



The Budget Balancing Committee discussed a variety of options on Monday night, as they have to raise or cut \$3.58 million from Fiscal Year 2012 budget requests.

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Everything on the table

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

From overrides to union concessions, Committee seeks solutions

Due to an eight-year-old court case with the Polaroid Corporation, the town's Fiscal Year 2012 budget has been affected, and the town must make up a balance of \$231,097.01.

"The Fiscal Year 2003 real estate tax appeal by Polaroid Corporation on property located at 100 Upland Road has been settled through the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board and the United States Bankruptcy Court," Board of Assessors Chairman Paul Wanecek wrote in a letter to Town Clerk and Accountant Bob Thornton. "The amount of the refund due to Polaroid

Corporation from the Town of Norwood is \$300,000, inclusive of interest."

This is partially offset by the \$68,902.99 balance that remains in the FY 2003 overlay account. However, this leaves the town owing \$231,097.01, which must be added to the FY 2012 budget.

"It's basically a quarter of a million dollar hit we took, and there is not much we can do about it," Thornton said, later adding, "You can't absorb things of this magnitude."

The funds will have to be raised on the FY 2012 tax rate recap as an overlay deficit. Wanecek's decision to keep

funds in the FY 2003 overlay account helps mitigate the impact, but the remaining \$231,097.01 needs to be split among the school and general government departments, and represents further cuts.

"He only had \$60,000 in there, and he was carrying it for eight years," Thornton said.

The recent hit has caused General Manager John Carroll to re-examine the possibility of an Early Retirement Incentive program. Carroll believes that through some budget cuts and the

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Hydrant shoveling issue addressed in agreement

Town Hall needs significant repairs

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen approved an agreement between the Department of Public Works (DPW) and Fire Department on how the clearing of fire hydrants will be handled in the future. The agreement acknowledges that it is the DPW's responsibility to install, repair and maintain the fire hydrants, but in certain snow conditions, the Fire Department will assist in digging them out.

The Selectmen voted 4-1 to approve this agreement, with Helen Abdallah-Donohue opposed. Donohue felt the language in the agreement was not clear, and wanted a recommendation from Town Council prior to a vote. Other board members were comfortable with the agreement, and approved it with just one change: removing a statement saying when the Fire Department digs out hydrants, "as much as possible this should be done on straight time."

The agreement lists the procedures the Fire Department and DPW will follow. First, as soon as snow efforts have wound down, the DPW will provide at least one bucket machine for the primary excavation work around each fire hydrant. The Fire Department will be charged with locating the buried fire hydrants, as well as determining the order in which they should be cleared of snow.

"The Fire Department will then provide a small crew, to-

gether with standby emergency vehicles, to complete the hand clearance around each fire hydrant," the agreement states.

Selectman Bill Plasko noted that should an emergency occur while firefighters are shoveling out hydrants, they could use those standby vehicles to respond.

The Fire Department and DPW will be able to request assistance from the townspeople, as they did during the February snowstorms. The agreement states, "As necessary, Fire Chief and the Director of Public Works will notify the general public about the need for their assistance in clearing the hydrants."

Selectman Michael Lyons noted that the need for this agreement came about after the February snowstorms, when General Manager John Carroll asked the Fire Department to assist clearing out hydrants. However, Fire Chief Michael Howard said he would not ask the firefighters to complete such a task.

"It obviously should have been done," Lyons said, but Howard refused on behalf of the firefighters without first asking the firefighters.

Since then, several have stepped forward saying they would have shoveled out hydrants, if asked. This agreement will make it so the town can avoid such a situation going forward.

"I believe we owe it to all

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Economic Committee backs Norwood on Film

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Economic Development Committee unanimously backed Jonathan Cardoni's project, Norwood on Film, which aims to attract movie production companies to town for filming.

Cardoni met with the Economic Development Committee on Feb. 23, the same day the movie "Ted" was being filmed on Albemarle Road in

Norwood. Norwood on Film wasn't involved in bringing "Ted" to town, but recognizes the benefits that come from it.

"During this project [Norwood on Film], we really needed to get one here," Cardoni said. "Once one comes in, it gets so much easier. This basically just fell in our laps."

While there were just two days of filming in Norwood, the mere presence of the film led to added economic benefits for the town, as well as a great deal of media coverage and publicity.

More publicity should come in May or June, as a production assistant for the movie confirmed they would return to Albemarle Road for additional filming during the spring.

"Even a single scene like this or a series of scenes can bring a lot to the town," Cardoni said. "It really brings so much focus to Norwood."

Part of Cardoni's project is

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Jonathan Cardoni presents the Norwood on Film website.

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Are they your Norwood neighbors? For the past couple of months it has been reported that a man and woman come out of their home at night, at different times in their 'PJs.' They step out onto the landing, the automatic light goes on, and they go into the garage and carry out food. Are they perhaps testing a new diet method by possibly leaving the refrigerator in the garage?

OUR TOWN'S JENNIFER RODGER, ALL AROUND CHAMPION

Westfield State University has announced that the women's swim and diving team cruised to a 149-114 victory over host Bridgewater State University Jan. 22. The 'Westfield Owls' posted nine first place finishes with an important part played by junior Jennifer Rodger, with two individual wins. Along with being a terrific young woman, Jenn is an honor student, and this March will be inducted into the 'Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi.' Jenn aspires to be a mathematics teacher. Proud parents are Our Town's Tom and Diane Rodger. Go Jenn!

BE ALERT
 The news has reported that people are receiving bills that at first glance look like your monthly National Grid bill. Some bills are a sham. Make sure you pore over the bill carefully and are not duped!

GREAT WORK
 Thank you to Our Town's crews from the DPW and the Electric Co. Again, without question, our streets are the best around given the non-stop snow events. Recently we had a Town-wide power outage in the morning, and as usual, the power was restored in a matter of minutes. Their work is obviously very dangerous and we appreciate



Jackie Saber

ate their dedication to their profession. We also appreciate the dedication of the members of our professional Police and Fire Dept's. All and all, Our Town is extremely fortunate. We have the best!

DO YOU WATCH NPA?
 Norwood Public Access TV presents 'Table Talk,' a program with a panel of guest speakers. The host, Tom Cummings, asks varied and myriad questions regarding Our Town with important information and opinions being shared by his guests who are involved in our community. I wish the program could be aired on a weekly basis. The hour is very enjoyable.

GET WELL
 Our Town sends super get-well wishes to Beverly DiFlaminies. Bev is a terrific person, and we all hope you are feeling better. Sam, are you cooking, and what is your specialty? Get well soon Bev!

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CHRISTMAS COMES TO HEARTHSTONE ESTATES IN FEBRUARY

Recently, for the second time in a number of years, Albemarle Road was used for a national movie scene. The film, titled 'Ted,' stars M. Wahlberg. I was taken by surprise when driving on Albemarle to see that our former first home was be-decked with a Nativity scene on the front lawn with 1980's cars in driveways. It brought back great memories of raising our children in a fabulous home for many years, as Hearthstone is a great neighborhood.

DISRESPECT FOR AMERICAN MILITARY

Recently, young Army Staff Sgt., Anthony Masheck, was speaking at Columbia University about the reconsideration of ROTC on campus. The young man, the recipient of the 'Purple Heart,' was wounded 11 times, lost a leg, treated for 2 years at Walter Reed, and is in a wheelchair. He is now going on with his life as a student at Columbia.

When he stated to the young audience that "There are people out there that want to kill us," many of the students began laughing, booing, calling him names, and a racist, which makes no sense. The only reason the students had the freedom to react the way they did (even though wrong and disrespectful) is because of what our service men and women have done for our country. What do the students (our future leaders of America?) think about the stu-

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 Grateful thanks. —J.F.



Numerous seniors stopped by the Senior Center last Thursday to hear Christie Hager and Ann Hartstein speak on the Affordable Care Act.

PHOTO BY BRAD COLE

Seniors hear about Affordable Care Act

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Dozens of seniors attended a presentation at the Senior Center featuring U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Regional Director Christie Hager and Massachusetts Secretary of Elder Affairs Ann Hartstein, who discussed the Affordable Care Act and Medicare on Thursday, Feb. 24.

Hager and Hartstein addressed the benefits provided by the Affordable Care Act; answered questions seniors had about the act, including questions about Medicare and the recently issued Donut Hole checks; the potential costs of repealing the act; and the strength of Medicare going forward.

Hartstein stressed that the aging process and concerns of seniors affect more than just those over the age of 65.

"Early developments and healthy habits help people age well," Hartstein said. "The aging agenda is not just about people over 65: it's about everyone. We really want everyone to think about aging as a lifelong process."

As such, people need to realize that the portions of the Affordable Care Act that affect seniors and Medicare will eventually affect younger people

when they turn 65. While there are some elements of the bill for people of all ages, such as protection for people with pre-existing medical conditions, there are numerous portions that address Medicare and the elderly population, Hager said.

One of these was the annual Medicare open enrollment option presented to seniors last fall.

"Open enrollment was an opportunity to do an annual Health Insurance checkup," Hager said. "It's really a chance for you to take stock and be mindful of your coverage in the upcoming year."

One key portion of the Affordable Care Act deals with preventative services. Hager said their goal is to keep people well so they do not need to access expensive medical procedures and services, and preventative services like annual mammograms, flu shots and wellness exams will help accomplish this.

"This is a first in the history of the Medicare program," Hager said. "[Preventative services] will now be available at no cost to you in the Medicare program in 2011."

Hager noted there has been some talk by D.C. politicians to repeal the act, but for now the Department of Health and Human Services will continue

with implementation of the law and its benefits.

"We are not moving back one bit on full implementation of this health care law. Be assured, we are not letting up," Hager said, noting that thousands of Americans have been touched by and benefited from the Affordable Care Act already.

During the question and answer session after the presentation, some seniors questioned if and how the Affordable Care Act is different from socialized medicine.

Hager said it merely expands access to health insurance for Americans, and "there is no indication that this will lead to what you call socialized medicine," adding that some states have proposed going further than what the federal law outlines.

"There have been individual states that have proposed, on the state level, to have a single-

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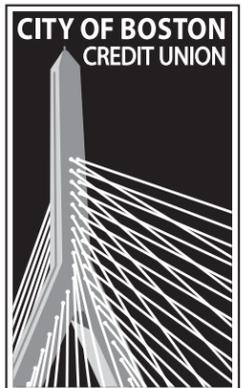
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Editorial

EDUCATION, NOT FACILITATION

Across the country, elected officials are hearing from groups of both students and educators advocating for new sex education programs and having schools distribute condoms. The debate, as one might expect, drew the usual, and polarized, slew of critics and advocates. The latter stressed that rising rates of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases makes easier access to birth control an imperative. The former group, including the Catholic Action League, cited moral and religious objections, also making the case that condoms are not 100 percent effective.

