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Town Meeting Makes Decisions

About face on DPW TM reverses earlier decision

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Just three days after voting not to purchase the 37 Lenox Street site for the Department of Public Works (DPW), Town Meeting reconsidered the article and voted 115-37 to purchase the 14,594 square foot parcel of land for \$600,000.

The article was originally rejected by Town Meeting by a vote of 79-47. Though the majority voted in favor of the purchase, it failed to gain the 2/3 majority needed to go forward. A motion by District 8 Town Meeting member Brian Palmateer encouraged Town Meeting members to reopen the article for further discussion.

Palmateer said he had three problems with how Monday night's vote was conducted: several members left before it was cast, some were confused about

what they were voting on and discussion on the topic was cut short.

"The discussion was cut short due to the lateness of the hour," Palmateer said. "I just feel that discussion was cut short prematurely."

He revealed he abstained on Monday night, as he didn't feel ready to vote on the issue, saying, "I didn't feel I had enough information to cast my vote properly."

Other Town Meeting members agreed with this assessment, and were willing to admit they made a mistake when they voted on Monday evening. District 4 Town Meeting member Joseph Fitzgerald said he wasn't sure on Monday's vote.

"That night, I wanted to speak on the issue," Fitzgerald said. "When we had the standing vote, I stood. I was one of those in the 'prevailing' vote," noting he stood in opposition

because he thought the vote was about whether the issue should be to move the question, not whether or not they should purchase the land.

"I am the village idiot, I suppose," Fitzgerald said. "I stood up and voted for something I wasn't in favor of."

He wasn't the only person confused by Monday night's vote. District 1 Town Meeting member Michael Cunningham was as well, stating, "I was totally confused by what was going on there... I wanted to speak on the issue, but wasn't given a chance."

Even those who knowingly voted against the purchase were willing to reopen discussion, as noted by District 2 Town Meeting member Eugene Doherty, who was on the prevailing side Monday night.

"I think some other people

NFD budget approved, but with questions

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Town Meeting began approving portions of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 budget at the annual Town Meeting on Monday night. While several portions of the budget passed without fanfare, members questioned Fire Department expenses, and town-wide money spent on holiday celebrations.

Ultimately, Town Meeting approved the Fire Department's \$5,499,718 budget for FY 2012, but not before asking about the \$527,000 substitution account line item. This drew questions because it is \$110,000 less than the FY 2011 budget of \$637,000.

"The fire overtime account shows a decrease of \$110,000," said District 1 Town Meeting member Michael Reilly. "Do we honestly expect that will decrease \$110,000, or do we

expect to be back here in the fall," to add additional funds to the account, as they have in years past.

He did not see the \$110,000 decrease as a valid cut, saying, "We're not really balancing the budget when we do this... we've had a real problem with fire overtime."

However, Finance Commission member Alan Slater argued that the \$527,000 number was legitimate, saying it was largely based on the recent study conducted by Municipal Resources, Inc., on ways to curb substitution account spending. Slater believes they will be able to cut substitution spending because they are increasing the average shift float - the number of firefighters who need to be absent prior to calling in a substitute. Currently,

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Still working the numbers

School Committee looks for any savings

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Though the Annual Town Meeting is underway, the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools Jim Hayden continue to look at ways to adjust their Fiscal Year 2012 budget.

"We continue to work with them to make the best possible school for our students," Hayden said.

In order to balance their budget and hit the target amount of \$34,345,233, the School Department has had to cut several existing programs, cut numerous non-classroom positions and raise lunch fees, parking fees, athletic fees and music fees. Their largest cut came in the form of 16 teachers, which removed a total of \$841,555 from their proposed budget. This cut includes three teachers at Norwood High School, four elementary school teachers and 8.8 full-time equivalent teachers at the Coakley Middle School. Non-classroom personnel cuts include an elementary school librarian, the Coakley Middle School librarian, a speech teacher and a guidance counselor at the Coakley Middle School.

Personnel and salaries were the hardest hit because they make up the largest portion of the budget. Approximately 79 percent of the school department's budget goes to paying salaries, meaning they can only cut so much elsewhere before they have to cut personnel. These are not cuts the School Committee wanted to make, but had to in order to balance their budget.

"We didn't like these cuts any more than anyone else out there,"

School Committee Chairman Mark Joseph said, but he said they looked everywhere and did what they had to do in order to reach their bottom line budget of \$34,345,233.

Hayden continues to look at ways to restore positions, should revenue be made available. At both the special School Committee meeting held on Saturday, May 7 and at last Wednesday's meeting, he presented a list of nine potential positions to restore.

"We have a recommendation order here, and it's not exactly one-two-three-four," Hayden said, though the order did outline nine positions costing a combined \$374,814.

The top position on this list was a \$26,114 foreign language teacher at the Coakley Middle School. This would allow the department to lower the foreign language class sizes from a projected high of 31 students. Other priorities at the Coakley Middle School include a \$25,000 English Language Learner teacher, a \$50,000 SPED Inclusion instructor, a \$56,119 librarian and a \$20,000 part-time art teacher.

While he acknowledged the importance of restoring positions at the middle school, School Committee member Paul Samargedlis questioned the placement of the Norwood High School science teacher on this list. It was placed as sixth priority on the list of nine, and he felt it should be higher up.

The new Norwood High School has 10 science labs, but due to this cut, only nine will be utilized this year. Should this science teacher be restored, it will allow the Norwood High School administration to fully utilize their 10 science labs.

"How can we have the whole

community behind that facility, and not utilize that lab?" Samargedlis asked. "We're leaving the lights off in a lab, and we have students who want to be in there."

School Committee member John Badger said restoring the foreign language teacher at the Coakley Middle School and was a good place to start, due to its effect on class sizes.

"Thirty-one is a lot of kids in a classroom," Badger said.

School Committee member Dick Kief also commented on the list of restorations, saying nothing is set right now. He feels discussion on the matter is premature, as they might not be able to restore any of the cut positions.

"We intend to restore as many of those as we can, depending on what money we have," he said. "We may be able to do all of them, we may be able to do none of them."

Ultimately, the School Committee felt including the Power Point slide with nine potential restorations was not appropriate. Rather, Hayden's presentation at Town Meeting would outline the 16 classroom positions being cut and explain the ramifications of these cuts.

The proposed cuts were also discussed during the public forum portion of the meeting, by Oldham School fifth grade student Allie Campbell. She noted that when she first went to the Oldham School, she struggled to read, but thanks to the efforts of Janice El Bach, was able to learn and enjoy reading.

"I would be very, very sad to see Mrs. El Bach go," Campbell said. "I would also be sad to see our librarian, Mrs. [Jessica] Lodge, go. I can't imagine her not being here."

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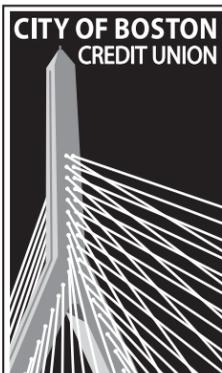
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The Community Planning and Economic Development Department will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 4:00 PM in Room 24, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA. to solicit input on a proposed amendment to the FY 2010 Massachusetts Community Development Fund (CDF) Program. The amendment will add Baker Avenue to the 2010 CDF South Norwood Streets and Sidewalks Project currently underway on the following streets: Heaton Avenue, Sturtevant Avenue; Saint James Avenue; Saint George Avenue and Pond Avenue. Proposed improvements to Baker Avenue under consideration include granite curbing, concrete sidewalks and paving. Funding may be a combination of CDF and Chapter 90 Roadway Account funds. 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 May 26, 2011.

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Master Plan goes forward

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen opted to explore several of the options presented in the Downtown Master Plan assembled by the Cecil Group. These recommendations included hiring a Downtown Manager, exploring long-term employee parking at the Cottage Street/Nahatan Street municipal parking lot, looking at strategic off-street parking expansion and continuing the downtown sign and façade improvement program.

These recommendations were originally presented at the May 10 Board of Selectmen meeting by Town Planner Steve Costello and Cecil Group members Ted Brovitz and Steve Cecil, but no action was taken at that time, as a full board was not present. They had this full board on Tuesday, and all four recommendations are going forward in some fashion.

Only one of these four recommendations passed unanimously, and that was the expansion of the sign and façade program.

"It's so successful, how can we be opposed to continuing it?" asked Selectman Bill Plasko, and said the program will continue.

However, the hiring of a Downtown Manager was questioned. The idea was to use the \$30,000 in the town's Economic Development Fund to hire such a person on a temporary basis. The Downtown Manager will be tasked with

marketing the area and attempting to attract new businesses to town.

"There is no direction downtown right now," said Selectman Allan Howard, and he was willing to support hiring a manager on a trial basis to see if things can move forward in that area.

