

Filming begins for "Ted"



Ted, the feature film directorial debut of "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane, began filming on Albemarle Road in Norwood on Tuesday.

PHOTO BY BRAD COLE

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Several houses on Albemarle Road were recently decorated for the holiday season, with a Nativity scene, Christmas lights and a snowman. This might be a common site in December, but not late February.

The reason is Albemarle Road is being used as a site for the upcoming film "Ted", the feature film directorial debut of "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane. The film stars Mark Wahlberg, and is about a man whose best friend is a teddy bear he brought

to life when he was a kid.

The movie began shooting at 129 Albemarle Road on Feb. 22, with filming scheduled to continue on the Feb. 23. The scenes are flashbacks set prior to 1985, and do not include Wahlberg, who was in New Orleans working on the film *Contraband*.

Film crews spent the weekend setting up the street and using six houses, creating a Christmas scene for the movie. Naturally, numerous Norwood residents were attracted to the film set, and several neighbors gathered to watch the crew as they set up the site to prepare for filming.

Burnley Road resident Beth Standing brought her two children, David and Courtney, to watch the activity.

"I think it's great," Standing said. "It's exciting for the town, and it's neat for the kids to see."

David, 6, enjoyed his time at the set, watching the hustle and bustle of activity. He showed some insight into the filming process, saying it was a good idea for the movie to film on Albemarle Road, because it isn't busy.

"I think it's kind of cool," David said, saying he enjoyed seeing the older cars parked in driveways and around the street.

Also visiting the set were Nichols Street residents Kathy and Mel Scott, who were impressed with the sheer amount of effort involved and the large number of crew members involved in filming.

"You know what's amazing is how much effort they put into decorating it and making it look like the holiday season," Mel said. "We were surprised by the number of people here working."

Kathy added, "I think it's very festive and exciting. I think it's great for Norwood."

Even Norwood Public Access Television was on hand, as Jack Tolman

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Lunch fees going up

Athletic, fine arts proposed for increases

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

As of the Feb. 14 Budget Balancing Committee meeting, the school department needed to reduce their Fiscal Year 2012 budget requests from \$36,293,139 to \$34,250,301.

The School Committee has made \$689,139 in cuts so far, and on Feb. 16, unanimously approved a 25-cent lunch fee increase, which is projected to bring in an additional \$74,460 in revenue to the district. This reduces the school department's deficit to \$1,279,239, meaning more cuts or fee increases are necessary to balance the budget.

"The proposal is if we increase the price of lunch by 25 cents, we think we would be able to absorb the director's salary," Superintendent of Schools Jim Hayden said, and this would remove that line item from the school department's budget for salaries, and be a savings for the district.

Hayden noted that the projected revenues of \$74,460 include a 10 percent decrease in lunch sales, though this might be a bit extreme. However, even with this projected decrease, it is more than enough to absorb the director's salary.

The lunch fee increase was supported by the School Committee Budget Subcommittee, and increases the lunch fee at the elementary schools from

School fees

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"A community divided by a complex issue"

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI) met with the Fire Department Substitution Review Committee last Wednesday and presented their 99-page draft report to the group. This report outlines the numerous challenges faced by the Norwood Fire Department and includes 31 recommendations on how to deal with the out-of-control substitution account.

"When we came to Norwood, we saw a community divided by a rather complex issue," said Brian Duggan, Project Manager with MRI, and while no one recommendation can solve this issue, the group hopes the report will help control department spending.

Committee reviews fire dept. study

"There isn't one or two things that can bring substitution pay down in a year," Duggan said. "We came up with a number of factors."

The report lists 11 primary factors for substitution expenses, including long-term firefighter injuries, an aging work force, a low shift float, a lack of an active Health and Safety Committee and the inability to rapidly replace personnel through the Massachusetts Civil Service system. Because of the wide variety of factors, there is no one solution to the problem.

MRI acknowledges that overspending the substitution line item is a long-standing problem in Norwood. Keith Hoyle of MRI noted, "We asked at the

beginning how long the problem has been going on for, and almost everyone, to a person, said it's been going on forever."

While it is a longstanding problem, substitution spending has come to the forefront in recent years as the department spends more and more on it each year. A total of \$630,892 was spent on substitution in Fiscal Year 2009, \$635,870 in FY 2010 and the department is on pace to spend \$637,000 during the current fiscal year, \$151,000 more than the initial \$486,000 budget.

There are many reasons this is an issue, as it affects both the town's coffers and the safety of its citizens.

"One of the reasons this is an im-

portant issue is because of what happens to the Fire Department at the end of the fiscal year, when the town has no money to give them," Hoyle said.

He used FY 2010 as an example. Due to the funding situation in 2010, Fire Chief Michael Howard had to reduce the force's minimum manning levels from 14 personnel to 9 personnel on Feb. 24, 2010, and increased it back to 12 personnel on Apr. 29, 2010. This affects the number of ambulances the department can put on the street and their efficiency at fighting fires, should they arise.

"To try and stabilize that is in everyone's interest," Hoyle said.

This made the risk assessment one of the most important parts of the study.

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Opening Opportunities for Youths

By J. Keith Motley, PhD, UMass Boston Chancellor

As one of five children raised by a single mother in Pittsburgh, I had plenty of opportunities to be up to no good. Fortunately, I also had role models and mentors at every turn who encouraged me to **do better**.

If I happened to be standing on the corner after school with friends, there were men who would ride by and tell me, "Get off the corner." My friends' fathers would check our behavior if they saw us doing something wrong. And in high school, I participated in Upward Bound through the University of Pittsburgh. The mentors I met through that program opened up worlds of academic and social success to me; their influence in my life was tremendous.

I know I owe my success to the mentors I had as a young person – and I believe that all youths deserve the same chances that I was given. So I'm proud that the University of Massachusetts Boston provides similar mentoring opportunities for our underserved youths through programs like Upward Bound, Urban Scholars, Success Boston, and Freshman Success Communities.

Because this is an issue so close to my heart, I'm truly excited to share that UMass Boston has launched a partnership with Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit MENTOR, which helps children by developing and delivering resources to mentoring programs nationwide, in addition to conducting research on effective mentoring.

I announced this partnership last month at the 2011 National Mentoring Summit in D.C., which was attended by leading mentoring organizations and researchers, along with government and civic leaders. First Lady Michelle Obama was keynote speaker.

The new UMass Boston/MENTOR Research Alliance will facilitate an exchange of mentoring research among scholars and policy makers, and use its findings to change the lives of our country's youths for the better. UMass Boston Professor of Psychology Jean Rhodes, a nationally recognized expert on youth mentoring, will serve as the Alliance's first research director and will hold the MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership Endowed Chair.

MENTOR serves young people between the ages of 6 and 18; its work over the past 20 years has helped millions of youths find the support and guidance they need to build productive and meaningful lives. The UMass Boston/MENTOR Research Alliance will help MENTOR further develop standards for mentoring at-risk children.

At UMass Boston, we are dedicated to the success not only of our own students but also of the children in our communities. This new partnership will uncover even more ways to be involved in their lives. Personally, I can't think of a better way to "pay forward" the many advantages that I received from mentoring.

If you'd like more information on our new partnership, I encourage you to visit www.umb.edu/news. And if you'd like to learn firsthand what it's like to belong to a university that is committed to and invested in the success of all children, it's not too late: Prospective students have until April 1 to submit their applications for the fall semester.



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The Finance Commission in action at their Feb. 15 meeting.

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Blue Hills wants more

The Finance Commission (FinCom) received a copy of the Blue Hills Regional Vocational School, and the school is requesting a 16.34 percent budget increase from Norwood for Fiscal Year 2012.

"The allocation for Norwood is going up by \$160,000," said FinCom Chairman Joseph Greeley, noting an increase from \$979,698 in FY 2011 to \$1,139,808 in FY 2012.

Part of this increase is due to an increase in enrollment.

"The population from Norwood is actually up," Greeley said. "We're sending seven more kids this year."

The number of Norwood students attending Blue Hills has increased from 57 to 64, approximately 7.5 percent of the Blue Hills student popu-

lation. However, the Blue Hills request to Norwood does not make up 7.5 percent of the Blue Hills budget.

The overall Blue Hills budget is \$17,086,019, and they are requesting \$12,574,801 from the nine communities that send students there. Norwood is being asked to fund 9.06 percent of these budget requests.

This is because Blue Hills views Norwood as a more affluent community, so they must assume more of the costs, Greeley said. Norwood splits the costs with Avon, Braintree, Canton, Dedham, Holbrook, Milton, Randolph and Westwood, and budget requests are determined by student enrollment, affluence of the communities and a minimum contribution estimate.

This request will affect

Norwood's budget balancing process.

"[Town Clerk and Accountant] Bob Thornton had assumed a \$60,000 increase, and the meeting this week indicates it will be a \$160,000 increase," Greeley said, so the town budget will have to be updated to reflect this.

While Norwood is being asked to pay more, FinCom member Alan Slater noted one positive about the Blue Hills budget.

"At least their overall budget is going down," Slater said. "It's not a large decrease, but it is a decrease."

He noted Blue Hills requested \$17,210,904 in FY 2011, meaning their FY 2012 budget represents at \$124,885 decrease.

Blue Hills

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Burnley Avenue residents David and Beth Standing watch as the film crew helps assemble the set. They were some of the many neighbors who stopped by Albemarle Road to watch the filming of "Ted."

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arrived to film some of the film crew in order to feature on them on NPA.

Most of the filming occurred near the Albemarle Road and Malvern Road in-

tersection, which was transformed into the Colony Road and Hamilton Drive intersection for "Ted."

Town Manager John Carroll said he is not sure how

the filmmakers decided on Norwood, only that, "They liked the street because it was flat, wide and had split level houses."

Field fee increases tabled until fall

Some restaurants receive Sunday approval, others denied

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen reconsidered the actions taken at their Feb. 15 meeting when they voted to double the athletic field user fee from \$10/person to \$20/person, effective immediately. While the field user fee is still doubling, the price increase will not go into effect until the fall sports season.

"Right now, the action we took last week is a bit burdensome for these organizations," said Selectman Bill Plasko.

