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After over a year of work, construction is largely completed on the new Dedham Medical Associates facility on Route 1 in Norwood. The new facility at 1177 Boston-Providence Turnpike will be serving patients by May.

PHOTO BY SCOTT MACKEEN

Dedham Medical set to open

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The new Dedham Medical Associates facility on Route 1 in Norwood is nearing completion and will begin welcoming patients in the spring.

"The building is in good shape, on time and on budget," said Dedham Medical Associates' Chief Executive Officer Roberta Zysman last week.

Dedham Medical, an affiliate of Atrius Health, will move from its current location at 325 River Ridge Drive to the new facility at 1177 Boston-Providence Turnpike, or Route 1, where it will occupy about half of the 160,000-square-foot new building.

FM Global, a leading global insurance firm and the building owner, will have offices in the remaining space af-

ter the medical offices complete their move, said Zysman.

Dedham Medical hired Needham-based Murphy McManus as its overall construction manager for the project and Boston-based Dowling Huoy LLC as its internal project consultants for planning the actual move and assisting with requests for proposal for the purchase of equipment.

Zysman said the move will begin with the business and administrative offices first, after which the clinical services will be relocated to the new building.

"We'll be moving in stages beginning at the end of March. It will go from the end of March through the end of April. We expect to be up and running in May," she said. "It has gone very smoothly. We have been participating

with FM Global."

According to Zysman, the cost to Dedham Medical for build out and equipment will be between \$5 million and \$7 million.

"Dedham Medical Associates has made an important commitment to establishing convenient, clinical services to our community," she said. "We are a large employer in this community. We have 366 employees at our two sites, plus our 88 physicians, and many of our employees come from our immediate communities. Our managers split their time between the Norwood and Dedham sites and will continue to do so in the new Norwood building."

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School Committee approves big cuts

Teachers, textbooks face ax without more funds

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The School Committee is taking steps toward reducing its fiscal year 2014 budget request by \$1.4 million to meet projected revenues at the state level.

Following a budget presentation by Superintendent James Hayden last Wednesday night, the committee voted to accept around \$406,000 in personnel and operational cuts from its original \$37.5 million FY 14 budget proposal.

The committee must still identify approximately \$974,000 more in cuts in the budget in order to meet what would be a \$36,064,718 school budget under the Finance Commission's revenue projections.

"We struggle to make these cuts to meet the revenue projections," said School Committee member Paul Samargedlis, noting that it's something the committee faces every year after giving its initial budget request to the Finance Commission.

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CANDIDATES MAKING A SPLASH

Is it any surprise that there are rushing waters of whys and wherefores within the daunting rapids of the race for the U.S. Senate seat?

Who dares to dip into the chilly stream where so many twists and turns flow? The thought leaves anyone devoid of cash and with a dearth of heart on an embankment of discouragement. Undeterred, a few remain committed to suiting up.

These experienced swimmers, able to handle the tumultuous tides of what promises to be a tough election swim, quietly walk the shoreline while gathering financial support and volunteers.

Soon to be vacated by Senator John Kerry, when he is confirmed as Secretary of State due to Secretary Hillary Clinton's departure, the only announced candidate (at press time) for what would become Kerry's junior slot is Fifth District Congressman Edward Markey.

Scott Brown remains undecided on the Republican side, looking at the flotsam and jetsam of the curious currents from which he recently alighted.

That Markey's Democratic Congressional colleague from the Eighth District, Steve Lynch, will also soon launch a campaign is a given. (My deadline caused me to write this column last weekend.)

You may have already read, heard or seen that Steve Lynch has amassed a strong team of supporters and announced that he is in. Regardless, Markey jumped in quickly, garnering life preservers/endorsements from Kerry and Victoria



Frank Reflections/ Frank Sullivan

Reggie Kennedy. He also recently received nods from Attorney General Martha Coakley and Treasurer Steve Grossman.

The knock on the man missing from Malden is exactly that: He's been missing from Malden and everywhere else in our Commonwealth. We've seen ample evidence interloping is in. All politics may be local, but not if you have more dollars and soldiers on your side.

Lynch has, according to my estimates, visited Iraq and Afghanistan on fact-finding missions far more than Markey or anyone in our delegation. As the United States continues to "drone" on in regions that we have no business being in, we are going to need a political leader like Lynch, who knows from whence he speaks. Lynch can apply a more cautionary tone to our "foreign policy," as much as that term is currently a non sequitur.

Lynch is, far and away, the leading contender for the

backing of anyone who is serious about wanting a union-tested, union-born-and-bred champion as our U.S. Senator. In addition to knowing what it means to be from a hardworking family, Lynch has crossover appeal to women, small and large businesses, environmental groups and Veteran's organizations. Lynch's Congressional staff, like Menino's team, is known for the innumerable ways in which they provide help.

There remains, (again, at press time) much speculation regarding who Mayor Thomas M. Menino will support in this fight. Among the many reasons why Menino and his top-tier team, continue to be a prominent presence in all things political in Boston and throughout Massachusetts is this: The man who began as Boston's "Urban Mechanic" developed an enviable and formidable fleet of faithful fans. They are loyal lap swimmers who know how to stay in their lanes and get out the vote.

Also, Menino's remarkable resilience, indicated by the sheer number of public events he has attended throughout his record-breaking tenure as Boston's chief executive, attracts solid support throughout every neighborhood, across all religions, cultures, genders, age demographics and economic spectra.

According to anonymous sources who are close to Mayor Menino, there have been no indicators about which way he is going to point his fearless fieldworkers, who remain valu-

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Work on the new building began with groundbreaking in October of 2011, with completion of the framing done last February. The internal construction began last summer and wrapped up recently. Colors, fabrics, furnishings and equipment have all been selected and ordered.

Zysman explained that the move was necessary due to Dedham Medical's expanding operation, both in Norwood and on Lyons Street in Dedham, which will remain at its current location.

"We were really busting at the seams on River Ridge Drive. We wanted to expand our services in Norwood as well as what we are offering Dedham. It's really to make it more convenient and accessible to our patients."

Once completed, the new health center will offer numerous new and expanded services, including adult and pediatric

primary care, Ob/Gyn, dermatology, cardiology, lab and X-ray, plus the additional specialties of surgery, urology, orthopedics, podiatry and optometry. The new facility will also provide Dedham Medical the ability to offer patients after-hours care, something Zysman said is currently only offered at the Dedham location. Additionally, the building will be LEED, or "green" certified, and will be the first building in Norwood to be so certified by the United States Green Building Council.

Zysman said Dedham Medical is beginning the process of informing its over 50,000 patients of the details of the move and how it will impact services.

"We are just really starting to do the informational side. We'll do a mailing campaign. We have our billboard on Route 1. We'll have another billboard up in March," she said.

As a result of the expansion, Dedham Medical is expecting

to hire 32 new clinical and non-clinical personnel over the course of the year, said Zysman. There are numerous other new services under consideration, she said.

Dedham Medical celebrated its 75th anniversary last year. According to its website, its physicians, nurses, therapists, technicians and support staff offer services in more than 26 specialties, including primary care, internal medicine, pediatrics, Ob/Gyn, eye services, allergy and immunology, ear, nose and throat, arthritis management, sports medicine, physical therapy, diabetes management, surgery, urology, venous center and cardiology. They also offer on-site, full-service lab and radiology departments at both locations and digital mammography at the Dedham location.

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Anthony Greeley named next fire chief

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

More than three months after seeing the previous top man in the Fire Department step down amid controversy, Norwood has its next fire chief.

Following interviews with seven finalists, Town Manager John Carroll appointed Lt. Anthony Greeley last Friday as Norwood's new fire chief.

Greeley, the town's fire prevention officer, will take the top post from Acting Fire Chief Ronald Maggio on Monday morning, Carroll told the Selectmen Tuesday night.

"I went through a very vigorous process in selecting Mr. Greeley as the next fire chief," said Carroll. "Tony has got some great ideas, which you'll be hearing about in the coming months."

Greeley, who has been with the Norwood Fire Department since 1985, said the department's mission has always been to protect the public and that will re-

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able and vaunted for obvious reasons.

Look at how often they've returned the man who is most at home in his Readville Cape to the top job at City Hall. They also recently produced an impressive Boston vote total for Senator Elizabeth Warren.

Tom Menino told the Boston Herald's Chris Cassidy that the race "is a sprint, not a marathon." In such a race a candidate can't help but desire Menino's team be there handing out the cups of water along the route.

Credit the Mayor and his key staff, department heads and employees with this: While he was convalescing, and throughout his rehabilitation efforts,

main his top priority.

"I'm humbled to be chosen as your next fire chief," he said. "I'm thrilled to be here in this role. Our mission will never waver."

Selectmen were unanimous in their praise for Greeley, who was chosen among three internal and four external finalists for the position.

"I know his heart and soul is in doing this job," said Selectman Bill Plasko. "I offer you whatever consultation and support I can give you going forward."

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue said she was impressed by the degree to which Greeley's coworkers in the Fire Department respect him.

"It means the world to me that you are from within our own Fire Department. You know the town. You know the people," she said.

Greeley replaces longtime former Fire Chief Michael Howard, who left the position he had held since 2004 following a highly publicized dispute with

the town over his employment status. Howard, who had been on medical leave since last spring, was told by Selectmen not to return to work in September. He then threatened legal action against a number of top town officials, who he claimed had obstructed his return to work following his medical leave due to an unspecified condition.

The Selectmen and Howard finally reached an undisclosed financial settlement in October, which placed Howard on injured leave retroactive to April 18. He was required to apply for accidental disability retirement no later than 14 days from the agreement, and was due to receive a total annual salary of \$125,180 while on Inactive Status. Should his application for accidental disability retirement be denied, he would remain on injured-on-duty leave until May 17, 2014.

