



Recreation Department finances were reviewed at the Oct. 17 Finance Commission meeting. In an effort to reduce tax payer funding for the Department, a gradual increase in fees was proposed.

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Recreation Department's fees likely to be increased

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Finance Commission met on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 17 at Town Hall.

On its agenda were a review of Recreation Department finances and a review of a number of Special Town Meeting Articles. Anne Marie Haley was away.

The main item of interest was the financial review of the Recreation Department. Initiated by Joseph Greeley when he was still a member of the Commission, David Hajjar took over the review, working together with Recreation Superintendent Travis Farley and Selectman William Plasko. All three went before the Commission to explain the review's findings and to answer questions.

Chairman Alan Slater started the re-

view off by asking three questions of the greatest interest to the Commission: the percentage of the Recreation Department that is funded by the Town, how Norwood rates against comparable towns regarding fees, and whether there is any additional outside money available that might be used to alleviate the budget.

As described by Hajjar, the budget for the Recreation Department is divided into two parts: the operating account – of which 81 percent is funded by taxpayers – and the revolving fund, operating at around a 7 percent surplus over the last four years, which is used to fund programs.

Overall, about 61 percent of the Recreation Department budget is funded by taxpayer money, with Hajjar

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Allison Schmitt poses with the founders of IAM Strong (left to right: Carol Morrison Deutsch, Cheryl Morrison Deutsch, Allison Schmitt, Emily Medina, Antonia Nedder, and Karen Jordanides), a local non-profit dedicated to shattering the stigma of mental health problems in adolescents. Schmitt drew a large crowd of teenagers and parents, who came with many thoughtful questions for her.

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Olympian Schmitt speaks on adolescent mental health

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 18, the IAM Strong Foundation presented "An Evening With Allison Schmitt" featuring a conversation with the three-time Olympic swimmer and eight-time Olympic medalist. The free event was held at the Norwood Theatre..

The IAM Strong Foundation, established in 2015, was created to raise awareness of mental health struggles in adolescents while also removing the stigma so often associated with it.

The 26-year-old Schmitt, who has struggled with her own depression since she was 22 years old, spoke to a crowd that looked to be made up mainly of adolescents, with some parents mixed

in.

The evening was divided into three parts: welcoming remarks by IAM Strong co-founder Emily Medina, a conversation between Schmitt and IAM Strong co-founder Cheryl Morrison Deutsch, and a question and answer session between Schmitt and the audience.

The conversation, in which Schmitt and Deutsch sat next to each other on high stools holding microphones, touched on most of the swimmer's life, from her first experiences with competitive swimming as a 9-year-old in Michigan, to her present situation as a graduate student in Arizona.

Centered in all of this was her experience

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Selectmen address alcohol sting, parking

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday evening, Oct. 24 in Rm. 34 of Town Hall. Four appointments were scheduled, including three show cause hearings in relation to a Sept. 7 Norwood Police Department sting regarding establishments serving alcohol to minors.

The three hearings – all similar in their circumstances and in way they played out – involved, in order of appearance, Norwood Wines & Liquor (140 Nahatan St.), the Hibachi Steakhouse (315 Morse St.), and the Outback Steakhouse (1210 Boston Providence Turnpike).

Each establishment – caught in the same way selling alcohol to a 19 year old operative with a vertical, under 21 driver’s license – made no denial of guilt, although the record for each business regarding this violation was found to be clean over the prior 10 years.

Additionally, each establishment offered strategies –

including updating their TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) Alcohol Certifications – to avoid a repeat appearance before the Board.

Allan Howard – who was very much in favor of bringing in all nine of the 18 establishments caught in the sting – commenting on the three cases, could have been speaking of all nine.

“The thing about all these violations that evening that disturbs me is that all the businesses were warned a while before.” He brought that home with a remark that drew a stifled chuckle from one colleague. “It’s kind of like having the answers to the test and flunking the test.”

Despite that, he acknowledged their longstanding clean records before explaining to the principals of Norwood Wines & Liquor why he was so adamant about bringing them – and the others – before the Board.

“The reason I asked for

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everyone to come in was to show you how serious we are about this stuff." Howard finished simply, "Hopefully we've made our point."

Paul Bishop encouraged using the experience as a

learning tool going forward, and taking advantage of any training available.

Chairman William Plasko – following Bishop – took a measured, cautionary tone.

"The only thing that I

want to add and point out is that it's great to get the training – we're pushing that, we want that – but the training is only as good as the job you do that day." He made himself clear, "If you don't implement it into your practice, these kinds of occurrences are going to happen again, and the next time you won't have as easy a time before us."

In all three cases, the vote came down 4-0 (Helen Donohue abstained) in favor of a written warning being issued.

