



Friends of St. Nick honor Circle of Hope Foundation

Above: The Circle of Hope Foundation was honored as this year's Friend of St. Nick at the annual Friends of St. Nick Luncheon held last Friday.

Right: Firefighter Michael McDonough sang the National Anthem to start off the luncheon.

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Everyone to pay more taxes

Tax shift means businesses pay more of a percentage

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen voted for a 48 percent shift of the tax rate as they increased the commercial, industry and personal property (CIP) tax rate for Fiscal Year 2011. The CIP shift determines the percentage of tax levy borne by residents and commercial businesses, and the resulting tax rates. Both residential and commercial properties will see a tax increase during FY 2011.

Norwood's tax levy will increase from \$51,359,182 to \$54,674,078 in FY 2011, an increase of approximately 6.45 percent. Part of this increase is a \$2,062,473 debt exclusion associated with the new Norwood High School construction project.

With a CIP shift of 1.48, residents will pay 54.56 percent of this levy, while commercial, industrial and personal property taxes will cover the remaining 45.44 percent. During FY 2010,

residents were responsible for 55.52 percent of the tax levy, meaning that while residents can expect higher taxes, they are paying a slightly smaller percentage overall.

With this shift, the residential rate will be \$10.10 per thousand, while the commercial rate will be \$18.99 per thousand. These are increases from \$9.33 and \$17.40, respectively. This means the average single family tax bill will be \$3,662.32, an increase of \$220.32 from last year. Commercial businesses can also expect an increase. Using a sample value of \$1 million, a commercial property's tax bill will increase from \$17,400 to \$18,990, an increase of \$1,590.

The Board of Selectmen voted 3-1 in favor of a 48 percent shift, with Selectman Bill Plasko opposed. Plasko wanted a 50 percent shift, the highest allowed by law, which would have increased the residential

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The Norwood High School Madrigals performed "Teeney Bob: The Deamon Pet Groomer of Sweet Street" at their 22nd annual Madrigal Banquet held last week.

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Madrigals perform at banquet

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Norwood High School Madrigals held their 22nd annual Madrigal Banquet at the Norwood Elks Lodge on Friday, Dec. 3. The group, dressed in full Renaissance attire, sang numerous holiday songs and traditional Renaissance and Medieval music in front of a full crowd.

The Norwood High School Madrigals are named after the musical style, popular during the Renaissance and early Baroque eras. The Norwood High

School Madrigals sing a capella, unaccompanied by instruments.

"It's like a singing group right out of a King Richard's Faire type of event," said Norwood High School Director of Fine Arts Catherine Connor-Moen, noting the group performs at the Faire every year.

The Madrigals are a group of approximately 20 high school students, all involved in the school's music and choral program. The group is self-directed, and is taught by Ashley Nelson, the High School Cho-

ral teacher. Students interested in joining the Madrigals go through auditions, and the best are selected.

"They are our most select group," Connor-Moen said.

At this year's event, they performed the play "Teeney Bob: The Deamon Pet Groomer of Sweet Street," written by Jane and Jim Jeffries, and directed by Ashley Nelson, with Robert McDonough in the eponymous role of Teeney Bob. The performance was a parody of the penny dreadful

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Nearly 1,000 luminaries were sold and placed in and around Town Common as part of the Circle of Hope's 10th annual Luminary Night. Nearly \$5,000 was raised for the group.

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Luminary Night lights up Town Common

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Nearly \$5,000 raised for the Circle of Hope

On one of the most solemn and beautiful nights of the year, the Circle of Hope Foundation lit up the Town Common with their 10th annual Luminary Night on Dec. 4. Close to 1,000 luminaries were purchased and placed in and around the Town Common, sending messages of life, hope, the season and remembrance to the hundreds of people who visited on Saturday night.

"It is the most beautiful, inspiring night in the town of Norwood," said Circle of Hope Founder Lee Kennedy, noting that some of the messages left on the luminaries are truly emotional, and can make you want to cry.

These messages ranged from a simple "Seasons Greetings!" to "God Bless America!" to a prayer in honor of a lost loved one. Several of the luminaries lighting up the Town Common this year were dedicated to Kennedy and her organization, simply stating, "Thank God for the Circle of Hope!"

With a total of 955 luminaries sold, this was one of the most the successful Luminary Night to date. In total, \$4,775 was raised for the Circle of Hope Foundation.

"It was a great night," Kennedy said. "It was beauti-

ful." This year's ceremony began at 5 p.m. with a prayer and blessing from Reverend Monsignor Cornelius McRae from St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Christmas music followed this blessing, as did a performance by the Norwood High School Alumni Choir, directed by Catherine Connor-Moen.

"They were fantastic," Kennedy said of the Alumni Choir.

The event ran until 7 p.m., and during those two hours several hundred people, young and old, made their way to the Town Common to see the numerous luminaries and support the Circle of Hope.

Guests were also treated to hot chocolate, which was donated by the Olde Colonial Café.

The Luminary Night is one of the Circle of Hope's longest running fundraisers, and was developed by Circle of Hope Board member Kathy St. Cyr nearly ten years ago. It continues to be one of their biggest, most successful fundraisers. Those who missed the Luminary Night but wish to donate to the Circle of Hope can do so by sending a check to The Circle of Hope Foundation, 24

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Doherty Playground rebuilt

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The community around Doherty Playground came together on Saturday, Dec. 4, to rebuild the structure as part of a community build. The playground, located on Brewster Drive, was a frequent target of vandalism in desperate need of repair.

Because of this, Recreation Director Jerry Miller requested \$32,000 to purchase to use towards the purchase of equipment and repairs at the old playground. The intent was to hold a community-build to bring a modern, up-to-date playground to the area, and residents did just that last Saturday.

The town purchased the playground equipment from manufacturer Landscape Structures, who has been used at several community build projects in the past, including the Margaret Gearty Armour Tot Lot at the Callahan School. The new Doherty Playground is meant to be suitable for children ages two to 13, and will make use of Landscape Structures' PlayBooster and PlayShaper Playsystems.

"There is something for everyone there," Miller said.

The playground equipment, which are made entirely out of recycled materials, include traditional playground fare like slides and jungle gyms, as well as specialized elements, such as a zip line. Community and architectural input determined the choice of equipment.

"The zip line is unique," Miller said. "It's different, and the kids really like



Dozens of volunteers, including Jack Higgins (left) and Tom Meyer were involved in last Saturday's community build at the Doherty Playground.

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it."