Chairman Michael Lyons also spoke in favor of the proposed hire, saying, "We have a beautiful downtown with a lot of potential, and this particular item would go a long way in going in the right direction."

He added they have funds available to make this hire, which was a top recommendation made by both Costello and the Cecil Group.

However, both Selectmen Plasko and Helen Abdallah-Donohue spoke out against the measure. Plasko felt it was necessary to have buy-in and support from business owners in Norwood center, or else the program will not work.

"If the business owners and property owners do not have a buy into this process, it will fail," Plasko said, later adding, "We need more buy-in if this is to be successful. If it is town run, it will not be successful."

He felt they were better off following the model set by Dedham Square, which first created a management organization featuring business owners, then hired a Downtown Manager. In their case, it was the businesses, not the town that took the lead, though the town worked in collaboration

with and supported the center to make it a success.

Donohue was concerned about approving the position with a lack of information on what it actually entails. They had no job description before them, so it wasn't clear what a Downtown Manager would be doing. Without a description, she wasn't going to commit any amount of money to a position.

"This is starting to sound like an assistant town planner, and I don't think we need that," Donohue said.

Ultimately, the Board voted 4-1 to endorse the concept of hiring a Downtown Manager, though no specific salary was attached to their approval. Rather, the Downtown Steering Committee is tasked with working on the details, job description and cost of the position. Donohue was opposed to the motion.

The board also voted 3-2 to endorse providing employees with long-term parking at the Cottage Street/Nahatan Street municipal parking lot, though how this will go forward is to be determined, with Lyons and Donohue opposed. The initial suggestion was to make the entire lot, with the exception of a row in front of Babel's, unrestricted. Currently, the lot is restricted to two-hour parking.

However, some board members were hesitant to simply eliminate restrictions in that area. Plasko supported the concept of long-term parking, but felt that further avenues, such

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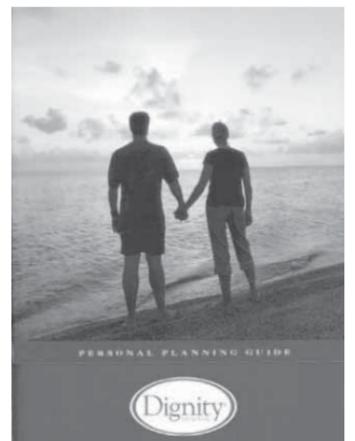
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Editorial

Thoughts just taking up space...

Look, to be honest with you, I am sitting here trying to write this column and I got nuthin...Ever have one of those days? I just can't get my act together and collect my thoughts. At times like these, I think back to one of my father's favorite cerebral sayings; "kid, if you can't dazzle them with brilliance, then baffle them with bull\$@#%". OK daddy, here goes...

Town Meeting has done admirable work these past few weeks in carefully scrutinizing budgets proposed by town officials and residents should be proud. However, I just can't agree with the decision to defer substantial work on St. Gabriel's Chapel up at Highland Cemetery. This was a gift bestowed on the Town by a family who trusted that the right thing would always be done. Norwood has betrayed that trust over the years, perhaps not wittingly, but nonetheless has not kept up its end of the bargain. True, it needs significant repairs and it is a difficult time financially, but relatively speaking, it wouldn't take that much money for Norwood to honor its promise. Some things just go beyond dollars and sense...

Why do people feel obligated to preface many of their comments with "to be honest with you" or "to be perfectly honest," as if without the preface there is a very good chance they are lying? Wouldn't the world be a nicer place if speakers didn't feel the need to qualify their comments? To be truthful, I generally assume people who use these lines to be mostly disingenuous...

I just love Paul Poznick at these meetings and I really miss Stanley Wasil. There needs to be more of these guys...

How come at Town Meeting the School Committee is usually at or near the end of the budgetary review process? It is the largest budget in Town, even bigger than general government, yet it isn't reviewed until TM members are tired and not at their sharpest, or attendance is at its lowest, when a review of such monster numbers should have the most involvement. The feeling here is that it really should be scheduled as one of the first items to be reviewed...

On this very page this week under "Letters to the Editor" a writer brings up a very good point about the former Stop & Shop property on Central Street and how the Town's indecisiveness let it slip away. However, I disagree that the decision of TM to pursue the expansion of the DPW at the current site is a mistake. Quite frankly, I think it is the right thing to do, and TM was wise to revisit their earlier action...

Ok, I'm done. So, in times like these when there is space to fill and nothing left to fill it with, I am resorting to internet humor. As always, I am NOT the author of the following joke, and I do not know who wrote it. If anyone does, please let me know so I can bestow proper credit.

A man returns home a day early from a business trip. It's after midnight. While en route home he asks the cabby if he would be a witness. The man suspects his wife is having an affair and he wants to catch her in the act. For \$100, the cabby agrees.

Quietly arriving home, the husband and cabby tip toe into the bedroom. The husband switches on the lights, yanks the blanket back and there is his wife in bed with another man!

The husband is about to put a major hurt on the guy. The wife shouts, 'Don't do it! I lied when I told you I inherited money. HE paid for the Corvette I gave you. HE paid for our new cabin cruiser. HE paid for your season Dallas Cowboys tickets. HE paid for our house at the lake. HE paid for our country club membership, and HE even pays the monthly dues!'

Shaking his head from side-to-side, the husband looks over at the cabby and says, 'What would you do?'

The cabby replies, 'I'd cover his butt with that blanket before he catches cold.'

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Letters to the Editor

NO MORE CONSULTANTS

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on your article in last week's Norwood Record (May 12).

It is my opinion that the money spent on this Master Plan was a complete waste of the taxpayers' hard-earned dollars. For the Cecil Group to tell us that we have two train stations in the town and that you need to trim the trees is almost an insult to the people of Norwood.

What the group should have presented to the steering committee is a list of businesses that would fit into the downtown structure.

The Cecil Group claims to be so successful in approving downtown areas. They must have some idea of what types of stores Norwood Center needs that people will shop at.

The other problem is the landlords. They are not aggressive enough in going out to look for businesses to fill their vacant stores. It might be that the buildings had been paid for many years ago and the incentive to fill them is not there anymore.

It would be good to know how many real estate companies the landlords have hired to sell their vacant spaces. These vacant stores are hurting the other businesses in town that need the increased traffic these new stores would generate to keep business alive.

The town does not need a downtown manager. This job should be done by the landlords and the real estate companies they hire, who should look for the type of companies Norwood needs for its center. As I said in a previous article in your paper: no more consultants, restaurants and nail salons. Whoever is responsible for overseeing downtown Norwood should have a drawn up set of guidelines for these landlords on the types of stores needed, and also how the outside decor should meet the towns bylaws.

I don't know why we always have to spend the money to hire consultants whenever something has to be done. The people we have currently should be well qualified to make all the decisions that need to be handled.

Peter F. O'Brien

AN OBVIOUS LACK OF VISION BY OFFICIALS

To the Editor:

In the 1990s, it was suggested many times that the town purchase the Stop & Shop property at the corner of Central Street and Railroad Avenue that had been vacant for more than 20 years, hopefully to build a

two-story New England style building fronting Central Street. This proposal would provide space to alleviate any crowded administrative town offices and to house the DPW on the backside of the lot, providing at least four bays for their trucks. (It also had been suggested that the town purchase the nearby Dedham Savings Bank building, which had been for sale and where Lustra Cleaners is now located, and utilize it as the Treasurer's Office, as that building already had an impressive bank vault.)

The reasoning behind this suggestion was that the DPW would remain centrally located, would not infringe on any residential neighborhood, and would offer easy access to Town Hall. However, town officials at that time said the property was "contaminated" and environmentally unsuited due to hazardous chemicals buried there. One town official said there were "plans" for that property. Well, we now know the plans were to sell the old Stop & Shop property to build Norwood Crossing Condominiums right there on that so-called "contaminated" empty site.

It would seem there has been no future vision by town officials to create a government/community center complex at this location. But some developers with such a vision initiated the construction of the following on or adjacent to this site: Norwood Crossing Condominiums, Sovereign Bank, Dedham Institution for Savings. And across the railroad tracks on nearby Lenox Street are the Lenox Place Condominiums leaving only two empty parcels of land waiting to be developed.

Last Thursday evening, Town Meeting members voted to spend the inflated price of \$600,000, to purchase just one of those empty parcels that is 1/3 of an acre (14,594 square feet) that is assessed for \$485,000. (An acre is 43,560 square feet.) If for some reason the owners of the other piece of open land decide to sell it to the town for a minimum of \$600,000, then the town will spend at least \$1.2 million for less than an acre of empty land. The estimate given by town officials to construct a new DPW complex is \$11 Million. (The Police & Fire Station, which had an original estimate of less than \$12 million, wound up costing Norwood taxpayers over \$18 million, with a retention basin costing \$600,000 that still flooded the basement at the station, and a lawsuit which the town lost.)