In other business of note, Oak Road parking issues came up as both New Business and on the Manager's Late Agenda. At issue was the purported trouble with Norwood High School students parking on that road. Initially, Allan Howard proposed a ban much like the one recently put into effect on Rock Street: a ban from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Paul Bishop – hav-

ing spoken with a number of Oak Road residents and referring to a petition signed by most of the residents there – took a different view.

"They've never had a problem, as far as parking." On the rare occasion that a NHS student would park there, residents would simply call the High School and the car would be moved.

"As it stands right now, there is no particular problem on Oak Road with students from the High School parking there, and the people are adamant that they really don't want this (a parking restriction) to happen."

As motioned by Bishop, the parking restrictions on Oak Road (there had been an unobserved, unsigned 8 a.m.-3 p.m. restriction in effect) were reversed was approved unanimously.

The Board of Selectmen will not meet next week on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

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rience dealing with depression, which manifested itself shortly after her return from the 2012 London Olympics in which she had won five medals and became something of a celebrity in the process.

Having taken a year off from her studies at the University of Georgia to prepare for London, Schmitt found her return to Georgia to be completely different than what she had known. The experience – which was “really cool, at first” – soon became overwhelming.

“If I could have done anything to give those medals back and feel happy and feel myself again, that’s what I would have done,” Schmitt said.

Relocating to train in Baltimore after graduation, Schmitt’s condition – exacerbated by psychological and physical isolation – grew worse.

Responding to a question from Deutsch about when her depression actually hit, Schmitt responded, “I don’t know if I can pinpoint the exact moment, but I know that it was a rippling effect.”

It wasn’t until January 2015, when she gave up in a race that she was doing well in, that things began to change. After the race, Michael Phelps told her that he knew something was going on, and to let him know when she was ready to talk about it.

Two and a half hours later, she calmed down enough to stop sobbing.

“To this day, I honestly don’t know what I said, and some of it I probably wish I didn’t say, but I’m very grateful that I did say it,” Schmitt said.

She went into therapy immediately afterwards, but still kept quiet about it, letting only her parents know and making them promise to keep it to themselves.

It wasn’t until her 17-year-old cousin committed suicide that spring that Schmitt began to open up, while also acknowledging that asking for help “is the hardest thing to do. It makes training for the Olympics easy.”

The question and answer session was friendly and supportive while maintaining its seriousness. Schmitt fielded questions from adolescents, college students, and adults of different ages, many of whom related their own experiences and problems – or the experiences and problems of a family member – sometimes to ask Schmitt for her thoughts and other times just to share with her.

It was an adolescent boy named Ian, however, who Schmitt invited onstage after he had asked her what she learned about herself climbing out from her lowest point. As she stood

there, she answered.

“I was always Allison Schmitt the swimmer,” she said. “I learned more about who I was, what was important to me, and that the road to recovery allowed me to be more vulnerable.”

IAM Strong is the direct result of Emily Medina’s 13-year-old daughter Isabelle Alexandra Medina’s suicide on Sept. 6, 2014. In the days, weeks, and months after, she and a group of friends made it real.

In May 2015, 500 people turned out at the IAM Strong 5K fundraiser.

“We realized we had touched a nerve in the community, and that people believed in this message,” Cheryl Morrison Deutsch said.

Resilience was spoken theme in Emily Medina’s opening remarks, referred to in relation to others, her family and herself.

“To be able to see people come through some of the most difficult situations of their lives and to keep going... That is something that... That’s why I’m doing this,” Medina said.

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stating that the goal was to bring that number down to 40 percent in the long term.

In his report, he also determined that the Recreation Department would have to increase its net revenue by \$310,000 in order to reach this lower percentage of taxpayer subsidy.

Much of this proposed revenue increase would be achieved by increasing fees to rates comparable to surrounding towns. The sample base used for the report was taken from a group of 21 Metro West recreation departments of which Norwood is a member. Because of their proximity, Canton and Dedham were also added, bringing the total number of comparable towns to 23.

When asked by Slater how the Town's fees rank with these comparable towns, Hajjar responded, "Very low."

"I think we saw a constant every time we made a comparison that, if we weren't at the bottom, we were pretty close to the bottom," he said.

Hajjar added that most fees hadn't been raised in five to eight years, and that the goal of any increase would be to put fees into the 50 percent range in relation to comparable towns.

As an example, Hajjar used the adult seasonal pool pass, which at \$22 is much lower than the comparable town average of \$71. He recommended that the fee be gradually brought up to \$60 over three years.

"Part of that recommendation on most of these (fee increases) is to spread it out over a two, three, or four year period... so that people don't feel it right away," Hajjar said.

Farley got at the touchiness of

increasing revenue while maintaining a high participation level.

"That's the balance that David and I both struggle with," Farley said. "We both agree that we need to raise these rates, but you kind of have to weigh both sides."

Farley went on to say that he didn't want to have empty swimming pools and summer camps, as participation is the ultimate goal.