Residents Greg and Jill Cataldo were influential in the process. Miller needed someone to coordinate the build from the residential, volunteer end, and the Cataldos stepped forward. The Cataldos and dozens of other neighbors all worked together to help rebuild the playground, ensuring a new place to play for a new generation of children.

"We got a lot of help from the neighborhood," Greg Cataldo said. "We've got a great neighborhood here," and the successful community build was a group

effort that involved the Recreation Department, the Norwood Light Department, the Department of Public Works (DPW), numerous neighbors and several local businesses.

While most of the neighbors involved in the community build came from in and around the Doherty Playground area, one volunteer, Al Doherty, made the trip from Marblehead to work on the playground. Doherty drove by the site on Friday, and saw people preparing for the build, prompting him to ask about it. He immediately responded

when he learned of the community build.

"I decided I would come to participate and help build the playground, once again," Doherty said.

Al Doherty is the Doherty responsible for the Doherty Playground. His efforts culminated in the creation and dedication of the Doherty Playground in 1983. Doherty, a father of five, was looking for a place for his children to play. There were no playgrounds on the southeast side of Route 1, so he went to Town Meeting, requested appropriations for a playground, and Town Meeting approved this request. Now, over 26 years after the initial dedication, Doherty was once again involved in the building of Doherty Playground.

Also involved in the community build was State Representative John Rogers.

"I'm more than happy to join my friends and neighbors to build for the future," Rogers said, noting his children have made use of the playground for nine years, and this project will help ensure other children can enjoy the site, like his have.

Norwood resident Shiva Radmard worked with several local businesses, all of who donated goods for the volunteers working on Saturday. Dunkin Donuts donated coffee, donuts and muffins, Desert Works donated pretzels, Bertucci's and Santucci's donated pizza and Starbucks donated coffee.

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Editorial

REMEMBER

This week, on Dec. 7, was the 69th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

We've written about this infamous, auspicious day many times in the past, and we do so again this year, in the hopes of keeping a turning point in our nation's history from sliding any further into the realm of trivia.

The day came and went with only cursory mentions in the media and, we suspect, next to no discussion or observance among we, the people.

To be sure there are still members of the rightfully described Greatest Generation who carried solemn remembrance. But for most of us, the day passed without much in the way of reflection. After all, the Patriots were playing the Jets! The Sox acquired Gonzalez! And wow, it really got cold, didn't it?

We can't say for sure, but we hope that, at the very least, the teachers in our schools tried to introduce the significance of the day to students. We hope those who did so put the tragedy in proper perspective, with proper reverence, and not just piled it into a laundry list of rote memorization tasks.

Is it still important to, as they used to say, "Remember Pearl Harbor?" In light of this generation's equivalent of the attack, 9/11, we say it remains more important than ever.

Pearl Harbor was the catalyst for a sea change in American life. The young were called to war on a global theater and those they left behind scrimped and sacrificed to support their effort and their country.

Was there such a brave, unified front the aftermath of 9/11? Yes, certainly for a time, even if the circumstances and the nature of the enemy, had fundamental differences. Sadly, however, we seem to be losing perspective on even the more modern attack.

Did we even adequately observe the anniversary of the World Trade Center attacks this year? Oh, to be sure, it was a topic of water cooler chat. And, of course those who lost loved ones carried the sadness in their hearts. But we'd offer that far more has been discussed and poured over about stripping protestors in airport security lines and the overall annoyance many feel about the TSA.

The legacy of 9/11, for many, unfortunately is one of perceived nuisance - of having to get frisked at football games and pass through metal detectors at government buildings. Aside from the men and women in our armed forces, nearly a decade after 9/11 what sacrifices have we really made and can they possibly compare to World War II era America?

We say this not to put down folks, or to chastise them. These are different times. This is a different enemy. This is a different war.

Our point is to remind all that 9/11 and Pearl Harbor should bond young and old, for most have now lived through the horror and irrationality of an attack on our homeland. It should not be too much to ask to at least remember both simultaneously on their respective anniversaries.

We are not calling for big parades or national moments of silence or fiery rhetoric on the steps of Congress, though any or all of those would not be out of line. However, everyone should carry a heavy heart and reflect on how lucky we are that these two attacks on American soil didn't destroy our spirit, but only bore witness to our resiliency as a nation.

Letters to the Editor

OBVIOUSLY A BIASED COMMITTEE

To the Editor:

Now that the residents of Norwood have had time to digest NPA's airing of the much heralded Fire Department Substitution Committee a few times over, I can only hope they share the disappointment I have in the attitudes and actions of several members of the group. Any reasonable person who watched that meeting can take at least two things away from it. The first obvious conclusion is that the ink is not even dry on the paper of the draft report and certain members of the committee are trying to hijack the results. The second conclusion being that MRI, the company being paid forty thousand dollars of your money, is going to report that the major part of the problem with the substitution account is short staffing and long term injuries.

Now, in the interests of full disclosure, I am a lifelong Norwood resident and a

Norwood Fire Fighter/Paramedic. I am also proud to represent these men and women as the Vice President of Local 1631. With that being said, there is no love lost between Chief Michael Howard and our union, but he has been beating these two issues - short staffing and long term injuries - to death relentlessly at every Selectmen's meeting and every Finance Commission meeting for at least five years. He has answered the same questions posed to him by the same people over and over and over, but only now, after a forty thousand dollar study, are people sitting up and taking notice! I'm not sure if the sudden response is out of fear, arrogance or both.

I have great respect for those who run for and hold public office in Norwood. From Town Meeting members to the Board of Selectmen, they put themselves out there on the firing line. They sacrifice their time and family life in an effort to make this community the great place it

is. I would imagine that it might be a thankless task much of the time. However, my respect wavers when people who have made public, hostile statements against the Norwood Fire Department; people who not only don't know how the fire service operates but don't care to ask or learn; or people who don't even know what Town Meeting district they represent would have the gall to sit on this committee. Every Norwood resident should share my fear and concern. These people are tinkering with our lives!

I have attended every one of these meetings. Despite the assurances from all of the voting members on the committee at the first meeting that no one has any preconceived notions and that everyone came to the table with an open mind, nothing could be further from the truth. The hostility exhibited by certain members of the committee to the fire

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CHURCH NEWS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

On the first Sunday of the Advent season, a new adult Bible study began at the First Congregational Church of Norwood. We will meet all four Sundays of Advent, and we will be looking at Mary and Joseph and some of the traditions that have grown up around them. We will also look at various narratives of Jesus' birth. We'll meet in the church parlor at 8:15 a.m., where bagels, muffins and coffee will be served. Visitors are always welcome at the First Congregational Church, located at the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street. Church school classes for preschool-aged children through those in grade 8 are offered during the Sunday morning worship service which begins at 10 a.m. Nursery care for the very young is also provided. Immediately following the worship service, a fellowship hour is held in Pingree Hall. Reverend John Hamilton is glad to extend pastoral support to any who may be in need.