Carroll thanked the commit-

Selectmen
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none of Boston's departments — Schools, Public Works, Public Safety, Elderly and Veteran's Affairs, and Parks — missed a beat.

Although Menino contends that it is a sprint, it remains more of a splash into icy waters. We haven't seen in recent memory a hotly contested U.S. Senatorial Democratic primary in which every possible stroke is required to make that final touch to victory.

During these initial cold-weather months, the only candidate accustomed to bone-chilling waters is Lynch. The wiry, tough, accomplished, educated former iron worker is dedicated to his wife, daughter, immediate and extended family, neigh-

borhood, District and our Country.

Moreover, he has jumped into L Street's tundra on more than one New Year's Day. The bet here is that as the warmer months arrive, and the splashing about includes a few riptides, sharks and torpedoes, whoever has Mayor Menino as a lifeguard will feel goosebumps of victory.

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School Cuts *continued from page 1*

“If we can put it back, we’ll put it back,” said Hayden of personnel and resources that could be restored if more funding is made available.

The first round of cuts proposed by Hayden last week would wipe out around \$184,000 in new personnel, equal to 4.1 new full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, and \$222,000 in operational spending requests for things like textbooks, instruction supplies and professional development.

Hayden’s initial number was even higher, but the School Committee voted to remove two new elementary-school teachers from the cut list. The teachers were included in the original budget to address fifth-grade class sizes of 27 at the Balch and Oldham elementary schools.

Committee members felt the class sizes were going to be too large and opted to leave the two teachers in the budget at \$93,000. Member Susan McQuaid said the committee has already faced increased class sizes due to previous budget cuts, and said she doesn’t want to see that pattern continue.

“I know we’re doing it right now, but we don’t like that we’re doing it now,” she said. “I think we are all of one mind here. The last place we want to cut is in our classrooms.”

Committee member John Badger, who made the motion to keep the teachers in the budget, said if they are included on the initial reduction list they might not be restored.

“I’m not confident those two positions will survive,” he said.

Reductions on the personnel side include removal of an adjustment counselor and part-time visual-arts teacher at the elementary level, a part-time music teacher at the Coakley Middle School and a visual-arts teacher, library paraprofessional and fine-arts/physical-education secretary at Norwood High School.

On the operational side, cuts include elimination of \$43,000 in instructional supplies, \$70,000 in textbooks, \$20,000

in athletic transportation, \$20,000 in fine-arts transportation, \$13,000 in library books, \$13,000 in telephone upgrades, \$10,000 in curriculum workshops and \$9,200 in professional development. Hayden said the reduction in texts and supplies would result in a new math program being put on hold.

Samargedlis talked about addressing students’ needs on a socioeconomic basis, which he saw as a shared approach with other town departments to improve after-school educational opportunities for students who may not be engaged outside of the school day.

“It’s more than lowering class size,” he said. “The reality is we can’t solve it by just throwing money at it.”

“Christmas” to remain banned on school calendars

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The word “Christmas” will remain out of the Norwood public-school calendar when it comes to listing the school vacation that falls around that particular holiday.

Despite a petition to add the word back to the calendar, the School Committee voted unanimously at its meeting last Wednesday night to keep the phrase “winter recess” when referring to the holiday break in the 2013-2014 calendar.

The discussion came up after the committee received a petition with 200 signatures asking them to use the term

“Christmas vacation” for the school vacation.

“We have been distressed by this vote of the Norwood School Committee [to call it winter recess] since we first heard of it,” the petition said. “We are wondering what message the School Committee is giving to our children that the word ‘Christmas’ is no longer acceptable to them.”

The vote was made at the School Committee meeting March 28 of last year to change Christmas vacation to winter recess. Member John Badger made the motion, saying the committee should be respectful to all religions celebrated by Norwood students and their

families.

At last week’s meeting, Badger again said the School Committee should use the “winter recess” language in order to reflect the religious diversity of the community.

“What is preferable for the majority [who celebrate Christmas] may not be comfortable to some,” he said.

Badger also took offense to a comment in last week’s story in the Norwood Record when Selectman Allan Howard was quoted as calling the committee’s decision “arbitrary,” saying the decision to

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
By Michael J. Lyons, Chairman

Norwood Record, Jan. 31, 2013, Feb. 7, 2013

NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD Public Hearing Notice

Pursuant to Mass. General Law Chapter 40A, Section 9 the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7:15 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street concerning Major Site Plan Review and Special Permit requests under Sections 10.5, 6.2.21, for deviations from the Town's sign requirements, and any other deviation, as needed, relative to a proposed TVI Inc. d/b/a Savers, 560 Providence Highway (Map, Sheet, Parcel). This project involves a renovation of existing tenant space in an existing building. Site work includes; additional loading stall dock with canopy, compactor container with canopy, designation of donation drop off stalls, catch basin upgrades and additional perimeter landscaping. Exterior upgrade includes; painting of exterior finish, additional door openings, and new entrance facade. The applicant is TVI, Inc. d/b/a Savers, 1400 SE 6th Street, Suite 220, Bellevue, WA 98004. The property owner is Access Road Associates Limited Partnership, 160 Old Maple Street, Stoughton, MA 02072. Copies of the plans and supporting studies are on file in the Planning Board office at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Debbie Holmwood, Clerk

Norwood Record, 1/24/13, 1/31/13

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 **February 19, 2013 at 7:15 PM** on the request of **STEWART NORWOOD HOSPITAL (Case # 13-06)** with respect to property located on **800 Washington Street**, in a **GB-General Business District**.

The application requests:

This Application requests a SPECIAL PERMIT under Section 3.1 (USE REGULATIONS) to allow the construction of a Medical Office Building, Accessory Parking Garage, Building Lobby Addition, and adding an additional Floor to the Existing Hospital Building. A SPECIAL PERMIT under Section 5.3 (NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES) 5.3.1 to reconstruct, extend or structurally change and existing non-conforming structures (Building Lobby Addition and adding an additional Floor to the Existing Hospital Building) all as shown on plan entitled, "Steward Norwood Hospital, Inc., Norwood Massachusetts, Site Plan of Proposed Improvements" Scale 1" = 40' dated November 29, 2012 drawn by Stantee Planning and Landscape Architecture P.C. 141 Portland Str., Boston, MA 02114, as may be amended.

The Application requests VARIANCES under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow a maximum building height greater than the 35' allowed under the Section 4.1.1. To allow a floor area ratio greater than .5 allowed under Section 4.1.1 (TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS) and to allow the construction of an accessory parking garage not meeting the dimensional requirements of Section 6.1.7 (PARKING STRUCTURES).

Together with such other Special Permit(s)/Variance(s) as the ZBA deems appropriate to allow the proposed construction as shown on the submitted plan entitled; Steward Norwood Hospital, Inc., Norwood, Massachusetts, site Plan of Proposed Improvements" as may be amended.

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

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

Norwood Record, 01/31/2013, 02/07/2013

OPINION

Unfortunately, they miss the point

On the surface, any effort to be more inclusive regarding race or religion would appear to make sense and be the right thing to do, particularly when it pertains to children. So, why doesn't everyone agree with the Norwood School Committee when they decided to eliminate the word Christmas when referring to the winter recess of school classes?

The fact of the matter is when Committee member Paul Samargedlis made the statement that he believes a large majority of Norwood residents would prefer the reference to Christmas remain on the school's calendar, he had no more empirical data to support his theory than did Committee Chairman Courtney Rau when she said she didn't believe Samargedlis's claim to be true. And this is the crux of the issue and why Committee member John Badger was wrong to have made his motion a year ago to delete the reference. Badger provided a solution without first quantifying the problem.

Had Badger, as part of his motion, provided data in the form of a poll he took, regardless of how informal, that demonstrated at least to him that the Christmas reference

was making a percentage of the population feel alienated, persecuted or even just angry, that would have at least lent credence to his logic. Or if parents or their kids questioning the continued reference to Christmas had proactively approached him, this too would have defined a problem his motion specifically addressed.

Specificity is important. What may be a problem in Newton or Brookline may not be a problem in Norwood. Badger took exception to Selectman Allan Howard's reference to the School Committee's deletion of Christmas on their calendars as "arbitrary". Well, wasn't it? The definition of arbitrary is either a decision based on random choice or personal whim, or a decision made unrestrained and autocratic in the use of authority. It appears to this writer that the School Committee's decision, based on nothing more than what appeared to be a "feel good" motion, was arbitrary by definition.

Traditionalists make the argument that these feel good decisions are the reason this country is so screwed up, and that these traditions, based on history and ancestry, are the

glue that binds us. The reality is they have no more data to support their theories than does the School Committee, except anecdotally perhaps since the country is so severely ethically and morally challenged right now. Only time will tell.

The decision by the School Committee to eliminate the reference to Christmas on their calendars was wrong for the very reason Selectman Howard stated. It was based on nothing more than trying to do the right thing when no proof was provided that past practices were the wrong thing. It's not enough to look at what other towns are doing or to point to court rulings as evidence something here in Norwood is amiss. No reference to any other decisions are relevant until an issue is presented here for officials to deal with. As far as this newspaper is aware, no specific problem was forwarded to the School Committee to discuss, and therefore there was no basis for Badger's motion other than a personal whim. And the School Committee's decision to support the motion was unrestrained and autocratic. It was exactly arbitrary and that is the point they are missing.