This sort of debate is unlikely to inspire compromise. The opposite ends of the spectrum will never agree to meet in the middle. Yet, that may be the reasonable path to take. There is no denying that today's youth are more sexually active than previous generations and engage in such behaviors at a younger age. Perhaps we overstate the "back in my day" argument that is less than honest about what kids did, or didn't do in the past. Nevertheless, we can't turn a blind eye to the reality. There are health reasons that are troubling as well. Too often we view youthful promiscuity in terms of two worst-case scenarios - pregnancy and AIDS. In truth, there is a whole spectrum of other diseases that are increasing at an almost epidemic rate. Whether or not kids should be doing what they are doing is irrelevant, the reality is that they are and the consequences can be life shattering.

As such, we'd support a new sex education approach, but only if it took a "scared straight" approach. It cannot be a genteel lecture by a nurse. No, there should be horror stories. We need single mothers to talk about how their dreams were derailed. We need doctors to lay out in graphic detail the medical damage that can be wrought by risky, unprotected behaviors.

Some argue that schools have no business taking on such a responsibility from parents. Well, parents - due to their own prejudices and blinders - may not be as upfront, honest or scary as an outsider might be. Kids today understand well that the stork doesn't bring babies and what happens when "a mommy and a daddy love each other very much." What they need, in no uncertain terms, is to have the potential consequences of their actions illustrated as graphically as possible.

Let's also put to rest the lingering chatter that this is somehow an inner-city issue, one focused on minority populations. Teens of all backgrounds are making mistakes when it comes to physical relationships. Parents of all political persuasions, religious backgrounds and economic status are failing to adequately prepare their children for the pressures they face and the risks they take on. Case in point: Bristol Palin.

That said, however, the issue of handing out condoms is troubling. To start with, access isn't the problem. In a day and age where any teen can easily score a bag of weed or a case of beer on short notice, we find it hard to believe they can't muster up some birth control. No, the issue is that precautions are not being taken. It is not necessarily a matter of being wrapped up in rash, spur-of-the-moment errors in judgment. No, it's the simple fact that many don't care or they don't want to. It is a lack of maturity (and something that is not limited to teens, unfortunately) that is to blame. It is also a lack of responsibility. Handing out birth control in schools may be well intentioned, but the end result is that it gives a tacit approval for their actions. It normalizes their behaviors and legitimizes their push for physical intimacy.

We are not naïve. We know that kids will do what they will at that age, as they have for generations in the past and will do in the future, but we need to make it harder for today's teens to make bad choices, not to facilitate them and let them stock up for the weekend's hook ups on the taxpayer dime.

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Letters to the Editor

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT MOVING FORWARD

To the Editor:

I respect the right of Mr. Cawley to have his opinions when writing the editorial for his newspaper. Editorial equals opinion—, hence you are entitled. In fact, I am happy that you continue to be in the business of covering relevant topics and I enjoy reading your paper and the personal touch that you provide via the editorial.

I do want to address statements that were made in the editorial and respond with an opinion that is my own.

Somewhere in that editorial, the question of "professionalism" was raised. I am a volunteer that is elected by the community to make the right decisions and in this case the right decision, based upon current data, is to abide by our original vote to have a (3) year "contract with ourselves" to run SPED transportation in-house. In my opinion there are no overwhelming facts or figures that should warrant the exploration of NOT being in this business and therefore we should proceed with the venture at this time. Furthermore, we should not question this commitment because of baseless claims or outside influences exerting pressure. I like to think that professionalism is attributed to people who keep their word and work hard. I do both as an elected official.

You challenged my business acumen by stating that it is "good to constantly evaluate prior decisions" and that we have to "understand that decisions made could be wrong and have an element of risk". Bravo—you eloquently stated the obvious and also completely ignored the premise of my comments, as they related to why I felt this conversation was not warranted at this time.

My comments at the meeting were based upon my prior evaluation of the department that led to belief in the following:

1. The oversight/evaluation of the department has been ongoing and thorough and yielded positive feedback. Therefore, at this time we do not need to be preparing, or talking about going out to bid.

2. The transportation De-

partment, through the use of Federal Stimulus dollars, spent less taxpayer money in year one of the venture and will also result in taxpayer savings at the end of this current fiscal year.

3. Given the fiscal and operational data currently available, there is no basis for thinking that our original decision was wrong or could do irreparable harm if we continue with this venture for year number three.

4. We have had several discussions on this same topic at prior meetings and found no overwhelming basis for concern. Having this discussion repeated is not productive to running our current transportation business and confuses the public as to what is actually transpiring with the service. I expect continuing updates and another thorough review as we enter into year number three.

5. As a sitting school committee member I take seriously the opinion of the Superintendent. Seeing that Mr. Hayden was not "ringing the alarm bells" on this topic, allows me further confidence that our current path should be followed and we should trust in our administrations guidance when it comes to the operation of school system departments.

Then you graced me with your advice that "business is never personal". First, you forgot to footnote the Godfather Movie and secondly, since when is business not personal? How personally involved are you in this newspaper? Everything is personal if you truly care about the outcome. My School Committee position is not about making blind decisions for the rights of some big corporation, it is about doing what is right for the community and school system that has done right by me. Remember we entered into this business back in fiscal 2010 in order to avoid the lay-offs of classroom teachers for that coming school year. I have enough integrity where I can personally care about the outcome, but still make the correct educated choice on how we spend taxpayer dollars. Do you think for one minute, that if we were not tracking correctly I would continue to be a proponent of this venture? The answer is, no, I would not. This department has been audited and scrutinized more than any department in our system. I can't speak for all members, but I know exactly where we stand in a fiscal sense, but more importantly in a customer service sense. This information has been provided to the committee and in fact we put this department to the test with a "mock bid" process just over a month ago. I am comfortable with the results of that process and stand by our original vote.

As with anything, if you look hard enough, every venture has its issues. You deal with the issues and try to come up with some "best practices" that

will put you in position for future efficiency. When you are in business, you do not need to create your own internal obstacles. My unwillingness to constantly discuss this department is not because I am against oversight and auditing, but I am against creating a false perception that there is something wrong going on internally. If there are issues, the Superintendent is charged with bringing them forward and the committee can respond.

I stand by everything I said at that school committee meeting. Without having data to support me, I have no bias towards the Norwood Schools having a transportation department in-house or going the outsourced route. Since I have that data, my decision is to keep moving forward with the in-house process. What I do have a bias towards is "making the right decisions for the town" and "saving the taxpayers money" without sacrificing the delivery of education to our kids. I'll repeat my above comment—this department, combined with the Federal Stimulus money, will save the taxpayers money for (2) consecutive years.

I want to thank Mr. Cawley for taking time out of his day to chat with me after this editorial was printed. Although it has already been done, I feel that his exercise of "doing a thorough review of SPED Transportation finances" is a great way for him to see firsthand the validation of this department. Please contact our business office so you can be furnished with data that reflects "actuals". I also suggest that in doing this review he combines it with feedback from the beneficiaries of our service. Talk to the SPED, Athletic and Fine Arts directors and tell me what you find out. Talk to Principals, teachers and student aides. Talk to the high school tutors, lead program, hockey players, music members and teams that benefit from the use of this service. Also, talk to the parents of the kids that are riding in Norwood owned vehicles, and while you are at it, talk to the retired firefighter, police officers and others that make up the staff. I am sure the response will be positive and if you uncover any complaints, I trust fully that our Transportation Department will respond. I am just as confident with the fiscal aspect of this department as I am with the service component and look forward to seeing your findings and sitting down with you if you choose to discuss this further.

In the future, if anyone would like to discuss this topic further, please pick up the phone and let's have a conversation. I can promise that I will always find time to answer questions and take your feedback.

Paul Samargedlis
Norwood
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DPW battles potholes

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The winter weather creates all sorts of problems for drivers, everything from slippery roads to low visibility to fallen tree branches to the dreaded pothole. Norwood is not immune to these problems, and potholes have popped up all around town, including on Prospect Street, Upland Road and Nahatan Street.



There are several potholes in the roads around town.

PHOTO BY BRAD COLE

While Upland Road is part of the state highway system, there are numerous locations throughout Norwood where the Department of Public Works (DPW) is hard at work patching and repatching areas afflicted by potholes.

with a cold patch in the case of emergency and hot asphalt for a more permanent fill. This hot asphalt comes from plants in Avon and Hyde Park.

are working against the weather. If the pothole is a major issue, a temporary fill can be used during rainy days, then later addressed with hot asphalt.

"We've got a few bad areas, like upper Nahatan Street and lower Morse Street, near Boch New to You," said Matt Stencil, General Foreman for the DPW.

Weather plays a role in when the DPW can fill potholes. On wet, rainy days such as Feb. 28, the department's ability to fill potholes is limited. However, on dryer days, there are two crews out around town, filling all the potholes they come across.

A variety of factors, including weather, temperatures and age of the road, contribute to the creation of potholes.

"We get to them all as quick as we can," Stencil said, noting the role weather plays in both the formation of and ability to fix potholes.

"When it rains or snows, the water gets into the cracks in the road and freezes," Stencil said, and this puts increased stress on paved roads.

The DPW receives several calls about potholes daily. Stencil said residents may report potholes by calling the department at 781-762-1413. The only piece of information needed is the pothole's location, whether it be the exact address or relative location.

As cars drive over this, the pavement can break, and this continued breakage can lead to the formation of a pothole. While they are usually only a couple inches deep, they can grow to several feet in width, and can be a danger to drivers.

"If a couple people call about a major pothole, we try to get out there," Stencil said, even if they

In order to combat this danger, multiple DPW crews have been out filling potholes, both

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Town of Norwood**

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"Foreclosure Prevention Specialist – Consultant Services"

The Foreclosure Prevention Specialist position will be funded by Community Development Block Grant Funds via an amendment to the Town's FY 2010 Community Development Fund grant which was awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) through Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Funding for foreclosure prevention counseling services will be contingent upon the approval of the grant amendment to the FY 2010 Community Development Fund Grant. The total fee for the services is not to exceed \$10,000.00.

A copy of the Request for Proposals may be obtained from the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 (781) 762-1240, Extension 106 or 107.