TEMPLE BETH DAVID OFFERS LIMUD INSTITUTE

Limud (learning) Institute 5771 is being held at Temple Beth David, 7 Clapboardtree St., Westwood. Classes: Dec. 12 and 19, Sunday mornings, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Courses are: "No, New, Always: Surprising Changes in Jewish Attitudes towards Converts" with Fred Davis, "Traditional Stories/Contemporary Perspectives" with Edie Selles, "Hot Topics/Reform Response" with Rabbi Wildstein. Choose one of the three mini-courses taught by our Rabbi and talented members of our congregation. Tuition for each course is \$36.00 per person, which will include a book to build your personal Jewish library. To register for a course, please send check

to Temple Beth David, P.O. Box 459 Westwood, 02090 and include the course selection and your contact information.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On Dec. 12 at the 10 a.m. service, Grace Episcopal Church will hold its first Santa Lucia procession in celebration of St. Lucy. Processions are usually headed by one girl wearing a crown of candles with others in the procession holding a single candle. The Grace children's choir will accompany the procession singing Santa Lucia. A Holy Eucharist service will also be celebrated at 8 am. The church is located at 150 Chapel Street.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NORWOOD

On Sunday, Dec. 12, the sanctuary of the First Congregational Church of Norwood will be filled with beautiful Christmas music. Beginning at 10 a.m., this special musical worship service will feature the Chancel Choir, the Children's Choir and handbells - something for everyone! The Chancel Choir will sing three anthems. The Children's Choir, made up of children in grades 2 through 5, will perform "Were You There on that Christmas Night?" and will also sing an arrangement of "Away in a Manger" by Nancy St. Laurent, which includes interludes played on three voices of recorders. The Handbell Choir will play "What Child is This?" for the Offertory, ringing both handbells and chimes. Visitors are always welcome at the First Congregational Church, located at the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street. There will be no Sunday School classes on this Sunday, as children are encouraged to enjoy the music in the sanctuary with their families. Nursery care will be available for the very

young. Immediately following the worship service, a fellowship hour is held in Pingree Hall. Reverend John Hamilton is glad to extend pastoral support to any who may be in need. For more information, please call the church office at 781-762-3320.

MEMORIAL BREAKFAST AT TEMPLE SHAARE TEFILAH

Temple Shaare Tefilah will hold the annual Thelma and Arnold Shriber Memorial Breakfast featuring noted author and lecturer Penina Adelman on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m., at Commerce Way. See our web site, www.templeshaaretefilah.org, for directions. For more information please call 781-762-8670.

FAMILY FRIENDLY HOLIDAY CONCERT AT EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A family friendly concert of original and traditional holiday music will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 24 Berwick St. The concert will feature 12 singer-songwriters from the new double holiday CD titled "Our Finest Gifts: Happy Holidays from the Greater Boston Music Scene". The CD was recorded to raise money and publicity for SmallCanBeBig.org, an internet-based Massachusetts charity that assists families on the brink of homelessness. The Dec. 19 show will include Christmas songs, Hanukkah songs, and other festive seasonal songs, many of which were written by the performers. The "Our Finest Gifts CD" will be available at the show. Sales of the CD and donations from the event will benefit SmallCanBeBig.org. Tickets are \$5. Refreshments will be provided.

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tax rate to \$9.99 and the commercial tax rate to \$19.24.

"I don't see the level this is being raised to as a burden on the businesses," Plasko said, adding he felt it would be appropriate to vote for a full shift, putting the smallest financial burden on residents as possible.

The larger the shift, the lower the financial burden on residents. A zero percent shift means residential and commercial properties pay the same tax rate, and several nearby towns, including Natick, Norfolk and Medway use a zero percent shift. As this shift increases, residents pay a lower rate, and commercial properties and businesses must pay more to make up the difference. Members of the Board of Selectmen recognized the importance of keeping the tax rate low for both the business and residential communities in town.

"The most fair way is to maintain the same split we had this past year," Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue said. "We don't want to hurt either side."

The board approved a 48 percent shift for FY 2010, and this 48 percent shift will remain in place. While it means an increased tax rate for everyone, Selectman Michael Lyons noted that Norwood continues to have one of the lowest tax rates in the area. While it does increase the commercial tax rate, the 48 percent shift should not put an additional burden on businesses, forcing them to close up shop and move to another town.

"We still would offer the lowest tax rate in the area," Lyons said.

A comparison with 18 nearby towns, including Westwood, Dedham, Canton

The Norwood Record and Sharon, showed that Norwood had the lowest residential tax rate during FY 2010, and the ninth lowest commercial tax rate, and these numbers should be similar in FY 2011.

While the FY 2011 rates have not been set for all communities, three nearby communities have: Newton, Natick and Stoughton. Of these four towns, Norwood has the lowest residential rate and the second lowest commercial rate for FY 2011.

While Norwood's taxes are increasing, they could be even higher, said Board of Assessors Chairman Paul Wanecek. The town can assess a maximum levy of \$54,748,040.

"We are not taxing to the maximum levy," Wanecek said. "The levy we propose is \$54,674,074. We're not taxing to the full extent that we could be."

For more information on Tuesday's Selectmen meeting, see page 15.

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Myrtle St., Norwood, MA, 02062.

The annual Luminary Night tradition goes back to 2001, when approximately 600 luminaries lined the Town Common.

The number sold increases each year, and the event covers more and more of the Town Common and surrounding sidewalk.

The Circle of Hope Foundation was founded by Kennedy

in 1998 in honor of her daughter, the late Michelle Kennedy, who suffered from leukemia and died from the disease in 1994. During her battle with the disease, the entire community stepped forward to show their support for Michelle and her family, and it is in that spirit that the Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation plans to continue. The group provides monetary assistance to Norwood families in need due to catastrophic illness, and helps cover all sorts of costs related to this, ranging from monthly bills to the cost of airline tickets.

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service has been palpable from day one. I believe any reasonable person watching the last committee meeting, regardless of your opinion of the Norwood Fire Department, would have to agree with me.

This is your town and your money. Why don't we let the hired experts publish their report before this committee waylays it behind closed doors?