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tee he appointed to assist him in selecting the new fire chief, saying there were 24 candidates and that the panel was unanimous in recommending Greeley. The committee included former retired Norwood Fire Chief Tom Barry, retired Boston District Fire Chief Mike Liotta, retired Massachusetts Secretary of Public Safety Tom Rapone, Winthrop Fire Chief Paul Flanagan and Brookline Fire Chief Paul Ford.

"I also cannot thank enough Human Resource Director Michelle Pizzi and [Principal Assistant] Ramanda Morgan for their diligence in assisting me and the panel with all kinds of information about each candi-

date, thus allowing us to ask the right questions at all times," said Carroll.

Pipe dream

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) is beginning plans for a new pipeline to increase water supply to its Southern Extra High Service Area, which includes Norwood, Boston, Brookline, Canton, Dedham, Milton, Newton and Stoughton.

MWRA Executive Director Fred Laskey updated the Selectmen on the status of the project, which he said is meant to build redundancy into the water system to increase operational ability and open community emergency

interconnections in the event of a major leak or repair.

The \$33.4 million project will ensure uninterrupted water supply to communities if pipe Section 77 - which serves Canton, Dedham, Westwood, Norwood and Stoughton - needs to be shut down for repairs or maintenance.

Laskey said Norwood is the highest water user in the Southern Extra High Service Area, consuming 2.7 million gallons a day.

"Basically what redundancy is, is an insurance policy," he said. "Canton, Dedham and Norwood are directly affected by a lack of redundancy in the system. What we need is a permanent second pipeline coming to Norwood."

Once completed, the new project will result in a new 34-inch pipe running from the Bellevue Standpipes in West Roxbury, through Dedham and ultimately connecting with the new Section 108 pipe on University Avenue in Norwood.

Laskey said the MWRA is currently meeting with communities and agencies and that the plan is to hire a project design consultant in the summer. The project will be put out bid in the spring of 2016, and construction is expected to take about two years, he said.

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In gratitude for helping me.
—B.L.

DPW project now on fall Town Meeting schedule

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Department of Public Works (DPW) project is now on schedule to be put out to bid in early October and go to Town Meeting for funding in November.

Following a vote by the Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) earlier this month to slow the process over concerns of adequate time for planning, the consultant for the project presented an updated timeline for design and construction of the new DPW complex at last week's meeting.

Tim Bonfatti, president of Compass Project Management, told the PBCC that the design phase of the project will be complete by the end of August, at which time construction documents will be made available for bidders.

The project schedule presented at the meeting listed the dates of Oct. 9 for general bid opening and Nov. 4 for the Special Town Meeting, which will

be asked to approve the \$14 million budget for the project.

"We're going to have a quality bid in hand and we're going to be chomping at the bit to start [construction] before the season turns bad," said Bonfatti at the PBCC meeting last Thursday night.

The project engineer, Peabody-based Weston & Sampson, is continuing to develop designs for the new buildings and presented some updated sketches and renderings last week.

Back on Jan. 10, the PBCC voted to forgo an accelerated schedule to have the project ready for the Annual Town Meeting in May, after Compass' project manager Bryan Jarvis said there was some concern the design would suffer from the lack of time.

Meanwhile, the PBCC learned of a new problem with the project last week, as it was discovered during a survey of Lyman Place that there is some environmental contamination of soil and groundwater beneath the

surface at the location of the new 25,000-square-foot maintenance building. Chris Palmer, geotechnical engineer with Weston & Sampson, said some excavation will be necessary to deal with the unsuitable fill along the north and east property lines, which border the MBTA tracks. It was unclear if and how the MBTA would impose conditions on the excavation work, and Bonfatti asked that Weston & Sampson discuss it with them.

"We obviously have some unsuitable materials underneath the building. We have to build an earth-retention system at the property line to support the excavation," said Palmer. "We'd recommend putting in clean, imported crushed-stone fill. That would be part of our cost estimate. What type of volume are we looking at? What are we going to have to do? What is the disposal going to be?"

Palmer outlined several potential options for dealing with the contaminated soil, with costs ranging from \$385,000 to

\$810,000. He recommended two companies, the Geopier Foundation Company and Hayward Baker, which both specialize in ground-improvement methods to increase the soil strength to meet project-specific performance requirements.

The DPW project involves complete removal of the current DPW structures on Lyman Place and construction of a new ad-

ministration building, vehicle-storage bay and salt shed, and additional storage facilities at the Winter Street site.

Under the revised project schedule, if Town Meeting approves the budget in November the construction contract will be awarded on Dec. 1. The construction is expected to last 15 months and be completed in May of 2015.

Holiday Calendars *continued from page 5*

change the language was considered for some time.

School Committee Chairwoman Courtney Rau agreed that winter recess should stay, saying the term is more accurate because New Year's Day is also celebrated during the break.

"There are many holidays celebrated by children in the Norwood public schools," she said. "The point is we need to act in ways that include everybody. I don't think we're treading on any traditions here."

However, committee member Paul Samargedlis had a different view, calling the notion that by eliminating the reference to Christmas the committee is expressing inclusion to all "addition by subtraction."

"I'm all for celebrating diversity. [But] you cannot tell me that we don't stop school at that time because of the Christmas holiday," he said.

Samargedlis went on to say that his view is the majority of what people in town also feel.

"Don't look at the number of names on the petition. Walk around and talk to people in the community," Samargedlis said, although Rau disputed whether his opinion was the majority.

Committee member Susan McQuaid was on the side of keeping it as winter recess, saying, "I think 'winter recess' is appropriate and quite in keeping with what is appropriate this day and age."

In a separate action, the

committee voted to include an addendum with the 2013-2014 school calendar listing all religious holidays, including Christmas. The addendum was proposed by Superintendent James Hayden, who said that having a list would help teachers plan for student absences during holidays where school is still in session, such as the Jewish holidays.

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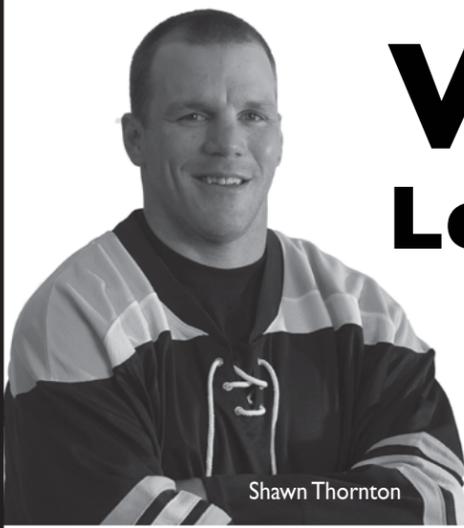
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School capital projects move ahead

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

Following presentations from three department heads last week, the School Committee voted to accept bringing \$1.9 million in capital expenditures to the Capital Outlay Committee at the meeting that was scheduled to take place Wednesday night.

Capital projects include \$975,000 in building security and repairs, \$387,000 in food-service equipment, and \$544,000 in technology upgrades and replacements.

School Building and Grounds Director Paul Riccardi said his biggest priority right now is \$100,000 for intrusion door locks at the elementary schools, something he first mentioned to the committee earlier this month in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. This would allow teachers in all classrooms to lock their doors from the inside in the event of a crisis, something that's already in place at Coakley and Norwood High, said Riccardi.

Also included on the security front is \$81,000 for a two-way radio system and another \$56,000 for system-wide upgrades to the electronic door locks. Riccardi's capital list concluded with \$341,000 to replace the Callahan Element-

tary School's oil boiler with a gas one, \$320,000 for floor-tile replacements at the Oldham and \$75,000 to replace two vehicles. Riccardi said there is potential for a 49-percent state reimbursement on the new boiler.

Technology Director Joe Kidd said the schools need around \$178,000 for continued network upgrades and \$170,000 to replace old computers at Coakley and the elementary schools. The technology staff is also working with the administration to begin converting all schools to wireless technology, which has been done at the high school and middle school and will continue next year at the Willett Early Childhood Center, said Kidd. Also included for next year is \$134,000 for personal devices for students and \$61,000 for elementary-school interactive classroom teaching devices.

Kidd said the goal is to introduce more and more devices into the schools as the budget allows until all students eventually have their own personal classroom device.

"Teachers don't feel like they have enough devices. We're at about 40 to 50 percent interactive devices at our elementary schools. We want to get that closer to 100 percent," he said. "I personally

believe a device in every student's hand is a couple of years away."

Kidd said the trend will be to gradually move away from SMART boards and on to devices like the iPad. A new five-year technology plan is being developed, said Hayden.

"This is a preview of what's to come," said Hayden. "I wanted a comprehensive plan that knits everything together. There are pieces and there are phased-in approaches. What's driving this is not the devices but the instruction we can bring to the classroom."

School Committee member Eleanor Travers praised the administration and technology staff, saying she has seen "a great progression" from when her children were younger.

"It's a logical progression. You have to bring everyone along with you. You can't just jump to the future and leave people behind," she added.

Food Service Director Jane McLucas also presented her capital-needs list, which included \$140,000 for kitchen upgrades and wall repair at the Coakley School, \$200,000 for kitchen upgrades at Balch, and \$47,500 to expand the computerized point-of-sale program for purchasing lunches system-wide.

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Planning Board grants site approval to Applied Plastics

Austin Hall
Staff Reporter

David Ring of Applied Plastics, a coating company specializing in producing medical supplies, sought a Major Site Approval and Special Permit to build a new 15,080 square foot manufacturing building on 25-61 Endicott Street, next to their building on the south side.

Meeting with the Norwood Planning Board on Monday, Brian Donahoe, Vice President of Goldman Environmental Consultants, Inc. (GEC), explained what would be constructed.

The two-story building would be used to manufacture the same supplies that are

manufactured in the original building, as the company simply needs more space at this point.