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 offerer, and marked "Foreclosure Prevention Specialist - NGM-11-06". The proposer shall submit an original and two (2) copies of the sealed proposal as well as an original and two (2) copies of the pricing pages. **THE PRICING PAGES SHALL BE SEALED IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE AND MARKED "PRICING PAGES – Foreclosure Prevention Specialist."**

Proposals shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 30B. Every proposal shall be on forms furnished by the Town of Norwood. Proposals submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of proposals, Saturdays and Sundays excluded.

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.

BY: John J. Carroll
General Manager

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involved, including the people of Norwood, to have something in writing," Lyons said, and this agreement is just that: written clarification of what the Fire Department should do in the event of fire hydrants buried under piles of snow.

The agreement will be signed by Director of Public Works Mark Ryan, Board of Selectmen Chairman Jerry Kelleher, Howard and Carroll.

Carroll also informed the board about a preliminary report from Gienapp Design Associates on the condition of the Norwood Town Hall tower. Gienapp was hired to evaluate the building's condition and provide an estimate on what it would cost to repair Town Hall. The draft report reveals the building is in need of some major repairs.

"They found significant damage," Carroll said. "Their

preliminary estimate is it is going to cost between \$1.5 million and \$1.75 million to repair the damage done by the weather over the years to the Town Hall."

Carroll noted that this comes from the draft report: Gienapp Design Associates will examine the interior of the building next week.

Plasko described the draft report as both great and terrible, as it provides the town with both a great amount of detail regarding the damages to the Town Hall, but terrible in that the condition is so bad and the cost associated with repairing it.

"There are all sorts of problems throughout the whole building," Carroll said, and this report gives them the information necessary to face these problems going forward.

Donohue noted that, "Even though this is a significant expense, we have no control over

it. It's just the weather and age of the building," and it is good to address these issues now, rather than wait longer and see more damage done to the building.

The board also continued their public hearing with Sheraton Four Points, as the restaurant was looking to serve alcohol at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

"The reason we would like to have these hours extended is to accommodate functions," said Four Points General Manager Kevin Casey, noting they offer functions on Sunday morning, but due to restrictions, cannot serve alcohol until noon.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved his request, making the Four Points the fifth restaurant in town allowed to serve alcohol on Sunday mornings, joining Sky Restaurant, BonCaldo's, The Chateau and Lewis' Bar & Grill.

Norwood on Film

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the informational website www.norwoodonfilm.com/. Cardoni created this site with Dan Busler, and they aim to attract location-scouting companies to town.

The website includes a directory of services and resources in town, including lists of hotels and lodging, production companies, caterers and food service companies, transportation options and equipment rental. This directory is by no means an exhaustive list: the website is still in its early stages, and will expand as time goes on.

The site also includes a contact page and a large photo gallery, which showcases numerous sites of interest in town, including churches, fields and ballparks, the town common, key streets and buildings and the cemetery. It is meant to help show the diverse number of locations in Norwood.

"The highlight of the site is, of course, the photo gallery," Cardoni said. "We tried to identify some locations that would be beneficial to films."

Cardoni noted that they are constantly updating the photo database. For example, he was at Albemarle Road on Wednesday, taking pictures to post on the website to demonstrate that there are films being made in Norwood.

While a lot of effort has been put in, the website is not complete yet. Cardoni has several ideas for the future of the site, some of which require town approval.

"One thing we'd like to add is some specifics about permitting," Cardoni said, such as a point of contact in Town Hall and downloadable applications for film producers to submit.

The Economic Development Committee named Director of Community Planning and Economic Development Stephen Costello as this point of contact, and he will help guide film companies through the entire permitting process. Cardoni noted that most companies already know what they need - the goal here is to expedite the process for them.

In addition, Cardoni wants to

have the site linked to on both the town's website and the Massachusetts Film Office's website.

The Massachusetts Film Office assists producers in identify script-appropriate, film-friendly locations in the state. Currently, just seven other communities have their own film web pages: the Berkshires, Boston, Dennis, Falmouth, Merrimac Valley, New Bedford and Quincy. These sites offer similar information, such as photo galleries and permitting applications.

The Economic Development Committee backed Cardoni's plan, and unanimously voted to have him meet with the Board of Selectmen in March to present it formally to that group.

"We can really make this something more than just by chance," Selectman and Economic Development Committee member Bill Plasko said, noting that this is a unique project that aims to create a resource for the film industry, and one that could be very beneficial for the town.

Saber

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dent in Texas from Saudi Arabia, on a student visa, that has been arrested by the FBI this week (with much evidence) on a mission to kill the 'infidels in America.' His evil hatred includes all of us. Is that laughable too? Stop laughing and grow up. A college, no matter which college, is only as good as what it produces.

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according to experts. In 2007 Pres. Bush lifted a moratorium on drilling when the price of a barrel was approx. \$144. Within 3 months, the price was down to approx. \$33. Is it due to a lack of common sense that the gov't continues to purchase most of our power from corrupt countries, or just politics as usual?

GOV'T HEALTHSCARE BILL

A few weeks ago I reported that the Pres. healthcare council was scheduled to meet behind closed doors to 'discuss' limiting the amount of doctor's visits and limiting the number of procedures allowed to Medicare patients. The news media

has not yet reported the results of the meeting. Where's the promised transparency? We want truthful answers and we want them now! Since when does a medically untrained group of politicians trump the training of medical professionals?

I received a very nice letter from a reader including an attachment entitled, 'microchipping in the healthcare bill.' Go to...daily-paul.com/node/105079 and see what you think.

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Not all HS changes approved

Tables discussion on badge printer, CO detector

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) approved nearly \$39,000 in pending change orders (PCOs) at their Feb. 24 meeting.

The most expensive of these was a \$16,338 PCO to run digital wiring to the football field's press box and to the front lawn of the school. This will allow Norwood Public Access Television (NPA) to film from both these locations. The conduit is already in place, but this approval lets them lay the wiring and provides NPA with broadcast capability so they can cover sporting events and graduations.

The PBCC also approved a \$12,922 PCO that allows them to upgrade the quality of the switches in the school's surveillance system. There are approximately 100 security cameras in the building, as well as 30 cameras at key locations outside and around the building.

This item was approved as a not-to-exceed \$13,500 construction change directive (CCD) at their Jan. 27 meeting. They also addressed the not-to-exceed \$10,000 CCD that modified the seating layout of the auditorium. The PCO came in at \$7,453, and allows them to remove two rows of 19-inch

wide seats in the upper auditorium, and replace them with two rows of seventeen 22-inch wide seats.

The PBCC didn't approve every PCO presented to them, opting to table requests for a visitor badge printer, an additional carbon monoxide unit in the kitchen and replacement door closers, seeking more information. The most expensive of these tabled PCOs was the \$8,504 visitor badge printer.

"I don't understand the price," PBCC member Paul Meyer said. "It's a compact computer with a Staples label printer."

He noted that the visitor badge printer would create a photo database of people who enter the school, and allow the administration to print out one-sided badges for visitors, but questioned the price tag and its appropriateness for the school. He has seen these machines used before at the Boston Convention Center, and questioned if it made sense to install one at the main lobby of a high school.

"In this circumstance, I don't think it makes sense," Meyer said, adding, "It's only as good as the procedures in place to use it."

Steve Theran, Project Manager with Compass, said the machine is a safety measure, meant to be part of the school's extensive access control system.

"This is part of the access control system, and it should have been part of the base job, in my estimation," Theran said.

The PBCC also tabled a \$1,863 request for an additional carbon monoxide unit in the kitchen. This request came from Norwood Plumbing and Gas Inspector Ed Forsberg, though the PBCC questioned if it was necessary, as there is already a carbon monoxide detector in the kitchen.

"You don't need it," PBCC member Bill Kinsman said. "Why do we need to spend \$1,863? Our code does not require additional carbon monoxide detectors."

Theran added that, "Ai3 engineers have confirmed this is not a code issue. The carbon monoxide detector meets code requirements."

Rather, it is a request coming from Forsberg, and for now, the PBCC took no action on it. They also tabled a \$6,837 request to replace 27 door closers for interior egress doors. This comes to approximately \$285 per closer. It was tabled for the time being, because PBCC Chairman Ted Callahan wanted to go to the site and make sure the doors had all the necessary parts and worked properly. Once he confirms this, he is able to approve the PCO on his own: the PBCC has voted to allow Callahan to approve PCOs up to \$10,000.

Beacon moves forward

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The town has received word from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that a beacon will not be required at the new Norwood High School. The beacon that will sit on a lattice tower on Bellevue Avenue, which will hold the public safety antenna, will meet the needs of the FAA.

"We basically got approval from the FAA, but we're subject to a 45-day comment period," said General Manager John Carroll.

Funding for the lattice tower

was approved at a pair of Town Meetings last year. There is a \$272,618 price tag associated with erecting the tower, the foundation for which has already been poured.

This tower will be located between the two water tanks, and will be used to support a 15-foot tall whip antenna. It will stand at 386 feet above sea level, making it taller than both the school and the water tanks. The antenna will serve as a public safety antenna, and will be used by the Department of Public Works, the Electric Light Department, the Fire Department and the Police Department.

ment.

The beacon will be on the lattice tower. It is needed because the new Norwood High School stands at 316 feet above sea level. This encroaches into the imaginary surface, the area used to determine if something could be considered an obstacle to an airplane or helicopter's flight path.

Carroll worked with the FAA to see if a beacon could instead be placed near the water tanks, both of which are taller than the school and extend into the imaginary surface.

"There will be nothing on the school," Carroll said.

Seniors Care Act *continued from page 3*

payer, purely public system," Hager said.

One senior in attendance, Judith Potts, a Legislative Spokesperson for the AARP, said she disagreed with the notion that the Affordable Care Act would create socialized medicine. She noted that if a senior is on Medicare, they are already on government insur-

ance, and it's not so bad.

"Let's work to make the plans we have better, and not work to take away plans and care away from the people who need it," Potts said, noting that the United States is ranked 23rd in the world in health care, when we should be working to be number one.

Hartstein agreed with this

assessment, saying the United States has come a long way since Medicare was introduced in 1965, but still has a ways to go.

"We're looking at improving over time, and we are moving forward," Hartstein said. "We may not be number one in health and outcomes, but we're working on it."



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ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **ROOM 12** of the **Municipal Office Building** on **March 22, 2011 at 7:30 PM** on the request of Richard Saad and Michael Saad (**Case # 11-05**) with respect to property located on **42 Concord Avenue**, in a G-General District.

