

The Appeals Court sided with the Norfolk Asphalt Company, though Norwood has a chance to petition the Supreme Judicial Court for further appellate review.

FILE PHOTO

Town considers its options

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Court finds that asphalt and bituminous concrete are, aren't the same thing

The town has 20 days to petition the Supreme Judicial Court for further appellate review regarding the Norfolk Asphalt Company and their plant at 601 Pleasant St. A decision has yet to be rendered.

On Jan. 20, the Massachusetts Appeals Court ruled in favor of the Norfolk Asphalt Company, affirming the Land Court's Dec. 7, 2009 decision that allowed the company's use of the Pleasant Street site as a matter of right.

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) member Phil Riley stated an appeal is possible, and the board is scheduled to meet with Attorney David DeLuca on the matter. They will make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman, which has final say on whether the town petitions the Supreme Judicial Court.

Until the ZBA meets with DeLuca, Riley had no comment on whether they would pursue an appeal, but noted that

he disagrees with the Appeal Court's decision.

"I've read the opinion, and it seems what they do is they interpret the old bylaw so literally, it makes it almost meaningless," Riley said.

The decision specifically cites Section 8000 of the old zoning bylaws, which defines toxic or hazardous materials in part as "oil and petroleum

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Technology approvals granted

New NHS to be state of the art

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The new Norwood High School promises to be a technological marvel, and the Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) helped ensure that by approving the \$1,318,000 technology budget for the new school. While this sounds like a sizable amount, it is on budget, just under the \$1,320,000 line item.

Creating this technology budget has been a yearlong effort on the part of the school department, town, Technology Committee and those involved in the construction project.

"This joint effort between the town and the school department will allow our high school students to fully participate in their curriculum using 21st century technology tools that will improve learning outcomes and allow our students to compete in the global workplace," Superintendent of Schools James Hayden said.

Hayden appeared at last Thursday's PBCC meeting to showcase this technology, which includes USB mini keyboards with built-in, multi-finger smart touchpads; tablets for the graphics lab; 90 laptops; the MobiView Student Response System; Apple iPads; and 73 interactive Eno Boards, one in each class-

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School Committee makes first cut

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Fiscal Year 2012 is going to be difficult for Norwood's general government and school departments, who have to cut a combined \$6.1 million to balance the budget. The School Committee took the first steps for school cuts last Wednesday, when they unanimously voted to cut \$689,139 from their FY 2012 budget proposal. This is a start, but they have a long way to go.

"This doesn't even get us halfway," said School Committee member Paul

Samargedlis.

These cuts were made in two phases. The first phase cut \$435,993 from the budget, and this set of cuts returns the school department accounts to their FY 2011 totals, cutting all additional requests. The phase two cuts came to \$253,146, and represent cuts to existing services.

"All the requests are gone, and we're going even deeper," Samargedlis said.

These cuts were discussed at their Jan. 26 meeting. Samargedlis noted it is the

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A fire caused approximately \$75,000 worth of damage to the 89 Dean St. house last Wednesday.

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Fire hits Dean Street

Snow delays firefighting efforts

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Fire Department responded to a two-alarm fire at a Dean Street home last Wednesday. While no one was injured, Fire Chief Michael Howard estimates the 89 Dean Street fire caused \$75,000 in damage to the house.

The call came at 9:49 p.m. on Jan. 26, prompting a quick response from the department. While firefighters arrived on the scene within minutes, heavy snow delayed access to the site.

“Captain Kevin Romines stated firefighting efforts were slowed due to a partially buried hydrant which firefighters had to shovel out for use,” Fire Department spokesman George Morrice said. “Also, the aerial ladder could not be used, so maneuvering the ground ladders for ventilation was made more difficult

because of the snow.”

While there were difficulties, the department was able to contain the blaze.

“Despite the tough conditions of the snow storm and the existing piles of snow, firefighters were able to extinguish the fire,” Morrice said. “In fact, fire crews were able to limit the fire from spreading into the attic and kept structural fire damage to the one section of the home.”

The section in question was the dining room area. Using a thermal imaging camera, the department traced the heat to the dining room ceiling, where firefighters found the fire traveling in the voids between the ceiling joints.

The fire occurred shortly after requests were made by both the Board of Selectmen and Department of Public Works for Norwood residents to take a moment to clear out any buried fire

hydrants near their homes. There are 972 fire hydrants in town, and they can easily be covered in snow, as seen by the recent snowstorms. Taking the time to shovel out a hydrant can make a difference should something like a fire happen.

Even with the buried hydrant, those on the scene were able to evacuate the house, clear the area and extinguish the flames. Norwood was not alone as they battled the blaze.

“The towns of Walpole and Westwood provided assistance on scene while Norfolk, Foxboro, Wrentham and Easton provided station coverage,” Morrice said.

The fire was determined to be accidental by Norwood Fire Investigator Bill Turner. Turner believes it was most likely caused by some type of problem with the wood stove or chimney.

Hydrants a big problem

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

With each new snowstorm comes numerous dangers: low visibility, slippery conditions and buried fire hydrants. While a buried fire hydrant might not sound like a major issue, snow piled atop a hydrant can delay the Fire Department’s ability to respond to fire.

A buried hydrant did just that last Wednesday, when a Dean Street house caught fire. Fire Department spokesman George Morrice reported that initial firefighting efforts were slowed due to a partially buried hydrant, which firefighters had to shovel out before they could use it to battle the blaze.

While the fire occurred last Wednesday, several fire hy-



Several fire hydrants in town, including this one near the Dean Street/Kerry Place intersection, are buried under piles of snow.

PHOTO BY BRAD COLE

drants on Dean Street, including those near the Kerry Place and Pleasant Place intersec-

tions, remained partially or completely buried by snow. While many of the fire hydrants in town have been shoveled out, some remain buried, creating a safety hazard should another fire strike.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Mark Ryan stated it is the DPW’s responsibility to shovel out buried fire hydrants, but doing so has proven difficult.

“There are some many things going on, between snow removal and water main breaks,” Ryan said. “It’s hard.”

He noted that while the DPW do their best to keep up with the snowfall and shovel out the hydrants, they have had

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Steve Theran shows off sample letters for the new Norwood High School to the PBCC. The PBCC selected the satin brass, seen in the sample "T."

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PBCC: Letters, PCOs and CCDs

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) approved satin brass as the lettering for the new Norwood High School. The approximately 16-inch tall letters will be placed above the main entrance of the building and will state the school's name.

While making this decision, the PBCC looked at six-inch tall samples of letters made out of stainless steel, cast aluminum, black aluminum, satin brass and polished gold, which were provided by Gemini Incorporated, a company that manufactures dimensional letters and plaques. The

PBCC also requested a sample bronze patina letter, though the company did not have one available. The vendor suggested it would not be appropriate for use at a high school, as the color tends to bleed into the background.

The PBCC voted 3-1-1 in favor of the satin brass. Members Dan Gold, Dick Kief and Bob Silk all voted for the brass, Ed McKenna preferred the black aluminum and Bill Kinsman voted for the polished gold.

The committee also selected a font for the letters, opting to use a classic Roman style for the building.

Steve Theran, Project Manager with Compass Project Management, noted the price difference

between the letters.

"Satin brass is the most expensive," Theran said, noting that its \$3,825 price tag is \$2,805 more than the black aluminum, the

PBCC notes

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a difficult winter, and finding the time to shovel out all 972 hydrants hasn't been possible.

"There is no way we can get to all 972 fire hydrants," Ryan said. "It's impossible. There are so many things going on, we just can't get to it."

Ryan noted that since the Dec. 26 storm, Norwood saw approximately five feet of snow in just one month. Recent storms added to that number, and the DPW's has spent hours salting and plowing the town's 110 miles of road.

Though clearing fire hydrants is the DPW's responsibility, Ryan, the Fire Department the Board of Selectmen have requested residents lend a hand.

"We're pleading with the residents," Ryan said. "If there is a fire hydrant near by, shovel it out."

Morrice added, "It is of vital importance that fire hydrants are accessible to be used by fire personnel for emergencies. The home or life that may be saved could be your own!"

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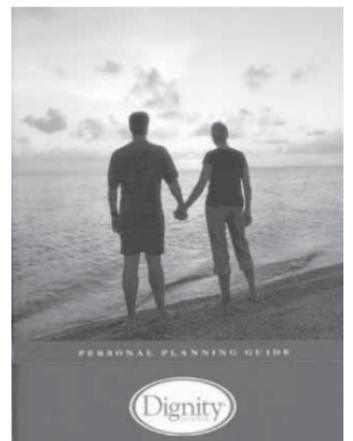
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Editorial

ZONED OUT

One might think that Governor Deval Patrick would stick to the basics for at least the first month of his new term - an economic plan, jobs, budget cuts and, perhaps, drawing a line in the sand for what programs he would fight to preserve.

Unfortunately for him, there was that pesky matter of the state's Parole Board letting a violent offender, one with three life sentences to his name, out on the streets and the resulting murder of a Woburn police officer. Patrick actually managed to dodge that tragedy relatively unscathed. He did so by sticking to a reasonable game plan. He didn't over-react to headlines and media demands. He did the sensible thing. He gathered the relevant facts and, based on the report that detailed what went wrong and why, "persuaded" the board, one-by-one, to resign.