One Town Meeting member suggested the town-owned property located at the airport to build a new DPW. It would be FREE land; no taxpayer money would be spent to pur-

chase the property at the airport as it is already owned by the town; it is all in one location, not fragmented; there is plenty of room for future expansion; and it would not be in anyone's back yard or neighborhood. However, especially in these difficult economic times, town officials and Town Meeting members totally ignored this suggestion, and it was summarily dismissed. Could it be that such a simple and inexpensive solution made too much sense?

It is most interesting that the airport property was not included in the list of researched properties by those on the DPW Committee, and one has to wonder why it wasn't.

Where does one think the DPW will be temporarily located while the Lyman Place site is being built? The logical location would be the airport, of course, the best possible site for the DPW, once town officials missed the opportunity to buy the old Stop & Shop property.

The proponents of the Lyman site focused on the conditions of the current facility to sway emotional feelings that allowed for reconsideration of the previous vote and not on the article itself, which involved the over-priced small piece of empty land. The common theme made at Town Meeting by town officials was that the present DPW facilities are in a deplorable state. The bathroom and showers have been allowed to decay for years. A couple of reasonable questions one should ask are, "Who is responsible for allowing them to be in such decay and for so long?" "Who should be held accountable?" Where have I heard that before? Oh, yes, at Norwood Senior High School because for over 25 years that facility was allowed to deteriorate, too, including the bathrooms and showers. Does a pattern of neglect exist?

There is a tremendous lack of vision because there is no evidence of definitive forethought, and no strategic long-range plan. True, officials and volunteer groups have been "working" on the DPW plan for years, so why did the predecessors of this DPW Committee not think of Lyman Place in the first place before the Norwood Crossing Condominiums were built, and why did it take so many years and the cost of yet another study to come to this conclusion?

Upon reflection, I had always been in favor of keeping the DPW at Lyman Place, with the condition that the whole block would serve the town of Norwood and its residents. A contained government/community center complex, so to

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speak. The current proposal reflects a piecemeal, disjointed, and fragmented complex. I have arrived at the conclusion that the suggestion made at Town Meeting to move the entire DPW to FREE town-owned property at the airport to be the better and perfect solution.

It also makes me wonder what all those homeowners living at Norwood Crossing, Lenox Place, and on Lenox Street are going to think when they hear what's in store for their front, back and side yards.

Judith Howard, Town Meeting Member District 3

NORWOOD NUGGETS THANK LOCAL PIZZA SHOPS

To the Editor:

On Saturday, May 7, the Norwood Nuggets held its first

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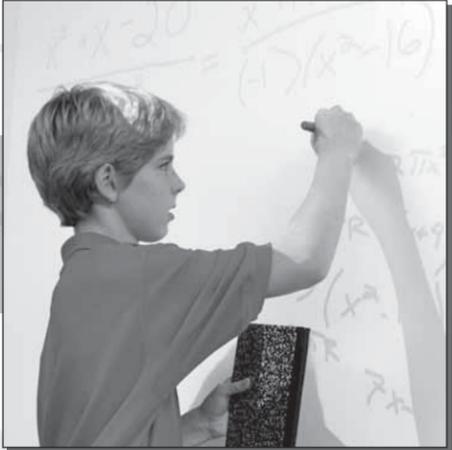
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Jackie Saber

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Our Town has many apartment complexes. Two more are being proposed. A unit with more than 100 apts. is slated to be built abutting the property owners on Lane Drive. The other is proposed at the corner of Wash. and E. Hoyle streets. The intersection at the lights of Wash. and E. Hoyle are extremely busy due to the only ambulance entrance to Norwood Hospital. Myriad ambulances come down Hoyle from out of town daily, as do our own. The project, if approved, would include 12,800 Sq. ft. of retail space, 32 rental units, and 103 parking spaces. Five buildings at the site would be demolished replacing them with 2 and 3 story structures. Of major concern would be the probability of an influx of students in our schools, and the added responsibilities of our extremely busy police and fire dept's. The fire/

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A pre-school class at the Willett School. Teachers are Ms. Gillian MacLean (left) and Ms. Louise Fellini.

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Teacher of the Year nominees

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Masons have announced the 13 nominations for the 2011 Norwood Teacher of the Year. This annual award is given by the Masons to honor an outstanding teacher in town.

This year's nominees feature 13 teachers, including nine teachers from the Oldham Elementary School. Oldham nominees include Scott Maffei, Catherine Barnicle, Jessica Lodge, Kerry Pritchard, Deborah Shook, Meg Corcoran, Becky Bryant, Jill Driscoll and Julie Carey. The other nominees are Julie Bayiates of the Coakley Middle School, Carol Thornton of the Prescott School, Nicole Theobalt of St. Catherine of Siena School and Nicole Pelaggi from the Cleveland School.

"We sent out notices to each school," Tim Lephew, Junior Deacon for the Orient Lodge of Masons said, adding that these

notices could in turn be used to nominate a teacher for the award. These forms were available at the Morrill Memorial Library, Town Hall, Civic Center and each school.

"Anyone could send them in," Lephew said. "It could be a student, it could be a parent, it could be a fellow colleague."

The nominees were examined by a panel of three judges from the educational community. Servings as judges this year are School Committee member Courtney Rau, Orient Lodge member and retired schoolteacher Dick Burgess and lodge member and Beatrice H. Wood Elementary School Principal Sean Richardson. Serving as guest speaker for the evening is Norwood Superintendent of Schools Jim Hayden.

The winner will be announced at the 2011 Norwood Teacher of the Year Award Ceremony, being held at the Norwood Masonic Building on Monday, May 23 at 6 p.m. The winner will receive a \$1,000

prize, as will the winning teacher's school. In addition, the winner teacher and school will receive a plaque, and all nominees will be given a congratulatory certificate and gift recognizing them for their achievements in education.

Last year, all nominees received a \$100 gift card to Sky Restaurant in Norwood. While the prize this year has not been finalized, Lephew said they are working on something similar, and would like to provide the nominees with a gift card to a local restaurant.

This is the Norwood Mason's fourth annual Teacher of the Year program, which debuted in 2008. Last year's Teacher of the Year was Laurel Oberg, a special education teacher at the Prescott Elementary School. Prior to that was Oldham School fifth grade teacher Debbie Shook. Lephew indicated that past Teacher of the Year award winners are eligible to win the title again, but that has not happened yet.

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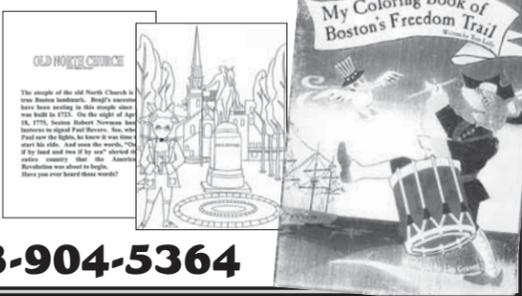
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as a sticker or placard program, should be explored.

Selectman Paul Bishop was also opposed to simply making the entire lot unrestricted because of its close proximity to the Norwood Depot train station.

"One of my fears is, by leaving everything wide open, it becomes a parking lot for the train station," Bishop said.

Lyons explained his opposition by saying these options had been explored, and the recommendation was to eliminate restrictions in that parking lot. He did not like the idea of reinstating the sticker program, noting the previous sticker program in town failed due to a lack of promotion and lack of enforcement.

"The sticker program, I

thought was a great idea, but nobody used it," Lyons said, noting that while it is a good idea conceptually, it didn't work before and creates an administrative nightmare for the town, as someone will have to run that program full time.

Donohue was opposed to the measure because she felt making the municipal lot a long-term parking lot would adversely affect St. Catherine's Church, the United Church and the Apollo Function Hall.

They also voted 4-1, with Howard opposed, to have General Manager John Carroll continue discussions with the owners of 19 Vernon Street to see if they could acquire that land via purchase or lease- to use as off-street parking for Norwood Center.

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the department has an average shift float of 1.5 - they have a minimum staffing level of 14, coupled with two shifts of 15 firefighters and two shifts of 16 firefighters. For FY 2012, they will have a minimum staffing level of 13 with four shifts of 15 firefighters.

"The Chief understands this is the number he has to work with," Slater said. "We feel as confidently as we can that this is a realistic number. This is not a show number."

Fire Chief Michael Howard stressed that the town needs to understand what this amount means for the Fire Department, saying, "Minimum shift strength will not be at 14. It will be at 13," as the budget eliminated two positions through the town's Early Retirement Incentive program. He suggested that with this budget, he would need to put an apparatus out of service during the year, as is the case now. Currently, an ambulance is out of service three to four shifts per week.