The application requests:

This Application requests a **VARIANCE** under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow division of existing parcel into two separate lots, with the following relief: (as to proposed Lot 1) To allow construction of a single-family dwelling on a lot having less area, frontage, and width than required; and (as to proposed Lot 2) To allow maintenance of an existing single-family dwelling on a lot having less area, frontage, width and setback than required; pursuant to Section 4.0 et seq., together with such further relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may deem necessary or desirable.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed Monday – Thursday between 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

BOARD OF APPEAL —Patrick J. Mulvehill, Chairman; Barbara A. Kinter, Philip W. Riley, John R. Perry, Harry T. Spence

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Budget Cuts *continued from page 1*

implementation of this program, they can minimize the need for personnel cuts.

Selectman and Budget Balancing Committee member Michael Lyons added, “From the town side, the general government side, we’re trying to reach our number without delving into layoffs or personnel cuts.”

Due to this Appellate Tax Board judgment, the new number the general government side must reach is \$27,921,243, meaning they have to cut \$1,417,313 from FY 2012 cuts to meet their budgets. The School Department needs to cut their initial budget request of \$36,293,139 to \$34,125,963, a reduction of \$2,167,176.

“At this point, both sides need to go back to the drawing

board and meet those numbers in some fashion, or else they don’t have a balanced budget,” Thornton said.

School Committee Chairman Mark Joseph said the group is still working on balancing their budget. While they did not meet last week, a meeting is scheduled for March 2, and they will discuss budget cuts and fee increases.

“We are looking at ways to increase revenue,” Joseph said.

He noted that the School Committee increased the lunch fee by 25 cents at their Feb. 16 meeting, and this is projected to bring an additional \$74,460 in revenue to the district. Add this to the \$689,139 cuts made previously, and the School Committee must cut approximately \$1,403,577 to balance their budget.

They are also examining increasing the user fees for athletics, fine arts and parking, as well as increasing the preschool tuition. Even if all fees are raised, School Committee member Paul Samargedlis said it would not solve their budget problem.

“Even if we max out every fee that was suggested... I don’t even think you’re 25 percent of the way,” Samargedlis said.

This means that the school department is looking at personnel cuts for the year ahead, and looking for areas where such cuts will have the least impact. While he couldn’t confirm the exact number of people that would need to be laid off in order to balance the budget, Samargedlis described it as massive, and the number of cuts would be in the double digits.

However, he said they might be able to keep all the jobs intact if they negotiate rolling back salaries to last year’s lev-

els with the unions.

Carroll noted this would require collective bargaining, and would be difficult to implement at this point in the budgeting process. However, members of the Budget Balancing Committee feel that rolling back salaries needs to be discussed. FinCom member Judith Langone said it would be valuable to have union representatives in the room. The idea should at least be mentioned: if the unions agree to it, they can potentially balance the budget without cutting jobs.

“I think people have a lot of common sense,” Langone said. “They do not want their neighbors laid off.”

The idea of an override was also discussed, though most members do not see this as something that would pass, should it go on the ballot. Thornton did not think an operational override would pass at this time, as people have not yet felt a service reduction.

“Usually, [operational overrides] are the least successful going through,” Thornton said. “Psychologically, people are not going to feel a need to raise taxes without seeing or feeling a service reduction.”

Lyons noted Norwood is still in a better spot than some other communities in the commonwealth, and this would make it tough for an override to pass. Norwood has not yet seen increased class sizes, fewer cops on the streets or a drastic reduction in service and without this, the empathy for an override just isn’t there.

Still, due to the economic constraints, everything is on the table and must be discussed, even if the committee feels it is not plausible at the current time.

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Sports



Christina Frasca has been one of the top goaltenders in the Bay State Conference, but the defense in front of her has also been rock solid.

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Girls' hockey awaits tournament opponent

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Belmont Marauders or the Winchester Sachems? The Norwood girls hockey team earned first place in the Bay State Conference with a 17-1-2 record, but head coach Bill O'Donnell is taking a "Belichickian approach" to the squad's MIAA Division 2 tournament appearance.

"It is what it is, as [New England Patriots head coach] Bill Belichick would say. Whoever's in front of us, we just have to win," O'Donnell said, noting he has no preference as to who the team plays in its Thursday afternoon matchup. "We just have to play our game."

Norwood will look to continue its most successful season in team history in this year's tournament. The Mustangs know they will play Thursday, March 3, at 4:30 p.m., but whom they will face them at the Canton Metropolitan Skating Rink will be determined in a matchup between Belmont and Winchester that took place earlier this week,

after the *Bulletin* went to press.

Norwood will face a tough challenge, regardless of its opponent. Winchester, the defending state champion who knocked off the Mustangs 6-5 in last year's tourney, finished the regular season with a 9-9-2 record, while Belmont completed its campaign with a 9-8-3 mark.

The Mustangs finished the regular season with the best record in Norwood High School history, but the team recognizes regular season records are meaningless in the tournament.

"Every game from here on in will be tough," O'Donnell said. "Every team has a 0-0 record as far as we're concerned."

Norwood has been successful this season because its players have skated hard, passed well and put pressure on opposing goaltenders. In doing so, the Mustangs have capitalized on their goal-scoring opportunities consistently. The team will need to stay consistent to be successful in the postseason.

"One of the keys is to play

as hard as you can during every shift," O'Donnell said. "We need to play to the best of our abilities on every shift."

The Mustangs have proven they can play well on both ends of the ice. Led by captains Lisa Coskren, Taylor Donners and Ali Maloof, Norwood scored 73 goals during the regular season.

Norwood has shown it can play defense as well. The team allowed 25 goals in 20 games this season, thanks in part to defenders Heather Folan and Katie O'Brien.

Goaltender Christina Frasca has done her part as well. Frasca recorded four shutout wins this season, and will look to carry her strong regular season performance into the tournament.

"Now, it's a new season, but nothing takes away from what the girls have done during the regular season," O'Donnell said.

How will the Mustangs build on their successful regular season? Norwood has goals in mind, but must maintain its focus and consistency to be a successful team in the tournament.

Girls' BBall falls in Winter Classic

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Norwood girls' basketball team battled the Canton Bulldogs in the Riley Winter Classic championship last Wednesday night. But Canton junior forward Olivia Murphy put the Mustangs' season to rest, amassing 28 points and 27 rebounds as Canton defeated Norwood 62-57.

"We had a hard time with Olivia Murphy," said Norwood head coach Brian Meringer. "She's an excellent player."

The loss caps off an up-and-down season for the Mustangs. Norwood kicked off the campaign with eight losses in its first nine games, but finished with five wins in its last nine contests.

"I think we made a lot of progress during the season," Meringer said. "I thought the girls worked real hard."

The Bulldogs built an early 14-2 lead, but Norwood mounted a comeback thanks

to its perimeter shooting. Mustang sophomore guard Jessica Gorman hit a 3-pointer with 1:15 remaining in the first quarter to launch a 9-0 run. Norwood sophomore guard Makenna Lane drained a 3-pointer at the buzzer, and the Mustangs trailed 14-11 after the first quarter.

The Mustangs tied the score at 14-all with 7:42 remaining in the second quarter, but Murphy responded. The 5-foot-11 forward scored eight of Canton's 13 points in the quarter, leading the Bulldogs' attack as they built a 29-24 halftime lead.

Norwood fought back in the third, cutting the deficit to 31-30 with 5:56 remaining. Senior co-captain Justine Ryan scored seven points in the third, and the Mustangs and Bulldogs entered the final quarter tied at 39.

Norwood senior forward Suzy Omo gave the team a 43-

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Casey Ducharme takes a shot during warm-ups in the final game of the Riley Winter Classic tournament last week.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

Girls' basketball builds consistency late in season

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

"A Tale of Two Halves" may be a fitting title for the Mustangs girls' basketball squad's season. An inexperienced Norwood team struggled early in the campaign, but thrived late as the young Mustangs gained confidence.

"We played a lot better at the end of the year," Norwood head coach Brian Meringer said. "I was pleased that we finished the last nine games with five wins."

Meringer began his second year as head coach with lineup questions at key positions on the court. The Mustangs lacked height, experience and an established point guard when they opened their season against Milton Wildcats on Dec. 13.

"In my first year, roles were already established," Meringer said. "It took us a while to figure out who was going to play what position this year."

But the Mustangs' leadership kept the team focused. Senior co-captains Katie Johnson and Justine Ryan provided contributions on and off the hardwood as their high school basketball careers came to a close.

Johnson showed her value to the team as a multidimensional player, and as the season progressed, opponents noticed her strong play.

"She played a lot of different positions and filled a lot of different roles," Meringer said of Johnson. "She had an outstanding year. Other coaches in the [Bay State Conference] looked at her as someone they needed to stop."

Ryan led the Mustangs in scoring this season, averaging 13 points per game. Her strong play helped her earn a spot on the Bay State Conference All-Star team.

"She just came ready to play every day," Meringer said of Ryan. "It was a pleasure coaching her."

The team entered the halfway point of the regular season with a 1-8 record. But the Mustangs' play improved in the second half of the year as Norwood

players grew into established roles

"We started to play better as a unit," Meringer said. "We had a lot of inexperience coming into the season, and as the girls got a little bit more confidence and experience, we started to play better."

The season was filled with ups-and-downs for the squad, but proved to be a positive experience overall. The Mustangs finished the second half of the regular season with five wins in nine games, capped off by a 47-45 road win against the Walpole Rebels on Feb. 17.

"In many ways, it would have been great if the season ended right there," Meringer said of the comeback victory.

The Mustangs will face the challenge of replacing seven seniors next season, but this season has provided a valuable learning experience for younger Mustangs.

"We have players who will be coming back, and hopefully they've gained experience at both the varsity level and the junior varsity level," Meringer said. "I hope they're ready to put in work during the offseason to get better."



Andrew Alty handles the puck. The team snuck into the postseason with a 2-2 tie against Walpole in the second to last game of the year.

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Boys' hockey fights into postseason

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

The boys' hockey team took on Brockton last night in the first round of the MIAA Division 1 South Playoffs, and while the results of the game were unknown at press time, it is apparent that the team is playing with house money.

Thanks to some steely resolve and grit down the stretch, the boys' hockey squad managed to make the state tournament despite a point three weeks ago when it looked as if their postseason hopes were slim.