Plasko noted he voted in favor of the immediate fee increase at the prior meeting, as he thought it made sense for the town to see the increased revenue immediately, but understands the position such an action puts the youth sports groups in, as many have started registration for the spring season.

Registration fees already included a \$10 field user fee, and an immediate increase would put these groups at an increased deficit, as most don't raise enough funds to run the program from registration fees alone. For example, Norwood Youth Football charges \$225 to participate, but the actual cost to run the pro-

gram is \$255 per participant, meaning they must raise \$30 per player to maintain the program.

Because of this, the Selectmen opted not to raise fees until the fall registration season. Starting with fall sports, the fees will double and bring in a projected \$57,800 to \$60,000 to the town annually, and this will be used to partially offset the costs of field maintenance, which comes in at \$150,000 annually.

This marks the first field user fee increase in approximately five years. While doubling the fee is drastic, it is necessary due to a long gap between increases.

"Raising the amount so quickly was due to us not raising it in five years," Selectman Michael Lyons said, noting that had the issue been addressed annually, the increase would not seem so drastic.

The idea not to raise fees until the fall season was proposed by Recreation Director Jerry Miller at last week's meeting, but rejected by the Board, as the majority of members felt it was necessary to bring funds into the town immediately, rather than wait another season.

The board also met with several groups in town looking to serve alcohol at 10 a.m. on Sun-

days. This is due to an approval by Town Meeting members in December that gave the Board of Selectmen the power to grant permission to restaurants to serve alcohol beginning at that Sunday hour. Prior to this, restaurants could not serve alcohol until noon on Sundays.

The board unanimously approved the 10 a.m. openings for Sky Restaurant, BonCaldo's and The Chateau. They also voted 4-1 to approve a 10 a.m. opening for Lewis' Bar & Grill, with Selectman Tom McQuaid opposed, because he felt the intention of the law was to allow 10 a.m. openings for restaurants, not bars.

This prompted a quick response from David Kelley Jr., owner of Lewis's.

"We are a restaurant, sir," Kelley said. "It is our grill room that will be open," noting that the bar would not open until noon on Sundays.

However, not all groups that went before the Board of Selectmen received approval. Neither Lou & Deb's nor the Norwood Country Club received approval for a 10 a.m. opening, though Board of Selectmen Chairman

Selectmen

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While the budget is being decreased, towns are being asked to contribute more. Last year, Blue Hills requested \$12,258,798 from the nine towns, up to \$12,574,801 this year. Because Blue Hills is using less from their stabilization funds, towns are expected

to contribute more to cover costs.

Still, unlike last year, Blue Hills is cutting their budget. An increasing Blue Hills budget irked the FinCom last year, as it contrasted with the

fact that numerous towns were forced to cut or level-fund their school department budgets.

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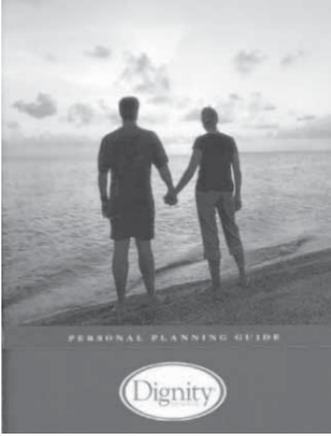
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Editorial

A contract with ourselves?

Department heads and both elected and non-elected committee and board members deserve a lot of credit for trying to squeeze every nickel out of every program in an effort to maintain quality services to their constituency with ever shrinking budgets. It must be extremely frustrating to have to continually go back to the drawing board and devise and revise ways of doing business to avoid the worst possible outcome of any budget crisis, which is cutting personnel.

That's why this writer found it extremely confusing and disturbing watching last Wednesday night's School Committee meeting. Not being able to watch the meeting live, I was able to watch it in its entirety online at npatv.org, Norwood's public access television station. It allows for the easy backing up and re-watching of any part of the meeting at any time, which came in quite handy watching this particular meeting.

Toward the end of the meeting School Committee member Dick Kief suggested to the committee that they empower school Superintendent Jim Hayden to prepare evaluation documents of their current SPED transportation program to determine if, in fact, it is still prudent to maintain an in-house program given constant changes to their student populations and the effects of these changes to the budget. He also wanted to find out if the department was legally bound to maintain the program given their acceptance of federal stimulus funds. Said Kief, "I am not advocating one way or the other, no motives...there are costs we need to take into consideration over 1, 2, 3 years and it would be prudent of us to consider everything." He also went on to state that he would be unable to make a "business" decision regarding the program with the current information they have in front of them.

It was clear by the way Kief couched his recommendation that he knew he was treading on shaky ground. However, the backlash he received after making the motion from a couple of members, particularly Paul Samargedlis, appeared unreasonable, if not downright unprofessional.

"One of the most egregious things we can do is break a contract with ourselves," Samargedlis stated. Huh? I needed to go back and watch that a couple times. He even went on to state, "Go out to bid, are you kidding me? We are saying by doing this that the confidence isn't there. What kind of message is this sending?" He even suggested that by investigating the program further it would be corrupting the process.

No, Mr. Samargedlis, no one is kidding you. It is actually good business acumen to constantly evaluate prior decisions. First rule of business is to understand that decisions made could be wrong and have an element of risk. The second rule is to determine as quickly as possible if said decisions were wrong before they have a chance to do irreparable harm. It appeared that was Mr. Kief's intention. Mr. Samargedlis apparently took the suggestion personally, breaking another rule, which is that business is never personal. Having pride in ownership, which appears to be the case with Mr. Samargedlis is OK, as long as it doesn't blind you to the facts or render you incapable of proffering sound arguments. None of the arguments he presented in opposition to reviewing the SPED program were sound.

What was most troubling was the point made by more than one committee member that they didn't have enough information regarding the finances of the program to render good business decisions. After almost two years of running a program, there should be more than enough information. So, this newspaper is going to provide a service free of charge to the committee and do a thorough review of SPED finances, using every available public document dating back to the Moretti decision-making budget projections to the actual spending to date. Someone really needs to determine if this program is the beacon of efficiency Mr. Samargedlis believes it is. Of course, we will be happy to render our findings to our readers as well. More on this later...

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Letters to the Editor

"SABERSCARE"

To the Editor:

Re: Norwood Record, January 27, 2011, Town and Country

Jackie Saber, in her article, under the sub-title "From the News Wires", lists incorrect information. No wonder she calls it "healthScare." I'd be scared too!

To put the record straight:

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SABER - You will pay full price for your insurance and the government will limit your benefits. FACT - If you have prescription drug costs that put you in the doughnut hole, you'll get a 50 percent discount on covered brand-name drugs while you're in the doughnut hole. Until 2030 you'll get continuous Medicare coverage for your prescription drugs.

Medicare will cover certain

preventive services without charging a co-pay or deductible. Of great importance, the insurance companies will not be able to deny us coverage because of a preexisting condition.

Personal opinions are one thing, but facts are facts and shouldn't be misconstrued to scare.

Carol Fishman
Norwood

PRO UNION, BUT NOT IN THIS CASE.

To the Editor:

Thank you for the reports and editorials regarding the most recent Norwood Fire Department issue regarding the shoveling of hydrants.

Let me preface my remarks by stating I have been a union member most of my life, but in the dreaded private sector, not as a government employee. If I were asked to perform work that was necessary and a safety issue that may or may not be in my "job Spec", the position of any good union would be to do the work and deal with job

specs later.

From what I see, the Norwood Fire Department needs better management, and the Union desperately needs to be managed. Shame on the firefighters for coming out after the fact and stating they would have shoveled if asked. Fire hydrants are firefighting equipment. Part of the job is to maintain fire equipment and protect the residents of Norwood. Does the union wait until asked to fill a shift vacancy with a man on over-time?? From the looks of the substitution account, I think not.

I have never seen a lack of people looking to get a job on any fire department, so it is pretty obvious it is a good job. While I respect the people that do the job, I also pay them. Things are tough everywhere. Do the job, if not there will be no problem replacing anyone who wishes to move on. Let's put all future contracts with any municipal or government union out to vote by the taxpayers.

Paul Coleman
Norwood

Library Events

VACATION WEEK CRAFTS AT THE LIBRARY

Afternoon Crafts at the Library invite children ages 3 and older to stop by the library any time between 3-5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24, for an afternoon of crafts and creativity. Please register for the programs at the children's desk of the library, or call 781-769-0200 X225.

LUCY THE READ DOG

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog will visit the library on Friday, Feb. 25 from 10-10:45 a.m. Lucy is a trained companion dog who loves to listen to children read. This program is ideal for beginner readers and up. Please register for the programs at the children's desk of the library, or call 781-769-0200 X225.

INSIDE LOOK AT THE BOSTON POPS

Justin Locke, who spent 18 seasons playing bass with the Boston Pops, will present "Real Men Don't Rehearse" at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. In this presentation he will tell what it's really like to play the Fourth of July concert at the Hatch Shell and share sto-

ries of working with Arthur Fiedler, Henry Mancini and John Williams. You'll laugh out loud at some astonishing tales of backstage confusion and onstage musical disasters. Justin has been featured on Greater Boston with Emily Rooney, Chronicle HD, and CBS Radio, and has appeared at libraries all over MA. Autographed copies of his books, "Real Men Don't Rehearse: adventures in the secret world of professional orchestras" and "Principles of Applied Stupidity: how to get and do more by thinking and doing less," will be available for sale after the program. This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library. Sign up at the Information or Reference Desk at the library or call 781-769-0200, x222 or x110. The library is accessible to people with disabilities.

THE SINGING TROOPER TO PERFORM AT THE LIBRARY

Sergeant Daniel M. Clark will perform at the Morrill Memorial Library on Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m. as part of our Musical Sundays series. Known as "The Singing Trooper," Sgt. Clark performed in uniform during his tenure with the Massachusetts State Police at more than 2,500 events for federal, state, local and military functions. In addition, he sang 26 foreign national anthems, in native dialect, for visiting dignitaries and at sporting events. In 1980 Clark took a hiatus from singing and served in the U.S. Marine Corps until his honorable discharge as sergeant in 1984. He has performed several times with Maestro Harry Ellis Dickson of the Boston Pops and

appeared on national television with Keith Lockhart and the Pops. He made subsequent guest appearances on the Rosie O'Donnell Show and the Donnie and Marie Show where he sang "Danny Boy" with Donnie Osmond. This free concert is made possible by the Library Endowment Fund. Sign up at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or x222. The library is accessible to people with disabilities.