Dennis P. Mawn, Norwood Firefighter and resident

nesses for contributing to the Silent Auction at the First Congregational Church of Norwood that took place on Sunday, Dec. 5. Contributing were: 204 Washington Street Restaurant, Boston Red Sox, Brookside Café, Needham Garden Center, Norwood Lighting, Silver & Sage Florist, Spectrum Yoga, Story Land, Taco Bell, The Nail Girls, Walpole Footlighters.

We are very grateful for their contributions that will help to fund the many programs provided by the First Congregational Church.

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Lease of classroom space within Town-owned property located at 165 Nahatan Street, Norwood, MA 02062, for the purpose of a driving academy. The available classroom space is approximately 962 square feet. The term of the lease is one (1) year with the option to renew for a second year at the Town's sole discretion.

The minimum acceptable price per session for Year #1 is \$1,300.00. The Proposal package offers more details. Bidders must provide four (4) sessions of driving school for Year #1 for Town of Norwood residents during: February vacation, April vacation, the week after the last day of school, and one other week during the summer, to be scheduled between the successful bidder and the Norwood Recreation Department. If the Town opts to renew for a second year, the successful bidder must provide five (5) sessions of driving school for Town of Norwood residents during: December vacation, February vacation, April vacation, the week after the last day of school, and one other week during the summer, to be scheduled between the successful bidder and the Norwood Recreation Department.

The complete Proposal package may be obtained at no cost in the Purchasing Department between the hours of 8:15 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

The Proposal must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, endorsed with the name and address of the Proposer, and marked, "DRIVING ACADEMY, Contract #NRD-11-04."

A certified check or money order payable to the Town of Norwood in the amount of \$500 must be submitted as a security deposit, along with the proposal to lease the property. The purpose of the deposit is to guarantee that the proposer shall hold firm his/her price until an award is made and a contract is signed. The deposits of those unsuccessful proposers shall be returned within ten days of the bid opening, and the deposit of the successful proposer shall be applied towards the first year lease.

The Proposal shall be prepared, considered, and be submitted on forms furnished by the Town. The lease shall be made in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.) Chapter 30B. The lease shall be made within 10 working days after the opening of Proposals, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excluded.

The Town shall have the right to reject any and all offers or parts thereof and to waive any defect or irregularities as to form therein in accordance with M.G.L. The Town also reserves the right to award the contract to that proposer whose proposal is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Norwood notifies that all Proposers will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex or national origin or handicapped status in consideration of a sale.

BY: John J. Carroll
 General Manager

Norwood Record, 12/9/10



Volunteers of all ages helped rebuild the Doherty Playground. People came from as far as Marblehead to update the playground, so it can be used by a new generation of children.

COURTESY PHOTO

Doherty Playground *continued from page 3*

"They were so generous to do this," Radmard said, thanking the numerous Norwood businesses that donated to the cause.

One person with a unique role was the 15-year-old Ryan Begley, a Norwood High School sophomore involved with the school's Television Production class. Begley was on hand filming the construction of the new playground, which he plans to edit and distribute on DVD, as well as air on Norwood Public Access

Television. He was on site all day, filming the construction of the new Playsystems playground. A timelapse video created by Begley can be watched online, at www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIcCWQ09UM4.

These Playsystems replace the original wooden structure, initially erected in the 1970s. While the wooden structure served its purpose for many years, it has started to deteriorate and poses a danger to potential users of the site.

"The wood began to rot, and we're now bringing it up to date," Miller said, and the new equipment is up to code.

While the community was heavily involved in the rebuilding of Doherty Playground, the work wouldn't have been possible without the support of the DPW and Norwood Light Departments, who spent a portion of last week readying and preparing the site for the installation.

Madrigals *continued from page 1*

"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street." This was chosen because the Norwood High School drama program performed Sweeney Todd earlier this year.

Throughout the evening, the group sang several traditional songs, including "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen," "Silent Night," "The Boar Head's Carol," and "We Shepherds Sing."

The event is sponsored by the Norwood Parents Music Association. Most of the money raised is used to cover costs associated with catering the dinner and renting the hall, though any profit goes back to the school, to benefit Norwood

music students. However, the banquet is not designed as a fundraiser.

"It's really designed as an opportunity for the kids to perform," Connor-Moen said.

The night also features the annual Knighting Ceremony, which recognizes several people for their support for the Norwood Music Program over the years. This year, three individuals were recognized: former Parents Music Association President Brenda Farulla, Greg Zavracky and Coakley Middle School Choir Director Christopher Martin.

"It's an acknowledgment of their support [for the program]," Farulla said, prior to

learning of her knighting.

Connor-Moen added, "This started as a way of saying 'thank you' to people who have gone above and beyond to help the music program... [Farulla, Zavracky and Martin] have consistently gone above and beyond in their support of the program and our students."

The Knighting Ceremony goes back to 1989, and over the years, 101 people have been recognized at the annual Madrigal Banquet. These include music teachers, members of the Parents Music Association, School Committee members, Norwood school administration and more. Anyone who shows support for the program is eligible to be knighted, and they usually recognize three to five people per year, and people don't learn of their knighting until the actual event.

Also performing at the 22nd annual Madrigal Banquet was the Norwood High School brass quintet, made up of members Michael Clarke, Owen Kerrigan, Patrick Maroun, Eric Muller and Kate Tatar. Steven Conant directs the brass quintet.

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Friends Of St. Nick honor Circle of Hope

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Friends of St. Nick (FOSN) honored the Circle of Hope Foundation at the 2010 Friends of St. Nick Luncheon last Friday. Over 300 guests packed the sold-out Concannon's Village to pay tribute to Lee Kennedy and the Circle of Hope Foundation.

"The Circle of Hope does a lot of great things," said FOSN board member Marty Sansone. "It's nice to be able to honor them and bring them to the forefront."

Lee Kennedy founded the Circle of Hope Foundation in 1998 in honor of her daughter, the late Michelle Kennedy, who suffered from leukemia and died from the disease in 1994. During her battle with the disease, the entire community rallied for Michelle and her family, and it is in that spirit that the Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation plans to continue.

Lee relayed the story of her daughter to the over 340 guests in attendance. Several Norwood residents, including Paul Eysie and Joe Fitzgerald, wanted to hold a fundraiser for Michelle, who was initially resistant, saying, "I'm not a disease, I'm a person." Eventually, they accepted the help, and a fundraiser was held at the Norwood Civic Center, where Michelle saw numerous people come forward to help her, many of whom she did not know.

"They came because they knew we needed care and they wanted to help us," Kennedy said.