The first two games of the season seemed to epitomize the next few months for the squad, as they were walloped 6-1 on opening night against Hingham. Then, just two days later, Coach Bill Clifford and his squad would come back with a 7-0 victory over Newton North.

The season would have its highs and lows, including a 3-1-1 start to the season, but after a 3-0 loss against Wellesley on Feb. 9 and a 4-2

loss against Natick later that week, postseason hopes were fading.

The team would sit at 8-7-3 overall heading into those two games, with a 6-5-3 conference record, and with two tough opponents coming up. The Mustangs were flirting with disaster, having gone 0-2-1 in the three contests that led into their final two games of the regular season.

While the final two games, against Walpole and Dedham, weren't dominating performances from the squad, the team showed grit and determination in fighting to back-to-back 2-2 ties. Goaltender Jordan Davis would come up big against Dedham, making 33 stops in the finale.

It didn't appear that Clifford's squad was running on all cylinders heading into the postseason with a five game winless streak, the longest of the season. Nevertheless, the team showed that with their backs against the wall they'll come out fighting.

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A Norwood player handles the ball in a game earlier this season.

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41 lead with 5:45 remaining, but Canton's Murphy and junior guard Alana Pitts-Anaya proved to be too much for the Mustangs. Murphy and Pitts-Anaya led the Bulldogs in the fourth, scoring a combined 19 points in the frame as they finished off the Mustangs to capture the Riley Winter Classic championship.

The Mustangs finished the season 6-12 overall. Despite the tournament loss, the sea-

son was far from a disappointment, thanks in large part to its team leaders.

"When you're 1-8 and have a lot of seniors, the season can turn real bad real soon," Meringer said. "[But] the senior leadership was great on this team."

Mustang co-captains Ryan and Katie Johnson proved their value to their team and the competition as well. The seniors led the Norwood ef-

fort in the tournament as they finished their high school basketball careers. In addition, the duo received praise for its play, as both earned a spot on the Riley Winter Classic All-Tournament Team.

"As senior captains, they played great all year," Meringer said of Ryan and Johnson. "I'm proud of what they've accomplished this year."

Athlete of the Week

Maloof puts team before individual stats

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Mustangs girls' hockey team has been on a historic run this season, earning the top spot in the MIAA Division 2 tournament following the most successful regular season in Norwood High School history. Mustang senior co-captain Ali Maloof entered the season with 127 points in her high school career, but her contributions go beyond the stat sheet.

"Ali [Maloof] has been a very special player," said Norwood head coach Bill O'Donnell. "She's been a treasure to watch on the ice, but she's also been a great young lady off the ice."

Maloof finished the regular season as the team leader in points, providing 20 goals and 10 assists overall. But her efforts illustrate the team spirit that has helped the Mustangs on and off the ice. The senior forward understands hockey is a team sport, and recognizes it takes a team effort to be successful.

"We played well as a team this season," Maloof said. "We came together as a team and pulled through."

Maloof has provided offense to the Mustangs, but has supported a much more balanced attack this season.

"She has sacrificed her statistics for the good of the team this year," O'Donnell said of Maloof's performance. "She sacrificed individually so the team could prosper. Ali Maloof's a good team player for doing something like that."

The senior co-captain's sacrifices have made her a leader teammates rally around.



Mustang senior co-captain Ali Maloof

Maloof has taken advantage of the opportunity, supporting her younger teammates and helping them learn what it takes to be a part of a successful program.

"In past years, we weren't a well-built program, but we're building up," Maloof said.

Under Maloof's leadership, no player is left out in the cold. The forward has brought the team together as well.

"She's been a leader who goes out of her way to include everybody so the team chemistry is as good as it can get," O'Donnell said.

The forward said she has enjoyed her overall time with the Mustangs, but this year's success has been the highlight of her high school career.

"This year's been the best," Maloof said. "It's been fun, and we've been playing well."

Maloof's high school hockey career will come to a close in the MIAA Division 2 tournament, but she will carry her competitive will into the future.

Maloof, a multisport athlete, will play softball at Southern New Hampshire University next year. Coach O'Donnell has no doubt she will be successful.

"She has a competitive spirit no matter what she is playing," O'Donnell said. "She's going to do well not only in sports but in life because of her competitive spirit and her desire to do well."

Quick Hits

The postseason has just started for several Norwood teams, while for others their seasons have come to a close.

The winter sports season has seen teams at far different stages of their progression, some just beginning to grow, others rising to the top after years of building. Overall, it seems that it was a uniquely successful season for the Norwood High School sports' programs.

Take the young wrestling squad for example, who saw continued growth under first year head coach Bill McDermott. The team featured a variety of young wrestlers who blossomed by the end of the season, as the team finished with a decisive 45-36 victory over Dedham in the season finale.

While the team had its fair share of upperclassmen leadership in powerhouse Aquie Moxam, as well as impact seniors such as Michael Kearns, the team demonstrated a wealth of younger wrestlers ready to lead a rising program in the coming years.

While the wrestling program offered a promising season under McDermott, the

girls' hockey team showed that they were ready to be top dogs.

The team finished the season at 17-1-2 under veteran head coach Bill O'Donnell. The team has an opening round bye in the state tournament, and will play on Thursday



Gil Haylon

Night against the winner of Belmont/Winchester.

At one point, the team was a bunch of younger players looking to prove themselves in the

Bay State Conference, but under the leadership of tri-captains Ali Maloof, Taylor Donners and Lisa Coskren, the team has showed that they run the conference.

After suffering a first-round defeat in last year's postseason, O'Donnell's team is ready to make a deep run this year. A team that features a unique combination of youth and experience is now the cream of the crop in the state.

While the winter season has certainly yielded teams at a variety of different stages in their growth, it can certainly be said that the winter season in Norwood was a successful one.

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Last night's playoff opener pitted two evenly matched teams. While Brockton may have the advantage in terms of overall record at 12-4-4, the teams fared similarly against common opponents.

While Norwood would tie Walpole 2-2 in their second to last game, Brockton would play to a 1-1 deadlock against Walpole in their finale.

Norwood hopes that their late season struggles will melt away in the postseason as they rely on co-captains Adam Kewriga and Anthony Gaita for scoring punch. The squad put together an up and down season, but anything

can happen in the postseason.

The team has featured a number of comebacks on the season, including in the playoff-clinching tie against Walpole. Down 2-0 in the third period, Kewriga would put the team on his back, netting two goals in the period to tie the game.

Kewriga is the team's leading point-getter on the season and has been brilliant.

Despite Kewriga's scoring talents it hasn't been a one man show, as Davis, Gaita and several others, including Chris Gover, have played huge parts in the team's success.



Senior co-captains Adam Kewriga and Anthony Gaita have been the spark for the team's offense. The squad faced off against Brockton on Wednesday night in the first round of the Division 1 South tournament

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**TOWN OF NORWOOD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Community Planning and Economic Development Department will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 4:15 PM in Room 24, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA. to solicit input on a proposed amendment to the FY 2010 Massachusetts Community Development Fund (CDF) Program. The amendment will establish a Foreclosure Prevention Program designed to conduct foreclosure prevention clinics and provide individual counseling to homeowners in danger of foreclosure. The proposed program will be funded with CDF Program Income.

Any person or organization wishing to be heard will be afforded an opportunity to speak. If unable to attend the public hearing, comments may be forwarded to the Town of Norwood, Office of Community Planning and Economic Development, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, Ma. and must be received no later than 4:00 P.M. on March 16, 2011.

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD**

Pursuant to Mass. General Law Chapter 40A, Section 9 and Sections 6.1.12, 7.4 and 10.5 of the Norwood Zoning Bylaws, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 12 at Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street concerning the Major Project Special Permit and Site Plan Approval applications of Neponset River LLC (owner/applicant) to construct a 160,000 square foot office building with 290 new parking spaces at 1125 and 1151 Boston Providence Turnpike (location of 4-Points Sheraton and FM Global). Plans and supporting documents of the proposed development are on file in the Planning Board's Office at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Paul Donohue, Clerk

Norwood Record, 2/24/11, 3/3/11

**TOWN OF NORWOOD
ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **ROOM 12** of the **Municipal Office Building** on **March 22, 2011 at 7:15 PM** on the request of Michael Pugatch (Case # 11-04) with respect to property located on **98 Spruce Road**, in a **S-Single Residential District**.

The application requests:

This Application requests a Special Permit under Section 5.4.4 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow a second story addition, approximately 24.3' x 30', and a 16' x 20' rear deck to a pre-existing, nonconforming single family home leaving a 9.4' side yard where 15' is required and 70' frontage and lot width where 90' is required. And, any additional relief the Board may deem necessary.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed Monday - Thursday between 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

BOARD OF APPEAL

Patrick J. Mulvehill, Chairman; Barbara A. Kinter, Philip W. Riley, John R. Perry, Harry T. Spence

Norwood Record, 3/3/2011, 3/10/2011

SENIOR NEWS

COUNCIL ON AGING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 3, at 1 p.m.

MASSAGE THERAPIST

Our Massage Therapist, Karen Tracy, will be here Monday, March 7, from 9-1. Please sign up at front desk.

FOOT CLINIC

Dr. Cormier is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8 and 29, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is \$25. Please call for appointment.

UPCOMING TRIPS

All trips require sign up at the Senior Center Front Desk and a deposit is necessary. March 9, "Celtic Nights"-Venus DeMilo-\$65, March 18, "Boston Flower Show"- 2-Hr. Boston Cruise; Lunch, Flower Show \$99.00 p.p., May 6-13-Boston to Bermuda Cruise (\$749. p.p. Double Occupancy), May 17 "Laughs, Giggles & Grins" Pete Michaels and his "friends" at Luciano's-\$36.95 (Drive on your own), May 23, 24, 25, "Pennsylvania Dutch Spring Tour"-\$399.00 Double-\$445.00 Single, June 12-15, "Maine Escapes" - \$599. p.p. Double, June 15, "The Fabulous Fifties" Latslaw Pops Orchestra-Lunch & Show \$49.95 p.p., July 19-Spirit of Boston Trip-\$78-Grand Buffet and 3 hr. Cruise.

REMINISCENCE HOUR

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, from 10-11:30 a.m. Comparison of our currency from 1930 to present is the topic.

HISTORY TALK

Our next meeting will be on Thurs-

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day, March 10 at 1 p.m. Our topic will address the Muslim religion. You will learn its true teachings & practices and more.