As Judith Langone clarified at one point, any recommended fee increase is just that: a recommendation that will go before the Board of Selectmen for their final vote.

An additional recommended revenue idea put forward by Hajjar was to add a fee onto the cost of classes offered by the Recreation Department in order to help defray building maintenance costs.

"I don't think that residents would mind this one so much," Farley added in support. "We would try to stay between \$6 and \$8 per class, just to keep it very affordable for classes that we have in the Civic, like art classes, enrichment classes, whatever they might be."

In conclusion, Langone got at the reason for the financial review.

"One of the reasons we wanted to do this... is we all know there's a cry for more money, more revenue," she said. "And it looks like there could be an override coming. And some people will say that there's a lot of fat on the Town side. Part of our purpose as a Finance Commission is to put this out early so that people can see the transparency of where the money's going."

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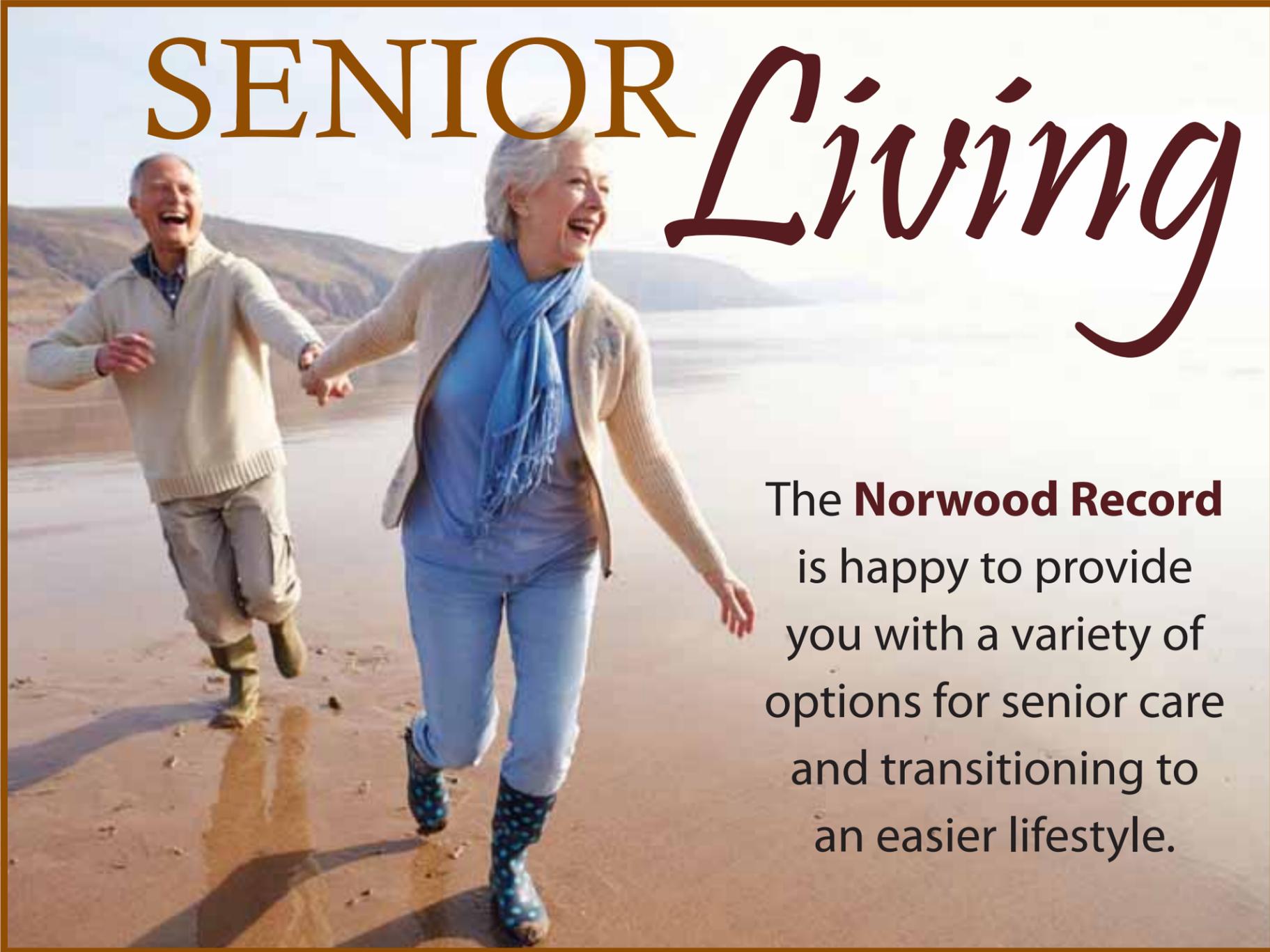
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Senior Center Glee Club: where anyone can join in

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday mornings at 11:15 a.m. at the Norwood Senior Center (275 Prospect St.), the Glee Club gets together for its weekly sing-a-long. It's one of many activities happening there throughout the day and week for senior citizens to participate in and have fun.