“We’re increasing equipment, more storage area for inventory. We need to build more storage area because they need more space,” explained Ring.

Chairman Ernie Paciorkowski brought up the issue of noise, given the expansion.

Yet, Ring and Donahoe said that noise and disruption will not increase since generators are located at the back of the building, away from residents.

“There are no noise problems with the dehumidifier used in the original building, our studies show that. [Stephen

M. Costello, AICP, Director of Community Planning and Economic Development] and several of the commenters wanted to make sure that we would site that same facility as far away from the street as possible, so we located it behind the building. There are only industrial neighbors at the back of the building,” Donahoe said.

Furthermore, trucks will not be disruptive either.

“Deliverers are predominately Federal Express and UPS,” Donahoe said.

There will be large trucks coming a couple of times a week, but it will be no more than the amount of trucks that came to the original building.

“It wouldn’t be any more than we have now,” Ring said.

On the board, Paul J. Donohue wondered if there would be 24-hour lights, but they plan on using only motion sensor lights for safety.

In terms of disposing waste, there will be a single dumpster on the side of the building away from the street and all waste materials will have no odor or run-off.

Ring noted that the coating used is very small, so it will be easy to dispose.

“Your hair is 0.002 inches

in diameter, the coating is 0.0002 inches,” Ring said.

Resident Robert Arnold of 40 Endicott Street lives right near the facility and sang its praises.

“You don’t hear a thing, and they’re very active. It’s clean. These guys are very devoted to what they’re doing. I don’t see them, I don’t hear them, they’re pleasant to the neighborhood. It is really a credit to Norwood

to have them, and for all it’s worth, I’d like to see it,” Arnold said.

The board voted unanimously to approve both the Special Permit and Major Site Approval.

Work will begin this April, and will take roughly 15-18 months to complete. All construction utilities will stay on-site and will not hinder residents on Endicott Street.

TOWN MEETING VACANCIES

The Norwood Town Clerk’s Office wishes to inform the residents of Norwood there are vacancies for the office of Town Meeting Members in the following Town Meeting Districts. There are currently Forty-Four (44) 3-Year Term Vacancies; and One (1) Two-Year Term Vacancy (To Fill A Vacancy); and Four (4) One-Year Term Vacancies (To Fill A Vacancy).

The following Town Meeting Member seats are now available for the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 1, 2013.

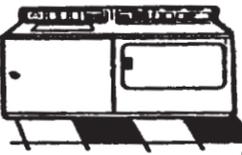
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Any current Town Meeting Member whose term is expiring on April 1, 2013 who did not file the required “intent to seek re-election form” with the office of the Town Clerk must do so by Monday, February 11, 2013 at 5:00 PM.

Anyone else interested in running for the office of Town Meeting Member must file nomination papers signed by at least ten (10) registered voters in their District. Last day for filing with the Board of Registrars is Monday, February 11, 2013 at 5:00 PM.

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Sports



Jason Matovu, Aaron Cockrane, Tressor Wrensford and Leo Miller claimed the 4x50 relay crown at the MSTCA Division 2 state relays recently.

COURTESY PHOTO

Boys Track team captures Bay State Conference title

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

They're ba-aaack.

It's been a long time coming, and a long arduous process, but the Norwood indoor track program has finally achieved a level of excellence not seen since the early 90s in the Mustang program.

On January 24th in a meet against Milton, Norwood snuck away with a 48-47 win and by doing so became co-champions for the 2013 Bay State conference regular season.

For head coach Russ Booth, it's a culmination of a lot of things.

"It's huge for this program," said Booth following the meet. "These kids have worked so hard to get this program back to something they can be proud of. There was actually a situation with the computer that needed to be fixed, but we left the meet thinking we had won regardless. The last two years when we've only won one meet each year...that's really tough on the seniors who work at it every day and don't see results. To see everything come together for those kids who have worked and worked to get this program at a respectable level,

that's a huge accomplishment from where we were even a few months ago. I'm extremely proud of the effort by everyone involved."

Out of 13 events competed on throughout the day, Norwood had six events where members of the team placed in the top five. Jason Matovu led the way for Norwood with an outstanding day.

Matovu placed second in the 55 hurdles (8.24), third in the 55 dash (6.89), fourth in the high jump (5-08.00), second in the long jump and (20-04.00). Leo Miller finished second in the 55 dash with a 6.88 while Lonsdale Garrison (47-05.05) finished second and teammate Dan DiTomasso (45-11.00) finished third in the shot put, which Booth called "crucial" to the victory.

Now, being called champions for the first time since 1994, the indoor track team had things fall into place at certain times for them this season.

"They've worked extremely hard and we finally got a few things to fall our way this year too," said Booth. "It's very big for the program because now some kids who are on the fringe and maybe weren't sure if they could have any success when

they join, can now look up and see a banner that represents what hard work will eventually mean if you keep at it."

What's even more important is now finishing off the season before the D2 meet held at Reggie Lewis Center in a couple weeks, as well as trying to replace some of the ever important senior leadership that will be leaving due to graduation in a few months.

"We don't want to just stop with this win," said Booth. "We want to keep recruiting kids and try to keep building this program into something big. We have a lot of talent and some of our top scorers will be leaving next year, so we need to obviously fill those rolls not just with stats but with some of the character and leadership skills that they showed this year. We have a good core group coming back who continues to improve so that's important as well, but, overall, I think we just need to keep recruiting kids and make sure we don't just sit on this title and think our work is done."

No matter where the program goes from here, Booth and the indoor track program have finally made a statement to the rest of the state, and that statement ends with the word "champions".

Girls Basketball still making strides

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

While it hasn't been pretty as of late, the Norwood girls basketball team is continuing to take huge strides that seemed nearly impossible last season.

Last week was a tough one for the Mustangs. The girls had two winnable games home versus Milton and then on the road at Framingham but came up short in both of them.

In a suddenly disturbing trend, Norwood found themselves down by eight points in the first half during both games. To their credit, the team got it back to within one-point in the third quarter in both games - and in fact taking a brief lead against Milton before falling by three points.

Julia Copponi led Norwood with 12 points in the 39-36 loss to Milton while Kelly Duggan added seven points of her own.

The Framingham loss was a lot more lopsided as Norwood was simply over-matched down the stretch against a strong Framingham squad.

Liz Whitney led Norwood with eight points in the 51-38 loss against the Flyers. Duggan added seven and Makenna Lane six.

Wins and losses are not the main story with this year's club, though. While wins were tough to come by last year based on experience, head coach Alex DaLuz believes this year is a different story.

"The difference between this year and last year is we lack an offensive identity. Last year we had a distinct go-to player that averaged in the double-digits. This year, we have a handful of girls that average between five and eight points, but it's never clear which player is going to step up on a given night - if any of them," he recently explained when asked what he thought was the story of the 2013 team compared to the 2012 team.

"We finish a lot of games in the 30s, and that is just not going to translate into a lot of victories."

Much like the boys team, the girls squad has continued to show up on a daily basis and grind out every practice and game that they take part in, which is a testament to their character and team unity.

The toughest part about playing a high school sport, especially as a junior or senior with plenty of other things occupying your mind, is the ability to keep coming back when you don't see results that are desired.

"The girls do work hard, and they certainly get after it on the defensive end. What keeps them working on a daily basis is the challenge from the coaching staff that they need to earn their minutes. Obviously, when you sit at 5-7, 5-8, 5-9 at this time of the season, something isn't working," admitted DaLuz.

"The girls have been challenged to work during practice to keep their starting spots or spots in the rotation. Fortunately, the girls have responded to the challenge. Unfortunately, it hasn't translated into wins lately," he added.

Despite the lack of results, DaLuz said the team is a pleasure to coach, and they do still in fact have an outside shot at the tournament, something that may have seemed impossible when the season started.

Tourney or no tourney, this year's squad is restoring some credibility to what was once a slipping Norwood girls basketball program, and the next two weeks could be big ones for the future of the program.

"They're a good group of hard workers and personalities to coach. They know where our shortcomings are and work extremely hard behind closed doors to improve, so I'm hoping we can have a signature moment within the next two weeks with a big win versus one of our BSL rivals," said DaLuz.

Boys Basketball drops Framingham in OT

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

Maybe this was the turning point.

It's been a long year for Rich Cormier and the Norwood boys basketball team. However, a thrilling 71-68 overtime win over a strong Framingham team last week, just the second win of the season for the Mustangs, may have been a turning point in an otherwise disappointing season.

"This was a great team effort with four of our guys scoring in double figures," said Cormier following the win.

It was a back and forth game as Framingham was up early and in fact up just three points after the first quarter. The Mustangs then took the lead by three at the half, a rarity this season, and ended up being ahead by one point heading into the fourth quarter after building a double-digit lead in the third quarter, only to see Framingham go on a big run to take the lead 56-52.

The game was 58-58 at the end of regulation. But to their credit Norwood responded with a great start to overtime and overcame incredibly poor free throw shooting the entire night to hold onto the win (12 of 27 for the game and 5 of 11 in overtime).

Dan Flahive led the way (15 points, 3 rebounds and 2 assists) including a big basket to tie the score in the waning moments of the game.

Rodney Jean-Marie bounced back after an injury against Milton to score 12 points, collect 7 rebounds, and came up with two huge steals

in the 4th quarter that led to baskets.

"Rodney's defense really sparked us late in the game," said Cormier. Chris Bell, who is only a freshman, did not play like one last Friday night, as he had 12 points and four rebounds including a big drive to the hoop in overtime.

One of the many walking wounded, Richie Saad, who is also recovering from injury, had 10 points, seven boards and two assists in the win.