One might expect him in the aftermath to cool his jets for a while by not making any moves that could be perceived as "soft on crime." Yet, he has taken the exact opposite route by seeking to shrink the "school zone" perimeter that levels a harsher, mandatory sentence on drug dealers who ply their trade near children, from 1,000 feet to 100.

His logic? Doing so gives judges more flexibility with sentencing and keeps first-time offenders from being lumped in with more seasoned pushers. There are also economic factors, as decreasing the zone could mean fewer criminals in jail or, at least, in jail for shorter sentences, easing prison overcrowding and trimming the state's outlay for incarceration costs.

It is all complete bunk.

The criminal justice system has multiple goals. It is there to punish lawbreakers and thereby serve as a deterrent to others who are like-minded. It doesn't always work that way, of course, but at least we try. Patrick, however, seems content to stick with a slap-on-the-wrist for drug dealers, making it easier for them to inch closer to the schoolkids whose future habits they yearn to cultivate.

Is the inner city penalized unfairly, given that it has far more schools in a more compact and dense area than more suburban areas? It is a nonsensical argument. If an abundance of street corners in an urbanized area fall within a school zone, so be it. Do we really have to point out that such inner-city locations are all the more impacted by the scourge of drug abuse and related crime? Don't count us among those who lament "good kids" being thrown in jail. Good kids don't sell crack, trade stolen goods for heroin or convince barely pubescent kids that a friend with weed is a friend indeed. That is the realm of the bad apples, and without the punitive impact of law even more will be rotten to the core.

It amazes us that the usually savvy Patrick is pushing this agenda. No hot buttons are as scalding as the ones that involve the safety and security of children. Politically, given his still shaky relations with police unions and the Parole Board disaster, it seems a foolish venture to embark on.

There are those who promote the decriminalization of drugs, and this state has already done so for "personal use" amounts of marijuana. Let's have that debate if the populace needs it settled definitively in one direction or the other. But let's not make it any easier for the epidemic of heroin and oxycontin use to grow unabated. And let us certainly not allow the problem to fester in the shadow of schools, playgrounds and churches.

The battle against drug abuse needs every bit of ammunition it can muster. Patrick's ill-conceived plan only serves as a surrender to the enemy.

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Letters to the Editor

WHY NO ARREST YET?

To the Editor:

It has now been nearly three months since dozens of Norwood residents had political signs stolen from their lawns. Those signs were then transported by pickup truck and pounded into candidate Jim Stanton's lawn under the cover of darkness, to the horror of Stanton's family. It is disturbing that no one has yet been charged with that crime.

Let's hope that the Norwood and Walpole police departments are treating this not as a harmless prank, but as a serious crime involving trespassing and civil rights violations. Intimidation and thuggish behavior such as this can have a far-reaching chilling effect on the local election process, with some residents now justifiably fearful about publicly supporting a candidate with lawn signs. An arrest in the case could go a long way in restoring voters' expectations that we can support a candidate without concern about someone trespassing onto our property and frightening us.

James MacPherson
Norwood

DOWNTOWN STUDY IS NONSENSE

To the editor:

I am one of the co-owners of Perks Coffee House in downtown Norwood and as I read the article, "New Master Plan proposal presented" in the Jan. 13 edition of the Norwood Record all I could think of was when the fans watching a Celtics or Bruins game think they see a bad officiating call and start c h a n t i n g

"bullxxxx...bullxxxx...bullxxxx" (editor's decision to censor language). That is exactly what the article was!

I will first start off by challenging the FXM Associates and Cecil Group's claims that the vacancy rate in downtown Norwood is only 7.08 percent. Did they only count one side of the street? If you add the square footage of the former Regina Gifts and the former Dollar Store together then these two huge buildings are probably 7.08 alone. If you also count the former bookstore, former frame shop, former Norwood Lawyers' office, former antique store and the shop that has been vacant for four years in, the rate is far closer to 20 percent. I didn't even count the seven vacant offices on the 2nd floor of the building across from us that were taken out of inventory due to "poor market conditions". If you add those then the rate is near 30 percent!

The next thing I challenge is Ted Brovitz's claim that downtown Norwood is "a known destination spot" and that "significant progress has been made in the last 10-12 years." Is he an idiot? What is he talking about? If the town paid this guy then the town got screwed! Two of the restaurants have been sold in the past two years and another is still for sale. I know that at least two others are in deep financial trouble. The truth is that the mega shopping centers/movies/malls that have sprung up in both Foxboro and Dedham have devastated the local restaurants in downtown Norwood. People would rather go shop and see a movie and

eat all in the same location. We have seen a tremendous drop in post dinner customers coming in for a coffee after dinner. Downtown Norwood is much worse off now than it was 10 years ago.

The town and the landlords both share a lot of blame here but that will be the subject of my next letter on what hasn't been done and what can be done. If the town wants to hire a manager, great, but they need to stop ignoring what the people who work there have to say because we live it day in and day out.

Derek Langenberg
Perks Coffee

CIRCLE GIVES THANKS

To the Editor:

The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation would like to thank all of our friends and neighbors in Norwood who supported us in 2010. Because of your help, we were able to offer aid to our Norwood neighbors in need in the amount of \$25,000 this fiscal year and over \$230,000 since our founding in 1998.

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Sincerely, Lee Kennedy,
Clerk, Circle of Hope
Foundation

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room.

Some of these items, including the Student Response System, already appear at current Norwood High School.

"We're currently using them at the elementary and middle schools, and a few at the high

school," Hayden said, adding that they will be purchasing nine sets of 28 Student Response Systems for use at the new building.

This is just the start of something bigger. Technology continues to play a major role in education, and its importance in today's society continues to grow. The new Norwood High School is built to prepare students for new technologies and get them ready for what lies ahead.

"The infrastructure in this school is so robust," Owner's Project Manager Tim Bonfatti said. "This only begins to tap into it."

Hayden promises they've selected the very best they could with their \$1.32 million budget.

"The kids are going to fly

with these," Hayden said. "We've really tried hard to stay within our budget, and we're going to get the best bang for our buck."

He is also making sure teachers will be ready for this new technology, as the base training process for the new equipment has already begun. Teachers are being taught how to use the interactive Eno Board and are learning how the boards can be used to enhance curriculum and the students' learning experience.

The technology purchases will be installed in the new Norwood High School during the summer. Bryan Jarvis of Compass said the installation date is to be determined, as it is contingent on the installation of the furniture, fixtures and equipment at the school.



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School board makes appointments, recognizes "Margins"

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The School Committee unanimously voted to appoint Norwood Safety Officer Paul Murphy to the position of Safety Resource Officer at the Norwood High School.

Chairman Mark Joseph noted Murphy's vast experience with the Norwood Police Department, and was proud to appoint him to the position of Safety Resource Officer. He feels Murphy's presence will better the school in the years ahead.

"We know your presence in that building will be very strong, and with a new building opening, it will be even stronger," Joseph said.

School Committee member Dick Kief added, "I don't think there could be a better choice."

Murphy said he is looking forward to his tenure as Safety Resource Officer, and is prepared for the challenges that come with the position, including the ever-present threat of bullying.

"Bullying is a hot topic," Murphy said. "We've been training for that."

Other appointments dealt with the Coakley Middle School. With principal Zeffro Gianetti's departure, the Coakley Middle School is a school in transition. The search for a new principal is on and a new administrative team is getting ready to run the building in the months ahead.

Gianetti's departure moves Housemaster Ann Mitchell into the interim principal position, which leaves a housemaster position open. Music instructor Craig Chisholm will take over, beginning his tenure as an interim housemaster on Jan. 29. They will hold these positions



Interim Housemaster Craig Chisholm and Interim Principal Ann Mitchell are the new administrative team at the Coakley Middle School.

PHOTO BY BRAD COLE

through June 30.

The principal position is being advertised, and a screening committee has been formed to vet candidates who apply for the job. While most members of this committee have yet to be named, the School Committee representative will be John Badger. The committee will be tasked with examining the applications, holding initial interviews and presenting the three best candidates to Superintendent of Schools James Hayden, who will in turn make a selection and recommend his or her appointment to the School Committee.

Hayden hopes to have an appointment by the end of April vacation, as this would allow the new principal to visit the Coakley Middle School in May and June, allowing the appointee to see students, teachers and housemasters in action. In the meantime, he is proud to have two experienced Norwood teachers leading the school.

"It's nice to have talent within our district, and there certainly is talent here," Hayden said of Mitchell and Chisholm.

Both Chisholm and Mitchell appeared before the

School Committee last Wednesday, and they are looking forward to the challenges that lie in the months ahead.

"I'm really excited and I look forward to the challenge," Mitchell said. "The Coakley Middle School is a challenge, and we are getting better every day."

Hayden also had an announcement regarding Margins, the Norwood High School literary magazine, the first volume of which was published last spring. The magazine received an Excellence in Student Literary Magazines award from the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), and was

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School Committee's policy to discuss what is being cut publicly, so residents know just how the department is being affected. Right now, they've already cut additional requests and gone into their current services, and future cuts could adversely affect personnel.

"Anything beyond that - phase three - goes into personnel, which we want to avoid," Samargedlis said.

The largest part of the first phase of cuts was \$310,588 in instructional salaries, followed by \$54,582 in utilities cuts and \$20,934 in cuts to system software. Further cuts included administrative expenses, supplies and textbooks, custodial supplies, maintenance and grounds, athletics and music.