Town Meeting member Todd Gundlach questioned the inclusion of a night differential line item in the Fire Department budget, noting that it shouldn't be necessary, as firefighters work 24-hour shifts. Selectman Michael Lyons said this was a contractual obligation, and a holdover from the days before the 24-hour shift. It was never negotiated out.

"Once something is in a contract, it is excruciatingly difficult to get it out of it," Lyons said.

The Fire Department budget passed, as did the proposed Holiday budget of \$30,400, though some members questioned the appropriateness of this budget, which is used toward funding Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Christmas celebrations.

"How can we spend this much money on holidays?" asked District 2 Town Meeting member Sarah Quinn. "By my estimation, that is a part-time teacher."

District 7 Town Meeting member Joe Rich added, "We can't afford it this year. We shouldn't be laying off so many teachers and spending money on things like this."

General Manager John Carroll addressed the issue, saying it would be very difficult to cut the Memorial Day or Fourth of July Parades. However, they were able to cut the Holiday budget as a whole by five percent, from \$32,000 to \$30,400.

District 4 Town Meeting member Joseph Fitzgerald added that the holidays are important, saying, "The holidays - they are who we are. It requires no apology," and the town should not need to apologize for feeling the need to honor its veterans on Memorial Day or celebrate independence on the Fourth of July.

Ultimately, Town Meeting agreed, and funded the Holiday budget at the proposed \$30,400.

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wanted to speak. I would like to hear from other people who had comments," Doherty said.

After about 20 minutes of discussion, Town Meeting members voted 109-45 to reconsider the Lenox Street purchase, giving it the 2/3 majority needed to go forward. After this, Town Meeting members once again outlined their arguments in favor of or in opposition to the purchase.

One strong advocate for the purchase was Director of Public Works and District 6 Town Meeting member Mark Ryan, who noted that they have studied over 15 sites in town, and none worked. Only Lyman Place, with this additional purchase, will fit the needs of the department going forward, he said.

"The facilities are pre-1950. It's 2011," Ryan said. "It's time we start considering a new facility. We've looked long and hard. Lyman Place is where we should stay, and Lenox Street makes it happen."

Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue agreed with this, saying, "The Public Works department is an exceptionally important part of our town, and it is unfair to have them working under such adverse conditions."

It was noted that vehicles could not fit in the bays for repairs, maintenance or washing. These vehicles, some of which cost \$150,000, stay outside all winter long and remain exposed to the elements, and this shortens their lifespan. In addition, the interior of the facility does not meet the needs of the employees working there. The locker room and bathrooms are inadequate, and the shower hasn't worked in 25 years.

Several Town Meeting members said they visited the DPW

yard after the vote on Monday, and agreed that the site was unacceptable. Tom Maloney was one such member.

"The site down there, the building and the environment, is pretty run down," he said. "It's shabby."

Fitzgerald also spoke out in favor of the purchase, saying, "Sometimes, you have to put the calculator aside and look at quality of life." He noted that Town Meeting approved new buildings for the school department and Police and Fire Departments, as well as an updated office for the town treasurer, and said the DPW should be given the same opportunity.

"These guys are working in, at least I think, for lack of a better word, unacceptable conditions," Fitzgerald said.

Assistant General Manager Bernie Cooper said it was time for Town Meeting to act and make a decision on the DPW yard.

"A decision has to be made," Cooper said. "I've been working for this town for 40 years next year, and this was being discussed 40 years ago... I think the time has finally been reached where we need to make a decision. It's now or never."

Not everyone was in favor of the purchase, including District 4 Town Meeting member Robert Capasso.

"Tonight, for a measly \$600,000, we're being swayed to spend \$20 million," Capasso said, noting that the town would have to borrow to fund the \$11 million DPW yard expansion project, and the interest associated with borrowing could almost double that price tag.

District 7 Town Meeting member Lou Santoro was also concerned about the cost, noting, "We are talking about

\$600,000 for an overpriced piece of land. We are talking about \$11 million to rebuild the DPW lot."

He said that just because one or two employees are complaining about having the trucks outside does not mean they should have to incur such an expense to rebuild the lot. Rather, he suggested cutting the DPW down and subcontracting work out to outside companies.

"We have equipment down here that private contractors would go hoopy for," Santoro said. "We're putting too many toys in the barn, and we're not getting the best bang for our buck."

Several other locations, such as at the Winter Street landfill and space at Norwood Memorial Airport, were proposed, but Finance Commission member Alan Slater noted they have looked elsewhere, and these sites don't work. Lyman Place does.

"The biggest reason that people always look at when they try to reject the project or reject the site is that there is always the mysterious site out there, the site that really we haven't looked at, but we know it's the perfect site," Slater said. "The reality is, there is no perfect site anywhere."

He noted that the town hired Weston & Sampson, a first class engineering firm, to look at the Lyman Place site and see if it works, and it does.

"They've made the determination that this site is acceptable," Slater said.

This time, Town Meeting opted to purchase the land. The 115-37 vote gave them the 2/3 majority needed to move forward. This is the first step towards bringing the pre-1950 DPW Yard into the 21st century.

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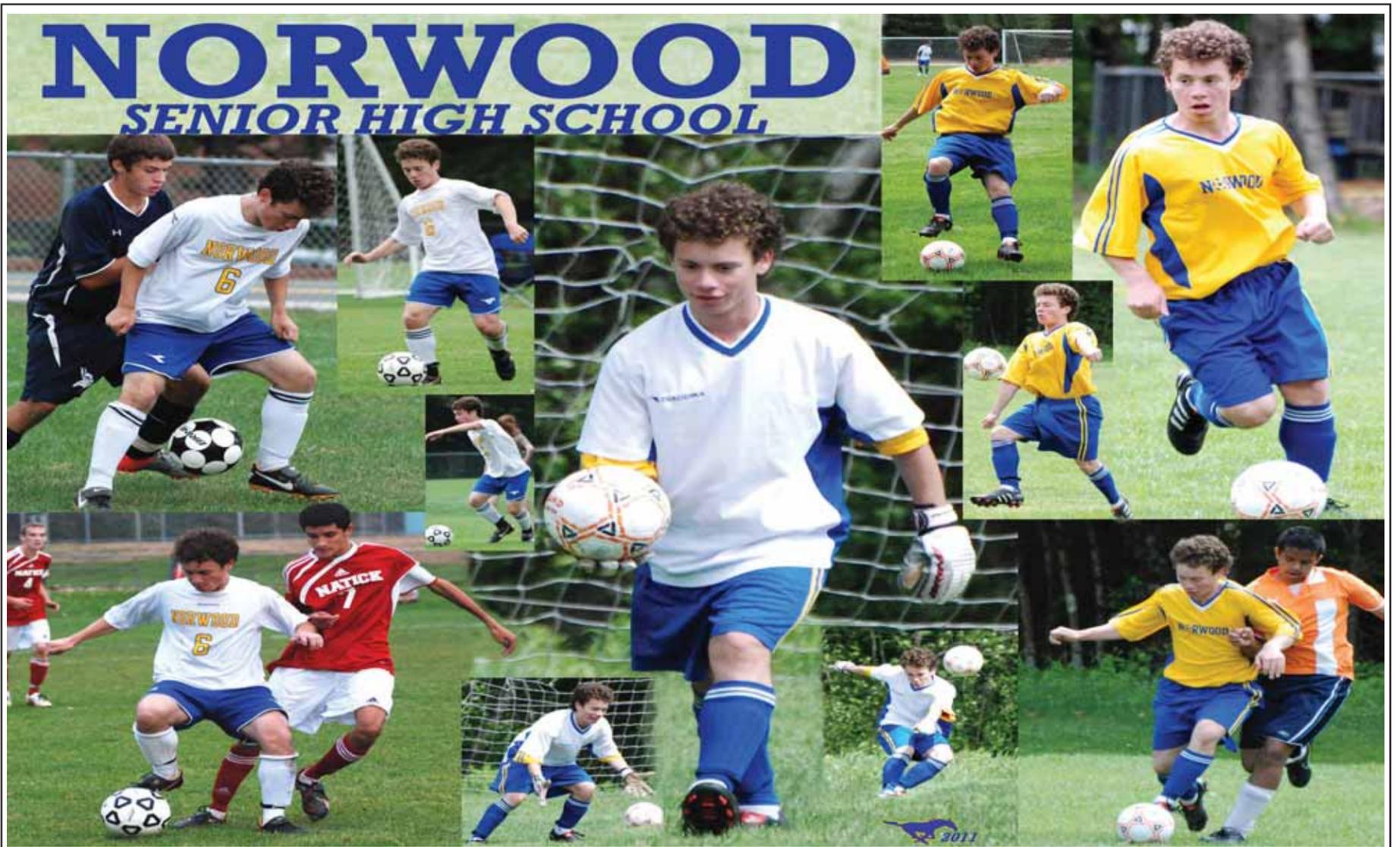
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Sports



Fernando Morales, a sophomore at Norwood High School, received an outpouring of support from the community on Friday night as he battles Ewing's Sarcoma. Morales, a soccer player for the Mustangs, participated in a fundraising event at the Old Colonial Cafe on Friday.

