at Bourne National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

LAFARGUE

Vivian (Segal), 88, of Norwood, on Feb. 13. Beloved wife of the late Elbert Lafargue. Devoted mother of James F. Lafargue and his wife Ellen of NJ, Susan T. Mendosa and her husband Richard of Brockton and Maura Cramer of Norwood. Beloved sister of Josephine Zimmerman of Peabody and the late Estelle Mike. Cherished grandmother of Amy, Joshua, Matthew, Jesse, Lindsey, Hannah and great grandmother of Julianna Lafargue. Funeral arrangements by the Stanetsky Memorial Chapel, Canton. Interment Sharon Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy

in her memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Speen Street, 2nd Floor, Framingham, Massachusetts 01701.

MANGIACOTTI

Mary F. (Murphy), 80, on Feb. 15. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. They resided for many years in Norwood. Daughter of the late Patrick and Mary (McCarthy) Murphy, both born in Ireland. She is survived by many cousins and by her husband's many cousins, nieces and nephews. Mary graduated from Regis College in Weston and worked for many years at Blue Cross/Blue Shield. She was a loving and caring person who was a Eucharistic Minister for St. Catherine's of Norwood and later for St. Patrick's Church and also for the Leonard Morse Hospital in Natick. Donations may be made in Mary's memory to the Mary Ann Morse Nursing and Rehabilitation Employee Fund, 45 Union St. Natick, MA 01760. All of the staff at this center were very caring and compassionate. A graveside service will be held in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. Funeral arrangements by the William J. Gormley Funeral Service, West Roxbury.

MOYNIHAN

Thomas K. former longtime resident of Norwood, Feb. 9. Late Navy Veteran. Beloved son of the late Timothy and Mary (Daniels) Moynihan; former husband of the late Kathleen (Forrest) Moynihan; beloved father of Kerry Welch of Wellesley and Erin Deehan and her husband Chris of East Walpole; cherished grandfather of Gwyneth Welch and Liam and Reese

Deehan; devoted brother of Jack Moynihan and his wife the late Josephine of Norwood, Mary M. Moynihan of Walpole and the late William Moynihan and his wife Marilyn (who survives) of Basking Ridge, NJ. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment with military honors will follow the Mass in Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

PUNGITORE-DIOTALEVI

BARBARA E. (Michienzi), 97, a lifelong resident of Norwood died on Feb 16. Beloved wife of the late Dominic Pungitore and Raymond Diotalevi. Devoted mother of Dominic Pungitore and his wife Patricia A. of Holbrook, Dorothy Hibbard of Boston, Josephine Michel and her late husband Philip of Norwood, Carmelia Neville and her husband Daniel of Virginia and the late Barbara DiGiantommaso and her late husband Joseph. Sister of Mary Carchedi and her husband Joseph and Joan Carchedi and her husband Peter both of Norwood. Daughter of the late Guiseppi and Carmela (Ielapi) Michienzi. Also survived by 16 grandchildren, several great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Norwood. Interment will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to People's First Home care & Hospice 130 Rumford Ave. Suite 211 Auburndale, MA 02466 or The Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood, MA 02062.

Condolences Extended To:
Elaine M. Degre and her husband Robert of Norwood on the loss of her father Thomas J. Hunt, Of Stoughton, on Feb 17.

SENIOR NEWS

The Book Club is scheduled to meet on Monday, Feb. 27 at 10:00 a.m.

COMPUTER CLUB

The Computer Club meets each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the library/computer room. Computer users at all levels are invited to attend.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1, at 1:00 p.m.

CRIBBAGE

Our seniors meet every Monday

at 12:45 p.m. to play cribbage.

DIABETES WORKSHOP

The next workshop is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 23 at 11:00 a.m.

GLEE CLUB

The Glee Club meets on Tuesday mornings at 11:15 a.m.

INDOOR WALKING

Monday through Friday 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the School Gym.

MINI FIX-IT SHOP

The workshop will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Please, no

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PING PONG

Our ping-pong table is available every afternoon in the craft room. If you would like to play, just ask at the front desk, and we'll set it up for you.

SCRABBLE

Our Scrabble players meet in the library every Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Come and join them for a game.

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TRIAD

Monday, Feb. 27 at 1:00 p.m. Paul Ronco from the Norwood Fire Dept. will be here to speak on Fire & Life Safety.

WAXING

Angela is here on the last Monday of the month, Monday, Feb. 27 at 9:30 a.m.