AFTERNOON DANCE

Our afternoon dance will be held on Friday, March 11, with music by John Rampino. Please sign up at the front desk

PROPOPE: (Prose, Poetry & People)

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 16 from 1-3 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR MARCH

On Thursday, March 17 we will be having a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. Cost is \$5 and we will be featuring the Norwood High School Madrigal Singers. On Friday, March 18, enjoy the Glee Club Show at 1:30 p.m. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FRIENDS OF NORWOOD COADANCE

Friday, March 18, 7-10:30 p.m. with the music by Dave Valerio. Please sign up at front desk.

JOURNALING WORKSHOP

If you are interested in joining us for a 4-week Journaling Workshop, please call Dorothy at 781-762-1201.

TRIAD

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, at 12 noon.

FRIENDS OF NORWOOD COUNCIL ON AGING DINNER

Please join us on Monday, March 21 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Westbury Farms. The cost is \$10 with a choice of Turkey or Chicken Parm. Please sign up at the Norwood Senior Center.

WATER COLOR

Our next class will be held on Thursday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to Noon. Please sign up at the front desk.

DIABETES WORKSHOP

We will hold a workshop on Thursday, March 24 at 11 a.m. The Hellenic Health Care of Canton facilitates the workshop.

OIL PAINTING

Our next oil painting class is scheduled for Friday, March 25 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WAXING

Angela will be available Monday, March 28 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sign up at front desk.

TUESDAY BUS TRIPS

March 29 - Day of Beauty, \$25 - Please sign up at front desk. \$5 for trip.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Hellenic Health Care will be available at the senior center for blood pressure screening on the first Wednesday of each month.

BOCCE COURTS AND HORSESHOES

We have closed our Bocce Courts and Horseshoe Pits for the winter. Please check in with us in the Spring.

COMPUTER CLUB

The Computer Club meets at 1 p.m. each Wednesday in the library. Users of all skill levels are welcome.

CRIBBAGE

The seniors meet every Monday at 12:45 p.m. in the senior center library to play cribbage. If you would like to join, arrive at the center early to be sure you get a table.

FITNESS ROOM

Come and exercise in our fitness room. We currently have two treadmills, a recumbent bicycle and a recumbent elliptical machine.

FUEL ASSISTANCE

Applications for Low Income Home Energy Assistance offered by Self-Help, Inc. are available. Specific documentation is required and application must be completed in person between Nov. 1 and April 30. If you are over the age of 60 and meet income guidelines please call 781-762-1201, and press 3. Younger than 60 should contact the Veteran Services office 781-762-1240, ext. 209 for assistance. One person, \$30,751; two people, \$40,213; three people, \$49,675; four people, \$59,137.

INDOOR WALKING

Indoor walking in the School Gym continues every Monday through Friday from 9-11 a.m.

LINE DANCING

Afternoon dances with Dave Valerio on the 5th Friday of the month, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. \$5. April 29, July 29 and Sept. 30.

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. This is a free service except for parts you may need to purchase. Please, no televisions.

NEWS SQUARE DANCE INSTRUCTOR

The Norwood Senior Center is happy to announce that Dennis Marsh, a well known, very talented caller is our new Square Dance Instructor. Dennis will be calling on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:5 a.m. Please come and join us whether you are a beginner or have been dancing or years.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB

Board of Directors meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. The Club Membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge at 10 a.m.

SENIOR BOWLING

The Senior Bowling league meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Norwood Sports Center. This is a mixed league and three strings are played for \$6. Please note the fee has been raised to \$6.

SENIOR SUPPERS

Caritas Norwood Hospital offers a Senior Supper Program consisting of soup, entree and a drink in the cafeteria from Monday through Friday, 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$5.50.

SHINE

Our SHINE Counselor, Carol, continues to assist you on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for appointments.

TAX PREPARATION

There will be a change in the way we schedule tax preparation this year. With the new set-up you will be signing up for a specific date and time. Each person will be taken in his/her turn. You will not have the choice of a specific preparer. We hope this will help move things along more smoothly. If you prepare your own taxes and want someone to look it over please make appointment at the last time slot of the day. Reservations are being accepted now.

VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for special projects: Cancer hats (adults & children); Newborn hats; Prayer Shawls; Lap Robes: knitted strips 7" x 63" or squares 7" x 9". Please call the Senior Center.

WHIST CARD GAMES

Please note: our regular Whist games are every Tuesday at 12:45

WHIST PARTY

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

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Police Logs

Tuesday, February 22

1105 phone - Noise complaint spoken to. Location/address: Howard St. Barking dog. Dog located at Morse Ave. Owner took dog inside.
 1354 phone - Missing person *report filed. Location/address: Winter St.
 1404 phone - Larceny investigated. Location/address: Short St. + Washington St. Witness reports two w/m removing wire from the ELD lot. Subjects left in MA 51rt77. South on Wash St. Bolo on South tac, Walpole notified to also check Allied Salvage for same. As a result, Walpole stops the vehicle and arrested two males for receiving stolen property. Offs. E. A. Farioli and Lear respond to Walpole. Investigation to continue.
 1424 phone - Parking violation services rendered. Location/address: Dean St. Caller reports the dumpster left at # is blocking the view of traffic. Officer reports the item is blocking the sidewalk and is needed for the construction work being done after fire. Dispatch contacted Clifford Dumpsters and they will get the dumpster removed from the sidewalk on Wednesday.
 1601 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Norwest Dr. Caller reports several spools stolen from work site, brown Caravan with NY reg possible z in it. 2 males either white or Hispanic. Construction hats (blue) on at time of theft. Bolo to cars and surrounding towns.
 1752 walk-in - Susp activity *report filed. Location/address: Central Dental Assoc Inc - Washington St. Report email sent to office by party who was warned earlier in the year to not contact the office.

Wednesday, February 23

0616 phone - Trespassing *report filed. Location/address: Winter St. Caller stated that she would like to talk with an officer regarding bills placed under the doors for snow plowing. N665 spoke with both parties and will leave a report. On going issue with resident.
 0712911 - Medical emergency transported to hospital. Location/address: Rosemary House (rooming house) - Rosemary St. Resident stating he is having a nervous breakdown and wants to go to hospital. N663, NFD responded. NA2 transported.
 0739 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Patient reports her cell phone stolen from her bedside. N677 responded to take report. No larceny as caller did not have cell phone with her when she came into hospital. No report at this time.
 1056 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Edgehill Rd. Woman reports clothesline and table missing from back yard.
 1354 phone - Complaint of m/v spoken to. Location/address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St. Taxi (t) driver hit door of another mv and when approached became "belligerent" towards female driver of other mv. No Damage to mv just an attitude. T driver now is waiting for his boss because police were called.
 1442 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Dunkin Donuts - Nahatan St. Hp placard taken from mv on Friday am.
 1657 phone - Assist citizen spoken to. Location/address: St. George Ave. Caller reported someone ran over remote control helicopter with vehicle. Officer spoke with parties, advised. Information exchanged.
 1755 phone - Assist other agency services rendered. Location/address:

Sycamore St. Request check to insure subject is remaining inside the home as directed by probation. N662 reports subject does not live here. Electronic monitoring notified-they spoke with the subject, they are aware of his new address, no further action Requested.
 1849 phone - Disturbance spoken to. Location/address: David Terrace Apts. - David Ter. Caller reported black female yelling at residents. N665 reports tenant upset at property manager because of no heat in the apartment. N665 reports checked apartment, heat is working, spoke to manager, matter resolved.

Thursday, February 24

0034 911 - Missing person *report filed. Location/address: Dean St. Caller reports her 14 yr. Old daughter has not been home Since 10:00am on 02/23/11. N663 responded and took report. Bolo to cars. Entered into leaps.
 0128 911 - Prowler *report filed. Location/address: Lenox St. Caller watching from his 3rd floor window states he believes There is 2 Hispanic males outside his home and thinks they may be trying to break in and also states a blk. Audi has been going back and forth on Railroad Ave. N666, N669, N665 responded. Area checked. No attempt to break in. Area search negative for males and Audi. Caller satisfied.
 1200 phone - Assist other agency *report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Off. Vega assisted Mansfield Police with arrest at hospital. report filed.
 1209 phone - Shoplifting *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Stop & Shop - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. One under arrest. Center tows. Arrest: Curtis, Michael Address: 9 Glendale Way, Canton Dob: 05/13/1970 Charges: larceny over \$250
 1343 911 - Medical emergency transported to hospital. Location/address: Overlook Dr. Youngster may have broken his ankle.
 1410 phone - Drunk person *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Clay Chevrolet - Hyundai - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Former employee showed up and is dk, also had a mva on the way there.. Vehicle left dlrship. Located on Monroe St at #25. As a result of stop, arrest made for oui. Negoshians Towed MA 857hx3. Arrest: MacDonald, Brian Address: 14 Wheeler Cir 22, Stoughton Dob: 02/06/1967 Charges: oui liquor or .08%, 2nd offense Marked lanes violation Signal, fail to Alcohol in mv, possess open container of
 1426 walk-in - Threats *report filed. Location/address: Nahatan Terrace Associates - Centennial Dr. Worker reports threats by a tenant towards him.
 1449 phone - Complaint of m/v gone on arrival. Location/address: Washington St. Caller reports white van from Cedar Mkt constantly parks blocking the driveway to apt.
 1909 initiated - Susp person *report filed. Location/address: Ace Coin Laundry - Washington St. Officer requested report number for suspicious person in the Area.

Friday, February 25

0536 phone - Missing person *report filed. Location/address: Pleasant St. Mother reports she has had no contact with her son who commutes from here to Curry College in Milton for 2 days. N666 sent to speak with her. Entered into leaps. Administrative message sent.
 0611 phone - parking violation gone

on arrival Location/address: Beacon Ave. Caller reports a parking violation in front of his home.
 0640 911 - Missing person spoken to. Location/address: Dean St. Caller reports her daughter has returned home. Previously reported missing. Ref: incident# 11-323-of. N663 responded and confirmed daughter had returned. Cancelled in leaps.
 1040 phone - Warrant arrest *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Ellis Ave. Court prosecutor reports section 35 warrant in hand. N.A.C.O. Responds and takes custody of a dog until subject was in custody. N663 with N669 following transports subject to Dedham District Court. Arrest: Buckley, Michael G. Address: 83 Ellis Ave. Dob: 06/27/1953
 1353 other - Warrant arrest *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Court prosecutor reports section 35 warrant in hand. N667 transports to Dedham District Court s/m 57586 1351 hrs, e/m 57591 1404 hrs. Arrest: Donovan, Janet M Address: 15 Avon Rd Dob: 11/20/1962 Charges: warrant arrest sec 35, DDC
 1628 walk-in - Larceny other. Location/address: Golden Living Center (formerly Emerald Court - Washington St.) Walk in party reports her wallet was stolen. Female then leaves and says she will return after work or Monday. Female was given identity theft paperwork and all credit cards have been cancelled.
 1653 phone - Suicide / or threat *report filed. Location/address: Davis Ave. Doctor reports that his patient is suicidal she has not shown up for the last two appointments didnt show up for day program will not go to the hospital. Last contact was on Tuesday. NFD notified. N677 N669 sent. One transported to The Norwood ER.
 2040 phone - Death at home *report filed. Location/address: Tamworth Rd. NFD notified. N667 N665 N668 N661 sent.