ZELDA FITZGERALD PERFORMANCE

Talented actress and singer Rita Parisi will perform an original one-woman play at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. called Zelda, Musings from the First American Flapper. After the death of her husband, F.Scott Fitzgerald, Zelda Sayre Fitzgerald rummages through the effects of her life in the attic of her mother's home in Montgomery, AL in 1940. Every item and its associated memory reveals to the audience the life of a woman who was more than the beautiful muse and the mentally unstable flapper wife to one of the greatest "lost generation" writers. Parisi's play is a tribute to an often misunderstood woman who was also a mother, a dancer, an exhibited artist and a published writer. This free program, appropriate for mature teens and up, is funded by the Friends of the Library and by a partial grant from the Norwood Cultural Council. Space is limited, so please sign up at the library Reference Desk or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or x222. The Norwood Library is accessible to people with disabilities.

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FinCom examines FD budgets

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

One of the biggest concerns for Fiscal Year 2012 is the Fire Department's substitution account line item.

The initial FY 2012 request called for \$527,000, but this figure assumed the hiring of two new firefighters, which would bring the force to 64 members. The Board of Selectmen requested Chief Michael Howard calculate the budget based on the current force, and he did just that, presenting the information to the Finance Commission (FinCom) on Feb. 17.

"If we stay at the 62 firefighters, that requires me to fill 181 [additional shifts]," Howard said. "The \$527,000 would have to go to \$691,000 without those two people."

If the \$691,000 request is used, it represents a \$205,000 increase over the FY 2011 budget of \$486,000 and a \$54,000 increase over the current substitution allotment.

Part of this is due to an experienced work force. As more employees achieve longevity, they earn additional vacation time. This additional vacation time leads to more substitution costs.

"As of Jan. 1 of this year, we have 28 people with over 25 years of service," Howard said. "With seniority and years of service comes more vacation time, and that's one component of these increases."

Though the FY 2012 substitution account needs to be watched, Howard feels they are in a good spot for FY 2011.

"As of Monday morning [Feb. 14], all 62 positions are filled," Howard said. "Right

now, I feel good. I'm comfortable that we'll be okay."

He does not anticipate asking for more substitution funds for the remainder of the fiscal year.

"We're assuming that the action taken at Town Meeting in December will carry us through the end of the year," FinCom Chairman Joseph Greeley said.

Substitution wasn't the only element of the Fire Department's budget discussed with the FinCom. They also examined the ambulance service and the fees associated with it. While these fees bring in a fair amount of revenue - over \$1 million annually - that money does not cover the cost of running the service.

"We're still not recouping our money," said FinCom member Judith Langone. "The revenues are nice, but breaking even with our costs is where we want to be."

Howard said they have a ways to go toward breaking even, but the recently increased ambulance fees do bring them closer. On Jan. 18, the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to increase the Emergency Medical Services ambulance fee from the base Medicare rate plus 50 percent to the base Medicare rate plus 75 percent.

"As far as the ambulance service, we're off of breaking even by \$250,000," Howard said. "We're looking to cut \$141,000 of that with the new fees that go into affect in March."

The town is now reviewing ambulance fees every six months, and will raise them as necessary. Prior to this Jan. 18 vote, the ambulance fees were

reviewed annually. While future increases are possible, for now the program will continue to operate with a deficit in that area.

The FinCom also looked at the Fire Department's six capital item requests. Combined, these total \$1,011,250 in proposed borrow. The most expensive item - and Chief Howard's top priority - is replacing Ambulance 2. The department receives a high volume of emergency medical service calls each year, and Howard wants to ensure they are able to keep up with this demand.

His second and third priorities are replacing the aging console radios and portable radios, which cost \$250,000 and \$175,000, respectively. He is also looking to replace the NC-3 Ford Crown Victoria for \$45,000, replace a truck with a generator for \$90,000 and replace Squad 1 for \$170,000. Howard has been requesting a replacement for Squad 1 since FY 2006.

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\$1.75 to \$2.00, and lunches at the middle school and high school from \$2.00 to \$2.25 and \$2.25 to \$2.50, depending on whether one gets the regular, basic lunch or full lunch.

Hayden noted, "The last time that the price of lunch was increased was in the fiscal year 2006-2007 school year," and this was followed by a five percent increase in sales in 2007 and a two percent decrease in 2008.

The lunch fee was the only fee increased by the School Committee last Wednesday, but isn't the only fee increase being considered. As stated at prior meetings, due to this budget shortfall everything is on the table, and the committee wants to look at all possible options before they have to cut classroom personnel. The committee discussed possible increases to the athletic fees, fine art fee and preschool tuition.

"I think we all dislike fees, but given the gap we have to close, we have to discuss them," said School Committee member Paul Samargedlis.

Hayden proposed two sets of athletic fee increases to the committee. The first would have raised \$12,870, and the second \$21,150. Option two

was the recommendation option, and it would increase athletic fees to \$125 for the first sport, \$100 for the second and \$75 for the third, with a family cap at \$500. While it could help cut the deficit, School Committee members questioned this set of fees.

"You've got to be realistic and look at the programs across the board," said Samargedlis, meaning Norwood's program needs to be compared to those in neighboring towns, including Westwood and Walpole.

Both Westwood and Walpole have higher athletic fees. In Westwood, students pay \$250 per sport with a \$750 family cap, while Walpole students pay \$200 per sport with a \$500 individual cap and \$1,000 family cap. Samargedlis noted that while they charge more per sport, their athletic programs are ranked higher than those in Norwood.

This is reflected by the Boston Globe Top 20 list, which ranks high schools athletics by sport. The only sport where Norwood outranks both Walpole and Westwood is Girls' Ice Hockey, where they are number 8 in the state as of Feb. 20. Walpole is ranked 11, while Westwood does not break

the top 20.

Aside from this, the sports programs in Westwood and Walpole are ranked higher. This is best reflected by the Top 100 football programs, where Walpole is number 24, Westwood is number 55 and Norwood fails to make the list.

The committee also looked at a \$50 fee increase to the Fine Arts program at the high school, increasing the fee from \$100 to \$150.

"This \$50 increase generates \$18,000," Hayden said.

Adding to this is a proposal to charge \$50 to elementary school students who borrow their instrument, be it a violin or saxophone. This fee would generate \$3,500.

The Committee requested the Budget Subcommittee look at these athletic and fine arts fees further before the School Committee takes any action. They have been tabled for the time being and will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Even though no action was taken, the Committee acknowledged the importance of discussing fee increases. While no member is in favor of the idea, they recognize the need.

Joseph added that while he doesn't like user fees, "We have to preserve the classroom."

Fire study *continued from page 1*

MRI examined what would be the proper minimum staffing level for the Norwood Fire Department, and feels 14 is the ideal number. However, due to the current fiscal constraints, they realize that is not the most realistic starting place.

"We think that the lowest the community should go is 12, and obviously, the best case scenario is 14," Don Bliss of MRI said. "You need to have a buffer in place, which is why you should start with 13 [personnel]."

MRI is recommending that the Fire Department start the fiscal year with a minimum manning of 13, and they should adjust that number as the year goes on. If the substitution account proves to be problematic, Norwood can operate with a minimum staff of 12, and if the substitution account is in good standing, they can increase the minimum staff to 14.

"Twelve is the bare minimum, 13 is the starting point and 14 is the preferred place to be," Duggan said.

Regardless of what staffing level the Fire Department is at, MRI members stressed the importance of informing the community of the minimum staffing level.

"The Chief should make sure the town knows the level of service available at each staffing level," said John Klimm of MRI, who also said it is important that the chief communicates to others the consequences of these mini-

mum staffing levels.

Another suggestion involved the formation of a Health and Safety Committee at the Fire Department. Bliss noted that the effectiveness of Health and Safety Committees is proven nationally, and case studies can be provided upon request.

The Fire Department Substitution Review Committee sees this as a possibility.

"In general, it's certainly a good idea," Fire Department Substitution Review Committee Chairman Alan Slater said. "It is certainly something that is positive."

Another idea is the evaluation of Injured on Duty insurance. There is no price tag associated with this in the report, as that is determined on a community-by-community basis. The recommendation is simply for the town to explore the option, as the insurance would give the town money to cover a percentage of costs associated with both medical claims and injured employee wages, and could be used to offset the substitution account.

The benchmarking process showed that four of the seven comparative towns have Injured on Duty insurance, while another is self-insured. Injured on Duty insurance does not reduce substitution expenses, but could be used as an offset.

A similar recommendation was to "Increase EMS fees to generate an additional \$141,000 in the revenue stream

[and] that funding can then be applied to reduce the fiscal stress on the community." The Board of Selectmen have already acted on this, increasing ambulance fees from the base Medicare rate plus 50 percent to the base Medicare rate plus 75 percent at their Jan. 18 meeting.

Much like the Injured on Duty insurance, this does not actually reduce substitution costs. It only increases the department's revenue, which in turn can be used as an offset.

"The ambulance isn't going to get us out of our problem," Committee member Debbie Holmwood said, and MRI agrees with this assessment.

The increased fee is just one of their 31 recommendations, none of which can solve the problem on its own.

"Each recommendation is a screwdriver," Duggan said. "It's a tool," and Norwood will need to use a combination of these tools to help fix the substitution account.

This is just the draft report, and there are some changes going forward. The final report will be presented at a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Commission.

"That will probably be a month to six weeks from now," Slater said.

While the date has not been set, this joint session will be an open meeting, and members of the public are welcome to attend.



On Feb. 19, the Orient Lodge celebrated its 150th anniversary with a rededication ceremony.

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150 years and counting

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

Long before cars, televisions and computers, freemasons made their mark in Norwood with the creation of the Orient Lodge. On Saturday afternoon, the lodge treated its members and the general public to a rededication ceremony to celebrate its 150th anniversary.

"We want to continue the good work that we've done over the years with the rededication ceremony," said Orient Lodge worshipful master David C. Tricco.

The rededication ceremony is performed only during the laying of a new cornerstone or the rededication of a building. The Orient Lodge's original charter predates the town of Norwood, and was created on Feb. 22, 1861, when Norwood was originally a part of South Dedham.