At around 11 a.m., participants begin to trickle in to the

nearly empty function room toward the stage, lined with two rows of padded, straight backed chairs in front of a large bingo board. Except for the sound of pianist Jerry Cardinal lightly touching on the upright piano in the back left corner of the stage, it's relatively quiet now as people find their usual seats and begin to settle in for the hour to come.

By the time Glee Club Director Joan Geist appears,

around half of the two rows of seats have filled up with singers. After a short stop at the piano to briefly go over some songs and their keys with Jerry, Geist steps before the group as the pianist makes a practice run through the first, familiar strains of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

Soon, the Glee Club is tentatively joining in and singing along, slowly warming up to the music. Even though it's still

only October, the theme is Christmas. In December, there will be a Christmas Celebration show and the group makes its way through its repertoire of fifteen carols or so, with Geist often conducting, reaching for high notes with her free hand while holding the music in her left, occasionally stopping a song long enough to go through some instructions and give guidance.

Geist – who used to have a musical variety show on Norwood Public Access – has been Glee Club Director for two years. The Christmas Celebration is one of three that the Club puts on over the year – the other two being the St. Patrick's Day show and the Summer Concert at around Independence Day.

After working out a few car-

ols, Jerry steps away from the piano to let Margret Loughnane take the chair to play two instrumental, vaguely familiar pieces ("Rachmaninoff's 2nd Piano Concerto" and Brahms's "Waltz in Ab," she informs me later) that draw the attention of the group, and then – when she has finished the pieces – its applause.

Today was her first time playing after four years coming from Westwood to sing in the Glee Club.

"The Director asked if I wanted to sing a solo and I said, 'No, piano's my thing.'"

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ing out old favorites. Jimmy McHugh's version of "My Way" is one of them. A regular at the Senior Center, the Glee Club is a particular favorite of his.

"This is one of my big things, taking advantage of these songs that we all have been singing for years."

Standing nearby on the stage – packing her things after the rehearsal is over – is Joan Mearns. Earlier, she sang "From Starry Skies Thou Comest" in Italian. She took a

moment to talk before heading out.

"I've been with it (the Glee Club) for almost five years now. I'm of Italian background, so the song I sing is in Italian."

Through the years, she had always sung in different choral groups and became aware of this one.

"I had been singing at home and I said, 'Oh, there's a glee club at the Senior Center. I have to join that.'"

As the rehearsal had been drawing to its conclusion, ac-



Glee Club Director Joan Geist leads members of the Norwood Senior Center's Glee Club. The group is in rehearsal for its annual Christmas Celebration show, to be held at the Center in early December.

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tivity steadily began to build in the function room as the sounds and smells of lunch being prepared in the adjoining kitchen, and the growing flow of the Noon crowd coming in began to accompany and compete with the action onstage.

By the time they called it a wrap, most of the group headed directly over to the tables and then to the serving window to take advantage of the \$5 hot lunches prepared by the Tech Phoenix Academy.

Barbara Hayden – who had been sitting next to Loughnane in the front row – has been coming to the Senior Center from Dedham for years. "Dedham has nothing, so that's why I do everything here."

Geist, listening from the opposite side of the table, builds on that comment.

"After they built this building – I don't know how many years now it has been up – the people from Westwood came over here because they liked the auditorium for dining."

A kitchen worker pushes a cartful of desserts by. Lunch will be over soon and line dancing will be starting up.

Loughnane – recalling her days as a music teacher and music therapist for the developmentally disabled – spoke of her newfound experience playing piano in the group after such a long time in it.

"What good is music if nobody hears it?"



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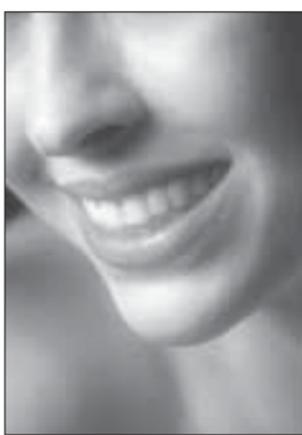
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Sports

Girls soccer secures first win of season over Stoughton, hopes to finish strong

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Megan Giambanco decided to share her birthday present with the entire Norwood High girls soccer team.

The Stonehill College-commit unleashed not one, not two, not three, but four goals on the Stoughton Black Knights on her 18th birthday to ensure the Mustangs would secure at least one win in the 2017 season. The final score could simply read Giambanco 4, Stoughton 3.

"It was Megan's birthday so she was definitely pumped up," Norwood head coach Rebecca Newman said after picking up the first win of her head coaching career, too. "All of the girls were pumped up for the game but Megan had the commitment with that."