This outpouring of support gave Michelle an idea. She

wanted to hold a fundraiser next year, to raise money for another Norwood resident in need. This idea planted the seed for the Circle of Hope Foundation, which does just that: raise money for Norwood residents in need.

The organization provides assistance to Norwood residents who are in need due to a catastrophic illness. In their 12-year history, the group has donated over \$225,000 to Norwood residents in need, and over \$45,000 was donated last year.

At the luncheon, the Circle of Hope Foundation received a Congressional Citation from Representative Stephen Lynch and a proclamation from the State House of Representatives from Representative John Rogers.

"They do great work behind the scenes," Lynch said. "Just think of how many lives have been touched by the Circle of Hope in a very quiet, very important way."

The Circle of Hope has touched many lives, and the names of those they assist remain confidential. The foundation has done everything from pay for play tickets to help cover monthly bills to pay funeral expenses.

"It runs the gambit," Kennedy said. "Everyone has something different that they need."

While the Circle of Hope was the honoree, Kennedy said many have helped make the foundation a success. Numerous groups and organizations, including the Boch Fund, Norwood Bank, the Olde Colonial Café, the Norwood Elks and Concannon's Village have helped the Circle of Hope, as

do all the people who continue to donate to the charity.

"I would like to thank all the generous people in Norwood who have helped us all these years," Kennedy said. "Keep helping us, and we'll keep helping others."

The charity luncheon featured numerous musical groups. The Norwood High School Madrigals, under the direction of Ashley Nelson, sang as guests entered the hall, the Norwood High School brass quintet performed several songs, firefighter Michael McDonough sang "The Star Spangled Banner," and John Castillo, who has played in the Norwood Challenger League for over 15 years, sang "God Bless America."

The FOSN was founded in 1992, and is based on the Friends of St. Patrick, a similar organization based in Walpole. The FOSN hold this luncheon annual, and it serves a dual purpose: to honor Norwood residents and groups who have served the town well by their efforts and raise funds to support the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

The event served as a fundraiser for the FOSN, and all money raised went to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Money was raised via ticket sales, a silent auction, a live auction and a raffle. The 340 tickets sold alone raised \$13,600 for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and in the FOSN's nearly 20-year history, the group has raised over \$430,000 for this organization.

More information on the Friends of St. Nick is available at their web site, www.friendsofstnick.org/.

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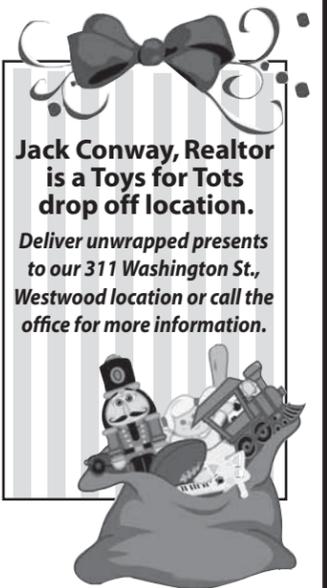
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Principal George S. Usevich is pleased to announce that on Nov. 20, Norwood High School trained 34 new members of its Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Club. Jan Cohn and Bill Klements, MVP Club Advisors; Christine Dagle, High School Guidance Counselor; and Jimmy Lynch, Athletic Director of Cathedral High School, conducted the training. The day-long training session presents male and female students with the skills necessary to be leaders among their peers, particularly in the areas of domestic abuse and bullying. MVP members are among the most active members of the high school student body. In the past several years, they have been responsible for numerous presentations, including the White Ribbon Campaign and the Clothesline Project, which both aim to in-

crease student and faculty awareness about domestic violence.

TUTORING PROGRAM IN SECOND YEAR

Norwood Public Schools is proud to announce that it is now in its second year of a district-wide tutoring program. Trained high school tutors are bused to the Cleveland and the Oldham Elementary Schools four days per week. These tutors work with students from the two schools to improve their skills in Reading and Math. Principals Scott Williams of the Cleveland School and Wes Manaday of the Oldham School both expressed interest in the program after a successful pilot program last year. The tutors are trained by high school staff, and are bused by vans owned by the system, so the entire program is implemented at no cost to the district.

FIRST ANNUAL NEW STUDENT BREAKFAST

Norwood High School Principal George S. Usevich is proud to announce that on Wednesday, Dec. 1, the school held its first Annual New Student Breakfast. The Guidance Department ran the event, which was designed to welcome students who are new to Norwood and the school community. Beth Sylvia, head of the Guidance Department, praised the event saying, "This was a terrific success. It was nice to be able to make the kids feel welcome as well as give the staff an opportunity to interact with some of our newer members of Norwood High School. We want to know what we have done well to help them transition to Norwood, and we also want to know how we can continue to improve." The breakfast took place in the cafeteria during first period.

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Norwood Bank holds holiday drives

Bank supports Food Pantry, needy children

Brad Cole
 Staff Reporter

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, and Christmas just one month away, The Norwood Bank is getting into the holiday spirit with a pair of drives: their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive and the Holiday Sharing Tree.

The Norwood Bank is holding a food drive for the Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry, in order to help them

prepare for the holiday season. Anyone who wishes to donate to the pantry, located at the Grace Episcopal Church, has ample opportunity to do so. The food drive is a tradition at the bank, going back over five years.

The food drive started in late October, and bank customers can stop by the front lobby through Dec. 29 with goods.

"They like soups, of course, mac and cheese, and even personal items like soap are help-

ful," said Branch Manager Carol Berezin.

The Food Pantry is specifically looking for canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, canned pastas and spaghetti sauces, cereal, boxed foods like Hamburger Help, rice and potatoes, and hygiene products, including soup, toothpaste and deodorant. The Food Pantry also welcomes people to volunteer their time. New volunteers are always welcome, and they can assist by sorting groceries, stocking shelves, carrying food for clients and organizing food drives. People who wish to volunteer can contact Food Pantry coordinator Ruth Taeger at 781-769-0425.

Of course, one can also donate food directly to the Food Pantry itself. The Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry is located at the Grace Episcopal Church on 150 Chapel St., and is open every Saturday from 7:30 to 11 a.m. It serves approximately 250 families each week, and is always in need of donations. More information on the Ecumenical Food Pantry, please visit www.gracenor.org/pantry.html.

The Norwood Bank has also unveiled the Holiday Sharing Trees. The trees are adorned with mitten tags, each contains a list of items a young, needy Norwood child is requesting for the holiday season.

"It's kind of the banks way of giving back to the kids in the community," said Assistant Vice President Christiana Rose.