"It's a rare event," said Orient Lodge past master Tom McClintock. "The Grand Lodge officers are presenting the event, and I'm looking forward to watching them do the ritual."

George J. Bibilos, deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, and other officials participated in the ceremony.

"History is being made here today on Feb. 19 in the town of Norwood," said Norwood Selectwoman Helen Donahue.

"It's a humbling experience to be a part of this ceremony."

The Orient Lodge has become one of the most active lodges in Massachusetts, according to McClintock. The rededication ceremony provided an opportunity for lodge and community members to commemorate the anniversary together.

"This really caps 150 years of success of the Masons working with the town," McClintock said of the rededication ceremony. "This just brings it all together."

The rededication ceremony provided an opportunity to connect the lodge's past and its future.

"It's a great ceremony," said Orient Lodge acting marshal Richard Cushing Jr. "Norwood lodge is one of the oldest, largest and most active lodges in the sixth district of Massachusetts. It's a very special time for us to reflect on where we've come from and things we've done, along with our future."

McClintock said the Orient Lodge contains 235 members locally. Many have joined to become freemasons, members of the oldest and largest fraternity in the world.

"The secret of masonry is it helps you find what's in you," McClintock said. "We're not politically affiliated, and we're not religiously affiliated, so it helps a man find what's in him."

The rededication ceremony is

one of many the lodge hosted this year to celebrate the historic anniversary. Tricco said the lodge will host other family-oriented events including an ecumenical church service on first Sunday on May 1 at First Congregational Church and a Harbor Cruise on June 4.

The Orient Lodge recognizes the Norwood community as well with events including the Teacher of the Year awards, the Norwood Angel Fund and blood drives.

Under McClintock's guidance, the lodge hosted its first Ten Outstanding Norwood Youth Awards (T.O.N.Y.) on Jan. 29, 1996. The T.O.N.Y. Awards have become an annual event in which Norwood youths are recognized for their community and faith-based activities.

"I see great things in our future," Cushing said. "Norwood lodge has done a lot in the community with things like the Angel Fund, the Teacher of the Year [event], the T.O.N.Y. Awards and blood drives, among others. I see a lot of other community service activities such as these."

The Orient Lodge continues to find new ways to expand as well. The lodge recently launched its website in the hopes of increasing membership.

"We're expanding our web presence," Cushing said. "We're expanding our scope to younger generations, and hopefully we'll attract new members."

Airport snow woes

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Much like the town as a whole, the Norwood Memorial Airport has exceeded its budget for snow and ice removal for Fiscal Year 2011, and is operating at a deficit.

"We budgeted \$25,000 for snow removal," Airport Manager Russ Maguire said. "We have now spent \$46,384," an excess of \$21,384.

This deficit was partially offset by the Finance Commis-

sion, who transferred \$17,300 to help cover the department's snow removal expenses. Even with this transfer, the airport's snow removal budget is running a deficit of \$4,084.

"We still have approximately \$4,000 in outstanding payments," Maguire said, noting that more costs might be coming, as winter is not done yet.

The recent winter weather and heavy snowstorms have proved tough throughout town, and the airport has felt its ef-

fects. This was seen on Feb. 2, when the Swift Aviation Services hangar's roof caved in, damaging the six airplanes and one helicopter inside the building. Fire Chief Michael Howard estimated \$1,150,000 in damages. This figure includes both the damages to the building and its contents.

While an unfortunate occurrence, Airport Commission member Les LeBlanc said there was one positive.

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"No one was hurt," LeBlanc said, even though there were two people in the hangar when it collapsed.

Airplane mechanic Lance Drew was working on one of the airplanes when the roof collapsed, and found refuge under a desk in the building. The other employee, Ted Robinson, was in the office at the time, and both escaped unharmed.

While snow was a focus, it wasn't the only thing discussed by the Airport Commission. They approved five apron tie-down leases for calendar year 2011. The commission unanimously approved leases for David Kneller, Bruce Fader, Hisham Ashkouri, Greg Quinn

and Helicopters, Inc.

"These are all renewals, and I recommend that all five airport tie-down leases be approved for the new calendar year," Maguire said. "I don't have any reservations about recommending approval of any of these leases."

The Airport Commission also received an update from Jeff Adler of DuBois and King regarding their upcoming North-South taxi-lane project at the airport. DuBois and King submitted the preliminary project plans to the Federal Aviation Administration and Massachusetts Department of Transportation on Feb. 17, and are preparing to get the project

out to bid. The project is expected to cost approximately \$1 million, well below the initial \$1.6 million estimate.

"We want to finalize the design and get out to bid within three weeks," Adler said, hopefully having it out by mid March and have construction begin by the later summer.

The project will be done in four phases in order to minimize impact on the airport operators. The goal is that a portion of the taxi-lane will remain open during construction, giving operators access to the site throughout the project.

"We're trying to minimize impact," Adler said.

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Accomplice turns self in

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The man suspected of being an accomplice to robber Kevin Patrick Cunningham turned himself in on Wednesday morning.

Ryan M. Collins, 19, of 28 Canterbury Dr., Norwood, turned himself in at Dedham District Court on Feb. 1, where he was arraigned for three counts of breaking and entering in daytime for felony and three

counts of larceny over \$250.

Collins is believed to have worked with Cunningham, 25, of 77 Hickory Rd., Norwood, in a pair of break-ins in December. The first occurred on Overlook Drive on Dec. 9, the other on Malvern Road on Dec 13. Cunningham acted as a lookout, while Collins is believed to have broken into the buildings using a crowbar. In each case, a significant amount of jewelry was taken from the homes. Collins is also believed to have been involved in a December house-break on Devon Road.

Collins turning himself in comes after several days of the Norwood Police attempting to arrest him on a warrant.

"The Arrest Warrant was issued on Friday [Feb. 11] of last week," Police Spokesman Kevin Grasso said. "Detectives

attempted to execute the warrant over the last several days."

Police received word that Collins had retained an attorney and that he would be turning himself in, which he did last Wednesday. He was later released on personal recognition, Grasso said.

The break-ins remain under investigation. The investigation was handled by Norwood Bureau of Criminal Investigation Detective John Gover, who was able to identify Cunningham with the cooperation of witnesses, evidence from crime scene and cellular phone records.

Police had reason to believe Collins was tied to the case, and detectives had attempted to speak with him regarding the matter since December, but had no success.

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Jerry Kelleher noted they could re-apply next year, when their license is up for renewal. Both companies were rejected by a 2-3 vote, with Selectmen McQuaid, Plasko and Lyons opposed to the 10 a.m. opening.

Lou and Deb's Owner Lou Columbo said the bar serves as a meeting place for many elderly gentlemen. They open at 8 a.m. every other morning of the week, and approval would allow an early opening on Sunday.

"Sunday is just another day," Columbo said.

However, the Board did not see it that way. McQuaid said the situation was similar to Lewis's, stating it is primarily a bar.

"It's a barroom that happens to serve food," McQuaid said, and the 10 a.m. opening approval would not be appropriate in this case.

Lyons noted the purpose of the 10 a.m. opening is to allow businesses to expand their services, not their hours. Other groups- such as Sky Restaurant and BonCaldo's- were open at 10 a.m. on Sundays serving brunch already, and this ap-

proval would allow them to enhance that experience, not merely add two hours to their hours of operations.

Norwood Country Club was in a difference position, as it is not actually a restaurant. While they have a limited menu and alcoholic beverage license, they predominantly operate as a golf course and driving range.

"To me, the idea was to offer an enhanced experience for the people already serving food," Lyons said. "I'm not in favor of a blanket approval for all places that serve alcohol."

Kelleher spoke out against both denials, saying the business owners felt it was important enough and beneficial to their business to serve alcohol at 10 a.m. on Sundays to come before the Board of Selectmen and request it.

"If you're willing to work then, and it's legal, I'm willing to allow it," Kelleher said.

Discussions with The Colonial House and Four Points Sheraton were tabled.

Sports



Norwood captain Anthony Gaita skates towards the net. The boys' hockey team clinched a postseason berth with a tie against Walpole last week.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

Boys' hockey earns postseason berth with tie

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Norwood boys' hockey team accomplished one of its preseason goals last week, clinching a postseason berth in a 2-2 tie against longtime rival Walpole.

"They say a tie is like kissing your sister," Norwood head coach Bill Clifford said. "That isn't a bad kiss tonight."

The Rebels entered Tuesday's matchup with only three wins this season, but Clifford anticipated a hard-fought game.

"With Norwood [and] Walpole, you can throw the records out," Clifford said of the matchup. "I've been around for over 20 years, and every year it's the same thing."

The Walpole crowd cheered 12 Walpole seniors as they were honored before the game as part of the Rebels' senior night. And the Rebels kept their fans cheering in the

first period, scoring two goals in the frame.

Walpole freshman Billy Moore took advantage of a Rebel power play and gave the Rebels a 1-0 lead, sliding the puck underneath Mustang goaltender Jordan Davis with 5:48 remaining in the first period. Seniors Brendan O'Neil and Kyle Guilbert assisted on the goal.

The Rebels struck again late in the first to build a two-goal advantage. Walpole sophomore Matt Bender scored with 16.8 seconds remaining in the first, giving the Rebels a 2-0 lead.

The Mustangs lacked the offensive firepower to keep up with the Rebels in the first period. Norwood was outshot 12-4 in the frame, and failed to create offensive opportunities.

The second period proved to be more of the same for the Mustangs, but they nearly capitalized on a golden opportunity late in the frame.

Walpole junior goaltender Matt Nannicelli kept Norwood scoreless in the frame, and the score remained 2-0 as the teams entered the final period.

The Mustangs kept things close in the third, thanks in part to a strong effort by sophomore goaltender Jordan Davis. The team understood it needed to put forth a strong effort to prove it deserved a spot in the Division 1 Section 1 South tournament.

"It was crunch time," Clifford said. "If we wanted to get into the tournament, we needed to come up big [in the third period]."

But desperate times called for desperate measures, and the Mustangs showed they were up for the challenge. Norwood scored two goals in the final frame to tie the score. Senior co-captain Adam Kewriga put Norwood on the

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Field fee increase adds financial pressure

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen approved a field fee increase last week, doubling the cost to use the town's fields from \$10 to \$20. But Selectman William Plasko's mandate to institute the hike has immediately placed financial burdens on spring sports league officials, who now are forced to find new revenue sources.