Charlie Crockett fouled out with a few minutes to go in regulation but still finished with eight points and 10 big rebounds in a strong game.

The biggest comeback of the night for Norwood was from Pat O'Rourke, who continues to recover from a serious ankle injury. He had a solid game with six points, three rebounds and two assists.

Norwood also had great contributions from the bench, including Jake Ryan, who played excellent defense while chipping in four points.

The most impressive aspect of this year's Norwood squad is their ability to keep coming back to work every day despite the lack of results. A game like Framingham is a testament to the 2013 squad's character.

"I think this is a great group of guys who will never give up, regardless of our record. We have nine seniors leading the way and they won't quit on their final season. I think they know that we are better than our record indicates," said Cormier.

"We lost a few close games early in the year and have battled significant injuries since returning from winter break.

Both captains, Pat O'Rourke and Richie Saad, have missed significant time with ankle injuries, Bryan Gearty has been out with illness and Rodney Jean-Marie went down with an injury in the third quarter on Tuesday against Milton," explained Cormier.

At the time, Norwood was actually winning, and losing their defense really hurt the Mustangs in the fourth quarter. Couple that with shooting 2 for 16, and Milton going on to turn a tie game entering the fourth quarter into a sudden 60-45 win. Such bad breaks and runs have cost Norwood all season.

However, with a handful of games remaining, Cormier feels like his team is turning a corner.

"I fully expect our team to be competitive in every game during the second half of our season as we continue to get back to full strength. O'Rourke and Saad are both playing despite their ankle injuries, and if we can maintain our health and improve our shooting consistency we will be a tough team to beat," he said.

Norwood was able to go 2-



The Mustangs earned a much needed win against Framingham last week. The squad would pull out a thrilling 71-68 victory in overtime against the Flyers.

PHOTO BY KEVIN STONE

I last week and with another three games next week against Needham and away at Dedham and Bishop Feehan, the Mustangs are hoping to string together some wins and turn around the season.

Even if they run out of time, the amount of effort and determination shown this year has been plenty for the Norwood ballers.

Boys Basketball Schedule

Dec. 11 vs. Bishop Feehan L 44-42
Dec. 14 vs. Milton W 43-39
Dec. 18 at Brookline L 57-43
Dec. 20 at Braintree L 56-52
Jan. 4 vs. Dedham L 53-50
Jan. 8 at Wellesley L 51-39
Jan. 11 at Natick L 67-37
Jan. 15 vs. Walpole L 51-33
Jan. 18 vs. Weymouth L 73-56
Jan. 22 at Milton L 60-45
Jan. 23 vs. Hampden Charter W 72-21

Jan. 25 vs. Framingham W 71-68 (OT)
Jan. 29 Needham W 55-40
Feb. 1 at Dedham 6:30
Feb. 3 at Bishop Feehan 1:30
Feb. 5 vs. Wellesley 6:30
Feb. 8 vs. Natick 6:30
Feb. 10 at Hampden Charter 11:00
Feb. 12 at Walpole 6:30
Feb. 14 at Newton North 6:30
Feb. 17 at Westwood 7:00
Feb. 19 at Westwood (Opponent TBD)

Wrestling team learning from its struggles

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

It's been another difficult season for the Norwood wrestling program.

Wins have again been hard to come by, but against teams like Natick, who are perennial Bay State title contenders, that's understandable.

Last week, Norwood took part in the annual Weymouth tournament and then in a quad meet with a few other Bay State clubs.

Mark Saulnier, the leader for the Mustangs had another fine day during the Weymouth tourney as he won another individual title at 195 pounds.

"This was a tough tournament with some good teams we hadn't seen yet this year.

Plymouth South was there along with Whitman Hanson, Marshfield, Wellesley, Braintree along 10 others," explained head coach Dan McQuade.

Mark handled Greg McGrath from WH in the finals with a final decision of 8-0.

JJ O'Donnell made it to the consolation finals where he lost to a very slick JP Ryan from Marshfield, earning him a fourth place finish.

Richard Gallagher, who was wrestling at 220, had a productive day, coming home with a fifth place finish in his division.

Also placing for the Mustangs were Mike McDonough (152) and Javier Cardona (285), who each placed sixth.

"It was a good day of wrestling with a lot of quality kids, great experience for everyone," said McQuade.

Norwood then faced three very tough teams on Saturday and came out 0-3 but had some strong individual performances against Framingham, Wellesley and Weymouth.

Saulnier had a good day going 3-0, all three by pins. Cardona wrestled well and came out 2-1 while Freshman Greg Williams (120) came up with a big pin against his Wellesley opponent in one of the highlights on the day.

Sophomore Mario Sabha (220) wrestled once and managed to pin his Weymouth opponent.

When asked what's been

the issue this year for Norwood, McQuade explained it's a lack of experience.

"The first year wrestlers are being asked to fill the varsity spots and are doing so with their heads held high and to the best of their abilities," he said.

A lack of depth in the program compared to others around the state is also tough to deal with as well.

"At any other program in this league, these guys would be wrestling J.V. They would be gaining a year or two of experience before being put on the big stage. But we just don't have the numbers. So it's on-the-job training."

To McQuade's credit, he has tried to manage both success and expectations

accordingly.

"I try to take the pressure off them. I can't expect much success from first year guys. But they have embraced the sport and show up to practice eager to learn and ready to work hard, and that's all I can ask. Wrestling is a funny sport like that, it challenges you, mentally and physically. And once it gets you, you can't help but come back for more."

McQuade was sure to credit some of his young guys at the end of the discussion, who he says "keep coming back for more": Jake Wilson, Mike Maffeo, junior Davila, Mario Sabha, Noel Gay, Brenden Ross, Jason Sicklick, Abass Ghadbouni, and Stephen Walsh.

School Lunches

Norwood Elementary Schools, St. Catherine K-5, Willett Kindergarten

Feb.1: Superbowl nachos, seasoned meat & cheese, salsa & sour cream, tortilla chips, or pizza lunch served with: bean salad, pear cup.

Feb. 4: Chicken Patty on a roll, potato puffs, or pizza lunch, served with: fiesta corn salad, fresh apple.

Feb.5: Fenway frank on a roll, Boston baked beans, or cereal lunch, served with: cucumber wheels, roasted chickpeas, fruit cocktail.

Feb.6: Chicken Caesar salad & pita bread, or pizza lunch, served with: Caesar salad, cauliflower buds 100% grape juice.

Feb.7: Macaroni & cheese, tender peas, warm pretzel, or cereal lunch, served with: grape tomatoes, banana

Feb. 8: egg McNorwood bacon egg and cheese on a bagel, or pizza lunch, served with: broccoli bites, 100% orange juice.

ALTERNATE LUNCH: Deli turkey, on goldfish bread with lettuce and tomatoes, potato chips and daily sides.

Coakley Middle School, St. Catherine 6-8:

Feb.1: Super Bowl Pizza Party, Norwood own pizza, garden salad, tomatoes and cucumbers, fresh apple.

Feb.4: Chicken fingers, potato puffs, tender pea salad, dinner roll, peach cup.

Feb.5: BBQ chicken sub, onion rings. Cucumber wheels, tomato/basil salad, fresh apple.

Feb. 6: Pasta with meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, three bean salad, fruit cocktail.

Feb.7: Hard or soft taco seasoned meat, lettuce & tomatoes, refried beans, salsa & sour cream, kiwi halves.

Feb.8: Norwood Own pizza, Caesar salad, cauliflower bites, fresh orange.

Sandwich of the week: Tangy chicken salad wrap, chicken salad, raisins, mixed greens, in a wheat wrap.

Norwood High

Feb. 1: Super Bowl Nachos, tortilla chips, seasoned meat, cheese sauce, salsa & sour cream, fresh orange. Veggie of day cucumber wheel, special pizza of the day chicken & Broccoli, wrap of the day, Buffalo chicken wrap.

Feb.4: Chicken fingers, potatoes puffs, tender peas, dinner roll, peach cup. Vegetable of the day all lines, cold pea salad, special pizza of day mushroom, wrap of the day tangy chicken salad wrap.

Feb.5: BBQ pulled pork on a roll, Boston baked beans, coleslaw, fresh apple. Vegetable of day cuke wheels, special pizza of day cheeseburger, wrap of the day tangy chicken salad wrap.

Feb. 6: Rice bowl, teriyaki chicken, steamed rice, oriental veggies, fortune cookie, pineapple cup. Vegetable of day Broccoli Bites, special pizza of day Broccoli, wrap of the day tangy chicken salad wrap.

Feb. 7: Pasta Bar, variety of pasta and sauces, Italian green beans, garlic bread, fruit cocktail. Vegetable of day three bean salad, special pizza of day bacon, wrap of the day tangy chicken salad wrap.

Feb.8: Grilled chicken Caesar salad, warm breadstick, pear cup. Vegetable of day grape tomatoes, special pizza of day garden patch, wrap of the day tangy chicken salad wrap.

Available daily: bagel with bacon & cheese, cheeseburger, chicken patty, buffalo chicken, bagel with cheese, and meatball sub, fish sandwich available on Friday's. Caesar salad and carrots packs available daily on all lines.

Grab N' Go available daily: wrap of the week, yogurt parfaits, a variety of garden salads, Caesar salads, and pre-made sandwiches.

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Girls Hockey wins two more

Kevin Stone

Staff Reporter

When you only lose two seniors, expectations clearly don't change much.

However, when you have a new set of coaches, those expectations may change based on a lack of team chemistry or the inability to grasp offensive or defensive systems.