After initially trailing 1-nil vs. Stoughton, Giambanco tacked on each of the next two goals for Norwood. The Black Knights, responded to tie the game at 2-apiece, but Giambanco put the Mustangs on top for good in the 24th minute of the first half.

The senior midfielder added her

fourth goal of the game in the second half to make it 4-2 Norwood, which wound up providing valuable insurance after Stoughton sliced the lead to 4-3. But thanks to some big saves from goalkeeper Delia Bartucca down the stretch, the Mustangs didn't have to settle for a draw with the Black Knights this time around.

"You could tell all of the girls were pumped up for the game," Newman said. "They could tell when it was getting close, and they all were trying to preserve the win and get the win on the board."

Norwood and Stoughton played to a 1-1 draw on Sept. 29 at Stoughton High School, the only other match this season in which the Mustangs have come away with a point.

"After the game, it almost felt like a loss to us," Newman said of the teams' first meeting. "So we were definitely looking to see if we could improve upon that. It was definitely great to get them the second time around."

For the season, Giambanco is up to nine goals and two assists for a team-best 11 points.

Newman is obviously ecstatic



Behind four goals from Megan Giambanco, the Norwood High girls soccer team earned its first win of the season and the first win of head coach Rebecca Newman's career.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

that the Mustangs were able to avoid going winless in her debut campaign, not necessarily for herself but for the general well-being of everyone involved in the program. Knowing that the match vs. Stoughton was perhaps one of the last chances to make it happen, there was an even greater sense of urgency and preparation in the days leading up to it.

"It was huge," Newman said. "We were working that whole week towards it in practice. Even that day in school, I had kids coming up to

me on the team being 'Ms. Newman, we're ready for this.' I had teachers coming up. So they were really kind of prepared for it. Hopefully we can try and end the season on a good note too with picking up another win."

The Mustangs lost their encore to the Black Knights victory, 3-1 vs. Ursuline Academy on Friday afternoon. Giambanco again provided the only offense for Norwood.

The Mustangs played in all likelihood their last match as a mem-

ber of the Bay State Conference on Tuesday afternoon at Brookline High School, in an event held after the Record's deadline. Norwood has not won a league game in girls soccer since the fall of 2011.

The Mustangs have one match left in the regular season, this afternoon against Sharon at 3:45 p.m. Norwood lost its first matchup with the Eagles this season, 6-nil, at Sharon High in its season opener on Sept. 5.

Consolation bracket begins for Norwood

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Norwood High's regular season in football has come to an end.

The Mustangs were unable to avoid a winless regular season with their seventh straight loss on Saturday afternoon at Norwood High School, as the visiting Milton Wildcats rolled to a 35-0 win.

Dating back to Week Four of last season, the Mustangs have lost 15 straight games.

William Crowley provided an early jolt for Milton with a 61-yard interception return for a touchdown, providing the Wildcats with all of the points they'd need. Milton took a 28-0 lead into the locker room and tacked on seven more in the second half to become the fifth team to blank the Mustangs in 2017.

Norwood finishes the regular season with 33 points over its seven games, 27 of which came in a heartbreaking 29-27 overtime loss vs. the Norton Lancers in Week Five.

It was in all likelihood the fi-

nal football game for the Mustangs as a member of the Bay State Conference, as its move to the Tri-Valley League should be finalized in the coming weeks. Aside from Dedham – which is already in the TVL – Norwood hasn't won a game against a Herget Division opponent on the gridiron since Nov. 5, 2011.

Norwood's 0-7 campaign is its second winless regular season of the decade, following up 2013's 0-7 record. The 2013 team finished 1-10 overall with a win in consolation play.

These Mustangs will still have four chances to remove the goose egg in the win column, beginning this weekend against the Sharon Eagles. The Eagles (1-6) have lost six in a row following a season-opening 32-14 win over the Randolph Blue Devils.

Sharon, which competes in the Hockomock League, went winless against Davenport Division competition while scoring just 10 points over the five games. After a 21-14 loss vs. the

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Volleyball stops skid, punches postseason ticket

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

From a five-game losing streak came back-to-back wins for the Norwood High girls volleyball team, the latter of which has the Mustangs postseason bound.

Norwood (7-10) is in via the Sullivan rule, but can still finish with a .500 record by winning its final three matches of the season.

The Mustangs knocked off the Sharon Eagles, 3-1, on Friday to get back on track before a clean sweep of the Dedham Marauders, 3-0, late Monday afternoon to clinch.

The set scores were 25-13, 25-17 and 25-17 in favor of Norwood, which completed a season sweep of Dedham in what is likely to be the only year the schools will compete in nonleague play. The Mustangs also swept the Marauders in their season opener on Sept. 5.

In addition to being the match that punched Norwood's



The Mustangs will have an opportunity to finish the season at exactly .500, if they can win their final three matches of the regular season.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

ticket to the Division 2 South tournament, the Mustangs and Marauders teamed up to hold a fundraiser with all proceeds going to relief from Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.