"We have no way of passing the fees on in our registration fee," said Norwood Youth Soccer President Dick Penta. "The only other way we'd be able to do it is fundraise, and we usually don't fundraise for field fees."

A \$5 field fee was implemented in 2004, and went into effect in the new fiscal year. The fee doubled in 2008, but much like the 2004 cost, was scheduled to increase in the new fiscal year. But last week's fee increase took effect immediately, which has impacted spring sports leagues who have already completed their registration periods.

Norwood Youth Soccer registration closed on Friday, Feb. 18. At least 740 Norwood youths have signed up for the

spring season, and Penta anticipates between 760 and 775 youths will participate in the upcoming season. Penta noted that easing into the costs provides leagues an opportunity to plan ahead.

"It's unreasonable to impose fee [increases] in the spring season," Penta said. "I can understand it being imposed in the fall, and I understand we have to pay our fair share in maintaining the fields, but we need advanced time to implement and figure out how we're going to pay for the cost."

Superintendent of Recreation Gerald Miller said the fees help cover the nearly \$156,000 annual cost of maintaining the fields, and last year's field fees brought in roughly \$35,000. Miller noted the increase will help offset the difference.

"We're caught between a rock and a hard place because we have to balance a budget on one hand and field users on the other," Miller said.

The Norwood Youth Lacrosse League has been affected by the increase as well. The league's registration closed Jan. 31, and Miller said he an-

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Boys' basketball falls short against Bishop Feehan

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Mustangs boys' basketball team suffered a 57-55 road loss to the Bishop Feehan Shamrocks on Friday night, but Norwood took pride in its play as it concluded its regular season.

"It was a great effort," said Norwood head coach Rich Cormier. "We played all 14 guys, and we got contributions from everybody."

The Mustangs lost 66-43 to the Shamrocks to open the season, but were not intimidated by their opponent despite struggles early in the contest.

The Shamrocks took advantage of Norwood turnovers in the first quarter. Bishop Feehan senior guard Brandon Cole recorded two steals in the first 1:15 of the game, and scored six points in the quarter. Cole tal-

lied three steals in the quarter, and the additional offensive opportunities allowed the Shamrocks to build a 19-7 lead entering the second quarter.

Bishop Feehan's strong play continued in the second. The Shamrocks defense held the Mustangs to nine points in the quarter and they entered the locker room with a 34-16 half-time lead.

The Shamrocks dominated both ends of the court in the first half, but the Mustangs recognized the game was far from over.

"We wanted to have fun, but this was embarrassing," Cormier said of his team's first-half effort. "We needed to take care of the ball, [and] play with more heart, more intensity and more aggression. And they re-

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ticipated 100 people would register.

"I realize costs are escalating and we do have to expect there will be increases with the fees," said Norwood Youth Lacrosse League President Kevin MacLean. "But I don't think it's really appropriate to go back to people who have already registered and say, 'We need to double the fee for the field use this year.'"

MacLean said he may have to send a note to league members explaining the purpose of the field fee increase. In addition, the league may have to consider fundraising opportunities to cover the increase.

"It's been a fairly manageable expense to this point," MacLean said. "But we've gotten to a point where we basically don't have to do any fundraising."

As of press time the situation has changed. Please see Field Fee story on page 3 for an update from the Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday night.

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sponded."

Norwood junior Troy Sousa-Semper and captain Sean O'Neill got the scoring started early for the Mustangs in the third quarter. The team chipped away at the 18-point deficit while containing the Shamrocks' offense. Norwood guard Steven Martinez drained a 3-pointer at the buzzer, and the Mustangs trailed 42-37 after three.

The Mustangs carried momentum into the fourth quarter, but the Shamrocks stepped up their efforts on both ends of the floor. Bishop Feehan senior Andrew Botelho scored eight of his 19 points in the fourth to finish off the Mustangs. Norwood cut the deficit to two points in the final minute of play, but failed to finish the comeback.

Norwood finished its regular season with a 7-13 record, while Bishop Feehan concluded its season with a 14-3 mark. Despite the loss, Norwood's performance allowed it to enter the Westwood Tournament with confidence.

"Being down 18 [points] at halftime to make it a game like this is phenomenal," Cormier said. "I'm really proud of our guys."

The Mustangs have plenty of motivation to play well in the Westwood Tournament as seniors Ryan Plasko, Owen Gearty and Juan Fernandez will cap off their high school basketball careers.

"We want to finish the season strong for the seniors," Cormier said. "We want to go out on a good note."



Sophomore Mckenna Lane takes the ball over mid-court in a game against Dedham earlier in the year. The girls' basketball team picked up a comeback win over Walpole last Thursday.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

Girls' basketball earns comeback win

Daniel Kobialka

Staff Reporter

The Norwood girls' basketball team closed the regular season on a positive note, beating the Walpole Rebels 47-45 on Thursday night. Norwood earned only its second win in six years over Walpole, defeating the Rebels on the road on Senior Night.

"The girls played really well," said Norwood head coach Brian Meringer. "We had a really tough time against Wellesley, and I think we were a little bit down. But when you're in Norwood, you always get up for Walpole."

Norwood trailed early in the first quarter, and scored its first basket with three minutes remaining in the frame. But strong defense kept the Mustangs in the contest early, and Norwood recovered. The Mustangs and Rebels finished the quarter tied at 6.

Mustang senior Sarah Eckhardt gave Norwood an 8-6 advantage with 5:41 remain-

ing in the second quarter, its first lead of the contest. But the lead didn't last long. The Mustangs struggled on offense while the Rebels thrived, responding with a 13-4 run to close the quarter. The Mustangs trailed 19-12 at halftime.

The Rebels' strong shooting continued at the start of the third quarter. Walpole junior Shannon Cullen led the Rebels to a 31-21 with 2:45 remaining in the third.

Things looked bleak for the Mustangs, but Norwood players refused to quit. Norwood's Eckhardt, sophomore Makenna Lane and senior Katie Johnson cut the deficit to 5 with a 9-4 run to close the quarter. The Mustangs carried that momentum into the final quarter as well.

"They started running and started to really want the game," Meringer said of his team's second-half effort. "Everything seemed to go our way in the second half."

Norwood scored at will in the fourth while clamping down

on defense. The Mustangs opened the quarter on a 12-2 run, and led the Rebels 42-37 with 2:39 remaining. The Mustangs' strong play down the stretch helped the team earn its fifth win of the season.

Norwood and Walpole finished their regular seasons with identical 5-11 records, but Mustang players can take pride in the comeback victory over their longtime rival.

"They'll always be able to take this as an accomplishment they were able to fulfill," Meringer said. "I think these girls will always remember this game to put a special end to a high school career."

Norwood will follow up their regular season with an appearance in the Westwood Tournament. Despite finishing the regular season with a losing record, the Mustangs still have plenty of reasons to play hard.

"We just want to play hard and have fun," Meringer said. "[The Westwood Tournament] is a light, great way to end the season."



Norwood players lined up for a free throw during a game earlier in the year. The team completed their season earlier this week.

PHOTO BY DANIEL KOBIALKA

Quick Hits

Joel Northrup's decision came with a lot more attention than any of the other 34 wrestlers who took the mat with Cassy Herkelman this year.

Northrup, an Iowa wrestler, forfeited his match against Herkelman in the Iowa state wrestling tournament last week.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for Cassy ... However, wrestling is a combat sport and it can get violent at times. As a matter of

conscience and my faith I do not believe that it is appropriate for a boy to engage a girl in this manner," said Northrup in a statement.

The national attention to the story has led national pundits to debate Northrup's decision. I think it's an easy one.

34 other wrestlers faced Herkelman this year, and they all gave her their best shot. Herkelman wanted to wrestle Northrup, she didn't ask for a forfeit, she wasn't afraid of the violence involved with wrestling.

Herkelman knew what she was getting into when she decided to participate in wrestling. It's disrespectful to her for Northrup to refuse to participate. She doesn't want to be treated specially because of her gender, she's a darned good wrestler no matter what her chromosomes say.

Herkelman dismantled 24 of the 34 wrestlers she faced, pinning 8 of them and qualifying for the state tournament.

Sure, men are stronger and more explosive physically than women, but it's abundantly clear that Herkelman was not over-matched by any wrestlers in her 112-lb weight class.

Others have argued that wrestling is too physical of a sport

for two sixteen year olds of the opposite sex to be locked up on the mat. This decidedly macho stance puts an unfair burden of "intimacy" into a wrestling match. News flash to Toucher and Rich (hosts of a local sports radio program who are taking this sexuality stance): it's okay for members of the opposite sex to touch each other during a sporting event. I'm certain that other wrestlers weren't trying to cop a feel while avoiding submission maneuvers from Herkelman.

Forcing the issue of inappropriateness into the story is unwarranted and uneducated.

Herkelman deserves more than the national attention, she deserves the opportunity to compete on an equal playing field as with every other competitor, something that Northrup prevented.



Gil Haylon

Boys' hockey

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board, scoring with 12:33 remaining in the game to cut the Mustangs' deficit to 2-1.

Norwood junior Mark Maggio tied at 2-all with 9:24 remaining. Mustang juniors Brendan Cathcart and Mark Maggio assisted on the goal.

Neither team scored the rest of the way, and the game finished in a 2-2 tie. The point clinched a postseason berth for the Mustangs as the squad

moved to 8-7-4.

Clifford noted he was proud of his team's effort, but the team will need to start games better to be successful in the tournament.

"It seems like in the past few games, we pick up our game in desperation time," Clifford said. "Now, it's quality teams the rest of the way."

Athlete of the Week

Ryan leads girls' basketball through up-and-down season

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Mustangs girls' basketball team has struggled at times this season, dealing with inexperienced players and a lack of height that has affected the team's play. But senior co-captain Justine Ryan has provided a spark on and off the court for the Mustangs. Ryan has led her team through the gauntlet, keeping her team's spirits high in a challenging season.

"We had a lot of ups and downs this season," Ryan said. "We had some really good wins and some really tough losses, but we stayed together the whole season."