The bank works with the



The Amici Cantores Choir makes their debut performance at Norwood Bank

Thank you to the wonderful singers of the Amici Cantores Choir under the direction of Catherine Connor-Moen for sharing their holiday songs and spirit in our lobby Saturday, Dec. 4. All are graduates of the Norwood High School music program and this was their first performance. We look forward to seeing them again next year!

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Holiday

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Left to Right: Norwood Bank employees Debbie Bevilacqua, Carol Berezin, Donna Powers and Laura Fay are all involved in the numerous seasonal drives, including a Food Drive, being held by the bank.

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Numerous families stepped forward asking for assistance, and approximately 260 mitten tags hang from the two Holiday Sharing Trees. The bank is asking customers, employees and local businesses to stop by, pick up a tag, and bring back wrapped gifts for the children. The wish lists on any unclaimed tags are filled by the bank, so every child will get a gift this Christmas.

The Holiday Sharing Tree runs until Dec. 11, meaning you still have time to stop by the Norwood Bank and help a local child in need. Whether their list consists of new clothing, Iron Man toys, a football or books, someone needs to step forward to help.

"Everyone is very generous," Assistant Network Administrator Debbie Verrochi said, and whether a person takes one or ten tags, they are helping.

"It just shows the true meaning and true spirit of the holiday," Verrochi said.

Part of the Holiday Sharing Tree drive was a performance by the Amici Cantores Choir, an offshoot of the Norwood High School alumni choir. The choir performed in the bank lobby on Dec. 4.

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Zeffro Gianetti, Kylah Cruickshank, Kara Shea, Carina Santigo, Sariks Pokala, Angela Succar, Brendon Hurley, Gina Magliozzi, and Jessica Jawhar. Missing from photo: Rachael Cullinane.

October Citizens of the Month (Bottom Right):

Zeffro Gianetti, Sean Carroll, Carlos Cardona, Zachary Pungitore, Mark Frey, Nick Younes, Nicholas Olivier, Rachael Cullinane, Cassandra Whitcomb, and Charlie Gover. Missing from photo: Nathan Jones.



SENIOR NEWS

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Due to the Christmas Holiday, there will be no TRIAD meeting this month.

NORWOOD RETIRED MENS CLUB

The NRMC will be holding their Dec. meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 14 in the Norwood Elks at 10 a.m. You will be asked to vote for new officers and board members, at this meeting, for running the organization in 2011 and 2012. Those elected will be sworn in at the January meeting. You don't have to be a Norwood resident to join, but you do have to be 60, or over, and be retired or semi retired. Plenty of parking. Just show up and walk in, someone will greet you.

TUESDAY BUS TRIPS

Dec. 14, Big Lots Plaza, Attleboro, Dec. 21, Lincoln Park, Dec. 28, Price-Rite. Please sign up at front desk. All mini bus trips are \$5 per person.

HISTORY TALK

There will be no History Talk this month. Our Christmas Party is being held on December 16.

AFTERNOONDANCE

Thursday, Dec. 16, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. John Rampino will be here for our Christmas Party. Please sign up at front desk.

LINE DANCING

May Lennon's line dancing continues on Tuesday at 12:30 and 2 p.m.

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.

FOOT CLINIC

Dr. Cormier is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 14 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is \$25. Please call for appointment.

PROPOPE BOOK #3

The Third book of the Propope Club has been completed and is at the printer's. They are selling for \$15 per book and will be available at the front desk of the Senior Center. Please support PROPOPE.

PROPOPE

(Prose, Poetry & People) The next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1-3 p.m.

WATER COLOR

Our next class will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16 from 9 to Noon. Please sign up at front desk.

FRIENDS DANCE

The next dance of the Friends of Norwood COA will be on Friday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Music by Dave Valerio and the cost is \$10 at the door.

WAXING

Angela will be available Monday, Dec. 27 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sign up at front desk.

MANICURES

Gina will be available on the 4th Monday of each month. This month she will be here, Monday, Dec. 27 at 10 a.m. Please, sign up at front desk.

DIABETES WORKSHOP

We will hold a workshop on Thursday, Dec. 23 at 11 a.m. The Hellenic Health Care of Canton facilitates the workshop.

INDOOR WALKING

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

COMPUTER CLUB

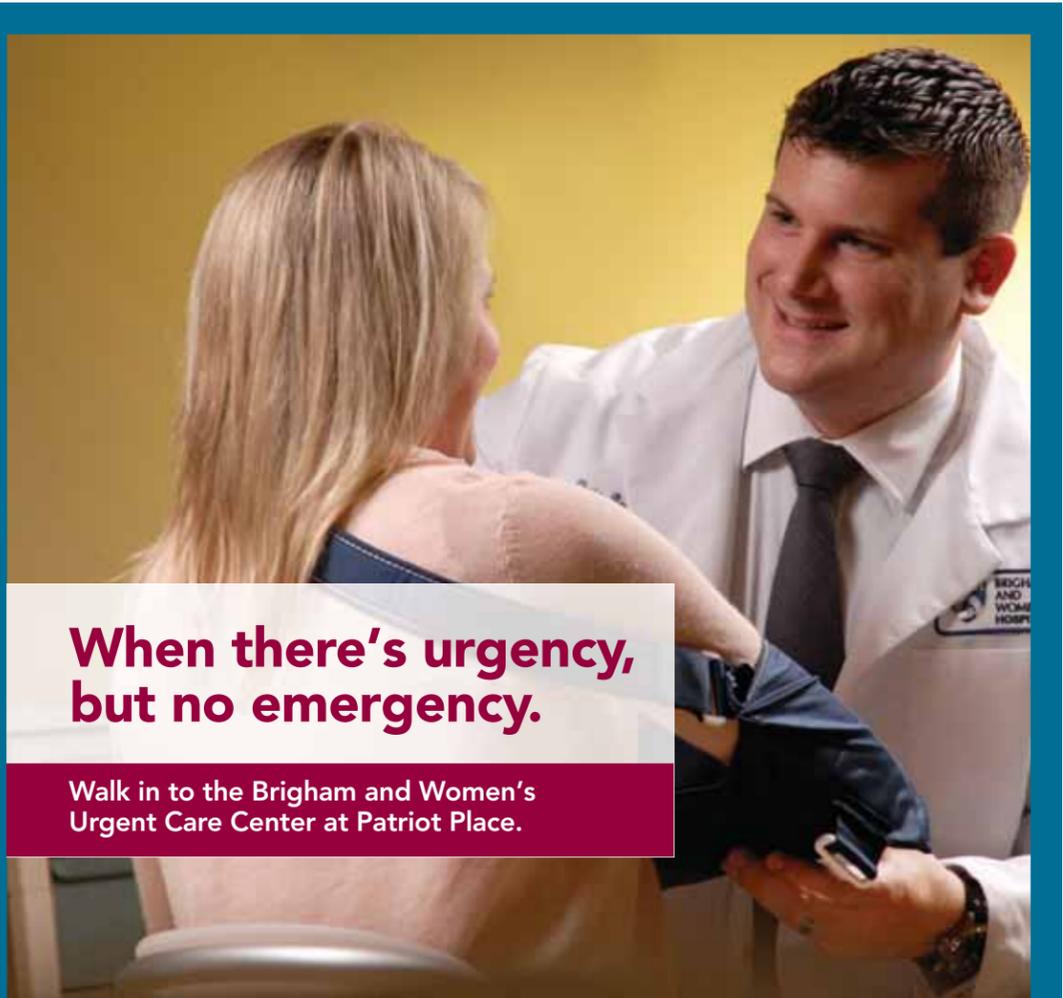
The Computer Club meets at 1 p.m. each Wednesday in the library. Users of all skill levels are welcome.