Then, there are teams like the Norwood girls hockey team, who haven't missed a single stride this season and continued to roll by going 2-0 last week, improving their record heading into this week to 9-2-1, maintaining a second place spot right behind Wellesley (9-0-3) in the Bay State Hergert division.

Norwood began last week by beating Framingham (4-8-3) by a 4-3 final. Lisa Moynihan opened up the scoring, followed by a goal coming from Sammy Hayes who crashed the net on a rebound to put one in and quickly make it 2-0. Kacie Smith scored Norwood's third goal, with Emily Kelly eventually getting the game winner in the third period. Heather Folan, Shannon Gillis, Katie O'Brien and Colleen Glaser were strong on defense

and Karyn Colomey and Jenny O'Donnell were up and down the ice helping out on both ends of the forecheck and backcheck for Norwood.

Norwood then came back and beat Needham 4-1. Emily Kelly again led the scoring with three goals and Kacie Smith had one goal. There were assists coming from Jenny O'Donnell, Lisa Moynihan and Heather Folan. Strong defensive play by Karyn Colomey, Katie O'Brien and Shannon Gillis led the way on the back end for the Mustangs as well.

This week will be huge for Norwood and everyone involved is well aware of it.

"We have a big week coming up with Dedham and Wellesley, and these are games that we need to prepare for in practice because they will have the intensity level of tournament games," explained assistant head coach Molly Barefoot.

The Mustangs more importantly will also be looking to avenge the loss earlier in the season they had against Wellesley, and will need to come out flying and ready to play on both ends in what is sure to be an extremely emotional game with so much on

the line.

With just about a month to play before hopefully making another tournament push, maybe even a longer one this time, games clearly start getting even more important, and a regular season division title is not out of the question either.

"Generally speaking, this is when the team has to start digging deep and continue to work hard. It's a long season and there cannot be any lulls on our part, you cannot afford that in this league," cautioned Barefoot.

It may be cliché, but literally every second of ice time will be crucial heading down the play-off stretch drive. Luckily, this team is chock full of experience and have decided to not let any major changes affect the expectations they have placed on themselves the entire season.

The playoffs are almost upon us, and these lady Mustangs can feel it.

"We cannot afford to take a night off, not even a shift off. We will continue to work hard in this final stretch. We are really looking to qualify for tournament this week, so that's our immediate goal."

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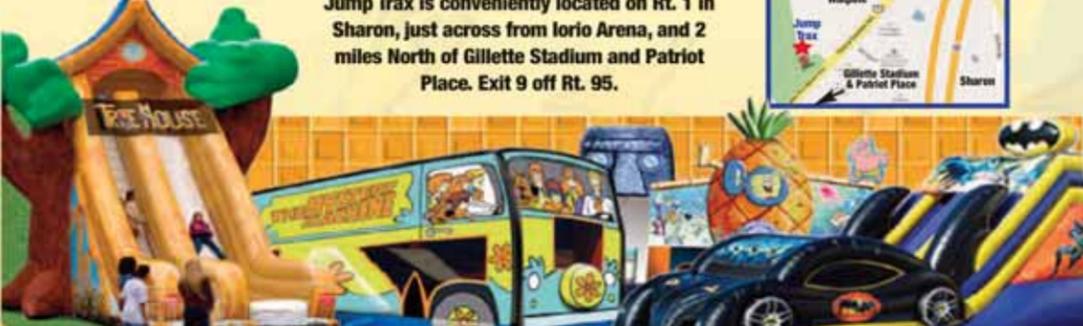
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ALEXANDER

Irene K. ,88, on Jan. 21 at Sunrise Senior Living in Norwood, where she had lived for the past three years. Beloved mother to Andrea A. Clark and son-in-law Dr. Bernard A. Clark III of Glastonbury, CT and her daughter April A. Cushing of Norwood, MA. She also leaves two grandsons, Alexander D. Clark and his wife Natalia Martinez of New York, NY and Spencer A. Clark of Stanford, CA, and four granddaughters, Elizabeth A. Cushing of Allston, MA, Abigail L. Cushing of London, England, Catherine E. Cushing of Boston, MA and Anne A. Cushing of Providence, RI. She is predeceased by her parents, Martin and Apolonia (Prazuch) Kon, her former husband Dr. John T. Alexander, and a grandson, Wesley A. Clark. Funeral arrangements are private. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001 (www.alzfdn.org).

BOPP

James F., Sr.,89, longtime Norwood resident, on Jan. 23. U.S. Navy and was a proud member for 70 years of the Sprinkler fitters, Local #550. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy E. (Smith) Bopp; loving father of Dorothy Bothwell and her husband William, James F. Bopp, Jr. and his wife Phyllis, Joseph Bopp and his wife Diane, Francis Bopp and his wife Charlene, Stephen Bopp, Nancy Martin, Theresa McElroy, and the late Geraldine Bopp and Mary Green. He was also survived by 24 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Interment will follow the Mass in Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

DEATHS

Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Memorial contributions in memory of James F. Bopp, Sr. may be made to the American Lung Association, 460 Totten Pond Rd, #400, Waltham, MA 02451.

CONNORS

Patricia (McManus) Of Norwood, on Jan. 24. Beloved wife of Charles Connors; loving mother of Linda Collamore and her husband Robert, Roberta Randall and her husband Jeffrey, Patricia Dempsey and her husband Robert, Kathleen Balerna and her husband Mark, Charles Connors and his wife Paula, and Stephen Connors and his wife Ginny; cherished grandmother of Heather, Justin, Ryan and his wife Meaghan, Misha, Danil, James, Kate, Patrick, Christopher, Alissa and her husband James, Lauren, Sara, Kelly, Bridget, Darcie, Kevin, Samantha and Jonathan; proud great-grandmother of Lindsay and James; devoted sister of William and Joseph McManus, Mary (McManus) Sullivan, and the late Thomas and Francis McManus; daughter of the late Thomas and Margaret (Lyons) McManus. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Memorial contributions in memory of Patricia Connors may be made to the Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246.

DONOVAN

Mary T., 88, formerly of

Norwood) on Jan. 25. Beloved wife of William C. Loving mother of William Jr. of Westborough, Denis of Medford, James of Chicago, Margaret Elliott of Guilford, CT, Anne Donovan Potter of Brooklyn, NY, Mary C. of Northampton, and John of Brooklyn, NY. Also survived by her sisters, Virginia Allen of Westerly, RI, and Grace Rooney of Framingham; her three sons-in-law, her daughter-in-law and her six grandchildren. Funeral arrangements by the Britton-Shrewsbury Funeral Home, Shrewsbury. Burial in Mountain View Cemetery, Shrewsbury. Beloved mother and friend, Mary was editor and publisher of The Shrewsbury Voice and contributing writer to the Catholic Free Press.

FAHY

Michael Frank in Norwood, on Jan. 17. Formerly of Co. Galway, Ireland. Late employee of MBTA. Beloved son of the late Michael and Annie (Hickey). Brother of Mary, Fintan and his wife Stella and the late John, uncle of Fintan of Framingham and niece and nephews in England and Ireland. Funeral arrangements by the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, West Roxbury. Funeral Mass and burial in Ballinakill, Loughrea, Co. Galway, Ireland.

MILANO

Joseph, 83, of Norwood, on Jan. 26. Beloved husband of Anna V. (Siletti) Milano. Devoted father of Nicoletta Bretti and her husband Tony of Mansfield and Rose

Breton and her husband Philippe of Norwood. Brother of Anna Fico and her husband Vincenzo of Italy and Pietro Milano of Italy. Cherished grandfather of Michael Bretti, Stephen Bretti and Christopher Bretti, all of Mansfield. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Graveside service at the Highland Cemetery, Winter St., Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Parkinson's Assoc. 72 East Concord Street, C3 Boston, MA 02118 or to the Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA 02472.

NORTON

Robert L. 70, of Norwood, on Jan. 25. Beloved son of the late Robert L. Norton, Sr. and Grace (Bleiler). He was the loving father of Michael R. Norton of NY, and William Freemont Cram, III of Malden. Devoted brother of William Norton and his wife JoAnne of Pembroke. Dear friend of Arthur and Karen Wright of Norwood. Former husband of Maryann Norton (Cicchetti) of Malden, 3 grandchildren, a great-grandson, and uncle of 3 nieces and a nephew. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment will follow at Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

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Tuesday Jan. 22

0245 initiated - Hit and run. Location/address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St N678 comes across past accident; sign down and bumper on Side of road. Officer checked surrounding area for vehicle, Nothing found. DPW notified to pick up same.

0746 initiated - Parking violation. spoken to Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St N662 reports speaking with 9 to 10 drivers dropping students off for school in "school bus zone" only.

1113 phone - Fraud. Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Sro advised of same on 1/18/13. Report to be filed.

1519 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: E Cross St Someone may have taken a picture of his vehicle. Witness (dad) was not sure and was unable to get a plate. Entry requested. Officer advised.

1631 phone - Susp activity. area search negative Location/address: Walnut Ave + Winslow Ave Child reports to parents that 3 subjects, 30-50yoa, 1 with a stick, 1 with "white sox" hat, ran through the backyard of #58, unknown if cutting through or if they were chasing each other, this yard leads to Winslow Ave. N661 spoke to some people in area and due to overheard conversation it is believed they are all friends, the stick is believed to be a cane, units checked area-unable to locate them.

1635 walk-in - Hit and run Location/address: Norwood Hospital Satellite Lot - Guild St Employee reports her parked, unoccupied car side swiped sometime today.