Ryan provides her team with a positive attitude that they bring to the hardwood in every contest. Her leadership proved valuable this season as the team started off with more lineup questions than answers.

"We struggled to find a balance between everybody," Ryan said. "But by the end of the season, McKenna Lane stepped up and did awesome as our point guard, [and] Harriet and Sarah Eckhart stepped up down low, so we finished the season more balanced."

Ryan does her best to keep her team united, through good and bad times.

"I try to keep everybody together," Ryan said. "[I try to] keep everyone up when we're not doing so well and keep going strong when we are going well."

The senior co-captain not only gives speeches to fire up her team, but listens to other teammates as well. Ryan takes a team-first atti-



Justine Ryan

tude, and has made strides as a team player in her four years with the Mustangs.

"Justine [Ryan] is our lone All-Star," Norwood head coach Brian Meringer said. "She has led by example all year."

Ryan started her high school basketball career on the junior varsity squad. She joined the varsity team as a sophomore, but the team recorded only two wins during the season. Last season, Coach Meringer saw Ryan as a 3-point specialist.

"She had some great games, but we weren't expecting her to carry the team," Meringer said of Ryan's performance last season.

But things have been different this season. Ryan has grown from the third or fourth

offensive option to a balanced player on both ends of the floor. Her performance has made her a leader among Mustang players.

"She's a very confident player, and this year, she had to be the leader," Meringer said. "She had to be the team's MVP, and there's a lot of responsibility that goes with that."

Ryan has displayed her love of the game in her daily efforts with the team.

"She is a girl [to whom] basketball means the most," Meringer said. "It means a ton to her."

Ryan's high school basketball career will end with the Westwood Tournament, but she will bring her talents and love of the game to Lasell College next season.

Scores

**Feb. 16
Boys Hockey**
Norwood 2,
Walpole 2

Girls Hockey
Norwood 1, Walpole 1

**Feb. 17
Boys Basketball**
Walpole 57,
Norwood 42

Girls Basketball
Norwood 47,
Walpole 45

**Feb. 18
Boys Basketball**
Bishop Feehan 57,
Norwood 55

**Feb. 19
Boys Hockey**
Norwood 2,
Needham 2

**Feb. 20
Boys Basketball**
King Philip 49,
Norwood 46

**Feb. 21
Boys Basketball**
Norwood 64,
Marian 55

Girls Hockey
Norwood 9,
Dover-Sherborn 3

Calling all Coaches

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Deaths

CIACIA

Paul A., 55, of Norwood Feb. 17. Beloved son of Frances A. (Bartucca) Ciacia and the late Antonio. Loving brother of Jeannette Albarran and her husband Fabian of Quincy, Victoria F. Sergi and her husband James of E. Walpole and Barbara Capobianco and her husband Paul of Walpole. Also survived by many nieces and nephews, Algeria, Richard, Gabrielle, Anthony, Christina and Cole. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack

Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Internment was at Highland Cemetery Norwood.

CONNOLLY

Patricia M. (Costello), 81, of Walpole formerly of Norwood Feb. 14. Loving mother of Robert Connolly of Walpole, Kevin Connolly of East Falmouth, Diane Racette of Brewster, Michael Connolly of Nantucket, Judith Balboni of Wellesley, Mark Connolly of North Attleboro, and Sean Connolly of Bellingham. Cherished grandmother of 17 and great grandmother of 10. Sister of the late Patrick Costello, Edward Costello, Thomas Costello, Robert Costello, Vincent Costello, James Costello, Catherine Kiley, and Helen Thompson. Sister in law of Barbara Costello of Norwood. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arranged by the James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home 48 Common Street, Walpole. Internment was in Highland Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

GRACE

Mary Theresa (McKeown), 83, of Centerville, on Feb. 19. Born and raised in Norwood, attended St. Catherine of Sienna School and graduated from Norwood High School in 1945. Mary enlisted in the Army Nursing Corps during the Korean conflict in October 1953 and was stationed at Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu until 1955. There, she met and married a fellow Army Lieutenant, Dr. Louis B. Grace. They returned to Dr. Grace's hometown, North Brookfield, to start a general and obstetrical medicine practice and to raise a family in 1956. In addition to her former husband, mother of Barbara Connolly of Kittery, ME, Sally Salvatori of Baltimore, MD, and Susan Grace and her partner Kirk Hostert of Scottsdale, AZ, two sons, Michael of Boston, and Peter and his wife Yvonne of Lafayette, CA. Also survived by younger brother Francis X. McKeown and his wife Carol of Norwood, six grandchildren, Connor Grace-Linnehan, Isabella, Cristiana and Marianna Salvatori, and Alexander and William Grace, also 18 nieces and nephews, many grandnieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Anne Connolly, older brothers James, Philip, John, Joseph, and Henry. Internment will be at Highland Cemetery at a later date. Donations in Mary's name may be made to Cape Cod Healthcare

Foundation, P. O. Box 370, Hyannis, MA 02601; or to Hospice & Palliative Care of Cape Cod, 765 Attucks Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601.

GREW

Joseph F., 92, died peacefully at home in Osterville on Feb. 15. Joe proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He completed his education in 1970 receiving his J.D. from Suffolk University. His career was spent as a Civil Service Investigator in the Northeast Region. He was predeceased by his wife of more than 70 years J. Kathleen (Kay) in 2010. Together, they resided in Norwood for some twenty years before relocating to Osterville for more than 35 years. Joe loved to travel with his wife Kay and their friends. He is survived by two sons, Kenneth J. Grew of Grafton, Stephen C. Grew of Charlotte N.C., two daughters, Karen E. Prevett of Marion, and Gail F. Taddeo of Osterville. Predeceased by his brother William R. Grew in 2004, he leaves his other brother Henry D. Grew of Friendship ME. In addition, he is survived by 7 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Doane Beal & Ames Funeral Home, 160 W. Main St. Hyannis. Internment was in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

HOFFMAN

Kathryn (Hyland), of Norwood, Feb. 18. Devoted wife of the late Joseph H. Hoffman Sr. Loving father of Joseph H. Hoffman Jr. and his wife Loretta of OH, Gary G. Hoffman of PA Marc E. Hoffman and his wife Anna Maria of Methuen, Brian E. Hoffman and his wife Marie of NY, Andrew J. Hoffman of MI, Thomas V. Hoffman and his wife Kelly of TX, Kathryn M. DeAntonios and her husband David of CT. Beloved sister of the late Ann Cimento, Gertrude Carrig, Kenneth Hyland and Joan Ruback. Cherished grandfather of Lt. Paul, USMC, Joanna and Laura Hoffman, Carlos, Alyson and Cynthia Hoffman, Brittany, Ashley, and Erin Hoffman, Andrew, Christy, Jamie and Katie DeAntonios. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., (Rt. 1A). Internment Highland Cemetery. Donations in memory of Kathryn may be made to the Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD, 21203-7090.

HOLMES

Frederick J., 92, of Norwood, Feb. 18. World War II US Army Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Edith L. (DeLuca) Holmes. Devoted father of Frederick "Rick" Holmes and his wife Joanne of Easthampton and Cynthia L. Moran and her husband Richard of Attleboro. Brother of the late James Holmes. Cherished grandfather of Debbie Smith, Chris Holmes, Mark Holmes and the late William

DeAmilio. Also survived by 2 great grandsons Paul Smith and Hayden Holmes and 2 great granddaughters Emma and Abbey Holmes. Son of the late Thomas and Sadie (Forgarty) Holmes. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Internment was at Knollwood Memorial Park Canton.

LEONARD

Angelina (Little Angie) Sansone, 88, of Bourne, formerly of Norwood and Plymouth, Massachusetts died, Feb. 16. She was born and raised in Norwood, graduated from Norwood High School and resided there until 1984. After graduation, she attended the Gillis Business School and then worked as a broker/secretary for Marsh and Rice Real Estate in Westwood, MA for 15 years. While in her twenties, Angie sang with an all male band. She was a member and past president of the Ladies Auxiliary, Norwood Chapter, of the American Legion, active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary in Bourne, the Bourne Women's Club and the Bourne Seniors. Her favorite past time was knitting. She donated many afghans, baby outfits, and hat and mitten sets to various organizations. She was the wife of the late George Henry Leonard, Jr. of Norwood and Bourne. She was also the sister of the late Charles Sansone and Dorothy Sansone Slaney Pollara of Norwood. She was the daughter of the late Paul and Grace (Salvo) Sansone of Norwood. Angelina is survived by her daughter Cheryl Morse of North Easton; three grandchildren Amy Byrne-Lipscomb of Temple, TX, Sandra Morse and Jonathan Morse of North Easton, great granddaughter Caroline Lipscomb of Temple, TX; many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral arrangements by the Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Home, 40 MacArthur Boulevard (Route 28) Bourne. Gifts in her memory may be made to the New England Home for Little Wanderers, Development Office, 271 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02115.

LOURENCO

Nancy J. (Moog), of Norwood, Feb. 16. Beloved wife of Daniel C. "Dan" (Owner of Phil's Barber Shop, West Roxbury). Dear mother of Daniel C. "Danny" and his fiance Alana Haun of Norwood, Sharon M. Lourenco-Irving and her husband Michael of Easton and Dana C.A. and his wife Priscilla of Canton. Loving Grammie of Dylan, Noah and Tyler. Sister of John Moog and his wife Marlene of Chicago, IL. Sister in law of Joe Lourenco of Largo, FL, Aunt of Susan Shumaker and her husband Jim of Hingham. Funeral arrangements by the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., West Roxbury. Internment was at Knollwood Memorial Park, Can-

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Police Logs

Tuesday, February 15

0305 911 - Susp activity building checked/secured. Location/address: Nichols St. Caller reports hearing noise in kitchen and went downstairs and found her cabinet doors open and door to dining room open as well. N661, N667 responded. Officers checked the downstairs, everything appears to be in order. She stated she may have forgotten to lock doors and maybe the wind blew them open. She is satisfied.

0924 phone - Well being chk services rendered. Location/address: Village Rd W Off. P. Murphy and Off. B. Riley checking on youth.

1058 phone - Report of gas leak Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Staples Office Supply - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Odor of natural gas. NFD and gas company handling outside leak.

1144 walk-in - Stolen lic plate *report filed. Location/address: Hill St. Lost/stolen plate MA 48mk79. Report filed.