More specifically, the money raised will go directly to the school that Norwood freshman Andrea Zapata used to attend on the island. Zapata, one of the top players on the volleyball team, is originally from Puerto Rico.

"The saying/theme they came up with is "Together, We

Can Make a Difference," Mustangs head coach Paul Nimblett said. "The girls will be selling key chains/bracelets during school this week and also had a bake sale today after school and during the games. We also had shirts made up that the players and coaches wore today."

Zapata led Norwood with 10 kills in the match. Gretchen Sandstrum had 10 assists and five kills for the Mustangs and

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Town of Norwood

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Sealed proposals shall be received up to 11:00 A.M. (Verizon time), November 9, 2017, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood MA 02062 for the following service:

“Engineering/architectural services for the design and construction administration services for interior renovations to Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA”

The renovations include modernization of various offices on the ground floor and the second floor, modernization of restrooms, modernize the NPATV Room within the Selectmen’s Chambers, removal of interior walls and partitions, installation of folding partitions within enlarged meeting spaces, significant improvement to the electrical system and IT wiring within the building, and associated activities throughout the spaces cited.

The Town of Norwood is currently seeking proposals from qualified firms for professional services for the following scope of work:

Design services through design development, construction contract documents, bidding, award of construction contract(s), construction administration, final closeout and warranty period of the referenced Project.

Responsibilities and duties shall be as outlined in the Scope of Service and otherwise comply with the Massachusetts Construction Reform Legislation, Chapter 193 of the Acts of 2004.

The selected Architect/Engineer is to be involved in, but not limited to, these activities.

Designer’s Duties: The designer’s duties will consist of reviewing existing conditions and existing preliminary design documents, and developing therefrom a successful design; the preparation of a complete set of construction documents and specifications; and culminate with the pre-determination of contractor qualifications, bid submission and bonding reviews. This project also involves project management once construction begins.

A Scope of Designers Services and information packets shall be available at the Norwood Town Hall, in the Purchasing Department, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062. Contact Catherine Carney at (781) 762-1240, ext 107. Office hours are 8:15 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Documents can also be obtained electronically by registering and downloading at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>. A pre-proposal conference will be held in Room 24 of the Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062 on October 30, 2017, at 11:00 A.M.

The proposal must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed as follows: Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062, endorsed with the name and address of the offer, and marked “Proposal for Architect Design Services Renovation of Norwood Town Hall – CONTRACT #PBC-18-03”. Proposers shall submit an original and five (5) copies of their proposal and one (1) electronic version. The fee is to be negotiated. The estimated construction cost is \$900,000 - \$1 million.

Proposals shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 7C.

The Town of Norwood shall have the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof, or items therein, and to waive any defect of irregularities as to form, therein in accordance with MGL.

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

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Town of Norwood

Cardinal Spellman Cardinals in Week Two, the Eagles went on to lose 42-8 at North Attleboro, 33-0 vs. Stoughton, 35-0 vs. Milford, 31-2 vs. Canton and most recently, 31-0 at Foxboro.

Sharon is aligned in Division 3 South for postseason purposes, while Norwood is aligned in Division 4 South. But since each grouping has an odd number of teams, the consolation match was formed due to the likelihood of a competitive game and favorable geography.

Plymouth South (2-5) and Westwood (1-6, its lone win com-

ing against Norwood) are the other non-playoff teams in Division 4 South. Westwood is unlikely to appear on the consolation slate for the Mustangs given that the teams have already played, although Norwood did play Dedham twice a season in both 2015 and 2016.

Canton (2-5, Division 5 South), Medway (2-5, Division 6 South), Tri-County (1-6, Division 8 South) and Quincy (0-7, Division 2 South) would appear to be other candidates to fill out the consolation slate for the Mustangs.

As for the other teams in the Herget Division, Natick (6-0) is

the No. 2 seed in the Division 2 South region while Wellesley (3-4) failed to qualify for the Division 2 South postseason. Walpole, despite its 2-5 record, is the No. 8 seed in the Division 3 South bracket and Milton (5-1) is the No. 2 seed in the Division 4 South bracket.

Dedham, meanwhile, went 4-3 in its first season as a member of the TVL and earned the No. 7 seed in the Division 6 South bracket.

The Mustangs will face the Marauders on Thanksgiving Day at 10 a.m. at Dedham High School.

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Historic season for Norwood golf team nearing 19th hole

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

One of the most successful seasons in recent memory for the Norwood High golf team is winding down, but one item of business remains unsettled.

By finishing with a winning record as a team (7-5), the Mustangs were able to send their top six golfers to the Division 2 South Shore Sectional on Monday morning at Easton Country Club. It's there that Norwood co-captain Matt Hennessey shot a 5-over-par 76 and qualified for the Division 2 State Tournament next week, which will be held at Highlands Golf & Country Club in Grafton.