Phase two started to get into positions, including a \$50,000 SPED position, a \$50,000 Intervention Specialist and a \$40,000 technical position. Other cuts included \$40,875 in MCAS tu-

toring, \$39,000 in professional development, and \$17,000 for what Superintendent James Hayden described as "antiquated" testing preparation equipment.

While the cuts were made, School Committee members and administration acknowledged that chopping this \$689,139 was hard to do.

"All of these are painful," Hayden said. "We're taking things apart, and that is a very difficult thing to do."

The cuts, while they will be felt, were made with careful thought. Hayden said their goal is to protect the classroom first, and spread cuts across different levels, so they do not have to eliminate any program entirely. He wants to leave things functional, so they can build back in future years, when the economy improves.

School Committee members stressed that these items were placeholders, and could be re-

visited in the future. It is possible that some will be added back into the budget, but if this is the case, something else will have to be removed in order for them to present a balanced budget to Town Meeting in May. Presenting a balanced budget is required by law, so even though the cuts are difficult, they must be made.

"Any of these placeholders could change," Samargedlis said. "[However], if we pull something out, we got to find something else to put in."

Not all budget related news involves cuts. Hayden announced that the House 1 Budget was released on Jan. 26, and this budget includes an estimate of Chapter 70 aid. Norwood's estimated aid for FY 2012 is \$4,808,800, up from last year due to an increase of eight students.

"We have \$25,000 more because of those extra students," Hayden said.

This boost - however small - is good for the school and is far more money than what Hayden anticipated.

"This is really maintaining where we are with this particular allocation in the budget," Hayden said. "I was originally thinking we'd receive a five percent cut in our Chapter 70 reimbursement, and we did not."

Chapter 70 is the major program of state aid to public schools. It provides state aid to support school operations and establishes minimum spending requirements for each school district and minimum requirements for each municipality's share of school costs.

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cheapest option.

The PBCC also approved five pending change orders, which, combined, represent a \$43,438 credit to the project. This is largely due to a \$48,636 credit that came after reviewing the granite shop's drawings.

"This is the result of a change in the granite paving," Theran said, noting they don't need it to be quite as thick as the initial drawings indicate. These drawings call for an 18-inch thickness, while the industry standard is four to six inches thick.

McKenna asked, "Do they even make 18-inch pavers?" prompting a joking response from Bryan Jarvis of Compass, who noted that they do, but they must be imported from Stonehenge.

Another credit was \$3,232 for silt removal at Ellis Pond, and the town of Norwood is covering the cost. Also, while not a credit, the PBCC approved a no-cost item for removing the venting from the science storage room cabinets.

These credits were partially offset by two charges: \$4,941 for added technology at the digital sign in front of the building and \$3,489 for added drain pumps to the backs of five ice-makers in the building.

The \$4,941 price tag covers the price of 760 feet of 2-inch PVC conduit, and the costs associated with installing it. It will connect the school to a moving LED sign that will be located in front of the building, similar to the moving sign that exists in front of the current high school.

The PBCC also approved a pair of construction change di-

rectives (CCD). The first of these is a not-to-exceed \$10,000 CCD, and it deals with the layout of chairs in the lecture hall and auditorium.

Following the Whitman-Hanson Regional High School model, two rows of nineteen, 19-inch wide seats were installed in the lecture hall. However, after installation, they determined that this layout was too tight for student use.

"It's tight," Theran said. "It's too tight."

Kinsman agreed with this assessment, noting he sat in the chairs on a recent tour, declaring them "tighter than Fenway Park."

The CCD will allow them to take out the two rows of 19-inch wide seats and replace them with two rows of seventeen, 22-inch wide seats.

A similar situation is being addressed in the auditorium. Towards the front of the auditorium, several rows have three consecutive 19-inch wide seats, once again creating a tightness issue. While these seats will still be used, the layout of the rows has been changed, and they will be dispersed throughout the row, in between the wider seats.

The second of these is a not-to-exceed \$13,500 CCD, and it allows them to upgrade the quality of the switches in the school's surveillance system. There are approximately 100 security cameras in the building, as well as 30 cameras at key locations outside and around the building.

"We're upgrading the quality of the switch," said Bryan Jarvis of Compass Project Management.

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Asphalt *continued from page 1*

derivatives, including ... fresh asphalt." Neither fresh asphalt nor bituminous concrete was formally defined in that zoning bylaw.

He also noted conflict between the two decisions.

"The Appeal Court decision notes the two [bituminous concrete and asphalt] are synonymous," Riley said. "The Land Court didn't do that. The Land Court said that asphalt is not bituminous concrete."

The Land Court's December 2009 decision found that bituminous concrete and asphalt are not the same thing, while the Appeal Court's Jan. 2011 states that the two are synonymous.

In his December 2009 decision, Justice Charles Trombly Jr. noted that while asphalt is generally defined as a liquid material refined from petroleum to pave roadways, making it synonymous with concrete, "this is a routine misuse of the word."

Trombly defined asphalt as "a naturally-occurring, black, viscous liquid, often found in crude petroleum." He defined bituminous concrete, as "a composite material manufactured in a process, which combines sand, aggregates, and bitumen or asphalt or liquid asphalt. It does not occur in na-

ture... it cannot be said that bituminous concrete is a derivative of oil or petroleum."

The January 2011 decision states, "It is undisputed that bituminous concrete is a composite material manufactured by combining sand, aggregates, and bitumen or asphalt. It is also undisputed that the term 'asphalt' has two different common meanings: first, as the liquid petroleum derivative that is typically used as a constituent of bituminous concrete, and, second, as synonymous with bituminous concrete (the end product)."

Riley said it wouldn't make sense for the bylaw to mean the first definition, as that is a naturally occurring resource.

"That's not a manufactured product, and it doesn't make sense to regulate the manufacturing of a product that can't be manufactured," Riley said. "The only thing the bylaw could be regulating is bituminous concrete."

Even though the 2011 decision agrees that asphalt can mean bituminous concrete, the court does not believe the bylaws cover this definition. The decision states, "'Asphalt' is identified as a toxic or hazardous material only to the extent that it meets the predicate that it be an oil or petroleum de-

rivative. This demonstrates that only the first meaning was intended, because bituminous concrete (the second meaning) cannot reasonably be said to be an oil or petroleum derivative."

While the town might not be pleased with the decision, Tim Higgins, Vice President of Edgewood Development is.

"We're obviously very pleased with the decision," Higgins said. "It's been our opinion since we first sat down with the town three and a half years ago that this use was allowed as of right."

He said they are moving forward, and hope to work cooperatively with the town in the months ahead. They are filing for developmental plan review and have begun preliminary meetings with the Town Planner and Building Inspector. He said they look forward to reopening the site and being a good corporate neighbor.

Higgins does not believe the Supreme Judicial Court will hear the case, should Norwood petition for further appellate review. However, if they do, he promises that they will continue to defend themselves in court, and he hopes for another decision in their favor.

"We're not going to relent," Higgins said.

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Trivia night a success

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Nineteen teams came forward to participate in Teamwork Trivia, the first event and fundraiser held by the Norwood High School Alumni Association. The Norwood Elks Lodge was packed full of people donating and raising money for The Last Hurrah: Come Say

Goodbye to Old Norwood High. "It was a good day," said Norwood High School Alumni Association President Jerry Miller. "I think everybody enjoyed themselves and had a good time."

Miller estimated that they made between \$1,500 and \$1,800 at the Jan. 28 event, but noted they were still calculating the amount raised via ticket

sales, raffle tickets and t-shirt sales.

The outpouring of support was more than they expected, Miller said.

"When we came in tonight, we thought there would be 16 teams," Miller said, but more and more people entered, raising that number to 19.

Paula Pelaggi noted that several of the teams were "class teams," including teams from the Norwood High School classes of 1962, 1968, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1984, 1988 and 1995, as well as a group consisting of members of the classes of 2001 through 2003. The teams had a wide range of creative names, from The Cosmos to the Ten Townies to the In the Baggers. The evening's festivities were ultimately won by Team Dead Sheep.

Trivia questions ranged from "How do you write the current year in Roman Numerals?" (MMXI) to "Who was the first woman to win the Nobel Prize?" (Marie Curie) to "What cereal did Mikey like in a 1970s commercial?" (Life), so participants had their minds tested on a wide variety of subjects.

The event was hosted by DJ Mr. Ed Mullen, who was assisted throughout the evening by Stacy Lennox. Mullen had just one rule for the evening's competitors, and that was no using cell phones to search for answers, though one team was caught doing just that in the first round. Even with this minor controversy, players had a good time, and Alumni Association members were pleased with the turnout.

"There was a tremendous showing," said Alumni Association Vice President Paul Samargedlis.

The Teamwork Trivia event served a dual purpose: first, to be a fun evening out for all involved, and second, to raise awareness about The Last Hurrah, the Norwood High School Alumni Association's celebration of the Norwood High School and its legacy.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, and is split into two parts. A free program and tours of the old Norwood High School will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and this portion of the event is open to the general public. An evening

gala, which will run from 7 to 11:30 p.m., will be a 21-plus ticketed event, and meant to celebrate the closing of the school and end of an era here in Norwood. Tickets will be available on the Alumni Association's website, <http://norwoodhighschoolalumniassociation.org/>. While not yet for sale, Miller expects tickets will sell out quickly once made available.