1627 walk-in - Susp activity spoken to. Location/address: Railroad Ave. Resident in lobby reports suspicious note left on his car. N669 reports no identifying marks on the note, no specific threat in the words, advised.

1724 911 - Medical emergency Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Roosevelt Ave. Report resident is not breathing. NFD reports breathing but unconscious. NFD transported.

1822 walk-in - Missing person *report filed. Location/address: Spruce Rd. Walk-in reported daughter ran away from home and did not show up at school. Bolo broadcast to cars. Party entered lobby. Officer spoke with missing juvenile. Returned party to residence. Starting 1994 @ 1959, ending 19951 @2006. Missing person entry removed from nci.

Wednesday, February 16

0957 walk-in - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Peters Auto Repair - Washington St. Larceny of keys.

1003 911 - Report of fire *report filed. Location/address: Vanderbilt Ave. Car fire.

1033 phone - Susp activity services rendered. Location/address: Radiator Express - Morgan Dr. Sp vehicle and trailer let on the property for a few days. Officer spoke with the company they assure him the driver is fine and they will move the vehicle soon.

1206 phone - Warrant arrest *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Warrant of apprehension.

1554 phone - Road hazard services rendered. Location/address: Press Ave. Caller reports mv in street missing plate, difficult for school bus to get by. Officer reported vehicles can get by. Vehicle recently purchased, getting new plates for it.

1808 phone - Susp activity services rendered. Location/address: Edgehill Rd. Caller reported small child asked for money for a charity then ran away. Officer spoke with home owner. Child collecting for charity ran back to his mother's car. No illegal activity occurred. Homeowner satisfied.

1814 phone - Assist other agency services rendered. Location/address: Norwest Dr. Electronic monitoring/probation department requested officer speak to party under house arrest who left without permission. Subject located at residence, advised to stay at home. Probation department informed party is back at home.

1938 phone - Fire alarm Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: David Ter. Report that there is no battery in smoke detector, and it is beeping. NFD fixed same.

2130 phone - Disturbance *protective custody. Location/address: Washington St. Caller reported intoxicated neighbor attempting to break in. Officer reported one party placed into

protective custody.

2247 initiated - Susp person *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Sturtevant Ave. Sergeant reported spotting party with active warrants ran into residence at above address. Officers on scene report subject stated to them he has a gun and a juvenile hostage. Officers now reporting suspect does not have a weapon, but is threatening to jump from the third story window. Subject placed under arrest. Prisoner transport to the Hospital. 02/17/2011 0215 N667, N661 transported prisoner back to station from hospital. Arrest: McGuire, Hanan Address: 5 Sturtevant Ave. Dob: 02/02/1969 Charges: witness, intimidate Arrest: ONeill, Michael Timothy Address: 15 Allen Rd. Dob: 08/25/1976 Charges: warrant arrest Disturbing the peace Resist arrest Threat to commit crime Witness, intimidate

2320 phone - Parking violation citation/warning issued. Location/address: Olde Derby Rd. Black Towncar in a handicap space. (delayed) due to prior call. N663 responded. Vehicle cited.

Thursday, February 17

1510 radio - Susp activity *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Mark IV Transportation - Vanderbilt Ave. Center Auto towed VA reg xfn1748. Arrest made. Arrest: Brown, Akeem O. Address: 30 Greenwood Ave., Hyde Park Dob: 07/28/1989 Charges: license suspended, op mv with

1819 phone - Susp person spoken to. Location/address: Washington St. Caller reported male in red jacket shaking his fists at passing cars. Party is on the town line. Westwood Police notified. Officer spoke with party, checked ok.

2205 phone - Assist citizen services rendered. Location/address: Dean St. Caller reports channel 7 reporters on his property. N661 N667 sent. Spoke to them, they were not on the property they were across the street.

Friday, February 18

0619 phone - Animal complaint services rendered. Location/address: Everett Ave. Caller states that she has a bat in the kitchen. Animal Control Officer & N667 notified and responded. NACO removed same.

0646 911 - Death at home *report filed. Location/address: Arnold Rd. Caller states he believes his dad has passed in his sleep. NFD, N669, N668 responded.

0727 phone - Malicious damage *report filed. Location/address: Washington

St. Caller reports it appears his mother's home has been hit by paintballs. N677 responded.

0925 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Walk in party reports larceny of her wallet was stolen while at the pain management clinic.

1052 phone - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Tractel - Morgan Dr. Glass in door broken by what appears to be bb shots.

1117 phone - Suicide / or threat *report filed. Location/address: Junior High North - Savage Center - Prospect St. Caller reports male student threatened to slit his throat. unknown whether he is on school property any longer. White male 5'8 blonde hair dressed in all black. N662 N666 sent. NFD notified. one male transported see report.

1123 phone - Susp activity gone on arrival. Location/address: Irving Gas - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Caller reports "provocatively" dressed very large female, short dress, fishnet stockings, about 6', 220 lbs. walking south in s/bound lane.

1128 phone - Drunk person area search negative. Location/address: Upland Rd. caller reports dk female walking into he street trying to flag cars down. N665 N667 sent. Area search goa.

1240 phone - Susp activity spoken to. Location/address: Dean St. Caller reports someone is in the dumpster that doesn't belong there. N661 sent. House is being auctioned off. Male looking at property.

1624 phone - Animal complaint taken/referred to other. Location/address: Norwest Dr. Caller reports he ran over a dog. NACO noified. N679 sent.

1729 phone - Susp activity services rendered. Location/address: Irving St. Teens wearing Halloween masks carried a large tv into the path and are hitting it with baseball bats. Officer report the item was for trash and the parents advised for both boys.

2018 phone - Drunk person services rendered. Location/address: McDonalds - Broadway St. Manager reports three males left on foot and appear to be dk. Subjects located at Spot on Broadway. No warrants and sober.

2131 phone - Motor vehicle accident *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Broadway Officer Doherty off with a minor mva. as a result three under arrest. Onne female transported by Off. E.A. Farioli st mi 18290 2152 hrs 18290.4 2155hrs Arrest: Skinner, Julia Elizabeth address: 53 Concord Ave left dob: 08/30/1992 charges: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage Arrest: Nunnally, Troy A address: 14

Cross St dob: 11/01/1990 charges: liquor, person under 21 possess liquor id card/license, false/misuse Arrest: Mansour, Jack address: 332 Dedham St., Wrentham dob: 11/18/1990 charges: liquor, person under 21 possess

reports yelling and screaming going on in apt. Next door, possibly a domestic. N667, N664 responded. N667 reports small gathering being loud. Everything in order. Advised.

0913 phone - Drug law violation services rendered. Location/address: Convenient Food Market - Washington St. Caller concerned about pipes being sold at Convient Mart. Norwood South sent and investigated. N663 reports items removed for now until it can be determined what can/cannot be sold.

1001 walk-in - Auto theft *report filed. Location/address: Bahama Dr. Report MA pc 5716vn stolen. Walpole PD towed same on 2/18/11 2215 hrs. n661 to file a report and Walpole PD to

Saturday, February 19

0132 initiated - Susp person *protective custody. Location/address: Pams Market - Pleasant St. N679 stopped to speak to party walking by Pam's Market. N669 responded. As a result male party placed in protective custody transported by N669 and released to his parents at 20 Ash Rd. p/c: Cedrone, Stephen A. address: 20 Ash Rd. dob: 07/05/1992 charges: protective custody

0256 911 - Domestic spoken to. Location/address: Lansdowne Way Caller

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Legals

**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 8, 2011 at 7:15 PM** on the request of **Christine L. Biegner (Case # 11-03)** with respect to property located on **23 Monroe Street**, in a **G-General Residential District**.

The application requests:

This Application requests a Special Permit under Section 5.4.4 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow construction of a one-story addition approximately 8' x 14' to a pre-existing, nonconforming single family home. Addition will not be closer to lot line than existing structure having an 8' side yard setback where 15' is required. Existing property lacks required frontage, lot width and side yard setback. Shed indicated on lot line will be relocated, and will comply with current setback requirements.

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

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The Bid must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, endorsed with the name and address of the Bidder, and marked, "**Material Handling Device Trucks - NLD-11-04**". **This is a re-bid of NLD-11-03, which had been cancelled.**

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Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) C. 164, §56 and all other statutes governing such contracts. Every Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of Bids, Saturdays, and Sundays excluded.

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ALLIANCE FOR MENTALLY ILL MEETING

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill—South Norfolk affiliate will hold its monthly meeting in Cafeteria B of the Lorusso Building at Norwood Hospital at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 3. Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The Alliance is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones. The Alliance welcomes all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. For further information call 508-668-2941. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be canceled if the Norwood schools close.

FREE SEMINAR ON COLLEGE PLANNING

If you're planning to go to college, don't miss the upcoming evening seminar about the college planning process at Blue Hills Regional Technical School, 800 Randolph St., Canton. This program will be held on Wednesday, March 9 in the café at 6:30 p.m. A speaker from the Mass. Educational Financing Authority will present info on planning, saving and paying for college. This is a free program. More info is available in the Guidance Department. For questions, contact Deborah Lowrance at 781-828-5800 x220.

REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING

Monthly Meeting of the Norwood Republican Town Committee will be held Feb.

28, at the historic George H. Morse House, 1285 Washington St. Please note the time change for this meeting only. The time is 8 p.m. instead of the usual 7 p.m. We welcome visitors and guests. If you are interested in learning about what the NRTC is and does then contact Pat Sterritt, 781-752-7959.

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 reg-

ister 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 with the United States Department of Agriculture.