Saturday, February 26

0012 911 - Susp activity spoken to. Location/address: Talbot Farms - Neponset St. Caller reports a van occupied several times hanging out at end of street by Talbot Farms, yelling to keep on going as they passed. N665 responded and stood by stating they had broken down and waited from a friend to bring a new battery. All in order.
 0107 phone - Disturbance *report filed. Location/address: Dean St. Caller reports man in front of building outside yelling. N666, N669 responded. N666 reports it is a medical. Male resident having trouble breathing and locked out of his apt. NFD responded and transported same.
 0707 911 - Susp person services rendered. Location/address: Gay St. Caller reports male banging on his door and other neighbor's Homes. N666, N661 responded. N666 identified male party from medical call earlier in evening. He was looking for his mother's house. N666 gave courtesy transport to 20 Hickory Rd.

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Deaths

JONES

Alfred Frank, Jr., 62, of Dracut and Gilmanton Iron Works, NH died unexpectedly Wednesday Feb. 23. He was a proud, decorated veteran of the U.S. Army having served both state side and in Korea from 1968-1971. Born and brought up in Norwood on May 12, 1948, he was a son of the late Alfred F. and Evelyn J. (Brown) Jones, Sr. and graduated from Norwood High School class of 1966. He continued his education attending Franklin Institute, and Northeastern University. Al was a civil engineer and worked for Kraft Food Corporation for 13 years until he retired. His love for woodworking, photography and Nascar kept him busy throughout his life. Al was a long time active member of the Massachusetts Jaycees, served as President of the Norwood Jaycees and currently was the Massachusetts Junior Chamber of Commerce International Senate State Treasurer. He was a Lion and member of the V.F.W. In addition to his wife, Mary Anne Johnston of Dracut, Al is survived by, 12 children and 6 grandchildren: son, Derek and Christine Theriault of Attleboro, sons Matthew Theriault and Andrew Jones and wife, Jessica Jones of Tampa, FL, daughter, Jennifer Moser and husband, Chris Moser of Jacksonville, FL, step daughter Stephanie Farr and husband, Jason Farr of Middleburg, FL, stepdaughter Jeanne Suttie and Peter Christian of Norton, stepson James Suttie and fiance Danielle Lacasse of Lowell, stepdaughter Mary Sorensen and husband Neil Sorensen of Londonderry, NH, stepson John Suttie and Vickki Ross, stepdaughter Jennifer Cote of Nashua, NH; grandchildren: Noah Antonelli, Brianna and Victoria Moser, Kendra Cardoso and Heather Theriault and Haley Kinter; and his Aunt Eleanor Davis of Westwood. Funeral arrangements by the McKenna-Ouellette Funeral Home, 327 Hildreth Street, Lowell. Donations may be made to the USJCI Senate Foundation c/o Ed Lariviere 19 Stetson Street, Hyannis, MA 02601.

KELEHER

Paul E. "Sparky", of Canton, formerly of Norwood Feb. 23. Army Veteran World War II. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth (Keyes). Brother of the late Esther Waller, Martha Wirtzberger, Anna Harrington, Eloise Gay & Daniel Keleher. Also survived by many nieces & nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Dockray & Thomas Funeral Home, 455 Washington St., Canton. Interment was at Highland Cemetery.

MILLER

Daniel, of Norwood, died Feb. 23. Beloved husband of Lillian (Craig) Miller. Devoted father of Carol Adelson & her husband Fred of NJ, Stephen Miller & his wife Darlene of North Easton and Neil Miller of NH. Dear grandfather of Jared, Ben, Jessica, Aaron, Andrew and Alex. Loving brother of Bernard Miller of FL. and the late Fred Miller. Funeral arrangements by the Schlossberg-Solomon Memorial Chapel, 824 Washington St., Canton. Interment at Lord Rothschild Cemetery, West Roxbury. Remembrances may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472.

SIMONI

Arthur R., 87, of Bourne, Feb. 24. Born in Norwood, and served in the United States Army during World War II. Beloved husband of the late Florence C. (Pelletier) Simoni. Father of Arthur R. Simoni of Batavia, IL, Ellen Garden of Hutchinson, KS, Elizabeth Schneider of Norton, MA, Richard Simoni of Bourne, MA, Jeanne Troy of Middleboro, MA. Also survived by 7 grandchildren. Funeral arrangements by the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 74 Algonquin Ave., At Route 151, Mashpee. Donations in Arthur's memory may be made to the International Rett Syndrome Foundation, 4600 Devitt Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45246.

TOLLAND

Grace A. (Hastings), 84, of Norwood formerly of Foxboro Feb. 25. Beloved wife of the late Joseph J. Tolland. Devoted mother of Joseph J. Jr. and his wife Virginia of Foxboro, Paul Tolland of Middleboro, Loretta Eysie and her husband Joseph of Norwood, Dianne Moniz and her husband David of Hopedale and the late Valerie Goren. Sister of Mary Shea of E. Bridgewater, Paul Hastings of Dorchester, Joan Drivick of Florida, Barbara Bragg of Pocasset, and the late John, Henry, and Alice Conley. Also survived by 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Daughter of the late John and Mary (Donovan) Hastings. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Internment was at Gethsemane Cemetery, West Roxbury.

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A PASSION FOR FASHION

The Norwood Senior Prom Tenth Annual Fashion Show will take the stage at the Coakley Middle School on Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m. Senior students and faculty of Norwood High School will be modeling prom fashions by David's Bridal, Richard Lewis Formal Wear and Men's Warehouse of Norwood. Before and after the show there will be tables showcasing even more fashions, accessories, florists, and hair and nail salons. A partial list of business participants includes A Bella Mia, Yelenna at Beehive Floral, Donna's Styles to Dye For, Escada Hair and Beauty Spa, House of Style, On the Edge Hair Design, Serenity Hair Salon, and Beaumont Photography. The cost of the event is \$5 for students/Seniors and \$7 for adults in advance or \$8 for students/seniors and \$10 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 Jill Driscoll at 781-769-8029.

ALUMNI EVENING GALA

The Norwood High School Alumni Association would like to announce that ticket sales information for the June 11, 2011 evening gala at 7 p.m. for The Last Hurrah: Come Say Goodbye to Old Norwood High is now available online at its website: www.norwoodhighschoolalumniassociation.org. Click on events to download the registration form. Registration forms are also available at the Civic Center at 165 Nahatan St. The daytime event is a free open house at the school with many activities from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact Jerry Miller at 781-603-8335 with any questions.

WINE TASTING SOCIAL

The Norwood High School Athletic Boosters is sponsoring a Wine Tasting Social on Thursday, March 31, at the OCC, 171 Nahatan St. from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and include the wine tasting and a light buffet. A cash bar will also

be available. For advance ticket sales contact a Booster member, email Nora at noragym@aol.com or call 781-551-8585. All proceeds from this event will benefit the athletes at Norwood High School.

NPA-TV ANNOUNCES 2ND YOUTH CLASS

NPA-TV is now offering a second Youth Video Club class for the spring season. The class will be held every Tuesday from 3-5 p.m., March 15 through May 24. Norwood residents in grades 6-8 are eligible to sign up now for the program. The class will meet weekly at the NPA-TV Studio in Norwood High School. Students will work independently and in groups to learn the ins and outs of television and video production. Each student will be able to have his or her work showcased on NPA-TV. Class size is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis. Call NPA-TV now at 781-551-0338 or email Meghan@npatv.org to sign up.

HEALTHY BREAKFAST AT VICTORIA HAVEN

A new lecture: 'JFK Inaugural Address' by Dr. Gary Hylander, Ph. D., presented fifty years after John F. Kennedy took office, will be the highlight of the Healthy Breakfast Series at Victoria Haven on Wednesday, March 16, at 10 a.m. A complimentary continental breakfast will be served. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is requested: please call Kimberly at 781-762-0858 or email: kciardi@rehabassociates.com.

2011 BURNING SEASON

The Norwood Fire Department would like to announce that the 2011 burning season has begun. The fee is \$10. Issuance of permits allow outside burning of brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris from other than commercial or industrial land clearing operations between Jan. 15 and May 1 under the following conditions: 1. Before igniting any fire, you must call the Norwood Fire Department at 781-440-5200 to receive permis-

sion to burn. Permission may be denied at the discretion of the Senior Fire Officer on duty due to weather conditions and/or any other reason that would adversely affect public safety. You will be asked for your permit number and then be granted permission for that day only. 2. Burning must take place at least 75 feet from any building. 3 Burning may not be started prior to 10:00 a.m. **In all cases, the fire must be extinguished by 4 p.m.**. While burning, someone must attend the fire at all times. While burning, a water supply (such as a pressurized water pump or garden hose) and shovels or rakes must be readily available for controlling the fire.

NORWOOD AMERICAN LEGION BENEFIT

A Foxwoods trip is planned for March 7. Those interested should call Fran Macaulay at 781-686-4346 for information. The cost will be \$24 per person. The proceeds will benefit the Norwood American Legion baseball.

MARCH EVENTS AT THE CIVIC

Join us in March for some exciting activities: Shop and Drop - Ages 2.5-5, March 11, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., \$18 per child. Kids Yoga Party - March 12, Ages 3-7, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., \$20 per child. Last Parents Night Out of the School Year - Friday, March 11, Grades 2-5, 6-9 p.m., \$5 per person, includes pizza and juice. B.L.A.S.T - Babysitter Lessons and Safety Training, Ages 11-13, Friday, March 11, 12:30-4:30 p.m., \$48 per person. Home Alone Safety - Ages 9-11, Friday, March 11, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., \$42 per person. Touch a Truck - All Ages, Saturday, March 19, 9-11 a.m., Free all.