The Mustangs finished seventh out of 15 teams at the sectional tournament, where P.J. Hennessey narrowly missed the cuts for states with a 6-over-par 77 (76 was the cut-off).

In addition to the Hennesseys, the other four golfers who took to the course in Easton were co-captain Declan Tolman, Charlie Hanoian, Michael Curley and

Chris Martin. Oliver Ames High won the tournament, playing on its home course, with an aggregate 305. Hopkinton High finished just one stroke back with a 306, while Bishop Feehan High placed third with a 312. Team scores were comprised by compiling the best four individual scores from each participating team.

Norwood head coach Chuck Allen, in his first season in charge of the golf program – which is on top of his boys hockey and girls lacrosse duties – said that the team played Easton Country Club on Sunday prior to the tournament to get a feel for the course. Whenever the Mustangs were playing a public course on the road, it wouldn't be uncommon to see the players scouting the course out days in advance of a match, Allen said.

"It was a great success story for the kids," Allen said of the team qualifying for the postseason for the first time since 2014. "They worked hard, they practiced a lot. It was a great bunch of kids.

They tried to change the culture, believing we can win. And now they think they belong. That's what's great about it. Winning is contagious. Winning is not the whole thing, but it is part of it. You want to win when you play."

At the Bay State Conference Championships held on Oct. 17 at Wellesley Country Club, P.J. Hennessey finished in seventh place out of the 33 golfers in attendance, enough to earn a BSC All-Star nod. Matt Hennessey finished in 11th place, good enough for an honorable mention.

Over the course of the season, which is likely the final one for Norwood in the Bay State Conference, the Mustangs went 4-2 against the larger schools of the Carey Division – beating Weymouth, Newton North, Brookline and Framingham.

Allen confirmed that at the team's banquet held on Monday night that next year's captains will be Matt Hennessey, who served in the role this year as a junior, as well as Charlie Hanoian.



Norwood won't match last season's 15-5 record, but newcomers such as Jasmine James, pictured above, have kept the team competitive.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

Shaniya Seney had seven service points and five aces.

"There were contributions from everyone in the win," Nimblett said.

Norwood faced the Brookline Warriors on Tuesday afternoon and travel to Walpole to take on the Rebels this afternoon at 5 p.m. at the Elm Street School.

The Mustangs will have their final match of the regular season at home on Monday afternoon at 5 p.m., which will double as a rematch with Sharon. Should Norwood win out, it will bypass the Sullivan rule for postseason entry for a second consecutive season.

Even with the five straight losses before Dedham and Sharon, Nimblett believes the team learned a lot about itself and that the younger players were able

to gain valuable experience.

"We will need that as the rest of the season winds down," Nimblett said.

Senior co-captain Kiki Ryan missed several of the matches due to injury before returning against Milton, the final game of the losing skid. She didn't miss a beat upon her return, recording five straight kills to open the match and finished with 10 overall, as well as two blocks in an 18-25, 15-25, 19-25 loss vs. the Wildcats.

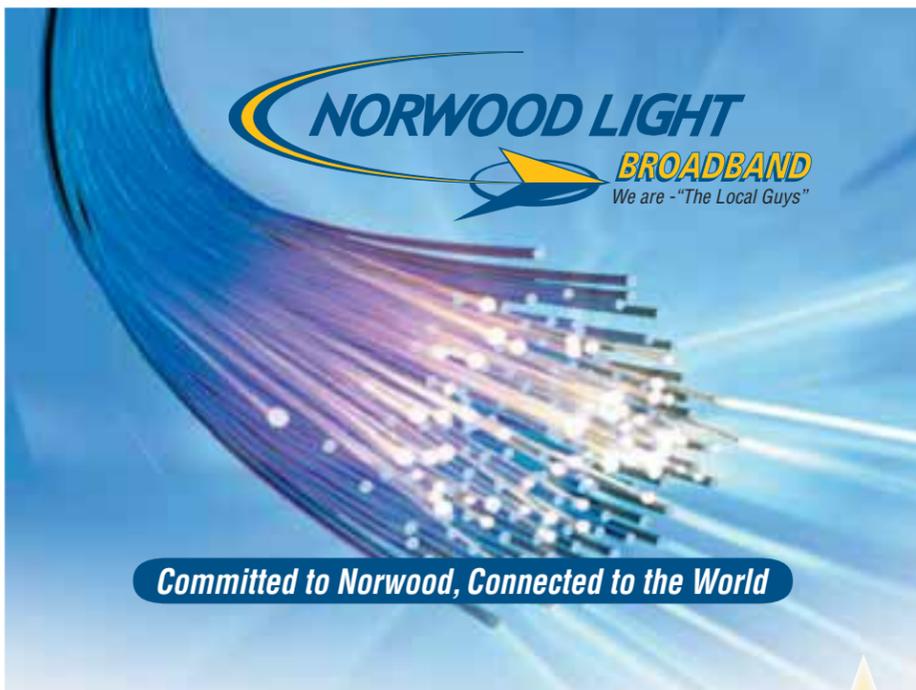
Zapata had 10 digs and five kills in the match, Seney had 10 digs and eight service points and Danielle Currihan also had 10 digs in the Milton match.