SUMMER PROGRAM FAIR

Meet our terrific summer staff. Learn about all the programs and clinics that are happening at the Civic during this summer. Arts and crafts, face painting, fun activities and more! No registration required. Come on by and say hello and register for all the programs while space is available. Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SNCARC OFFERS SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

South Norfolk County Arc (SNCARC) is pleased to announce that it will once again award up to five scholarships to college students who are studying Special Education or a closely related field and who will be juniors, seniors or graduate students in the 2011-2012 school year. Application forms have been sent to many local colleges and universities. The deadline for applications is April 13, 2011. SNCARC awards scholarships in honor of founders and donors who wished to encourage women and men to enter this important field. Scholarships will be presented at the Annual Meeting of South Norfolk County Arc on Wednesday, May 18, in Westwood. In reviewing applications, the committee will give preference to applicants who have not previously received a SNCARC scholarship. If you are interested, please write: South Norfolk County Arc SCHOLARSHIPS, 789 Clapboardtree Street, Westwood, MA 02090. You can pick up an application at the reception desk at SNCARC or leave your name, address and phone number at: 781-762-4001, ext. 331 or email nlewis@sncarc.org for an application or more information. Applications are also available online at www.sncarc.org/scholarship.htm.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FROM NORWOOD ROTARY CLUB

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. Appli-

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cations 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 Street. 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 - Over-

board! \$5 at the door. For further details contact the Fine Arts Department at 781-440-5916.

DIVORCE RECOVERY SERIES BEGINS

The Divorce Recovery Series, an eight-week program covering the emotional stages of divorce and offering healing and support to those who are divorced or separated, will be offered at the First Congregational Church of Norwood, beginning on Thursday, March 3. The group is led by a professional counselor specializing in divorce issues, and participants are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. The First Congregational Church is located on the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street. The series will meet on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and the cost is \$90. Preregistration is requested. To register or for more information on the series, please call the church office at 781-762-3320.

NORWOOD IRISH MUSIC CLUB DANCE

The Norwood Irish Music Club invites you to join them, Saturday, Feb. 26, 8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. music by Erin's Melody. Located at Workmen's Hall, 99 Wilson St. (off Rt. 1A), the cost is \$10 per person. Dances are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. All are welcome. Call 781-982-4092 for more information.

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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amend their charges.
1114 phone - Assist citizen civil matter. Location/address: Winter St. Report problem in paying snowplow operator. N665 reports civil matter.
1223 phone - Hit and run other. Location/address: Oolah Ave.
1419 phone - Citizens complaint gone on arrival. Location/address: Super Wash - Central St. Report 2 white male teenagers panhandling for money.

Sunday, February 20

0151 911 - Disturbance *report filed. Location/address: New England Comics - Washington St. Caller reported hearing verbal argument. Officers checked area, broken window found at above address, no one around.
0304 phone - Susp person spoken to. Location/address: New England Comics - Washington St. Caller reported three males by the broken window. Officers spoke with employee on scene. Employee stated the males may have been with the party who broke the window earlier. Officers checked area. Officer spoke with individuals, they were not involved in the glass break.
0603 phone - Debris on road services rendered. Location/address: Hill St. + Eisenhower Rd. Caller states that there is some kind of debris in the middle of the road. The officer states that a purse was found in the road way which had an id in it. Officer made contact with family member, returned to owner.
1129 walk-in - Assist citizen spoken to. Location/address: Washington St. Party in lobby reports someone keeps knocking on his door and may have damaged his windshield, MA pc 285gpk. N663 spoke to resident, will call police when knocking is occurring. Also car not deliberately damaged, it may have been damaged by a rock while driving on the highway.
1154 911 - Report of fight *report filed. Location/address: Norwest Dr. Report 2 juvenile sons fighting, property damaged. N665 spoke to all parties, no assault, 1 son will leave for awhile, mother satisfied.
1404 phone - Susp activity area search negative. Location/address: Croydon Rd. + Devon Rd. Caller reports two males going door to door acting suspicious N665 responding. Units checked area, they are not around upon arrival. N665 spoke to a Verizon crew in area-it was not them.
1600 walk-in - Debris on road services rendered. Location/address: Nahatan St. Passing pedestrian reports syringes on the sidewalk between the MBTA railroad bridge and the stairs to 111 Lenox St. Plaza. N669 locates and properly disposes of same.
1639 phone - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Garfield Ave. Report truck windshield smashed.

1730 phone - Auto theft *report filed. Location/address: No Name Enterprises Inc - Broadway St. Customer went to pick up his car and it is not there. Call to business owner-saw it there this am. Bolo to cars for MA Pc 70286. N666 checked surrounding lots-not there.
2340 phone - Parking violation services rendered. Location/address: Washington St. Report MA pc 777nf9 parked where there is paint on the curb. N61 reports no signs prohibiting parking here and car is not blocking any driveway.

Monday, February 21

0122 phone - Loud party spoken to. Location/address: Florence Ave. Caller reported party in the area. Officer reported music will be turned down.
0625 walk-in - Lost and found *report filed. Location/address: Normandy Dr. Resident turns in weapon found at his deceased father's home.
0800 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Walcon Construction - Pleasant St. Caller reported stolen plow.
0905 phone - Assist other agency services rendered. Location/address: Savin Ave. Parole monitoring program requested a check on a subject who is not sending a signal from his ankle bracelet. Officer confirm phone is working and spoke with parole.
1326 phone - Sex offenses *report filed. Location/address: Golden Living Center (formerly Emerald Court - Washington St.) Patient with dementia exposed himself to others.
1415 phone - Mischief (kids) area search negative. Location/address: Lincoln St. Two teens riding minibikes.
1728 phone - Susp person services rendered. Location/address: Centennial Dr. Caller reports someone knocked on their door trying to sell them Comcast Cable. Officers located male and spoke to him.
2121 phone - Report of gas leak Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Bos.-Prov. Hwy. + Sumner St. Report of gas leak. NFD notified. N663 sent. NFD to handle.
2123 phone - Disturbance services rendered. Location/address: 28 block - Heaton Ave. Report male/female arguing in a red, SUV, possibly a Blazer type, unknown what they are yelling. Units stop MA pc 283vno behind Venice Restaurant, 3 girls claim no argument and they are waiting to pick up their friends on Heaton Ave.
2336 phone - Assist other Police Dept services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Bolo for MA pc 75ng20, owner wanted for arrest for Mansfield charges. Bolo to cars. N661 checked lots, car not there, checked with staff, suspect is not there. Mansfield notified.

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High blood pressure is the single most significant risk factor for heart disease. One in three adults have high blood pressure. It is called the silent killer because sometimes ones numbers are the only warning. If one has high blood pressure that is left untreated, his or her chance of having a stroke or heart attack, developing heart failure, kidney disease and other life threatening conditions increases. According to the National Institute for

Health, "People who are over age 55 have a 90 percent chance of developing high blood pressure in their remaining lifetime." Being overweight or having diabetes further increases this risk. Adults should have their blood pressure checked on a regular basis. Many people are unaware that their blood pressure is elevated. Diagnosing and treating high blood pressure can save your life. Treatment for high blood pressure includes lifestyle changes and medication prescribed by a health care provider. If left untreated, high blood pressure exerts excessive pressure on artery walls, which causes damage and increases risk for life threatening health problems.

The Norwood Health Department conducted a health assessment survey of town residents, and it indicated elevated rates of heart disease and diabetes. Of the residents surveyed, 28 percent had been diagnosed with high blood pres-

sure, a contributing factor to heart disease. In an effort to identify individuals who may be unaware that they have high blood pressure, and to monitor those trying to reduce a known condition, the Norwood Health Department offers blood pressure screening clinics to adults of all ages at the following times: First Monday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and the first Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. These clinics are held at the Health Department, located on the ground floor of the Town Hall. In addition, clinics are held monthly at each senior housing complex and at the Italian Social Club. A complete list of clinic times and locations is available at the Norwood Health Department and on the town website (www.norwoodma.gov). Please contact the Norwood Health Department at 781-762-1240 with any questions.

MA 02062. Jayne and Paul Harish wish to thank the staff at the Norfolk Adult Day Health Center and the Caritas Hospice Staff for their care and support.

Condolences Extended To:

- Elizabeth White, on the loss of her sister, Margaret M. (Healy) Cronin, of Dedham, Feb. 18.
- Joseph and his wife Lois, on the loss of his mother, Martha (Hulme) Allen, of Roslindale, Feb. 17.
- Robert and Gerald Corcoran, on the loss of their brother, Donald Corcoran, of Needham, Feb. 17.
- Merril Sweeney of Norwood on the loss of his mother, Margaret M. (Coughlin) Sweeney, of Walpole, Feb. 16.
- Mary E. Wells & her husband Perry J., on the loss of her mother, Mmary E. (Minihan) Mikulski, of Dedham, Feb. 13.
- James and Bernard MacNeil, on the loss of their sister, Sister Alice MacNeil, SND, in Worcester, Feb. 12.
- Diane M. Harvey and her husband Thomas J., on the loss of her mother, Eileen S. (Lahey) Collins, of West Roxbury, Feb. 11.

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ton. Donations in Nancy's memory may be made to the Lahey Clinic, Liver Research, 41 Mall Rd., Burlington, MA 01805.

McLAUGHLIN

Catherine "Kitty" (O'Leary), of Norwood formerly of Jamaica Plain Feb. 16. Late employee at the MSPCA Jamaica Plain and Volunteer for Caritas Norwood Hospital. Beloved wife of the late John D. McLaughlin. Loving mother of Phillip of Haverhill & James McLaughlin of Norwood. Grandmother of Kellie, Michael, Erin & Erica McLaughlin. Sister of the late Francis, David, William, James O'Leary, Eileen Corso, Maureen Roth & Claire Voll. Mother in law of Barbara McLaughlin & Margaret "Maggie" McLaughlin. Mother in law of Barbara McLaughlin & Margaret "Maggie" McLaughlin. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Interment at St. Joseph's Cemetery. The family would like to thank the Caritas Hos-

pice, Alan Voll & Una Mulkerrin for all their kindness and care given to Catherine during her recent illness.

SANPHY

Evelyn (LaCroix), 92, of Canton formerly of Norwood, Feb. 17. Devoted wife of the late John J. Sanphy, Sr. She will be deeply missed by her daughter Jayne and her husband Paul Harish and their children PJ, Jason and Lisa, daughter Joanne and her husband Bob Barlow and their daughters Tracy, Kristina and Kellie, daughter Janice Hughes and son Jay Sanphy; five great grandchildren and one great grandchild, her sister Rita Peterson and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her son John J. Sanphy, Jr. and daughters Jeanne Arbuckle and Jacqueline Sanphy and her sister Lillian Newbold. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., (Rt. 1A). Donations in memory of Evelyn may be made to the Norfolk Adult Day Health Center, 595 Pleasant Street, Norwood,



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