1918 911 - Motor vehicle accident arrest(s)made Location/address: Fales Ave Caller reported vehicle into tree. Don & Wallys towed pc ma 4021fp. One under arrest. Starting transport 38931.0 @1931. Ending 38932.3 @1934. Arrest: Dooley, Ellen M Address: 98 Fulton St Norwood Dob: 09/30/1954 Charges: oui liquor or .08%, 2nd offense Negligent operation of motor vehicle

Wednesday Jan. 23

TOWN MEETING VACANCIES

The Norwood Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the residents of Norwood there are vacancies for the office of Town Meeting Members in the following Town Meeting Districts. There are currently Forty-Four (44) 3-Year Term Vacancies; and One (1) Two-Year Term Vacancy (To Fill A Vacancy); and Four (4) One-Year Term Vacancies (To Fill A Vacancy).

The following Town Meeting Member seats are now available for the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 1, 2013.

District 1: 3 Year Term (5 Seats), 1 Year Term (1 Seat) (To Fill A Vacancy), **District 2:** 3 Year Term (5 Seats), 1 Year Term (1 Seat) (To Fill A Vacancy), **District 3:** 3 Year Term (3 Seats), 1 Year Term (1 Seat) (To Fill A Vacancy), **District 4:** 2 Year Term (1 Seat) (To Fill A Vacancy), 1 Year Term (1 Seat) (To Fill A Vacancy), **District 5:** 3 Year Term (7 Seats), **District 6:** 3 Year Term (5 Seats), **District 7:** 3 Year Term (7 Seats), **District 8:** 3 Year Term (6 Seats), **District 9:** 3 Year Term (6 Seats).

Any current Town Meeting Member whose term is expiring on April 1, 2013 who did not file the required "intent to seek re-election form" with the office of the Town Clerk must do so by Monday, February 11, 2013 at 5:00 PM.

Anyone else interested in running for the office of Town Meeting Member must file nomination papers signed by at least ten (10) registered voters in their District. Last day for filing with the Board of Registrars is Monday, February 11, 2013 at 5:00 PM.

If you have any question, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 762-1240, ext. 152 or 153.

Police Logs

0916 phone - Susp person services rendered Location/address: Vernon St Officer determines subject who knocked on the door yesterday was working for company who has been approved to work in the area.

1208 phone - Susp activity no violation Location/address: Hillcrest Rd Caller states man going door to door selling milk. Caller is suspicious due to recent break ins and requests officer to check out. N678 reports person checks out with no suspicious activity.

1224 phone - Assist citizen other Location/address: Fulton St Caller states his wife's car was impounded last night and wants to know when he can pick it up.

1234 phone - Runaway child services rendered Location/address: Star Program - Winter St Caller states one of their clients has left the residence. male 5 feet 3 inches 126 lbs, tan skin, black hair, 14 years old. Goes by the name Nash. N666 responded to residence. Bolo put out to all cars. Officer locates the boy with his grandfather and returns with him.

1450 phone - Hit and run Location/address: Norwood Airport Inc - Access Rd Vehicle while parked in the lot.

1818 phone - Well being chk arrest(s)made Location/address: Village Rd W Mother in lobby requests help with son, believe he is outside walking around, possibly drunk. N669 called into station. 2nd call from the residence reports the son is there now. Units rerouted and mother sent back. As a result, n666 places subject in protective custody and n664 transports to station. Prisoner struggled with officers in cell block. Additional Officers responded. Officers requested Norwood Fire for a transport to the hospital. Norwood Fire transport with officer aboard. 2020 hrs-n669 with n666 on board transports prisoner back to Station. Subject is now under arrest on a warrant. P/c: Carpenter,

Corey L Address: 3301 Village Rd W Norwood Dob: 12/07/1982 Charges: protective custody Warrant arrest

1905 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Boston Market - Lenox St Caller reported ex employee may return and cause a disturbance. Officers spoke with manager, advised.

1930 phone - Breaking and entering Location/address: Wheelock Ave Report 1/2 hr ago, resident interrupted b&e. Canton k9 assists. Units check numerous areas and conduct canvass of area residents.

1934 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Azalea Dr Caller reported possible break and entry in progress. Officers checked property. All in order. Nothing suspicious found.

Thursday Jan. 24

0730 phone - Susp vehicle gone on arrival Location/address: Meadow St Caller states she noticed a dirty maroon colored Ford Explorer idling in front of her neighbor's home with 2 possibly Hispanic males. As she pulled out of driveway they left. She noticed them down by Juniper Dr. Caller requested that the area be checked. N669, n664, n678 checked the area.

1025 phone - Warrant service arrest(s)made Location/address: Ridgewood Dr Officers return with one under arrest. Arrest: Bresnahan, Matthew J Address: 66 Ridgewood Dr Norwood Dob: 09/05/1990 Charges: warrant arrest

1427 phone - Susp activity Location/address: Dean St Sp w/m in the area white van. Child also in the area and a door was knocked on but he left prior to resident coming to the door.

1615 phone - Susp activity area search negative Location/address: Sturtevant Ave + Washington St Subject walking up and down the street last towards Wahington. w/ m 50's red/pink hat, blue coat and gray bottoms.

1724 initiated - Serve summons unsuccessful service Location/address: Saunders Rd Officer attempted to serve three summons. Officer reported subject no longer lives at above address.

2103 phone - Larceny Location/address: Super Wash - Central St Caller reported laundry was stolen. Officer reviewed footage of theft. Bolo broadcast to cars for a white female in her 30's with gray coat and blue jeans.

2236 initiated - Serve summons legal service made Location/address: Austin St Officer served two summons in hand.

2328 phone - Noise complaint area search negative Location/address: Maple St Caller reported loud music. Officers checked area, no loud music found.

Friday Jan. 25

1020 phone - Susp activity Location/address: Rock St Manager and resident with a female in the hall who is screaming. Officers investigate and report past simple assault. All advised.

1033 phone - Breaking and entering arrest(s)made Location/address: Fulton St Ac unit reports sp activity in the area. Owner responded bci on scene. As a result two under arrest. Arrest: Huff, Stephen D Address: 48 Coronation Dr. Dedham Dob: 01/18/1985 Charges: b&e building daytime for felony Larceny over \$250 Arrest: Krusz, Francis P Address: 17 Curve St Dedham Dob: 11/03/1985 Charges: b&e building daytime for felony Larceny over \$250

1418 phone - Larceny Location/address: Clay Chevrolet - Hyundai -

Bos-Prov Hwy Items stolen while the car was serviced.

1538 phone - Threats Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St

1644 initiated - Warrant service arrest(s)made Location/address: Nahatan St Officers attempt a warrant service. N665 places one under arrest. Arrest: Ambers, Brandon M Address: 49 Blue Hill Ave apt. #2 Roxbury Dob: 05/27/1981 Charges: warrant arrest

1917 phone - Unwanted party group moved Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Caller reports student was asked to leave gymnasium during athletic basketball game after being disruptive. Student refuses to leave the property. N664 and n66 responded. Student left property upon speaking with officer.

Saturday Jan. 26

0708 phone - Well being chk arrest(s)made Location/address: Engamore Ln Caller wants to know if she can text me because she can't talk. I asked for her address and she could not give it to me then. I called Sprint and traced the phone and had it pinged. N663, n662 responded. As a result, n663 returned With 1 under arrest for 2 warrants. Arrest: Ruffini, Roberto Address: 11 Avery St Dedham Dob: 01/13/1977 Charges: warrant arrest

0750 phone - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Chapel Ct Caller reports vehicle parked in yard next door where house is vacant. N666, n678 responded and met caller. No footprints around home. Owner of vehicle lives on E, Hoyle and is using driveway. Caller left a note on car to not park there.

1133 911 - Dispute spoken to Location/address: Keegan's Norwood Jewelers - Washington St Report problem with customer. N663 reports customer left, argument was over a missing receipt for record keeping purposes.

1157 other - Be on the lookout services rendered Bolo for suspects interrupted while breaking into a home. NY or pa partial, last 3 of: 380 or 381. White minivan, possibly Dodge caravan.

1222 phone - Susp vehicle could not locate Location/address: Washington St Caller states operator drinking a beer while operating. Last seen on 1a heading into Westwood. Vehicle comes back to an address in Dedham. Bolo to cars, Dedham pd notified.

2114 phone - assist other police depart taken/referred to other Location/address: driftwood cir Randolph pd reports runaway from their town may be at the Above address. Officers checked she is skiing in NH and will return later in the evening. Randolph pd notified.

Sunday Jan. 27

0156 radio - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Valvoline Instant Oil Change - Everett St Ma reg. 13t75 was parked in the back of Valvoline. Operator stated he was picking his wife up from Burger King. N661 advised him not to park in the lot after closing.

0728 phone - Noise complaint gone on arrival Location/address: Chapel St Caller states there has been a loud radio on since approximately 7am. N663 responding

0947 phone - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Autumn St + Irving St N661 properly disposed of same.

1241 phone - Shoplifting Location/address: Convenient Food Mart - Washington St Report shoplifter chased down and being detained awaiting police. N679 reports mis-

understanding

1359 phone - Susp activity area search negative Location/address: Deerfield Rd Report someone leafleting the neighborhood. N665 checked person is not in area upon arrival. No one registered with Police.

1703 phone - Hazmat incident Location/address: Waters Church - Walpole St Caller reports that she found a grenade while cleaning out her apartment. N661 n679 n666 respond. NFD notified. State Pd bomb squad responds. State pd removed item.

2117 phone - Assist other police depart taken/referred to other Location/address: Union St Assist Walpole pd in locating a white male wearing a blue Hooded sweatshirt and jeans male was trying to get into a house and Walpole and fled towards Norwood. Unable to locate the suspect.

2222 phone - Assist other agency taken/referred to other Location/address: Norwood Airport Inc - Access Rd New York traffic controller trying to locate aircraft sr 22 tail n86mj. Could not locate plane. Air traffic notified and satisfied.