"It's going to be first come, first served, and they are going to go fast," said Miller.

The Last Hurrah will take place in the Norwood High School gymnasium, auditorium, courtyard, cafeteria and hallways. The cafeteria will serve as a memorabilia area, with jerseys and yearbooks from years past. Miller and members of the Alumni Association are asking to borrow old Norwood High School memorabilia and photos for the event, and people who wish to help can contact him at 781-762-0466.

"The Last Hurrah is probably going to be the best reunion Norwood High has ever had," Mullen said. "If you're an alumni from Norwood High, you really have to check it out."



Sean Patrick Conlon

B&E arrest made

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Police Department arrested Sean Patrick Conlon, 26, of 87 Dean St. for his alleged involvement in at least six breaking and entering cases, several of which occurred in South Norwood.

"We cleared six housebreaks with the arrest of this suspect," Police Officer Kevin Grasso said.

Conlon was arrested at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25 after evidence of a break-in was found at a Dean Street residence.

"Police were dispatched to a residence on Dean Street for a past break and entering," Grasso said. "The victims had returned home and discovered someone had damaged a door and entered their home."

The Norwood Bureau of Criminal Investigation worked with the State Police K-9 and Crime Scene Services unit as they examined the scene. They found a cell phone on the property, one that did not belong to the victim or victim's family.

"The cellular telephone number was traced back to a resident of 87 Dean St., Norwood," Grasso said.

This is the home of Conlon, who the Norwood and Stoughton Police Departments suspected in several breaks, and this cell phone directly connected him to one of the break-ins.

"Officer [David] Eysie and Detective [Clifford] Brown located Sean Conlon at his residence, and he was arrested for Breaking and Entering in Daytime to Commit a Felony," Grasso said, adding that Conlon also had an outstanding motor vehicle warrant issued by the Taunton District Court.

Brown and Sergeant Robert Welch of the Stoughton Police Department were tasked with interviewing Conlon after the arrest.

"It was learned that six house breaks over the recent months were committed by this suspect," Grasso said. "He will be charged with these housebreaks in the near future."

These housebreaks all occurred near Conlon's 87 Dean St. home, with three occurring on Dean Street and the others on Sturtevant Avenue, Bornwood Drive and Jacobson Drive. In total, Conlon faces six counts of breaking and entering in the daytime and six counts of larceny over \$250.

While the arrest has been made, the case remains under investigation. Police are working on recovering, identifying and returning belongings to the victims of these six breaks.

School appointments *continued from page 5*

ranked as "Excellent."

"The [NCTE] has given an award to this magazine in its first year of publication," Hayden said.

The award specifically references Faculty Advisor Sean Powers and student editors Kim Lester and Natalie McDonough. Hayden added

that Norwood High School Vice Principal Sean Kane played a major role as well.

"Mr. Kane was instrumental in moving this along," Hayden said.

Kief said this award was a significant accomplishment, especially in the literary magazine's first year of publi-

cation. He recommended getting copies of the magazine to the Norwood Memorial Library, so town residents could read the students' award winning work.

More information of the NCTE can be found at their website, www.ncte.org.

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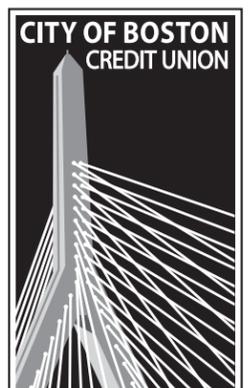
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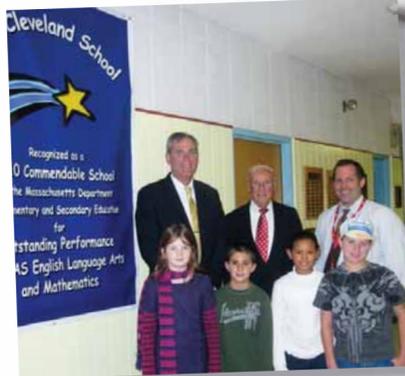
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Cleveland Elementary School purchased mobile bookcases, help with the school's reading and writing center, and achievement tests. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon, Chairman Joseph Curran and Cleveland School Principal Scott Williams are fifth grade students.



The Willett Early Childhood Center replaced fencing around the playground. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon and Chairman Joseph Curran is Willett Early Childhood Center Principal Virginia Ceruti and her kindergarten students.



Coakley Middle School funded eight summer school scholarships and 80 sessions of homework help, and three Elmo projectors. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon and Chairman Joseph Curran is Coakley School Principal Jeff Gianetti, Kerry Foye, eighth grade science teacher, and eighth grade students.

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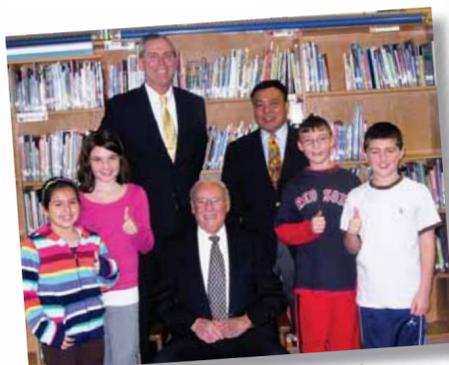
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The Callaban Elementary School purchased two SmartBoards and two USB audio systems. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon and Chairman Joseph Curran is Callaban School Principal Robert Griffin with fifth grade students.



The Oldham Elementary School purchased a SmartBoard, speakers, and three Elmo projectors. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon and Chairman Joseph Curran is Oldham School Principal Wesley P. Manaday with fifth grade students.



St. Catherine of Siena School purchased four SmartBoards. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon and Chairman Joseph Curran is St. Catherine's Principal Mary Russo, Computer Teacher Jean Harr, eighth grade teacher Jennifer Szczebak and middle school students.



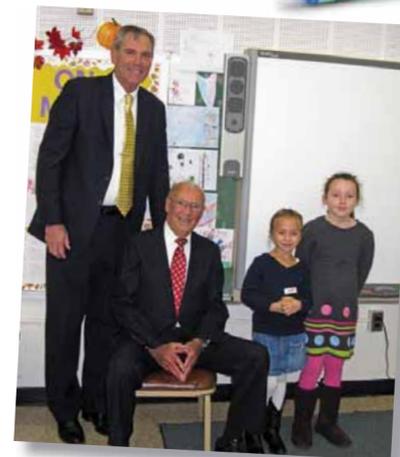
Balch Elementary School purchased two SmartBoards and two USB audio systems. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon, Chairman Joseph Curran and Balch School Principal John Condlin are second grade students with teachers Elisabeth Kelly and Diane Ferreira.



Fourth grade Balch Elementary School students pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon, Chairman Joseph Curran and Principal John Condlin with teacher Lindsey Kranz and aide Valerie Dukas.



Norwood Senior High School received help with online course registration, textbooks for a new course in film studies, robotics project kits, and snowboes for gym classes. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon and Chairman Joseph Curran are students, Will Slameris, Lisa Bartucca, and Dabina Ceka.



Prescott Elementary School purchased two SmartBoards, two USB audio systems and a document camera. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon and Chairman Joseph Curran are Jenna Costa and Katie Mellen from teacher Maureen Condon's first grade class.

Police Logs

Tuesday, January 25
 0207 911 - Assist citizen services rendered. Location/address: Alandale Pkwy Resident is in need of assistance with his dog who is tangled up outside and he can't get to him. N669 responded.
 0343 911 - Motor vehicle accident *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Sumner St. + Commerce Way Caller reports car into pole. N669, N663, NFD responded. No P.I. (Don & Wally's towed MA Reg# 63rv77) ELD. Notified to check pole #13 on Sumner St. N669 returned with 1 under arrest for "oui". Arrest: Ferreira, Marcos Address: 90 Plymouth Dr 1A Dob: 09/28/1974 Charges: oui liquor or .08% Negligent operation of motor vehicle
 0752 phone - Complaint of m/v spoken to. Location/address: Elliot St. Caller reports high school student

parked in front of home blocking driveway. N667 responded. (MA Reg# 43gd44) Student notified to move vehicle.
 1125 phone - Assist other agency services rendered. Location/address: Alandale Pkwy. Needham reports a female in MA 829es% is wanted for questioning for a shoplifting. Car is reg at # 55. Bolo, Off. Eysie reports the vehicle is not at the residence.
 1403 phone - Violation of town by-law services rendered. Location/address: Fulton St. + Railroad Ave. Vehilce pushing snow in the street per DPW. Officer reports DPW on scene and very little snow in the street
 1430 phone - Breaking and entering *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Dean St. Resident returns home to find same.bci and k9 responds. Arrest: Conlon, Sean Patrick Ad-

dress: 87 Dean St Dob: 10/12/1984 Charges: b&e daytime for felony Warrant arrest
 1452 phone - Susp activity spoken to. Location/address: St. Catherines School - Nahatan St. 3 people entered school this morning at 10 am and said they were with a uniform company. School was not expecting anyone. Subjects left after hanging around for a while. nothing missing, they will call if the subjects return.
 1511 phone - Susp activity services rendered. 1549 phone - Susp activity *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Dean St.