COLLAGE BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

Community battles Ewing's Sarcoma

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

A fight broke out at the Old Colonial Café on Friday night. No one was hurt, and every participant exited as a winner.

Hundreds joined forces as part of Fernando's Fight, a fundraiser featuring silent auctions and raffles benefiting 16-year-old Norwood soccer player Fernando Morales. All proceeds from the event will benefit Morales, who was recently diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma.

Ewing's sarcoma, a malignant bone tumor that can develop anywhere in the body, can take place at any time during childhood and young adulthood. The condition often develops during puberty, according to the National Center for Biotechnology Information.

Morales, a sophomore, has earned the reputation of being the fastest player on the boys' soccer team. The student athlete appreciates the assistance the community has provided, and acknowledges it has been a team

effort.

"The support I've received has been great," he said. "It's nice to know I'm not alone."

Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates diagnostic imaging supervisor Terri Kenney organized the fundraiser.

When she learned about Morales's diagnosis from co-worker Albino Morales, Fernando's father, she wanted to get the community involved.

"There's been a huge outcry from the community," Kenney said. "Everything has been absolutely amazing."

The Olde Colonial Café provided its venue and food at no cost for the event. Albino Morales recognizes the local community has shown a tremendous response to their plight.

"I'm so touched by the people who have shown up for the event," Albino Morales said. "There's been so much support from the town of Norwood."

The event featured music and dancing in a nightclub-like environment. Participants relished the chance to sign a poster

offering encouragement to Fernando Morales and his family. A slideshow displayed Fernando Morales throughout the years, providing insight into his life.

Silent auctions offered attendees the opportunity to bid on items donated by members of the Norwood community, including an autographed New England Revolution jersey, a Budweiser rolling cooler and Boston Breakers tickets. In addition, raffles gave participants the chance to win Red Sox tickets, gift baskets and gift cards.

Norwood High School athletic director Brian McDonough donated a gift basket featuring memorabilia for the fundraiser. McDonough said the event encompasses more than just the Norwood community.

"It's nice to see people come from all areas," McDonough said. "We're competitors against [different towns] on the field, but an event like this pulls everybody together for a common goal."

Girls' lax earns road victory against Medway

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Norwood girls' lacrosse squad's hot streak continued Thursday as the Mustangs defeated Medway 14-10 for their eighth win in nine contests.

"We did a lot of psyching up heading into the game," Norwood head coach Tanya Lowe said. "We did a lot of planning of our mind and bodies, and I told the girls they had it in them to pull off the win against a very good team."

Norwood put pressure on Medway defenders in the first half. The Mustangs led 8-6 at halftime thanks to offensive aggressiveness and quickness that continued after halftime.

The Mustangs attacked the Medway zone to open the second half, and held an 11-7 lead midway through the period. Medway cut the deficit to three goals with 9:00 left in the contest, but Norwood finished

strong to close out their Tri-Valley League opponent.

"All around we were incredible," Lowe said. "The biggest thing our team has done is listen. We have smart, intelligent girls."

Allison Ryan led the Mustangs' offense, challenging the Medway goaltender throughout the game. Ryan recorded seven goals and one assist.

Stephanie Fogg provided offensive contributions as well, scoring four goals in the contest. Lowe acknowledges Fogg had a tremendous impact on the entire squad.

"[Stephanie Fogg] controlled a lot of plays," Lowe said. "She did a good job keeping everyone calm."

The victory moves Norwood to 9-4 overall. The Mustangs have shown continuous improvement in recent weeks, from its veterans and younger

Girls' lax

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Girls' tennis shows improvement

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Norwood girls' tennis team sought revenge on Wednesday as it faced Stoughton for the second time this season. The Black Knights edged the Mustangs 3-2 in Norwood's first match of the season.

But the Mustangs have displayed progress since their initial match-up, and have shown they're ready to take the next step as a team.

The Mustangs fell 5-0 in their second meeting with the Black Knights in their second meeting, but showed progress as they seek their first victory of the season.

Norwood fought a one-hour delay, along with windy conditions. The Mustangs persevered and showed they could compete with a tough opponent.

"The girls played really well today," Norwood head coach Carl Briggs said. "The girls had a chance to win. There were two 3-set matches that could have gone either way."

The Mustangs' first-doubles team of Sandra Mastinggal and Anna Shivosky battled the Black Knights in the first set, earning a victory in the first set. But the team fell behind late, dropping the final two sets as it lost the match.

Briggs recognizes Norwood's first-doubles pair fought hard throughout the match, something it has done all season.

"They're working well together," Briggs said. "They never give up. They play hard until the last point."

Top singles player Brittany

Cadiz challenged Stoughton's Kiana Kountze-Lee in a three-set marathon. Cadiz frustrated Kountze-Lee at times with her quickness on the court.

Kountze-Lee took the first set, but Cadiz showed her determination as she battled back to win the second.

"Brittany [Cadiz] seemed to be on a roll," Briggs said of Cadiz's second set performance, "but somehow she seemed to let [Kountze-Lee] back into the match."

Briggs acknowledges his team has gained experience this season, but still continues to learn.

"Typically in tennis, the person that wins the second set has the momentum to win the third set," Briggs said. "But that wasn't the case today."

Cadiz lost the match, but showed Norwood can compete against other schools' top players.

"It's very difficult for us to compete in a lot of no. 1 positions," Briggs said. "Other teams usually have really, really strong number 1 players with a lot more experience than Brittany [Cadiz] has at this point. Brittany [Cadiz] did well today."

Norwood made no excuses for their loss. Briggs recognizes the Mustangs can play well in any conditions.

"With spring tennis, you need to be able to deal with wind and cool weather," Briggs said. "[The wind] is just another element you have to adjust to in tennis."

The loss drops Norwood to 0-12 overall this season. The Mustangs conclude their 2011 campaign with matches against Weymouth and Walpole.

Athlete of the Week

Ryan a multi-sport star

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

Norwood sophomore Allison Ryan has proven she can take over a game, offensively and defensively in three sports.

Ryan has become a key contributor to the Norwood girls' field hockey, ice hockey and lacrosse teams, displaying her talents in multiple areas. The sophomore has shown she's not afraid to play hard to give her team the best chance to win.

The Mustangs started the 2010 field hockey campaign 2-1-1 before losing eight of its final 10 contests, finishing the season 4-9-1 overall. The team faced challenges throughout the year, but Ryan provided a promising glimpse into the team's future.

Ryan made life difficult for opponents, providing an offensive spark for the Mustangs throughout the season. The sophomore will be relied upon heavily in the future as the Mustangs will look to improve in the fall.

The sophomore has displayed a flare for the dramatic on the ice as well. Ryan helped the Mustangs earn the top seed in the Division 2 girls' ice hockey tournament, with Norwood completing its most successful season to date.



Allison Ryan

Ryan made a difference on the defensive side of the puck, shutting down opponents and forcing turnovers. The defenseman finished the campaign with only nine points, but contributed to a defensive line that allowed 30 goals in 23 contests.

Ryan has played lacrosse since the fifth grade, but she originally was a softball player. However, the pace of the game proved to be too sluggish.

"Softball's a slow game," Ryan said. "I like the fast pace of lacrosse. It's very upbeat."

The sophomore has progressed as a lacrosse player, and she recognizes it takes both offense and defense to be successful.

"We work as a team," Ryan said. "It's not just one person; we play together on the field."

The student athlete began her season with four goals and one assist in the season opener against Waltham, and hasn't looked back. Ryan has become

a dominant force on the field, challenging opponents' defenses with aggressive play in front of the net.

The sophomore has shown the ability to play defense as well. Ryan has proven she can disrupt opponents' offense with her quickness on defense.

Ryan's strong play has been critical to the team's turnaround. The Mustangs started the season 1-4, but moved to 9-6 overall following a 15-12 loss to Natick on Monday.

The Mustangs will utilize Ryan's talents as they eye a postseason berth. Ryan recognizes she and her teammates will need to work together to earn a tournament bid.

But Ryan acknowledges playing with the Mustangs has been a great experience.

"I've really enjoyed playing with the girls," Ryan said. "We're all really close."

Boys' lacrosse postseason chances take hit

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

Hot and cold play remains one of the few consistencies in an up-and-down season for the Norwood boys' lacrosse team.