2310 phone - Domestic services rendered Location/address: Plymouth Dr Female reports domestic to the state pd and the line disconnects. Traced cell phone it is registered out of Florida. Knocked on doors of several apartment and could not locate female.

Mon Jan. 28

0148 911 - Unwanted party gone on arrival Location/address: Avon Rd Caller reported family member unwelcome at the residence. Party left prior to arrival. Officers checked area, nothing found.

1041 phone - Road hazard spoken to Location/address: Sixth St Hole in road where previous work sunk. Company addressing hole. Clearing shortly.

1112 phone - Warrant service taken/referred to other Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Warrant of apprehension. Docket #1354mh0031. Transport to DDC by Off Gamel.

1117 phone - Motor vehicle stop citation fine Location/address: Nahatan St + Monroe St

1252 walk-in - Hit and run Location/address: Pizza Palace - Washington St

1317 phone - Trespassing gone on arrival Location/address: Centremark - Edgewater Dr People ice skating on pond, caller would like them removed because of liability. They will be posting signs. No one skating at this time.

1353 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Golden Living Center (formerly Emerald Court - Washington St Subject left the facility and should continue with his care. Bolo. Executive director locates him and returns. Officer Copponi on scene to confirm.

1528 phone - Motor vehicle stop verbal warning Location/address: Cross St + Pleasant St Ma 2yzt50

2013 phone - Complaint of m/v gone on arrival Location/address: Spruce Rd Caller reports two vehicles racing around in the snow. N661 sent. Vehicles were goa.

2028 phone - Disturbance Location/address: Dean St Caller reports argument with male who made a motion as if he was going to pull a knife on him. N677 n678 n661 sent. Could not locate male.

2131 phone - Missing person no action required Location/address: Respite House - Beacon Ave Report client has not arrived home after going out around 1800 hrs. N665 reports he is there voluntarily, no court/doctor order keeping him there. Confirmed with parents that he was at their home, in Westwood, at 2000 hrs. And stated he was going either back to home or a friend's home.

NORWOOD JAZZ CLASSIC NHS

On Thursday, Feb. 14, Start Time approx 3:30p.m. Located at High School. Jazz Ensembles will perform for adjudication. Admission \$6.00.

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

NORWOOD WINTER GUARD HOME SHOW 16 PERFORMING GROUPS

On Saturday, Feb. 2, 4:00 pm, @ NHS gymnasium. Admission:

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NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2013-2014

Mr. James Hayden, Superintendent of Schools, is pleased to announce that the Norwood Public Schools is beginning its Kindergarten registration.

During the week of February 11, - February 15, 2013, kindergarten registration will be held at the George F. Willett Early Childhood Center 100 Westover Parkway from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. It is very important that parents/guardians register their child at this time.

In order to be eligible for kindergarten in September 2013, a child must be five (5) years old on, or before, August 31, 2013.

MARDI GRAS SUNDAY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

The saints will go marching in

on Sunday, February 10, at the First Congregational Church (UCC). The 10:00 a.m. worship service will feature a New Orleans-style Mardi Gras atmosphere, complete with Dixieland band, the Norwood High School Brass Quintet, costumes, and merrymaking, all in preparation for the complete change of perspective as we enter the somber season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 13. For more information, please call the church office at (781) 762-3320.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BLOOD DRIVE

The Children's Hospital Bloodmobile will be at St Timothy's

Church in Norwood on Sunday, Feb. 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To make an appointment log onto <http://www.halfpints.childrenshospital.org/>. Sponsor Code is STC NORW. You can also call the Parish Nurse at 781-769-2522, ext. 34 to make an appointment. For specific questions about donating blood or eligibility, please call the Blood Donor Center at 617-355-6677. Thanks for your generosity! Each donation can help up to four young patients!

WCC THRIFT SHOP REOPENS

After a 6-week hiatus to relocate and transform a vacant building into a "unique boutique," the Thrift Shop will reopen on Feb. 2nd with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

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THE DIVORCE/ SEPARATION GROUP

An eight-week support group for divorced or separated people covering the emotional stages of divorce and offering healing and support, will be offered at the First Congregational Church in Norwood beginning on Wednesday, February 6, 2013. The

group will be led by a professional counselor specializing in divorce issues, and participants are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. To register or for more information on the series, please call the church office at (781)762-3320.

2013 DANCING WITH THE NORWOOD STARS CONTESTANTS ANNOUNCED

The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation is proud to announce the contestants for the 2013 Dancing with the Norwood Stars are: Cheryl Germano, Alan Slater, Sarah Quinn, Vincent D' Iorio Jr., Mary Beth Cox and Tom McCready. Each contestant will take 10 weeks of dance lessons at the Fred Astaire Dance Studios in Dedham leading up to the competition on Friday, April 12th held in the glamorous Tiffany ballroom of the Four Points Sheraton on Route 1 in Norwood.

This is the fifth year the Circle of Hope Foundation has held this unique fundraiser featuring well-known local "stars" in a night of friendly dance competition. Commentary on the dancing is provided by a panel of local notable and celebrity "judges" along with co-hosts Tim McDonough, Circle of Hope President and Norwood Senior High School Principal, George Usevich. The winners are chosen by a combination of judges' score and votes cast by those in attendance.

NPA-TV will broadcast the event live on local cable providers. Special viewing venues will be set up at local restaurants around Norwood to give even more friends and neighbors of the contestants a chance to participate in selecting the winner. Funds raised are used to assist residents of Norwood who find themselves in need due to a catastrophic medical event. Since its founding in 1998 the Circle of Hope Foundation has provided over \$310,000 in assistance to Norwood residents. Tickets are \$30 each and will be available in February. Details on how to purchase tickets will be forthcoming.

NPA-TV ANNOUNCES YOUTH VIDEO CLUB FOR BEGINNERS!

Sign up for NPA-TV's Beginner Youth Video Club for Norwood Residents in Grades 6,7, &8. Beginner Youth Video Club Part I is for students who have not yet participated in Youth Video Club. It will start on Tuesday February 26th and run until April 16th from 3:30-5:00pm at NPA-TV Studios located at Norwood High School. Registration will begin on Wednesday February 6th at 10:00am and will close on Wednesday February 20th at 4:00pm or until the class has been filled. Class size is limited to 15 and no advanced registrations will be accepted. You can e-mail Meghan Corbett, Assistant Station Manager at Meghan@npatv.org or call NPA-TV at 781-551-0338 to sign up your child. Please visit our website at www.npatv.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter to keep up with all of our programming news.

ALLIANCE FOR MENTALLY ILL

Will hold its monthly meeting in Cafeteria B of the Lorusso Building at Norwood Hospital at 7p.m. on Thursday Feb. 7th. We welcome all families in the South Norfolk area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. In case of inclement weather The Alliance will follow the lead of Norwood school system.

13TH ANNUAL EARLY CHILDHOOD FAIR

A Morning of Fun for Preschoolers, On Saturday, Feb. 9. Preschool Activities & CraftsJungle Jim - Balloon SculptorBurt the Raccoon PuppetConcert by Rick Goldin. Crafts & Activities, 10:00-11:00 a.m.Music with Rick Goldin11:00-11:45 a.m. F.A. Cleveland Elementary School,33 George F. Willett Parkway, Norwood. All activities are free! There is NO pre-registration required for this event. If you have any questions please call Christine Tomasello at Norwood Public Schools - (781) 440-5983 or by email at ctomasello@norwood.k12.ma.us.

ANGEL FOR HOPE CARNIVAL

Please join the Fun On Feb.1, from 3:30-7:00 for Cheryl's ANGEL FOR HOPE Carnival. The afternoon will be filled with Carnival games, snacks and Prizes. All will be indoors at the NORWOOD ELKS on Winslow Ave. in Norwood. This event is hosted by Cheryl Germano who is a 2013 contestant of the Circle of Hope's Dancing with the Norwood Stars. All proceeds will benefit the Circle of Hope Foundation whose mission is to provide assistance to Norwood residents who are in need due to a catastrophic medical occurrence. For more information or to make a donation go to www.escadahair.com/angelforhope

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB VALENTINE PARTY

The 10th annual Valentine's Day Dinner Dance will be held on Feb. 12, the second Tuesday of the month. Those interested in signing up may do so at the January meeting or you can call Joe Cattafe at 781-762-4995 or George Wallace at 781-326-9273. The cost is \$25 per member and member's guest.

4TH ANNUAL STUMP TRIVIA NIGHT

The Oldham School is pleased to announce its 4th Annual Stump! Trivia Night, presented by Norwood Bank. The event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Norwood Elks. Tickets are \$20.00 each, or tables of 10 for \$200.00. Our goal is a PTO is to raise much needed money to support afternoon enrichment programs at Oldham Elementary School for all grade levels. There will be a cash bar, 50/50 raffle, Red Sox ticket raffle, and door prizes. For more information call Laura Tolman at 781-769-0586 or Tolman@norwoodlight.com.

CONCERTS ON THE COMMON COMMITTEE PRESENTS WINTER CONCERT SERIES

The Town of Norwood Concerts on the Common Committee is offering something new in January with four free concerts to help you make it through the long cold winter. Concerts will be held over four consecutive Sundays at the Norwood High School on Jan. 27th. The S.O.S. Big Band will perform before the winter series concludes on Sunday, Feb. 3rd with the Roy Scott Big Band. All performances are 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the new Norwood High School and will be held rain, shine or snow, unless it is a really big storm! Hot chocolate and goodies will be served at intermission. For more information please call the Norwood Town Hall at 781.762.1240 or visit <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>

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