Wednesday, January 26

1417 phone - Assist other agency *arrest(s)made. Location/address: T.G.I. Fridays - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. US Marshalls make arrest on subject at TGIF. Transported to PD on warrants. MA us g115938g. Arrest: Williams, Eric Kenneth Address: 41 Manchester St., apt 7 Manchester, NH Dob: 07/26/1982 Charges: warrant arrest
 1623 phone - Threats *report filed. Location/address: Home Market - Morgan Dr. Caller reported past threats. Officer to file report.
 2109 911 - Disturbance *report filed. Location/address: Monroe St. Caller reported residents on first floor intoxicated and yelling. Officers reported parties are in an ongoing landlord-tenant dispute.
 2110 phone - Disturbance Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Cedar St. Several calls reporting woman screaming. One caller reported family member having an unknown medical issue. Norwood Fire transport to the hospital.
 2121 phone - Missing person *report filed. Location/address: Riverside Community Services - Beacon Ave. Caller reported resident missing. Bolo broadcast to the cars. Subject placed into missing person's file.

Thursday, January 27

0435 phone - Disabled mv services rendered. Location/address: Crestwood Cir. Caller reports he is wedged in snow bank and is half on roadway. AAA notified. N662 assisted party out of snow bank. Interstate cancelled.
 0619 phone - Parking violation investigated. Location/address: Warren St. Caller stated that a white colored van is parked in the roadway and blocking the street and driveway from being plowed free from snow. N663 responded and located vehicle bearing MA j21742. Vehicle is parked on private property.
 0708 phone - Citizens complaint spoken to. Location/address: Walkhill Rd. Caller reports plows clearing nursing home lot have dumped a huge pile of snow in her front yard. N663 sent. Driver promised resident his boss will come down with backhoe and remove snow this morning. Caller satisfied for now.
 0833 phone - Motor vehicle accident *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Guild St. + Linden St. Plow hit a mv. NFD sent. As a result of mva, subject brought to station under arrest for outstanding warrants. Arrest: King, Joshua David Address: 540 Cooper Rd. Northbridge, MA Dob: 10/06/1983 Charges: license suspended, op mv with Warrant arrest
 1155 phone - Road hazard services rendered. Location/address: Walnut Ave. Water main break, water rushing down the street and sidewalk. DPW notified. DPW responds for a water leak. NFD also on scene.
 1358 phone - Report of fire taken/referred to other. Location/address: Mylod St. Truck fire, in Walpole. NFD sent, Walpole handled.
 1415 walk-in - Lost and found *report filed. Location: Dedham Male

in station reporting he found a large sum of money in Dedham. Information taken by Off Gamel.
 1606 phone - Kids gathering area search negative. Location/address: Hannaford Market - Walpole St. Throwing snowballs at cars.
 2152 911 - Domestic *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Norwest Dr. Caller reported argument with known party. Bolo broadcast to cars for pc MA 527u. Probable cause exists for arrest. Newton, Brookline, Dedham Police notified. Newton police to check address of family member for suspect. Subject returned to the station, placed under arrest. Arrest: Ufland, Heather D. Address: 211 Norwest Dr. Dob: 05/12/1985 Charges: a&b
 2342 phone - Neighbor disturbance spoken to. Location/address: Rosemary House (rooming house) - Rosemary St. Caller reports tenant being evicted is taking buckets of water and pouring over outside stairways and exits. N662 responded and spoke to all parties involved. Advised of civil matter and to cease.

Friday, January 28

0903 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: J.S. MacDonald Flooring Corp. - Carnegie Row
 0952 radio - Assist other agency *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Oolah Ave. Sgt. Rinn assisted ice with an arrest. Summons: Goncalves, Kleber F. Address: 27 Oolah Ave 2 Dob: 02/14/1966 Charges: unlicensed operation of mv Immigration detention
 1012 phone - Violation of town by-law services rendered. Location/address: Chiropractic Associates - Washington St. Advised business owner on snow being pushed onto his property.

Saturday, January 29

0031 phone - Susp activity gone on arrival. Location/address: Neponset St. + Hazelwood Dr. Caller reports occupant of older model white sedan getting out of passenger side and looking in people's mailboxes on Hazelwood & Neponset and took something out of one and laughed as he did it. N679, N662 responded. Area searched. Nothing found.
 0048 phone - Noise complaint services rendered. Location/address: Chapel Ct. Caller reported a noise complaint from the apartment below her. N663 & Norwood North responded. Apt. in darkness and no one would answer door.
 0950 phone - Domestic spoken to. Location/address: Nahatan St. 2 neighbors report a male/female yelling at each other, using profanities. N667 spoke to all parties, spoke to 1 caller, no domestic, just talking loudly about a situation.
 1112 phone - Well being chk area search negative. Location/address: Washington St. + Walkhill Rd. Passing motorist request check of a woman on a scooter has been there for 20 minutes and not moved. N666 checked from Railroad to Upland, both sides, no one in the area.
 1119 phone - Assist other agency spoken to. Location/address: Central Chrysler Jeep & Dodge of Norwood - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Report property owner screaming at snow removal crew. N662 spoke to all parties, dispute over property line to dump snow onto and the right hand turn lane. They will try to resolve this on Monday.
 1314 911 - Hit and run *report filed. Location/address: Janice M. Whitney - Neponset St. Caller reports finding damage to her parked car. N662 Off. T. McDonagh was dispatched and responded.
 1829 phone - Malicious damage no action required. Location/address: Roosevelt Ave. Caller reports male broke the window by throwing ice.

N669 N667 N668 respond. Window was already broken. No damage.
 1834 phone - Hit and run *report filed. Location/address: Village Rd., W Caller reports someone hit her car on Thursday and didn't leave any information. N662 sent.
 1859 phone - Breaking and entering *report filed. Location/address: Rosemary House (rooming house) - Rosemary St. Caller reports someone broke into one of the rooms.
 2003 phone - Unwanted party services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Caller reports a unwanted party in unit 28 That individual was escorted off the property without Incident.
 2031 phone - Complaint of m/v services rendered. Location/address: Savin Ave. Caller reports cars are parked on both sides of the street and cars are unable to get by on Savin Ave and connecting streets. Vehicles were issued citations that were parked improperly
 2104 911 - Disturbance *report filed. Location/address: Coid = ymx00 (apt 3) - Endicott St. Caller states that there is a loud argument in unit 1 of his apartment complex, and is concerned because a child may be inside the residence.

Sunday, January 30

0027 911 - Report of fight *report filed. Location/address: Martini's - Washington St. Multiple calls for fight. All units responded.
 1159 phone - Hit and run *report filed. Location/address: Plymouth Dr. Report parked, unoccupied car in rear lot was struck sometime overnight.
 1808 phone - Unwanted party *report filed. Location/address: Stratford Rd. Caller wants adult son removed from the house. Son left prior to officers' arrival.
 1921 walk-in - Assaults *report filed. Location/address: McDonalds - Broadway Walk-in reports being spat on by known party. Both parties spoken to, report to be filed. Monday, January 31
 0727 phone - Susp activity *report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Dr. Received a strange letter.
 0937 phone - Road hazard Electic/Light Dpt notify. Location/address: St Catherines School - Nahatan St. Off. Vega reports four poles leaning more than usual. ELD notified.
 1600 phone - Assist other Police Dept services rendered. Location/address: Glacier Dr. + Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Westwood looking for MA pc 96gb75, MA pc 5za630, 3 males for An armed robbery of a person at K&G Warehouse. 1700 hrs-N662, N661 staged Rt1/Union st as while Walpole PD checks mall parking lot. 1730 hrs-bolo canceled-all parties and cars located in Westwood and Dedham.
 1756 phone - Motor vehicle accident *report filed. Location/address: Nichols St. + Geraldine Dr. NFD sent. Parties yelling at each other.
 1821 phone - Neighbor disturbance spoken to. Location/address: Shaw St. Report neighbor shoveled snow over fence onto caller's property. N662 spoke to all parties, #22 will keep the snow from his driveway on his property.
 1924 phone - Harassment spoken to. Location/address: Rosemary St. Report landlord verbally harassing the resident. N664 reports only asked resident when he was packing to leave due to an eviction notice, no harassment.
 1947 phone - Citizens complaint services rendered. Location/address: Lawndale Rd. Male party reports that someone dumped snow on his property. Officer spoke to him, male will contact DPW.
 2205 911 - Disturbance *report filed. Location/address: Orleans Rd. Open line 911 with female yelling in the background. N666 N663 N664 sent.

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 The subcommittee will meet periodically throughout the year to review pertinent reports about the pond, discuss ideas on how to improve conditions, fund raising strategies and coordination volunteer events.
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Sports



Sarah Eckhardt takes off with the ball in a game against Walpole earlier in the season. Eckhardt has been one of the key contributors for the team thus far.

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Seniors key to girls' basketball

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

Brian Meringer, head coach of the Norwood girls' varsity basketball team, had his work cut out for him heading into the season. The coach lost two seniors from last year's squad to Division 3 college teams, and two spots in his starting lineup were up for grabs.

"Coming into the season, we didn't know who our center was and who our point guard was [going to be]," Meringer said. "That's tough in high school basketball."

The team solved half of its problems. Norwood found a point guard in senior captain Katie Johnson, but the team has lacked a traditional center this

season, and opponents have taken notice.