The Mustangs suffered losses to Weymouth and Wellesley last week, severely damaging the team's quest for a fourth consecutive playoff berth. The losses dropped Norwood to 5-9 overall with four games remaining.

The Wildcats defeated the Mustangs 10-9 on May 10 in a match-up of teams with identical records. Weymouth started strong, leading the Mustangs 6-2 at halftime.

"We looked terrible in the first half," Norwood head coach Anthony Roman said.

"We couldn't do anything right."

But the Mustangs recovered in the second half. Norwood played with energy and intensity on both ends of the field.

The Mustangs scored seven goals in the second half, displaying energy and intensity on offense. Senior Brian Rossman led the Mustangs' offensive effort with three goals and two assists in the contest.

Patrick Clifford helped Norwood compete after halftime, finishing the contest with three goals and an assist. But Roman recognizes Clifford provided consistency for four quarters.

"[Patrick] Clifford gave us a good effort," Roman said. "He played well throughout the contest."

Norwood's defenders displayed speed and ferocity, forcing turnovers while keeping Weymouth on its toes. The Mustangs made their presence felt on the field with dominant physical play.

Norwood goaltender Nick Nardelli held the Wildcats' offense at bay in the second half. Nardelli limited Weymouth to four goals after halftime, helping the Mustangs stay competitive.

Nardelli has provided consistency in the Mustangs' victories this season as he has held opponents to six goals or less in each of the Mustangs' wins. Nardelli allowed eight goals during a three-game win streak

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The girls' tennis team dropped a close match to Stoughton last week.

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The girls' lacrosse team is currently in second place in the Bay State Herget division.

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players.

Mary Kate Galvin displayed her growth as a player with one assist and two ground balls against Medway. Lowe recognizes Galvin played an important role in the team's offensive effort.

"She's a younger player who has struggled with the catch this season," Lowe said of Galvin, "but she created space in transition for us today."

Norwood's defense held its ground throughout the contest. The Mustangs worked together as a cohesive unit to limit Medway to four goals in the second half.

"Our defense transitioned well and were able to clear the ball," Lowe said. "They work

well as a small team for us."

Goaltending has been a Mustang strength during its recent hot streak. Norwood remains undefeated when it allows fewer than 11 goals, thanks in large part to the efforts of goaltender Leah Murphy.

Murphy prevented Medway from developing an offensive rhythm, recording 14 saves in the contest.

"She did phenomenal," Lowe said. "She's really listened to make corrections in her game."

The Mustangs remain second in the Herget Division, and will finish their season against Bay State Conference rival Walpole on Monday.

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from April 29 to May 3 that brought the Mustangs within one game of .500.

But Norwood's effort proved insufficient as the Mustangs fell short against the Wildcats.

"We were better in the second half," Roman said, "but we just ran out of time."

The Mustangs lost their third consecutive contest on Thursday as Wellesley beat Norwood 10-3. Roman recognizes Wellesley goaltender Conner Darcy was too much for Norwood.

"Wellesley's goaltender stopped us on a couple of close shots," Roman said. "He came up huge."

But Darcy wasn't the only goaltender to play well.

"Nick [Nardelli] played out of his mind for us," Roman said.

Norwood anticipates the consistent goaltending will continue as the season continues. But the squad eyes offensive and defensive consistency.

Roman acknowledges the team showed progress in its loss to the Raiders.

"It was our best four-quarter effort this season," Roman said.

Police Logs

Tuesday, May 10

0651 phone - Susp vehicle services rendered. Location/address: Codman Rd. + Eaton Rd. (MA Reg# 278mr3) caller reports "dmv" has note on it that they will be back tonight for it but found it peculiar that there was a shoe outside next to it. N669 responded. Vehicle appears to be in order and not illegally parked. Unable to reach owner.

0750 phone - Runaway child services rendered. Location/address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St. Guidance counselor reports child left the school on foot. Counselor and parent responded and assisted special needs student. School and parents will handle.

1123 walk-in - Vandalism investigated. Location/address: Oxford Rd. Vandalism to home. Report filed last month and she will speak with the officer upon his return.

1254 walk-in - Warrant arrest *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Washington St. Successful. Arrest: Issa, Georges Faraj Address: 969 Washington St. apt. # 5 Dob: 10/15/1959 Charges: warrant arrest

1306 phone - Lost and found *report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Bike left behind by person treated and released today. Officer returns with same.

1307 phone - Susp activity *report filed. Location/address: Cross St. Caller not sure someone is sleeping in his house. No one in home at this time, but, evidence that someone has been in home.

1502 phone - Susp activity services rendered. Location/address: Ryan Dr. Sp subject rang the bell and left. Officers report kids involved.

1605 911 - Report of gas leak Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Hazelwood Dr. Strong odor of gas inside home. NFD handled same.

1732 phone - Mischief (kids) group moved. Location/address: Highland Cemetery - Cemetery St. Report 4 kids climbing on the construction equipment parked in rear section and going into a tool box on a trailer. N662 sent them on their way, nothing appears damaged or having been broken into.

2201 phone - Noise complaint services rendered. Location/address: 50 block - Kerry Pl. Report the loading/unloading of trucks in area of #50, possibly Poirier's. N677 reports upon arrival there were no idling trucks and no loading of trucks going on.

Wednesday, May 11

0758 phone - Assist other agency services rendered. Location/address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St. 12 yo refusing to go to school. Child reluctantly went with mother to school, mother is going to Willet School first with the youngest.

1357 walk-in - Susp activity other. Location/address: Davis Ave. Complainant believes house has been broken into, nothing taken except documents. Officer responded, no evidence of a break, some receipts missing.

1634 phone - Susp vehicle *report filed. Location/address: Hill Jewelers of Norwood Inc. - Washing-

ton St. Two subjects advised they could not enter the store with hats on and they both decided to leave without coming in.

1637 phone - Susp activity *report filed. Location/address: Keegan's Norwood Jewelers - Washington St. Caller reported two males attempted to purchase gold with a credit card then left abruptly.

2107 phone - Noise complaint group moved. Location/address: Father Macs - Hawthorne St. + Vernon St. Caller reported loud juveniles in playground. Officer moved group along.

Thursday, May 12

0525 phone - Assist other police depart area search negative. Location/address: Washington St. Walpole police reports a robbery at CVS. Possible suspect wearing, white male 5'-7" 5-8" small build, wearing an olive green hooded parker, lite blue tee shirt with black jeans, may have boarded mbt bus heading towards Norwood. All units advised to be on the look out for MBTA bus. MBTA stopped on Washington St. In South Norwood, suspect not on the bus. All units clear.

0743 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: BMW Gallery - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Sales manager reports larceny of rims & tires overnight. MC5 responded. BCI responded. Report filed.

1013 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Prospect St. + Vernon St. Theft of ladders from a job location last night.

1324 phone - Illegal trash disposal taken/referred to other. Location/address: Lincoln St. Found needles on street, officer dropped them off at hospital.

1431 phone - Harassment *report filed. Location/address: St. Catherines School - Nahatan St. Bullying between students, report filed.

1645 phone - Susp activity *report filed. Location/address: Broadway Caller reports someone sold him a fake cell phone. N667 N664 N449 check area for male. Male not located.

1902 initiated - Community police services rendered. Location/address: Perks Coffee House - Washington St. Officer checked the area, no juveniles loitering.

2120 phone - Well being chk services rendered. Location/address: Riverside Community Services - Beacon Ave. Caller reports a client walked away and was acting odd and left the program. Bolu put out for male party. N664 to check train stations. MC8 spoke to nurse. Could not locate male.

2235 walk-in - Lost and found services rendered. Location/address: Lenox St. + Nahatan St. Walk-in turned in red lg phone. Phone damaged and unable to turn on. Phone placed into evidence locker.

Friday, May 13

0110 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Boch Honda - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Security reports 2 youths attempted to steal tires from vehicle and fled. Both wearing hoodies and dark clothing and fled toward back of lot towards Neponset St. Vehicle had 3 tires removed and 1 still on. Officers responded and checked area for youths. Unable to locate. N666 spoke with security and discov-

ered there was another vehicle that tires removed but tires and rims still on premises.

0556 phone - Assaults *report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Caller from the emergency room reports of a patient having large wounds that could have been from a knife. N664 officer reports that the assault happened in Walpole. Walpole PD. Notified, an officer from Walpole responding. N664 standing by.

1407 phone - Susp activity *report filed. Location/address: Prospect St. + Vernon St. Caller reports a truck selling items (equipment) may be selling stolen items. Vehicle has Idaho plates.

1430 phone - Mischief (kids) spoken to. Location/address: Cedar St. Large group of kids hanging around, may be up to no good. Officer reports kids are fine and just horsing around.

1448 911 - Mischief (kids) group moved. Location/address: Weld Ave. Caller reports she can hear kids cheering and someone yelling for help. Same kids still horsing around, being dispersed.