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BYRNE

John Nelson Jr. (Nelson) of Norwood, Mass., passed away peacefully on Sept. 29, 2017 at the Ellis Rehabilitation Facility in Norwood at age 87. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary C. Byrne, and his sons Paul C. Byrne of Bedford, N.H.; Mark N. Byrne of Norwood; and John N. Byrne III of North Attleboro, Mass.; his brother, Donald G. Byrne of Arlington, Va.; and four grandchildren. Born and raised in Belmont, Mass., Mr. Byrne graduated from Belmont High School in 1947 and he received a Bachelor's degree in History from Boston University in 1951. Additionally he received a Master's degree in Mathematics, also from Boston University, in 1958. He taught mathematics for many years at several junior high schools, most notably at Warren Junior High School in Newton, Mass. before retiring in 1985. Mr. Byrne was memorialized in a private ceremony at Gillooly

DEATHS

Funeral Home in Norwood on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Timothy's Church in Norwood.

LORING

Harold E., Jr. Of Norwood, Oct. 14. Beloved father of Edward R. Loring, and his wife Patricia A. (Gore) Loring, of Norwood, and Jeffrey A. Loring of Norton; and loving grandfather of Madison, Colin and Melissa Loring. Brother of the late Kenneth R. Loring, and son of the late Thelma I. (Russell) and Harold E. Loring, Sr. Also survived by his former wives, Donna (Robinson) Metcalf of Taunton, and Joanne (Flynn) Menice of Florida. Visiting hours were at the Folsom & May Funeral Home, 85 Nichols St.,

NORWOOD. Funeral was at the funeral home followed by interment in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

MACDOUGALL



John C "Collie" of Norwood, age 67, passed on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017. Formerly of Jamaica Plain, John was predeceased by his parents John Angus MacDougall & Catherine Smith MacDougall, sisters Mary Guardabascio, Theresa Dennett

and brother James MacDougall. He is survived by his wife, Denise MacDougall (Comeau), his daughter Cayla MacDougall and son Alexander MacDougall of Norwood. His sisters Agnes Haalbloom of California, Daniel MacDougall of Arlington, Va., Dorothy "Dottie" East of California, Joan Louise of Taunton, John Warren MacDougall of Middleboro, Margaret "Peggy" Kelly of Connecticut as well as many nieces and nephews. Collie was a proud Vietnam Air Force Veteran, a retired pipefitter for Amtrak, South Boston. He also worked at Issac Blair as a Rigger and Shorer. Visiting hours will be held in the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. WEST ROXBURY on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 4-8 p.m. A private Veteran's Burial Ceremony will be held at Massachusetts National Cemetery at a later date TBD.

MARTIN

Ann T. (Molloy) Of Norwood, Oct. 18. Beloved wife of the late Edward J. Mother of Eileen Frawley and her husband Gerard of Quincy, Maureen Martin Brown and her husband Ken of Montana, Thomas Martin of W. Roxbury, Nancy Bagley and her husband Brian of Rhode Island, Theresa Aloisio and her husband Stephen of Plymouth and Edward J. Martin Jr. and his wife Patti of Mansfield. Sister of

the late Catherine Bagley, Rita Olson, Margaret McLatchey, John, James, Phillip, William and Rev. Francis Molloy. Also survived by 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Visiting hours were at the Dockray & Thomas Funeral Home, 455 Washington St., CANTON. Funeral Mass was at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Burial was at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Donations may be made in her memory to a charity of your choice.

OSOJNICKI

Lorraine J. (Dickson) 81, of New Bedford and formerly of Dedham, Thursday, Oct. 19. Beloved mother of Lance Osojnicki and his wife Jen of Portsmouth, R.I., Beth White and her husband Bill of Milford, Brenda Souza of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Derek Osojnicki and his wife Jen of Cumberland, R.I. Loving grandmother of Adam and James Osojnicki, Matt, Nick, and Joe White, Ashley Moran, and Alyssa Donovan, and great grandmother of Chase, Elijah, Milan, and Owen. Sister of Jim Dickson of Florida, Jackie Hergt of Connecticut, and Helen Fahey of Dedham. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Lorraine was the former wife of Frank Osojnicki of Norwood, and the long-time companion of the late William Clark. A Memorial service was held on Wednesday, Oct. 25 in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A), NORWOOD. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Lorraine's memory to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

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