"Even though we have a lot of seniors, we're an inexperienced team," Meringer said. "I think they're getting better and growing, but we're in a league that punishes inexperienced teams."

The Mustangs are 2-8 overall this season, a record that may be the result of their offensive transition.

Norwood geared its offensive attack toward pounding the ball inside to its taller players last year. But Meringer said the tallest player on this year's squad is 5-foot-8. As a result, the Mustangs changed course on offense, and have relied on outside shooting to compensate for the team's lack of size.

Scoring has been a problem

for the Mustangs this season. The team scored less than 30 points in three of its losses this season, including a Dec. 17 contest in which the Mustangs scored just 19 points against the Newton North Tigers.

"You're not going to win many games when you're routinely scoring anywhere from 28 to 34 points," Meringer said. "You need to be scoring 40 to 50 points to win in the Bay State League."

But the season is far from a lost cause. Meringer said he has seen bright spots, including the team's performance in its 47-41 win over Brookline.

"We're obviously disappointed with our record," Meringer said. "But I think the girls have worked extremely hard and have hung together

well as a group."

Senior captains Johnson and Justine Ryan have stepped up as team leaders. Meringer said Johnson and Ryan have been critical in keeping the team focused and motivated.

"Anytime you have a team with a losing record, things can deteriorate," Meringer said. "But I think they've done a great job keeping the girls' spirits up and getting the girls ready to play."

The Mustangs may not be competing for a playoff berth, but Meringer said his team can improve down the stretch.

"We've talked a lot about driving to the basket and getting to the free-throw line," Meringer said. "If we can do that, I think we'll be a lot more successful."

Boys' hockey eyes playoffs

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Norwood boys' varsity hockey team has won more games than any of its Herget Division rivals this season. The Mustangs sit at 8-5-2 overall, but head coach Bill Clifford said his team has been inconsistent thus far, a flaw he aims to fix.

"We've been up and down," Clifford said. "We've played some good games and we've played some bad games."

Clifford said the Mustangs hope to build consistency as the team fights to clinch a berth in the Division 1 playoffs.

The Mustangs home/road splits may provide insight into Clifford's concerns. The Mustangs are 5-2 on the road, but just 3-3-2 at the Canton/Ponkapoag Ice Rink. Clifford said the inconsistency could be the result of having a young team, one that features only three seniors.

But the Norwood's captains have steered the Mustangs in the right direction. Clifford said he and his captains have spent more time with the younger players, practicing the basics and studying in the film room as well.

"We're just making sure everyone is focused and each person is doing their job," Clifford said. "We'll take it one shift at a time and continue to work hard."

Norwood has shown offensive consistency recently as the Mustangs have scored at least three goals in four of their last five games. Clifford said his team's greatest strength has been its forwards, especially the play of senior co-captain Adam Kewriga.

"We've been scoring more goals this year than we have in the past few [years]," Clifford said. "The forwards have done a good job up front."

Kewriga had recorded three hat tricks this season, provid-

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Boys' basketball proves size doesn't matter

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Norwood boys varsity basketball squad has struggled offensively in recent weeks. The Mustangs have scored fewer than 50 points in five consecutive games. As a result, Norwood entered Tuesday night's contest against Framingham on a three-game losing streak, losing each contest by at least 11 points.

The losing skid has dropped the Mustangs to 5-8 overall this season, but Norwood head coach Rich Cormier said he's happy with the progress he's seen from his team this season despite its losing record.

"I think we're very content where we are," Cormier said, "but I think we're getting better, and I think we're really going to show what we're made of in the final games."

Rich Cormier said this season's squad has been different from previous teams.

"We've had one of our shortest teams in the last few years," Cormier said. "Many kids have played out of position, but our players have risen to the challenge."

The team's youth could be a contributing factor to the team's recent struggles.

Cormier said last season's squad included eight seniors, but many of this year's players are first-time members of the varsity squad.

"It's a lot more teaching and breaking things down," Cormier said. "But as they become more confident in themselves, they are getting better."

Cormier said the team has become a cohesive unit that works together well.

"We've had contributions from a lot of guys," Cormier said. "I think that's what makes this team so enjoyable. They really are a team."

The team has shown toughness this season as well. The Mustangs showed its true grit in a 56-45 road win over Braintree.

"It was a real test," Cormier said of the Braintree contest. "and we weren't going to back down."

One of the team's bright spots came in a comeback win against the Dedham Marauders. The team faced a 10-point half-time deficit, but Cormier rallied his squad.

"I challenged them, and told them this was a defining moment of the season," Cormier

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Norwood goaltender Jordan Davis goes down to make a save. Davis and the Mustangs are 8-5-2 on the season.

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ing immediate offense and leading the Mustangs in points.

But Kewriga has shown skills off the ice as well. Clifford said co-captains Kewriga and Anthony Gaita have provided leadership to a young Mustang team.

"They're going to make mistakes," Clifford said of his younger players. "But if we can keep the mistakes down, we'll be alright."

The Mustangs have been successful not only in lighting the lamp, but they have thrived

in keeping their opponents off the scoreboard as well. The team has a +12 goal differential, thanks in part to the strong play of sophomore goaltender Jordan Davis.

"He's kept us in a lot of games," Clifford said of Davis' play. "I think he'll just get better as the year goes on."

Norwood finished last season 9-9-2, but lost to Weymouth in the first round of the Division 1 South Division tournament. Clifford said he hopes his team can build consistency the

rest of the way.

"Hopefully we can win out," Clifford said. "If we win out and take care of business, hopefully we can win our division."

The Mustangs have won their last two contests, outscoring their last two opponents 10-3. But Norwood will have to pass a tough road test to earn its third consecutive victory. The Mustangs will face the Needham Rockets on Wednesday night, a team that is unbeaten at home this season.

Snow slows track team

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

How do you slow down the Norwood boys indoor track team? Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

"Track can get tough, especially when you can't run," said Norwood head coach Russ Booth, noting last week's snowstorm forced the postponement of the team's track meet against Dedham. "Because of the snow, we can't go out a ton. Training can get tricky at times."

The Mustangs have earned one win in four meets this season, but the team has refused

to quit.

"It's always tough regardless," Booth said. "We have a solid indoor [track] program, but the other teams are just so much deeper."

The Mustangs sole victory came against Natick on Jan. 6. Booth said the win has been the highlight of the team's season thus far.

"The kids are competing hard every week," Booth said of the team's 55-37 victory over Natick. "They know we have a chance to win every week."

The squad has shown its competitive spirit week after week, which has allowed it to

grow from a group of individuals to a team that works together to get the job done.

"They're running smarter," Booth said. "A lot of kids think you should just run as fast as you can, but that's not always the case. You have to run a smart, intelligent race, and the kids are learning how to do that."

Booth said the indoor track team includes roughly 45-50 kids from a variety of backgrounds and age groups.

"We have a good mix," Booth said. "We have a good variety of older kids showing

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Junior forward Tommy Munro makes his way to the basket in a game against Walpole from earlier in the season.

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Quick Hits

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

How quickly we forget. With the Super Bowl upcoming this Sunday, Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger will be on the field, hoping to lead the Steelers to their third title with him at the helm.

Roethlisberger was suspended for the first four games of the season, after NFL commissioner Roger Goodell decided that Big Ben had violated the league's personal conduct policy.

Roethlisberger has twice faced charges of sexual assault, the latest one at a Georgia bar last offseason. The burly quarterback has seemingly endeared himself to the NFL, or at the very least the Pittsburgh fan base, with his winning play. Is this really the man that we want kids around the country worshipping on the grandest stage in all of football?

In a recent ESPN poll, Jay Cutler, the Chicago Bears quarterback, was voted as the NFL's most hated player, topping ex-convict Michael Vick, and Roethlisberger. What did Cutler do to deserve such ha-

ted? He missed the second half of the NFC Championship game thanks to a knee injury.

Apparently our society cares about winning and playing through pain more than they do being a good person.

It's one thing to be offered a second chance, it's another to imagine that winning cures all. What we are telling young athletes is that winning is more important than how one acts as a person.

I'm willing to bet that Roethlisberger and Vick would be facing far more heat for their actions had they failed to come back to the NFL as winners.

While you often hear that "winning isn't everything," it certainly seems that the modern media has erased a couple of sketchy pasts because these two quarterbacks have taken their teams to the playoffs and the Super Bowl respectively.

As a young athlete, it doesn't seem right that a man should be worshipped for his grit and determination on the field more than his actions as a person. Winning seems to have fans wearing tinted glasses when it comes to looking at Roethlisberger.

Athlete of the Week

Goaltender brings her A-game

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Norwood girls varsity ice hockey team has lost only once in 12 games this season. Sophomore goaltender Christina Frasca has been a key contributor to the Mustangs, sporting a 10-1 record and a .90 goals against average entering Monday night's contest against Ursuline Academy.

What's been the secret to Frasca's success between the pipes? The sophomore said she has worked hard to improve all aspects of her game, but her pregame ritual has helped her stay consistent.

"Before games, I take a pregame nap," Frasca said. "It's something I started this season, and it's been working."

But Frasca doesn't sleep on practice. Frasca said she wants to improve in every aspect of her game, and works with a coach who helps her hone her goaltending skills every Saturday.

"I get shots on [net] from guys during practice," Frasca said. "They're extremely tough shots, but they help me get better."