1523 phone - Susp activity spoken to. Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St. 2 w/ males got out of tan mv rear of cemetery and jumped fence to new H.S. Officers checked school and cemetery property. Goa.

1549 phone - Noise complaint spoken to. Location/address: Callahan School - Garfield Ave. Caller reports lacrosse team blasting music while practicing. Officer spoke to coaches, they will curtail ritual.

1640 phone - Motor vehicle accident *report filed. Location/address: Cedar St. Caller reports someone struck a dog. N661 sent. NACO notified. N661 to file report.

1655 initiated - Community police services rendered. Location/address: Perks Coffee House - Washington St. N665 checked in front of businesses for people loitering. No one there at this time.

1748 phone - Warrant arrest *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Pendergast Cir. As a result of pedestrian walking on Rte 1, warrant arrest Made. Transport by 666 s/m 24368.2 @ 1755 hrs. E/m 24369.1 @ 1757 hrs. Arrest: Pirrone, Claire A. Address: 57 Weld Hill St. Jamaica Plain Dob: 01/15/1970 Charges: warrant arrest

1922 radio - Citizens complaint services rendered. Location/address: Perks Coffee House - Washington St. N/n reports no activity in front of Perks.

2237 phone - Report of fight services rendered. Location/address: Greenleaf Rd. Caller reports that there are two cars that pulled up in front of the residence and people were yelling at each other. One male had a bat. Area checked, no one located.

2250 phone - Drunk person gone on arrival. Location/address: Astor Ave. Medfield PD reports male left Medfield and is possibly dk, they had his cell phone traced and it was pinged to the area of 98 Astor Ave. Male should be operation p2112. Area search negative.

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ANNUAL PLANT SALE
 The Grace Episcopal Church annual plant sale will be held Saturdays and Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., through Father's Day, June 19. Annuals and perennials will be sold. Proceeds go toward the planting of the historic sunken garden on church grounds. The church is located at 150 Chapel St.

NORFOLK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION FREE LEGAL CLINICS
 The Bar Association of Norfolk County's next upcoming Free Legal Clinics, will be held on Tuesday, May 24 & Tuesday, June 7, at the Quincy District Court from 6 to 8 p.m. This is a walk-in clinic, no appointment necessary. This is a free service open to all Norfolk County residents. For further information: www.norfolkbarassn.org.

INDUSTRY EXPERT TALKS OF NEW LOCOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY
 Preston Cook, CEO of Southcoast Locomotive Works LLC, a company specializing in development of training materials and technical publications for locomotive manufacturers, Class 1 railroads and commuter rail agencies, will be the speaker at the season's last meeting of the Norfolk County Rail Road Club, Wednesday, May 25, at 7 p.m., in the Simoni Room of Norwood's Morrill Memorial Library. Cook will cover some recent projects on commuter and Class 1 railroads. His PowerPoint program will describe developments in 21st century locomotive technology that will have significant effects on how locomotives look and operate on the nation's railroad systems in the future. The meeting is free and open to the public. The rail enthusiasts' club will resume its meet-

ing schedule in September. For details contact Ed Sweeney, 781-762-5587.

MEMORIAL DAY AND WEEKEND ACTIVITIES
 Saturday, May 28, 8:00 a.m.- Decorate graves of Norwood Veterans with the American flags - volunteers needed; Monday, May 30, 8:00 a.m.- Memorial Service St. Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church; 9:00 a.m. - Flag to half staff Town Common 9:30 a.m. - Ceremonies at Old Parish Cemetery; 10:00 a.m. - Parade Steps Off 11:00 a.m. - Ceremonies at Highland Cemetery following parade; 1:00 p.m. - Memorial corner dedication for Pvt. Donald Howard Taylor, corner of Pleasant and Neponset Streets. For further information contact the Department of Veterans' Services Norwood Town Hall at 781-762-1240- X208 or X209.

3RD ANNUAL ST CATHERINE 5K RUN/WALK
 Please join us on Saturday June 4 at 9 a.m. in the St Catherine parking lot for our 3rd annual 5k run/walk. Please register on line at www.scsnorwood.com or www.active.com. Race day registration will also be available. Fun event for the entire family, everyone is welcomed! For more information, please email us at scsroadrace@yahoo.com or call Kathy at 781-424-7227.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GALA FOR LAST HURRAH
 The Norwood High School Alumni Association would like to announce that ticket sales information for the June 11, evening gala at 7 p.m. for The Last Hurrah: Come Say Goodbye to Old Norwood High is now available online at our 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 of the school with many activities from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact Jerry Miller at 781-603-8335 with any questions.

SENIOR BABE RUTH BASEBALL SIGN-UPS
 The Norwood Sr. Babe Ruth Baseball ages 16-17-18 will have sign-ups and tryouts on Saturdays and Sundays in May at the Coakley Middle School Baseball field over the hill in the back, from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring what you need to participate. All players play in the field and bat at every game. Email: georgebrl@norwoodlight.com.

NUGGETS ANNUAL MEETING
 Norwood Nuggets Youth Hockey will be holding its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 24 at 8 p.m. at the Sportsmen's Club on Nichols Street. All parents/guardians of Norwood Nuggets players are invited to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to provide general updates, review the budget, pass out placement letters and vote on the applicants who have applied for positions on the 2011-2012 Nuggets Board of Directors. Nominations are allowed from the floor at the Annual Meeting for all positions provided the party being nominated is present to accept such nomination.

NORWOOD LEGION BASEBALL TRYOUTS
 Saturday, May 21, 6 a.m. at the Balch Field. For rain date, go to www.norwoodlegionbaseball.com

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SENIOR NEWS

BOOK CLUB

Please sign up at our front desk if you are interested in joining a book club.

FOOT CLINIC

Dr. Cormier is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is \$25. Please call for appointment.

MANAGING MEDICATIONS TALK BY VNA CARE NETWORK & HOSPICE VNA

Care Network & Hospice, a non-profit home health care, hospice and wellness provider, will offer Managing Your Medications and Other Essentials: What You Should Know, at Nahatan Village, 86 Nahatan St., from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Friday, May 20. This talk will cover how medicines work, the effects of aging on medication use, warning signs of drug interactions and strategies for safely managing medications. Free. Open to seniors age 60 years and older. For more information, contact Maureen Sendrowski, RN, MPH, of VNA Care Network & Hospice at 888-663-3688, ext. 5603 or msendrowski@vnacarenetwork.org.

HONORING SENIORS 90 AND OVER

Please join our celebratory luncheon for all Norwood Seniors, age 90 and over, on Thursday, May 19, at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person.

HISTORY TALK

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 19, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The topic will be "Democratic U.S. becomes an Empire."

FRIENDS OF NORWOOD COUNCIL ON AGING DANCE

The next dance will be held on Friday, May 20, 7:00-10:30 p.m. The Cost is \$10 p.p. and music is by D.B. Band (Emanons).

OIL PAINTING

Please note that our next Oil Painting Class is scheduled for Friday, May 22.

WAXING

Angela will be here on Monday, May 23, at 9:30 a.m. Please sign up at front desk.

WATER COLOR

Our next class will be held on Thursday, May 26, from 9:00 to Noon. Please sign up at the front desk.

DIABETES WORKSHOP

Thursday, April 26, at 11:00 a.m. This workshop is conducted by Hellenic Health Care of Canton.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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

of each month from 12-1:00 p.m.

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 Library to play cribbage. If you would like to join, arrive at the center early to be sure you get a table. This is a very popular game.

FITNESS ROOM

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

INDOOR WALKING

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

JOURNALING WORKSHOP

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

LINE DANCING

Afternoon dances with Dave Valerio on the 5th Friday of the month line from 1 to 3:30 p.m. \$5. July 29 and Sept. 30. Please sign up and pay at our front desk in advance.

NORWOOD SENIOR CENTER CRAFT FAIR

The Norwood Senior Center is seeking talented and creative crafters to reserve a space at our forthcoming fall craft fair. This is a great opportunity to display and sell your handmade creations. The fair will be Saturday, October 1, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Center, 275 Prospect Street. Register for an 8-foot space at \$40 by September 1. For more information or an application call Evelyn Kuphal at 781-769-2169.

MINI FIX-IT SHOP

The workshop will be open from 1 to 3 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.

SQUARE DANCING

Please come and join us each Tuesday from 9 - 10 a.m. 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 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center. The Club Membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month in 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 \$6.00.

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.