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LENTEN WORSHIP AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

During Lent at First Congregational Church (UCC) in Norwood, Pastors John Hamilton and Lisa Rizoli will deliver a series of sermons on the theme of "Living with Contradiction." Lent is a journey through valleys, the walls of which are contradiction, such as aloneness/community, light/dark, and life/death. This series will begin on Sunday, Feb. 25, and continue each Sunday until Easter. Services are at 10 a.m.

First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) is an Open & Affirming congregation welcoming all. We are located at the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street in Norwood. The regular Sunday morning worship service is at 10 a.m., followed by a fellowship hour in Pingree Hall. Church school classes and nursery care are available during the service. Our pastors, Reverend Dr. John Hamilton and Reverend Lisa Rizoli are glad to extend pastoral support. For more information, please call the church office at (781) 762-3320.

LENTEN STUDY SERIES AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This year's Lenten series at Grace Episcopal Church is centered around the Stations of the Cross. For five weeks, beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 28 (and continuing the following four weeks), a study of Sara Maitland's Stations of the Cross (Continuum, 2009) will be led by Father John Brockmann. A series of short stories derived from Ms. Maitland's meditations on the newly created Stations of the Cross, painted by Chris Gollon for St. John on Bethnal Green in London, will be discussed. Ms. Maitland is a Booker Award writer from England, and Chris Gollon's renditions of the Stations of the Cross were reviewed and praised by the London Times and the Bishop of London. The discussion group will meet each of the five Tuesday evenings of Lent. The series will culminate on Tuesday, April 3 of Holy Week when participants will pray together the Stations of the Cross. The Tuesday evening study group will meet from 7:00-8:15 p.m. at Grace Church located at 150 Chapel Street. All are welcome.

FOXWOODS TRIP

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 caregiving 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, florists, 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.htm.

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 1st. 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.

NORWOOD EVENING GARDEN CLUB TV PERSONALITY ROGER SWAIN TO SPEAK

The Norwood Evening Garden Club will host biologist, gardener, writer, and entertaining storyteller, Roger Swain, on Tuesday Feb. 28, at 6:45 p.m. at the Carriage House behind the First Baptist Church, 71 Bond St., Norwood. The public is invited to attend. A \$10.00 donation is requested. Recognized by millions of people as "the man with the red suspenders," Mr. Swain is the former host of the popular PBS-TV horticulture show, "The Victory Garden," and long-time science editor of Horticulture magazine. He will speak on his favorite topic, vegetable gardening, and encouraging listeners to "Grow What You Eat."

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 marireen@aol.com

RAIL HISTORIAN AT NORWOOD LIBRARY

Rail historian Ronald Dale Karr, Professor of History at University of Massachusetts Lowell, and author of two books on New England railroads, will present a slide show and talk on "The Lost Railroads of New England" at the Wednesday, Feb. 29, meeting of the Norfolk County Rail Road Club (NCRRC) in the Simoni Room of the Morrill Memorial Library, starting at 7 p.m. Widely recognized an authority on the region's past and present railroads, Professor Karr will include a brief history on the rise and fall of New England's railroads, focusing on the greater Boston and southeastern Massachusetts areas. For rail history buffs, his talk will include finding abandoned rail lines today, his own exploration of "lost" railroads and the current status of some regional abandoned lines. A question and answer period will follow. Mr. Karr's books, "Rail Lines of Southern New England", and the railroad history classic "Lost Railroads of New England" now in its third printing, plus other New England rail history titles from his publishing company, Branch Line Press, will be available for sale before and after the talk. The meeting is free of charge and open to the public. For details contact Ed Sweeney, NCRRC Program Organizer, 781-762-5587.

MASONIC LODGE OF NORWOOD OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, Feb.25, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Masonic Lodge of Norwood, 76 Day St., Norwood, will join with 232 lodges throughout the state and host an Open House. Members of the lodges meeting in the building will be on hand to give tours, and to help the public gain a better understanding of the fraternity, its history, and why Freemasonry has been the common denomi-

nator of so many great men throughout our country's history. Perspective members as well as curious citizens are welcome to visit our historic building and learn more about Norwood Freemasons. To learn more, visit AskaFreemason.org. (or) massfreemasonry.org (or) orientlodge.org.

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 Street 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.

COACH OPENINGS AND BABE RUTH REGISTRATION

Babe Ruth coach openings for Norwood's Babe Ruth League is presently taking letters of interest for coaching in both divisions. Please mail letter of interest to: Babe Ruth, 120 Cottage St., Norwood, MA 02062 by Feb. 16. Register for Babe Ruth baseball, during school vacation week, Tuesday, Feb. 21; Wednesday Feb. 22; and Thursday, Feb. 23 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Norwood Civic Center. Registration fee is \$180 and includes the \$10 increase in town field users fees.