The sophomore's greatest personal accomplishment thus far has been her glove work in net.

"I'm just glad I'm getting my glove to work better," Frasca said. "I've had my glove for about a year, and it feels like it's taken forever, but I'm finally getting it to work right."

Frasca said the team takes



Christina Frasca

pride in their performance this season because they are working together to succeed. The Mustangs finished last season on a sour note, losing 6-5 to the Winchester Sachems in the Division 1 playoffs. But the loss gave Frasca additional motivation entering this season.

"I was really mad after the Winchester game," Frasca said. "[Allowing] six goals is a lot for me to give in, so I knew I needed to get better at keeping the puck out of the net."

Frasca showed instant improvement, starting the season with consecutive shutouts against the Newton North Tigers and Milton Wildcats. Frasca's strong play helped the Mustangs win their first nine games.

"Being 9-0 was extremely good for the girls' program," Frasca said. The sophomore

goal allowed nine goals total in the team's first 10 contests.

Norwood head coach Bill O'Donnell said Frasca's experience has helped her become more confident in net.

"Her goaltending has been consistent," O'Donnell said. "Clearly, we couldn't be where we are without the quality goaltending that we get from Christina."

The season is far from over for the Mustangs, but don't sleep on Frasca's performance the rest of the way. The sophomore said she hopes the team maintains its consistency and continues its strong season.

"I'm just excited for the season," Frasca said. "We just want to go at it this year and take as much as we can get."



Casey Ducharme gathers a loose ball, emphasizing the hustle and hard work that the girls' basketball team takes pride in.

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said, noting his halftime speech during the Dedham matchup. "And they responded with probably the best quarter of basketball we've played all season."

The Mustangs roared back. Norwood junior guard Troy Sousa-Semper, senior guard Owen Gearty and junior captain Sean O'Neil led the Mustangs in the third quarter, carrying the team to a 53-50 win.

Dedham will look for revenge when it faces Norwood on Monday night. Cormier said the team has a big stretch of games in the next two weeks.

Cormier said the Mustangs will push toward a playoff berth as they will face not only the Marauders, but also the Needham Rockets, Wellesley Raiders and Natick The Red and Blue in the next two weeks.

the younger kids where to go and what to do."

Sophomore David Solis has proven himself as a successful two-sport athlete. Solis plays running back and defensive back for the Norwood football team in the fall, but has shown he was born to run in the winter.

"David Solis has surprised us," Booth said. "He's a very good sprinter."

Solis will compete in the 55-meter dash in the Division 2 state meet later this month, but he's not the only Mustang to qualify for the event. Norwood junior Jon Canniff will compete in the hurdles and long jump, and senior Dan Cubelli will run in the 600 meter and 1,000 meter dash.

The Mustangs have quali-

fied in five events overall in the Division 2 state meet, but Booth said he has been especially impressed with the performance of his 4 X 200 meter team.

"We're really excited about the 4 X 200 team," Booth said. "They're all young kids [on the team]. They really have a chance to do some good things in the 4 X 200 in the future."

Booth said he strives to have continued success with the track program, both during the winter and spring season.

"Indoor track leads into the outdoor season," Booth said. "My biggest goal right now is to keep as many kids going into the outdoor season."

SENIORS NEWS

VOLUNTEERS

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

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Hellenic Health Care will be available at the senior center for Blood Pressure screening only on the first Wednesday of each month.

SHINE

We now have two Counselors scheduled to assist you. Carol on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

NORWOOD RETIRED

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

CRIBBAGE

The seniors meet every Monday at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center library to play cribbage. If you would like to join, arrive at the center early to be sure you get a table.

BOCCE COURTS AND HORSESHOES

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

INDOOR WALKING

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

MINIFIX-IT SHOP

We are very saddened by the passing of our wonderful friend, Mike

Bassile. In Mike's memory, Bunny Conrad will continue on and will be joined by Alan Howard, who has volunteered to assist Bunny. The workshop will be open on the second and fourth Monday of each month. This is a free service except for parts you may need to purchase. Please, no televisions.

WHIST PARTY

The whist parties are held on the 4th Friday of each month from 1-3 p.m.

LINE DANCING

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

ALTERATIONS AND MENDING

Bring your alterations to the Senior Center on the first Monday of each month, between 1 and 3 p.m. Please attach your name and telephone number to each garment.

UPCOMING TRIPS

All trips require sign up at the Senior Center Front Desk and a deposit is necessary. Feb. 9, "Lion King", Providence-\$99 (Includes play and transportation). Feb. 12, "The Heartstrings"-Luciano's-\$36 (Drive on your own). March 9, "Celtic Nights"-Venus DeMilo-\$65. May 6-13 - Boston to Bermuda Cruise (\$749 p.p. Double Occupancy); May 5-8 "Washington D.C. Trip"-Single \$765.; Double \$595; Triple \$555. May 17 "Laughs, Giggles & Grins" Pete Michaels and his "friends" at Luciano's-\$36.95 (Drive on your own). July 19-Spirit of Boston Trip-\$78.

FUEL ASSISTANCE

Applications for Low Income Home Energy Assistance offered by Self-Help, Inc. are available. Specific

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

COMPUTER CLUB

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

FITNESS ROOM

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

SENIOR BOWLING

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

SENIOR SUPPERS

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

TAX PREPARATION

There will be a change in the way we schedule tax preparation this year. With the new set-up you will be signing up for a specific date and time. Each person will be taken in his/her turn. You will not have the choice of a specific preparer. We hope this will help move things along more smoothly. If you prepare your own taxes and want someone to look it over please make appointments for the last time slot of the day. Sign-up began on Jan. 10 and tax returns will start on Feb 11.

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TRIVIA NIGHT AT ST CATHERINE'S

Friday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, teams of ten. If you do not have a team, we will put you on one. You can purchase tickets online at www.scsnorwood.com or send the money to Paula Curley at St. Catherines School 249 Nahatan St, or call her at 781-769-5354 x 271 for more information.

RED CROSS SCHEDULES BLOOD DRIVES IN FEBRUARY

American Red Cross says mounting effect of severe winter weather causes lowest January blood supply in a decade. Call is issued for all eligible donors to help replenish decreasing supply. The American Red Cross Blood Services, Massachusetts Region will hold several community blood drives during the month of February. All eligible and new blood donors are encouraged to give blood. Blood donors are needed everyday to ensure an adequate blood supply for patients in need. In Feb., all presenting donors at Red Cross blood drives in Massachusetts will receive a free Boston Bruins t-shirt*. To make an appointment to donate blood, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or log onto redcrossblood.org.

MASSACHUSETTS TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE

Nominations for the 2012 Massachusetts of the teacher of the Year Program are currently being accepted. To nominate a teacher, individuals are invited to send a letter explaining how the

nominee demonstrates professionalism, leadership, excellent communication skills, and an outstanding and measurable commitment to student achievement and to the teaching profession. As presenting sponsor of the Program, Hannaford Supermarkets will award the honoree, finalists, and semifinalists with monetary grants to be used for classroom purposes and professional development. Nominations are due by Friday, Feb. 4. All nominations must include the first and last names of the teacher being nominated; the name and address of the teacher's school; and the nominator's name and address. Nomination letters should be mailed to the following address: The Teacher of the Year Program, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Attn: Deborah J. Walker, 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148. For more information about the Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Program, please contact Deborah J. Walker at 781-338-3347 or via email at djwalker@doe.mass.edu.

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VICTORIA HAVEN HEALTHY BREAKFAST

"How to Stretch Your Dollar" will be presented by Maddie Boirard at the Victoria Haven Healthy Breakfast on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. Come hear Maddie tell of tips and tools to stretch your everyday dollar. With her goal to get more bang for your buck, she often gets everything she needs and then walks out of the store with more money to spend. Door Prizes will be presented to all who register for this free event by Feb. 1. Call Kimberly today at 781-762-0858 or email kciardi@rehabassociates.com. Victoria Haven is located at 137 Nichols St.

NORWOOD IRISH MUSIC CLUB DANCE

The Norwood Irish Music Club invites you to join them, Saturday, Feb. 12, from 8-11:30 p.m., with entertainment by "The Silver Spears". 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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

One easy way to care for yourself is to get support from a support group. For caregivers of a loved one with a disability, the Norfolk Adult Day Health Center offers a free monthly support group. The next meeting will be Feb. 22. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. Refreshments are included. The NADHC staff will provide respite care for the care

partners of caregivers attending. Call the facilitator, Michael O'Donnell, with any questions or to RSVP at 1-781-769-4495. Drop-ins are also welcome! Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Norfolk Adult Day Health Center, (NADHC) 595 Pleasant St.

11th ANNUAL EARLY CHILDHOOD FAIR

The 11th Annual Early Childhood Fair, sponsored by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant for Norwood Public Schools. The fair named "A Morning of Fun for Preschoolers", will include preschool activities and crafts with Jungle Jim-Balloon Sculptor, Burt the Raccoon Puppet, Norwood Fire Dept. and a concert by Rick Goldin. All activities are free and will take place Saturday, Feb. 5, from 10-11:45 a.m. at the F.A. Cleveland Elementary School, 33 George F. Willett Pkwy. There is NO pre-registration required for this event. If you have any questions please call Jeanne Morrison at Norwood Public Schools, 781-440-5983 or by email at jmorrison@norwood.k12.ma.us.