SHINE

The SHINE counselor, Carole Davis, will be available for appointments on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to answer any questions you may have regarding your health insurance. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

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The whist parties are held from 1-3 p.m. on the fourth Friday of every month.



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DiFRANCIA

Sarah E. "Sally" (Cosenza), 82, of Norwood, Dec. 3. Retired Secretary for Olyn Roofing Company Norwood. Wife of the late Peter A. Strano and Gaetano "Tom" DiFrancia. Loving mother of Nanci and her husband Jerry Townsend of California, Linda and her husband Michael Olen of Canton, Peter and his wife Margaret Strano of

Norwood, Thomas DiFrancia of Wrentham, Marc and his husband Michael Cooper-DiFrancia of England. Sister of Anthony Cosenza of Roslindale and Robert Cosenza of Raynham. Also survived by six grandchildren, one great granddaughter and nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Alexander F. Thomas & Sons Funeral Home, 45 Common St.,

Deaths

Walpole. Interment in Blue Hills Cemetery. Donations in Sally's memory may be made to the American Heart Assoc., 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

DOHERTY

Barbara A., 78, of Norwood formerly of W. Roxbury Died Peacefully on Nov. 30. A US Navy Korean Conflict Veteran, Barbara was a retired registered nurse for the Comm. Of Mass. Dept of Mental Health, Volunteer for Norwood Hospital, Graduate of Mission Hill High School Class of 1949, Graduate of Boston College and Graduate of Carney Hospital School of Nursing. Loving Sister of Joseph Doherty and his wife Frances of Norwood and the Late Rev. William J. Doherty MS., Mary Frances Scannell and Walter Doherty. Cherished Aunt of Joyce Stoltzka of Los Altos CA., Mary Ann Graham of Uxbridge, Joan Giffels of Mansfield, Catherine Doherty of Hingham, Barbara Doherty of Norton and Elizabeth Doherty of Boston. Also survived by 11 grandnieces and grandnephews. Daughter of the late Joseph and Ann (Joyce) Doherty. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Interment at Mt. Benedict Cemetery. Donations may be made in her name to Amyloid Program Fund 72 East Concord St, K503 Boston, MA. 02118.

ESTELLA

Eileen F. (Lanigan), 73, of Norwood, formerly of Roxbury, Dec. 1. Wife of the late Donald F. Longtime Companion of Joseph "Sonny" Estella of Randolph. Mother of Robert J. Estella and Kathleen J. Estella both of Norwood. Sister of Mary T. Sheehan of Carver and the late Robert Lanigan. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Farley Funeral Home, 358 Park St. (Rt.27), Stoughton Interment at Blue Hills Cemetery, Braintree.

SKANK

Sally (Feeney), 72, of Leesburg, FL, born in Norwood, died Nov. 15. Sally was preceded in death by her parents, John J. and Mildred Feeney of Norwood and sisters, Rosemary Feeney Remkus of Norwood and Lois Feeney Cornelius of Westfield, MA. She is survived by her husband, Clifford Skank and her two sons, Charles and wife, Misi Isbill of Leesburg and Rick and wife, Carolyn Isbill of Clermont; and her grandchildren, Abi, Cameron, Devyn, Shelby, and Cailyn. She is also survived by her sisters, Paula Feeney Ahearn of Norwood, and Phyllis Feeney Webber of Marsfield. Funeral arrangements by the Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg, FL. Donations in her memory to: Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778; or Boys Town, 975 Oklahoma Street, Oviedo, FL 32765; or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

SLAUENWHITE

William R., 85, of Norwood, died on Dec. 3. World War II, US Navy Veteran. He was the Beloved husband of the late Margaret G. (Harrington) Slauenwhite. Devoted father of Dorothy J. Webber and her husband Scott of Norwood, Ann M. Slauenwhite of

Norwood and the Late Mary Mistler. Brother of the late Phyllis DePinto. Cherished grandfather of Alexander, Meghan and Benjamin Webber and Eric and Keith Mistler. Great Grandfather of Addison Mistler. Son of the late William J. and Helena Mae (Wagner) Slauenwhite. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Interment at Highland Cemetery. Donations may be made in his name to the Norwood Scholarship Foundation P.O. Box 112 Norwood, Ma. 02062.

TAYLOR

Lloyd C., Sr., 74, of Norwood, Nov. 30. (Crescent Ridge Milkman for 43 years) passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family after a long illness. Loving husband for 47 yrs to Linda M. (Stanovitch) Taylor. Devoted father of Lloyd C. Jr. and his wife Michele of S. Dennis, Larry Taylor and his wife Mary Ellen of Plainville and Leon and his wife Amy of Sandwich. Also survived by eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Brother of Earl Taylor of Bellingham, Marge Babcock of NH, and the late Robert and Donald Taylor. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Interment at Highland Cemetery. Donations may be made in his name to Vista Care Hospice 2 Willow St., Suite 102 Southborough, MA 01745-1020.

WARD

Jean (Napoli), 85, of Norwood, Dec. 2. Beloved wife of George of 60 years. Devoted mother of Bonita Ward of Walpole, Patricia Cavanaugh and her husband Jeff of Norton, Barbara Benway of Norwood, Teresa Ward of Norfolk, Mary Casinelli and her husband Arthur of Medway, and Donna Ward of Millis. Cherished sister of Kay Abate of NH and Nora Fiore of Everett. Loving "Grandma" of Stephen Benway, Toby Cavanaugh, Paul Casinelli, Angela Cavanaugh, Jacleen Casinelli and Peter Casinelli. Great grandmother of Alexis Cavanaugh. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. Funeral arrangements by the Alexander F. Thomas & Sons Funeral Home, 45 Common St., Walpole. Interment was at Mt. Benedict Cemetery.