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE TO BOSTON

A shared ride program is available to Norwood residents over the age of 60 who need to travel to Boston for medical appointments. Suggested donation is \$25. Appointments in Boston between the hours of 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Monday & Wednesday qualify for this program, which is provided, in part, through Title IIIB funds of The Americans Act from HESSCO Elder Services. Donations are voluntary and no individual will be denied service due to inability to donate. For more information or to reserve a ride call: Foxfield Transportation, 1-800-585-8294, 508-543-2828, or 508-553-3000

UPCOMING TRIPS

All trips require sign up at the Senior Center Front Desk and a deposit is necessary. June 12-15, "Maine Escapes" - \$599. p.p. Double. June 15, "The Fabulous Fifties-Holiday Inn, Mansfield, Lunch & Show \$49.95 p.p. Seniors

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Saturday, May 14

0752 phone - Parking violation citation/warning issue. Location/address: Oolah Ave. Anonymous caller upset with illegal parking on Oolah Ave. He states the cars are up on side walks and all over roadway. N679 responded.

1431 phone - Drunk person *protective custody. Location/address: Cedar St. + Chapel St. Report male subject passed out on front lawn. NFD sent. N665 places subject in protective custody and transports to 50 Highland Ave and releases to a family member.

1910 phone - Debris on road *report filed. Location/address: Pond Ave. + Heaton Ave. Report of a syringe and empty baggie on the street. N679 properly disposed of same.

2238 phone - Medical emergency *protective custody. Location/address: Winslow Ave. Caller reports that she got home and there is a male on her steps that is not responsive. NFD notified. Male was dk. male placed in pc and turned over to his wife.

2242 phone - Missing person *report filed. Location/address: Washington St. Caller reports her 14 yo daughter is missing and has been since 2030 hrs. Black female with gray sweatshirt black pants and sandals. Bolo given to cars. Female was located.

Sunday, May 15

1955 phone - Assist other agency

transported to hospital. Location/address: Norwood Depot - Railroad Ave. T Police reports what appears to be a body laying next to a blue dumpster near the Guild St. bridge. Multiple unit to the area to check for body. One male located. NFD notified. One Male transported to the hospital.

Monday, May 16

0908 phone - Assist other agency services rendered. Location/address: Alandale Pkwy Assisted Detective Ryan on a school issue.

1016 phone - Warrant arrest *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Arrest: Dantonio, Michael Thomas Address: 17 Court St., Boston Dob: 10/23/1971 Charges: warrant arrest

1555 phone - Shoplifting *arrest(s)made. Location/address: CVS Pharmacy - Washington St. Female shoplifter. Arrest made. Arrest: Girouard, Jacquelyn A. Address: 136 Cameron Rd. Dob: 07/25/1991 Charges: shoplifting \$100+ by concealing mdse

1941 phone - Missing person services rendered. Location/address: Dean St. Report 15yoa did not return home from school today, usually home at 1600 hrs., language barrier. 2045 hrs- while investigating same and checking some places, the child arrived home.

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FEENEY

Katherine T., of West Roxbury, formerly of Norwood, May 13. Loving Aunt of the Ennis Family of Norwood, the Lane Family of West Roxbury, and the Iarrobino Family of Norton. Sister of the late Mary Ennis, Eileen Lane, and Margaret Iarrobino. Funeral arrangements by the William J. Gormley Funeral Home 2055 Centre St., West Roxbury. Interment was at St Joseph Cemetery.

FOLEY

Mary E. "Sis", of Norwood, May 9. Devoted daughter of the late Coleman and Mary (O'Toole) Foley. Mary graduated from St. Catherine School and Mt. St. Joseph Academy. As a member of Sister of St. Joseph from 1945 - 1974 she earned her A.B. and Ph.D in Psychology at Catholic University in Washington, DC. While in the CSJ community she taught in St. James, Haverhill, St. Agnes, Arlington and Cathedral High, Boston. After leaving the CSJ community in 1974, she was a professor at Regis College and also worked with the Psychology/Psychiatry staff at Boston City Hospital. During the 1980's she began to consult and lecture abroad on brain behavior and treatment issues. Mary was a member of the American Psychological

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Assoc, Society of Sigma Xi, Mass. Neuropsychological Soc., National Register of Health Services Providers in Psychology and licensed by the Mass. Board of Registration of Psychologists. She is also listed in Who's Who of American Women in Science. Mary loved traveling to Ireland, reading, music and cross country skiing. She lived life to the fullest always enjoying family & friends. Loving sister of Matthew "Bud" Foley and his wife Margaret of Franklin and Margaret "Peg" DeShiro of Attleborough and the late Coleman, John, Vincent, Thomas and Catherine Foley. Dear sister in law of Mary Rose Foley of Plymouth. A loving aunt to many nieces and nephews and a dear friend to all she knew. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., (Rt. 1A). Interment was private. Donations in memory of Mary may be made to Mt. St. Joseph Academy, 637 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA, 02135.

POLITO

Fred Joseph, 83, of Naples, FL, formerly of Dedham, May 11. Fred was born on March 4, 1928 to the late Fred and Rose (Melocchi) Polito in W. Roxbury. He was a Sgt. with the US Army during the Korean Conflict and owned and operated Fred J. Polito Trucking Inc. of Dedham and Norwood for many yrs. He lived in Dedham until 1999 then he and his wife Cindy moved to Naples FL. Fred loved gardening, NASCAR racing and most importantly working with cars and his trucks. Beloved husband of Cynthia "Cindy" (Percy) Polito. Brother of Robert and his wife Kay of Foxboro and Arlene Lynch of Jupiter, FL. Uncle of 5 Nieces, Roberta Murphy, Debra Volpini, Nancy Polito, Kerri Harrison and Tina Lynch. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery W. Roxbury.

SHARPE

Gertrude C. (Casey), of Norwood, formerly of Roslindale, May 10. Beloved wife of the late Edward J. Sharpe, Sr. Loving mother of Paul J. Sharpe & his wife Catherine of Dedham, & Edward J. Sharpe Jr. & his wife Theresa of Wareham. Grandmother of Paul Casey & the late Gary Sharpe, Edward Sharpe IV & Shannon Sharpe. Great grandmother of 5. Sister of the late Helen Fitzgerald & John Casey. Funeral arrangements by P.E. Murray - George F. Doherty & Sons, West Roxbury. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Gertrude's memory to the American Heart Assoc., 20 Speen St., Framingham 01701-4688.

Condolences Extended To:

Edward N. Blake, on the loss of his mother, Jean Nay Blake, of Dedham, May 13.

Herbert Ciolfi, on the loss of his sister, Anna A. (Ciolfi) Decembrele, of Canton, May 9.

Mary and John O'Connor, on the loss of her mother, Fiona O'Connor of her grandmother, and Marie Goonan on the loss of her sister-in-law, Annie Goonan-Thornton, of Co. Clare Ireland, May 4.

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made possible through the library Endowment Fund.

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Join Norwood resident Marguerite Krupp as she returns to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m. for a story tour of the Boston Harbor Islands. A longtime member of the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands and a volunteer tour guide, Marguerite will share some of the history and lore of this treasured location, including tales of shipwrecks, ghosts, famous people who lived there and daily life. She will also provide information and handouts about visiting the Boston Harbor Islands this summer. A writer, photographer, teacher and storyteller, Marguerite enjoys sharing her love of the harbor islands.

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Library Events

Library on Thursday, June 23 at 7 p.m. Pia Figueiredo will show you how to make peanut butter cups, chocolate pretzels and chocolate covered cherries and truffles using molds and fillings. Samples and recipes will be available for you to take home. This is a free program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

ANNIVERSARY OF LIBRARY REDEDICATION

Join us for a celebration of the 10th year since the library was rededicated after the renovation. On Sunday June 26, 2-4 p.m., we will enjoy music, entertainment, refreshments and library tours from 2-4 p.m.

BEACH READS RETURNS

By popular demand! Beach reads with Margot Sullivan and

Beth Goldman on Wednesday, June 29, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Sign-up is required for all programs at the Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. These are free programs and are

funded by the Friends of the Library. The Morrill Memorial Library is accessible to people with disabilities. For more information, visit the library website at norwoodlibrary.org.

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July 18-20 The Boston Red Sox vs. Baltimore Orioles, \$569 single, \$449 double, \$429 triple, \$379 quad. July 19-Spirit of Boston Trip-\$78-Grand Buffet and 3 hr Cruise. July 24-25, Gambling Getaway Single \$187, Double \$147, Triple \$142. August 10, A Bit of Tuscany at Zorvino Vineyards, Sandown, NH \$65.00. August 14-15, Gamble, Sail, Rail-Mohegan Sun, Single \$279, Double/Triple \$229. August 23, Twin Lobster Luncheon - Scarborough, Maine \$78.00. October 6-7, Common Man Inn - Plymouth, New Hampshire-Single \$249, Double/Triple \$199. October 19, Fall Feber w/the Mastros \$36.95-Drive On Your Own-Luciano's Wrentham.

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