SPECIAL REGISTRATION SESSION

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the April 4, 2011 Annual Town Election. An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 from 4 to 8 p.m. This is the FINAL REGISTRATION SESSION prior to the Annual Town Election. Daily registration of voters will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office. Qualifications to register to vote are that the applicants must be 18 years old on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a Naturalized Citizen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 4-H YOUTH PROGRAM

Adult volunteers are currently needed for a couple of hours each month to serve as club leaders for local 4-H clubs. The role of a 4-H Volunteer Leader is to provide skills from your own area of expertise while developing a meaningful relationship with youth. Especially needed are volunteers with skills in crafts, dog obedience, horse care, small animal care such as rabbits, and general science. The goal of the 4-H program is to help youth, ages 5 to 18, become competent, caring adults through positive mentoring, learning how to take community action, and increasing their sense of self-esteem, responsibility, fairness, trust, and decision making techniques. The Norfolk County 4-H Office provides training, resource materials, activity curriculum, and support. "We need people who have an interest in spending time with young people and who want to learn alongside them," says Jay Field, Extension 4-H Educator in Norfolk County. For more information on how you can make an impact on the youth in your community, contact the Norfolk County 4-H Office at 508-668-9793 (Walpole) or check out our state 4-H website at www.mass4h.org. 4-H is the outreach education program in youth and family development of the University of Massachusetts Extension in cooperation

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0738 911 - Assist citizen Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Brookview Cir. Caller has fallen outside by car and can't get up. N677, NFD responded. Assisted party. No transport. Norwood housing Answering service took message and will notify maintenance of the ice situation and request to sand.

0836 phone - Susp activity *report filed. Location/address: Hill St. Caller reports there is a white van with lettering on it, white male operator, at her mother's home claiming to have to check the water meter. N665 reports the van is gone upon arrival, spoke to resident. Dispatch check with: DPW, ELD, ELDBroadband, Nat'l Grid, Comcast Xfinity- not any of them.

1015 911 - Medical emergency Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Hickory Rd. Resident reports altered mental state. NFD transported.

1022 phone - Illegal trash disposal *report filed. Location/address: Absolute Metal - Northview Ave. Report trash put in dumpster.

1348 phone - Robbery *report filed. Location/address: Honey Dew Donuts - Morse St Ext Report robbery by knife. Bolo to cars, Walpole PD and State Police K9 responds. Sharon PD notified. Walpole PD stops a car, N664 assists, subject id and allowed to leave. Plates Checked: MA pc 3094lk, MA pc nesinc.

1357 phone - Citizens complaint, civil matter. Location/address: Tremont St. Report neighbor's shingles fell off the home and damaged the caller's car. N663 spoke to caller, he will work it out with the landlord and if not, will recall police.

2153 phone - Well being chk message delivered. Location/address: Washington St. Caller requests well being check of her sister. Fears she may be suffering from a bad reaction to food. No answer at door, m/v in the parking lot. NFD notified for force entry. Prior to force entry resident responded to the door, refused to open door, and asked to be left alone. Sister notified.

2344 phone - Noise complaint services rendered. Location/address: Hampden Dr. Caller reports loud party in apartment above hers. Tenants spoken to, peace restored.

Sunday, February 27

0123 phone - Loud party *protective custody.

Location/address: Saunders Rd. Caller reported loud party. Officer spoke with residents, advised to quiet down. One placed into protective custody, Released to friend. P/c: Glencross, Katie M Address: 21 Geraldine Dr Dob: 04/18/1990 Charges: protective custody

0151 phone - Complaint of m/v *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Plymouth Dr. Walpole Police received a call for a possible intoxicated driver in Norwood at above address. Officers located vehicle pc MA 65zb51, one placed under arrest. Center towed vehicle. Arrest: Mugalu, Meddy Address: 97 Hampden Dr B Dob: 02/18/1984 Charges: oui liquor or .08% Negligent operation of motor vehicle

0233 phone - Noise complaint gone on arrival. Location/address: Stonebridge Apts - Dean St. Caller reported loud party. Officers checked area, nothing found.

0828 walk-in - Hit and run *report filed. Location/address: Walpole St. Report car struck while parked, unoccupied, in driveway sometime overnight.

0902 phone - Violation of town bylaw gone on arrival. Location/address: Lenox St. Report subjects shoveling snow from apartment complex onto the public way. N666 reports no one around upon arrival.

1136 911 - Unwanted party *report filed. Location/address: Pleasant St. Son reports his mother showed up at the home and he does not want her there. N661 reports mother left prior to officers arrival. Officers stood by while son's girlfriend gathered personal belongings.

1330 phone - Message delivery message delivered. Location/address: Longwood Ter. Woman in Newton is ill and trying to get in touch with her son at this address. N666 sent and delivered message.

1803 phone - Disturbance services rendered. Location/address: Vernon St. Caller reports issue with his neighbor about who was going to shovel the snow in front of their house. Male will speak to the landlord.

Monday, February 28

0011 911 - Susp person gone on arrival. Location/address: Heaton Ave. + Pond Ave. Caller reported suspicious person behind house. Officer checked area, nothing found.

2011 phone - Disturbance *report filed. Location/address: Rock St.

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The Norwood Rotary Club will award the \$1,000 Roy Smith Memorial Scholarship to a student, graduating in 2011 from the Blue Hills Regional School, who is a Norwood resident. The scholarship will be presented to the student who best exemplifies the ideals of Rotary International, whose motto is "Service Above Self." Application forms may be downloaded from the Norwood Rotary website www.norwoodrotary.org, or picked up at the B H R School Guidance Office, and the Norwood Morrill Memorial Library. Applications must be submitted by April 1. For more information, please call Rev. Alan J. Bouffard at 781-769-7940.

FIRESIDE COFFEEHOUSE AT EMMANUEL

On Sunday, March 6, from 2-4 p.m. you're invited to a celebration of musical collaboration at the new Fireside Coffeehouse in Norwood. At the Fireside, you'll hear music from many different musical duos, each performing two songs, plus a half-hour set from our featured duo Cooper and Kenneally. Rick Cooper and Pat Kenneally will share an entertaining mix of roots, folk-rock, rockabilly, country, and blues. Sign up your duo in advance for an open mike spot at firesidecoffeehouse@gmail.com. The Fireside Coffeehouse takes place at Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 24 Berwick St. \$5 donation at the door.

NORWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Norwood Woman's Club will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, March 8. The meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. and will be held at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hall, 24 Berwick St. The program will be "The Life and Times of Bad Boy John Barrymore," as portrayed by Richard Clarke who charmed us as Mark Twain. Coffee, tea and light snacks will be provided. Please come and bring your friends. New members are always welcome and you do not need to be a resident of Norwood to attend or to join. For additional information please call Trina Mallet at 781-762-8173.

NORWOOD FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT SPONSORS A CAPELLA NIGHT

A Cappella Night sponsored by the Norwood Public Schools Fine Arts Department, Friday, March 18 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Coakley Middle School, Washington Street. The evening will feature: NHS AcaBella, NHS SoundFX, MIT Chorallaries, Brandeis VoiceMale, Tufts Jackson Jills, Boston's Pro Group - Overboard! \$5 at the door. For further details contact the Fine Arts Department at 781-440-5916.

PNEUMONIA SHOTS

The Norwood Health Department has now expanded its availability of "pneumonia" or Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPSV). In addition to Norwood residents, age 65 and older, PPSV is now available to adults 19 through 64 years of age who smoke cigarettes, have asthma or have a high-risk medical condition. The vaccine is offered free of charge at the Norwood Health Department, Town Hall, on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. or by appointment. For more information call the Health Department at 781-762-1240.

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High School prepares for MCAS environment

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test is given to sophomores across the state, and the Norwood High School administration is working to make sure students have the best possible conditions when they take the test later this year.

Norwood High School prin-

icipal George Usevich and Vice Principal Sean Kane appeared before the School Committee to discuss a new schedule to create a distraction-free environment for the students, and the committee unanimously supported the change. In addition to School Committee support, this schedule has the backing of department chairs, the Parent Teachers Association and the Norwood High School Council.

Under this schedule, sophomores will arrive at approximately 6:50 a.m. for a breakfast in the cafeteria. Breakfast will be followed by an exercise program at 7:20 a.m. and students will be in the classroom for MCAS exams by 7:30 a.m.

This exercise program is based on research by Dr. John Ratey, author of "Spark," which indicates that exercise leads to improved academic perfor-

mance, alertness, attention and motivation.

"His research makes sense to us, and we want to include exercise as part of our MCAS plan, and send students off to their test in the right frame of mind," Usevich said.

While sophomores must arrive for the test, the remaining student population will see school begin at 10:32 a.m. on testing days. This schedule will be in effect on the seven MCAS testing days: March 23 and 24 for English/Language arts, May 17 and 18 for mathematics and June 1 and 2 for science.

Usevich believes there are several advantages to this schedule.

"We feel it is educationally solid for a number of reasons," Usevich said. "First, on these seven days, MCAS will be the top priority. Secondly, there will be less disruption: no bells [and] no passing time. There won't be any announcements, a minimum number of room changes during and less noise in the school. There will be a more settled academic environment. Thirdly, it will allow sophomores to focus, and it will provide a heightened awareness to the importance of this high stakes test."

Another way they hope to make students comfortable is through those proctoring the tests. Almost all proctors involved with MCAS testing will be sophomore teachers.

"Sophomores are not randomly assigned to test rooms, but are chosen by test proctors who know and have a support-

ive relationship with the student," Kane said.

Each proctor will draft 22 students for their room.

"Students are more at ease, proctors are at ease, and the situation fosters a testing climate conducive to success," Kane said.

Of course, freshmen, juniors and seniors are not banned from the school during the MCAS testing hours. Should they wish to come to school prior to the 10:32 a.m. starting time, they will be allowed to engage in quiet study in the library or group study in the cafeteria.

There is a cost associated with the delayed opening. Usevich indicated they would need Connelly & Sons to provide six buses to pick up students for the delayed opening. The cost associated with this is \$3,150, or \$75 per bus per day. However, the final price might be less than this, as Usevich is working with Transportation Director Sean Danaher to see if they can consolidate routes, reducing the number of buses required.

While freshmen, juniors and seniors will have fewer hours in the classroom due to this schedule change, Norwood students will still receive more than the state mandated 990 hours of learning time. The original schedule provided students with 1,021.3 hours of learning time, and this modified schedule reduces that amount by 18.9 hours, to 1,002.4 hours.

"That's 12.4 hours above the minimum of 990," Usevich said.

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