NORWOOD MUSIC FUNDRAISER

The Norwood Parents Music Association is hosting a fundraising event at the Norwood Elks club on Friday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. "Are you smarter than your parents Trivia Night" with a twist, parents against students, with a life line for an extra dollar a question. Hosted by the Norwood PMA, at the Norwood Elks, 152 Winslow Ave. Tickets: \$10 for students, \$20 for parents.

Please contact monicatribuna@verizon.net with any questions. The Norwood PMA is a nonprofit organization supporting the Norwood Music programs through fundraisers and other events in conjunction with the Director of Fine Arts, Catherine Connor-Moen. If you would like to learn more about the Norwood PMA or the Norwood Music program, please visit them at www.norwoodpma.org or <http://www.norwood.k12.ma.us/subsite/nhs/page/fine-arts-department-997>.

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WHIST

Whist players meet to play Whist on Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m., in the library.

WHIST PARTY

Please note whist parties will be held on the 4th Friday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

WII GAMES

We have a Wii Game Console available for anyone that would like to try it. It has bowling, tennis, golf, and other games. Just ask at the front desk.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FRIENDS OF COA

March 26, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Westbury Farms Annual Dinner for the Friends. Cost, \$10. Choice of Turkey or Chicken Parmesan Tickets go on sale on Feb. 21 at the Senior Center.

The next meeting of the Friends will take place on March 2. The next Friends' dance will be Feb. 17, with the D.B Band providing the music. 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

TRIPS

May 15, 2012, Broadway Tonite - Luncheon and Show, Luciano's Wrentham, Drive on your own. \$41.00 pp. June 4-6, 2012, Cape Cod & Nantucket - Three day/two night trip. \$399.00 pp/Double.

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

The Norwood Senior Center follows the school schedule for snow days. If school is cancelled because of snow, the Center will not be open.

LUNCH SERVED

Lunch is served every day here at the center from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. A different entrée is served every day, with a variety of sandwiches always available. Turkey dinner is also available every day. The cost is only \$5.00. You can see the month's menus on the Senior Center website, or pick one up at the front desk when you are here.

SIGN-UP FOR WINTER STORYTIMES

Registration has begun for the Children's Winter Story times 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.

DR. JAMES CRONIN, CHIROPRACTOR, TO SPEAK AT LIBRARY

Seeking chronic pain relief? Dr. James Cronin will give a free lecture at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, February 23 at 7 p.m. on chronic health conditions and treatments that offer an alternate approach to long-term concerns. The presentation will emphasize symptoms and issues associated with lingering thyroid-related problems and the frustration involved in finding answers. Common threads with illnesses such as fibromyalgia, vertigo, sciatica, chronic fatigue, migraines/headaches and ADD/ADHD will also be addressed.

Dr. Cronin has been a practicing chiropractor for over 21 years and has devoted his career to searching for new and innovative approaches to guide people toward optimum health. His background and interests include nutrition, neurology, and

metabolic-based treatment programs designed for those with chronic conditions.

Sign up for this program at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is accessible to those 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 numerous 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 the 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.

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 naive 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.

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Police Logs

Tuesday Feb. 14

0126 initiated - Susp person *arrest(s)made Location/address: Day St + Washington St N667 off speaking with a suspiciously acting party. N679 Sent. As a result, officers returned with female who had 3 Warrants. P/c: Oneil, Karen Address: 16 Maverick Apt. #St Dedham Dob: 10/16/1973 Charges: warrant arrest Protective custody Warrant arrest

0134 other - Missing person *report filed Location/address: Lansdowne Way Missing person has been located by NY/NJ Port authority. Family members notified. Cancelled in leaps.

0833 phone - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Winter St + Shattuck Pk Rd Off Copponi pick up same from DPW at Shattuck Park .

1000 radio - Susp activity police & fire notified/r Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Id: operations commander Kevin P McDonough

1002 phone - Susp activity area search negative Location/address: Rock St 2 blk females and 1 blk male going door to door. Caller thinks they are trying to sell bibles. Area searched, goa.

1357 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Westover Pkwy Subject removing tree branches from a fallen tree on town land . Officer reports man removed.

1419 phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: Olde Derby Rd Unit a. Social worker requested same. Resident is fine and the social worker advised by dispatch.

1626 phone - Parking violation services rendered Location/address: Sew Easy - Washington St Overtime parking, 2 cars parked all day in 2 hr zone. Time noted from this time forward.

1639 walk-in - Hit and run *report filed Location/address: Norwood Plaza - Nahatan St Party in lobby reports her parked, unoccupied car struck while in the lot near CVS.