DOG LICENSES NOW AVAILABLE

The Town Clerk's office would like to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that the 2011 Dog Licenses are now available. All dogs three months old or older must be licensed. Licenses are issued on a calendar basis, Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Fees are \$20 for both male and female dogs, \$15 for spayed female and neutered male. Certificate showing the dog was spayed or neutered must be shown. Rabies certificate must also be shown. The Town Clerk's office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

LOCK-UP EVENT FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

Arresting Officers from the Muscular Dystrophy Association are on the lookout for community leaders in the towns of Norwood, Westwood, and Walpole who have been accused of having a "big heart"! Once arrested and taken into custody by the

MDA officers, this group of "Most Wanted" business leaders will be serving time behind bars - FOR GOOD! These voluntary arrests will be made on Feb. 16, where the "Jailbirds" will be taken to a mock jail at Napper Tandy's for the Lock-Up event. The prisoners will raise bail for their release to benefit MDA. Napper Tandy's on 46 Day St., will host the benefit event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Special thanks to owner John Jacobs and Chef Jeff McGourty, who will provide complimentary "bread and water", AKA a delicious lunch, to participants as they serve their time in the cell block. Local businesses in the town will be teaming up to make a difference in the lives of individuals living in the local area that are affected by a neuromuscular disease. Jailbirds will be calling vendors, friends, and family members to reach their bail to help send two children to MDA Summer Camp! Goodwill Ambassador Mandi Keller will be presiding as our official Lock-Up Judge! Some of MDA's Most Wanted locals are: Camille Brooks of the Hampton Inn; Lauri Ryding of Coldwell Bankers, Ed Forsberg from the Norwood Building Department, Matt Shanahan of the Norwood School Department, Mike Canini from the Courtyard Marriott, Michelle Bellanger from Advanced Instruments, Tim McDonough of the Elks Lodge in Norwood, Tonya Donovan of Walgreens, Scott Burnett from Kohl's, Meghan Pendleton from TGIFriday's, and many others are already on the prowl, collecting donations in order to post bail on the 16th!!! If you or anyone you know with a "big heart" is interested in "doing time" at the Lock-Up, would like to make a contribution to bail out a current jailbird, or would like to be a volunteer, please contact Melanie Britto at the local MDA office in Raynham at 508-821-1533 or mbritto@mdausa.org.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BOSTON BLOOD DRIVE

Give Pints for Half-Pints! St. Timothy's Church in Norwood is hosting a Blood Drive on Sunday, Feb. 13 to benefit Children's Hospital Boston. The Children's Hospital Bloodmobile will be at the church parking lot from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. To make an appointment, please call the church at 781-769-2522, ext. 34. For specific questions about donating blood or eli-

gibility, call the Blood Donor Center at 617-355-6677. Each donation can help up to four young patients!

NORWOOD YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for the Spring 2011 season for Norwood Youth Soccer is now open. The deadline for Intramural players (U5-U9) is Feb. 18. The deadline for Travel players has passed. Any Travel players registering after the deadline will be placed on a waitlist and charged a \$10 late fee. Register online at <http://www.norwoodsoccer.com>.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON-DANCE

The Feb. 8 Tuesday meeting of the NRMCM will be a Luncheon Dance for all the significant others to attend. The tickets are \$25 a person. The time is noon and the place is the Norwood Elks. John Rampino will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. For tickets call George Wallace 781-326-9273 or Joe Cattafe 781-76-4995.

NORWOOD HIGH BASEBALL PROGRAM FUNDRAISER

The Norwood High baseball program will be having a fundraiser Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 6 at the Olde Colonial Café, 171 Nahatan St., from 5:30-10 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes donation and buffet style meal. There will be raffle prizes as well. If you are interested in attending you can pay at the door that night or purchase tickets in advance. If you have any questions or are interested in purchasing tickets you can email head coach Jim Sweeney at jsweeney@norwood.k12.ma.us.

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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BENOIT

Martina May (Evans), 85, of Brooksby Village, Peabody, formerly of Dedham, Norwood, Canton & Rockport and Orange Beach, AL, Jan. 22. Born in Monaghan, Ireland, raised & educated in Dorchester, she was a resident of Peabody since 2004. She was the beloved wife of Dr. George F. Benoit of Peabody, dear mother of Sheila Grow & her husband Greg of Indiana, Cheryl Poholek & her husband Richard of Portsmouth, R.I., Martina Knudsen & her husband Jon of Yardley, PA, Elizabeth Tetzner & her husband Joseph of Arizona, Michelle Lawler & her husband Joseph of Wilbraham, Dr. George F. Benoit, Jr. & his wife, Jeanne of Norwell, Dr. Conrad H. Benoit & his wife Sherri of Cape Cod & Donald Benoit of Foxboro. Loving grandmother of Matthew, Drew, Olivia & Nicole Benoit, Stacy

& Geri-Leigh Norrell, Chelsea Grow, Hannah Knudsen, Brian, Caitlin & Bridget Lawler & Anthony Vecchione, great grandmother to Savannah & Nolan Vecchione. She was the sister of Joseph Evans of CA, Jim Evans of Wollaston, Frank Evans of Cohasset & Margaret Kinsella of Quincy, and aunt to many nieces & nephews. She was also the dear mother of the late Joseph C. Benoit and grandmother of the late great Cristin Elizabeth Benoit, and sister of the late Emmitt & John Evans & Maura Gill. A private family memorial service will be held in the future. Assisting the family with the arrangements is the Peterson-O'Donnell Funeral Home 167 Maple St., (Rte 62) Danvers. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Martina's memory to her favorite organization, The Smile Train, P.O. Box 96231, Washington D.C., 20090-6231.

DEATHS

FOLAN

Francis M., 95, of Norwood, Jan 21. Veteran U.S. Army, World War II and life member of the Norwood Council, Knights of Columbus #252. Survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary (Grady), children, Francis and his wife, Mary Lou, Kathleen, and Kevin and his wife Geraldine Folan, grandchildren, Kevin, Francis and Ryan Folan, of Norwood, and several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Mary Barry and John "Jackie" Folan. Funeral services arranged by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St.

GARBETT

William P., 77, of Norwood, on Jan. 21. Retired Boston Police Officer and US Navy Korean Conflict Veteran, William was born in Everett on May 23, 1933. He enjoyed the summers on Cape Code and spending time with his grandchildren. He is the Beloved husband of Marguerite (Fitzgerald) Garbett. Devoted father of Laura Murphy and her husband Gary of Walpole, Nancy Foley and her husband Chris of Norton and William P. Garbett Jr. and his wife Caroline of Walpole. Brother of Anna Phillips and her husband Fred of Bermuda. Cherished grandfather of Matthew Murphy, Alyssa Murphy, Christopher Foley, Zachary Foley, Ryan Garbett and Lauren Garbett. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Komack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Internment was at Highland Cemetery. Donations may be made in his name to Melanoma Foundation of New England 111 Old Rd. to Nine Acre Corner, Concord, MA. 01742-1142.

Mass on Saturday, Feb 5 at 10 a.m., St. Mary's Church, 58 Carpenter St. in Foxborough. To light a candle in Louise's memory please visit the funeral home web site at www.robertsandsonsfuneral.com In lieu of flowers, donations in Louise's memory may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105.

LUCIWI

Iryna (Muzyka), of Norwood, Jan. 20. Beloved wife of Jaroslaw B. Luciw and devoted mother of Oleh and his wife Natalya of Foxboro and Orest and his wife Julia of Manassas, VA. Cherished "BABA" of Iwan and Antonia. Loving sister of Yaroslav and his wife Matilda of Brockton and Evhen and his wife Fran of Waltham. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral arranged by the Brady & Fallon Funeral Home 10 Tower St., Jamaica Plain. Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery. Donations in Iryna's memory may be made to Christ the King Ukrainian Catholic Church, 146 Forest Hills St., Roslindale, MA 02130.

HUGHES

Louise P. (Broyna), age 96, of Walpole, formerly of Norwood and Roslindale, Thursday, Jan. 27. Beloved mother of Betty L. Bjorkman and her husband Roland P. of Foxborough and Alfred S. Hughes, Jr. of Alabama. Loving grandmother of Linda J. Hagan of Moultonboro, NH, Lisa J. Holbrook of Uxbridge, Paul R. Bjorkman of Mansfield and six grandchildren in Alabama. Great grandmother of Brandon and Laura Lutkus, Holly, Travis and Hannah Holbrook, Ashley and Lindsey Bjorkman and the late Chad Holbrook. Former wife of the late Alfred S. Hughes, Sr. Sister of Margaret Mahoney and her husband James of Foxboro and the late Virginia, Rafaela, Gloria, Ida, Jeanette and Sam Broyna. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend a Funeral

THORNTON

Martin, of Norwood, Jan. 21. Late World War II Army Veteran. Devoted son of the late Thomas P. and Mary C. (O'Connor) Thornton. Loving brother of Thomas Thornton and his wife Claire of Dedham and the late Mary Folan. Cherished friend of Eleanor Orlando of North Attleborough. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arranged by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., (Rt. 1A). Interment was at Highland Cemetery. Donations in memory of Martin may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, Attention: GIFT PROCESSING - NS, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

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