1847 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Olde Derby Rd Report car in lot, passenger entered building and met resident in hallway. Resident was holding cash, both then went in apartment and then the male left in the car. Bolo to cars. N667 spoke to resident, denied any drug activity.

2302 phone - Susp vehicle gone on arrival Location/address: Garfield Ave Report of possibly an Audi, 2dr, silver, coupe, dent in driver's door, out of state plates, maybe Carolina's, stopped On street near school stopped at stop sign for 15 seconds at Adams St., turned around and then left on Pleasant towards Nahatan. Bolo to cars.

Wednesday Feb. 15

0818 phone - Parking violation spoken to Location/address: A&J Automotive/ also Atlantic Gas Station - Washington St Problem with neighboring business parking on street but, blocking his exits. No problem right now, officer will keep and eye on vehicles.

0848 phone - B & E of motor vehicle Location/address: Howard St Tools and equipment taken from vehicle. Caller to itemize items missing. Officer will file report upon completion of list.

0950 phone - Found syringe other Location/address: Washington St Officer returns with same .

1157 phone - Larceny Location/address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Items removed from a carriage, possible suspect filmed.

1403 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Valvoline Instant Oil Change - Everett St

1417 phone - Parking violation citation/warning issued Location/address: David Terrace Apts. - David Ter Cars parked in fire lanes, well marked as such according to caller. One violation.

1419 phone - Shoplifting Location/address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Loss prevention reports w/female took off running after shoplifting. She left product behind and ran towards rear of TJ Maxx.

1604 phone - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Concord Ave + Washington St Off Kehoe returns with a needle found by the caller out for a walk .

1606 phone - Vandalism spoken to Location/address: Tot Lot - Bond St Caller reported several teens damaging playground equipment. Officers reported no damage found, teens advised to stay off playground equipment.

1718 phone - Susp activity Location/address: Ridgewood Dr Report ma pc 66rd30 in driveway, male exited, rummaged in rear of van, walked around home, when confronted-left towards Neponset St. Bolo to cars,areawide 3.

1730 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Rama Shopping Center - Washington St Caller reported two unattended children in black Infiniti. Officer spoke with owner of pc. Party watching children from inside store. Officer

advised party.

1909 walk-in - Vandalism * Location/address: Sidewalk/MBTA/Bridge - Nahatan St Report graffiti on the sidewalk on jersey barrier on Broadway side. N663 took pictures, removed same, and will

1915 phone - Domestic Location/address: Autumn St Report father/son argument, damage to items in the home, son left home. As a result, n665 places 1 subject under arrest And transports to station.

1937 phone - Susp person services rendered Location/address: 114 Block fire lane - Norwest Dr Report of a w/m, 30-40's, red bb cap, all black clothing, Walking for 2 hours in fire lane in the rear of 114 block of Norwest Dr. N677 checked area, no there upon arrival, spoke to caller. 2006 hrs-2nd call reports he is back in area. N669 reports not outside upon arrival, spoke to caller.

2010 phone - Larceny under investigation Location/address: Jacobs Rd Caller reported past theft from a house. Matter under investigation.

2054 walk-in - Suicide / or threat *protective custody Location/address: Rooming House - Nahatan St Officers to check well being of party.

2218 phone - shoplifting *arrest(s)made Location/address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Caller reported shoplifting in progress. Officers report Party under arrest. Transport to the station starting 41958.2 @2234. Ending 41958.4 @2235. Refer to arrest: 12-140-ar Arrest: Baiona, Marlene Address: 32 Guild St Apt. #203 Norwood Dob: 04/11/1955 Charges: shoplifting by concealing mdse, 3rd off.

Thursday Feb. 16

0041 phone - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Florence Ave + Nichols St Report of a subject walking up/down street for 1/2 hour. N661 locates same, checks ok, lives #44, waiting for friends to arrive who do not know which house is his.

0740 walk-in - Larceny Location/address: Mr. Franks Gulf Station - Washington St Owner reports 2 drive-offs at pumps. N666 took report and Will try to make contact with parties. (under Investigation) One drive off will be paying later today, spoke to Officer O'brien.

1457 phone - Mischief (kids) gone on arrival Location/address: Norwood Central Station - Central St Caller reports 3 blk males walking tracks.

1728 phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: Mountain Ave Told guidance councilor That she wanted to kill herself.

1732 phone - Disturbance spoken to Location/address: Fulton St Caller reports possible domestic going on in neighbors apartment. N665 n669 sent. N665 spoke to females inside who deny any type of altercation. They claim it was a loud tv and karaoke machine.

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