Condolences extended to:

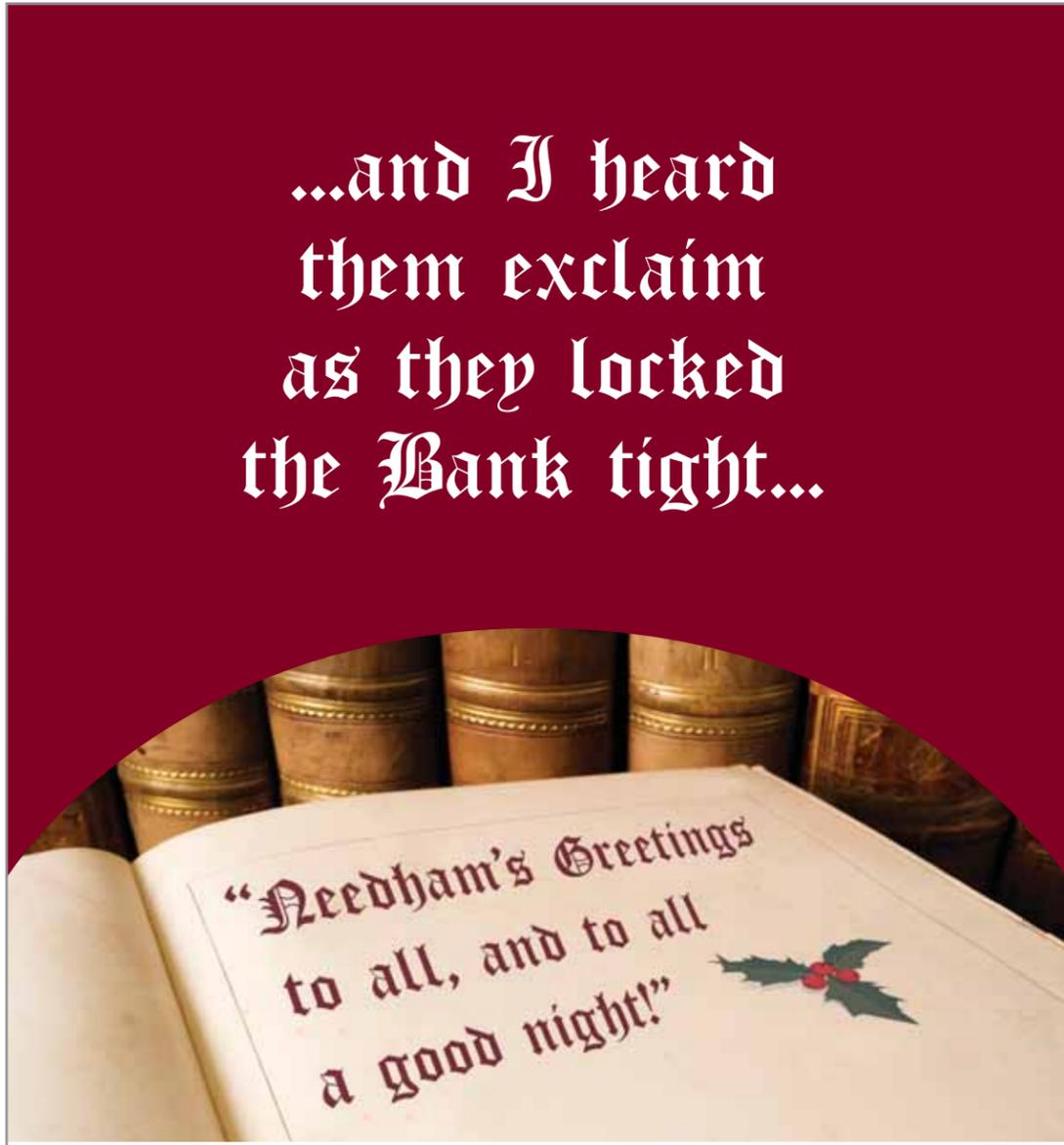
Brian and his wife Patricia Clifford, on the loss of his mother, Alice M. (Naples) Clifford of Somerville, on Dec. 3.

Linda Jean Perry, on the loss of her mother, Barbara R. (Cleaves) Perry, of Westwood, Nov. 29.

Carol Ann Quintiliani and her husband, Domenic, on the loss of her sister, Donna Marie (Coco) Sutton, of Nashua, NH, on Nov. 28.

Lawrence Pandolfo and his wife Susan of Norwood, on the loss of his stepfather, Daniel C. Senior, Middleboro, Nov. 26.

Eleanor R. Santoro, on the loss of her brother, Wayne Francis Smith, of Malden, on Oct. 12.



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Sports

Thinking big

Girls' Hockey ready for a tournament run

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

There's more than a little reason to be optimistic about the upcoming season for the Norwood girls' hockey team.

After finishing last year's regular season at 13-5-2, the team faced off against a powerful Winchester team in the first round of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Division 2 tournament.

Norwood would fall in that game 6-5, narrowly losing to a team that would eventually become state champions. The hard-fought loss demonstrated how close that team was to being a real contender for a state title.

"Last year was a successful season, but we're looking to expand our horizons and goals to build on that success," said head coach Bill O'Donnell.

The team will be led by tri-captains Lisa Coskren, Taylor Donners and Ali Maloof, a trio that had great success last season.

While the close loss to Winchester is a good indication of future success, the off-season and the pre-season have yielded further positive results, particularly when the team said goodbye to only one senior from last season's squad.

Several members of the team participated on the Norwood Nuggets Under-19 team this fall. The team went on to win the state championship behind Coskren, Donners, Maloof and several other players who expect to impact the Norwood High School team this season.

Maloof led the Nuggets team in goals during the U-19 state tournament, netting seven goals to go along with three assists. Donners would add five goals and six assists, while Coskren would chip in three goals and an assist. Also on that Nuggets team was goaltender Christina Frasca, who was co-MVP for O'Donnell's club last season. Frasca would help lead the Nuggets team to an undefeated season and the U-19 state title.

Frasca will continue to be key to the team's success as she was responsible for six shutouts last season, and with the offen-

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The Norwood Marching Band performs at halftime of the Thanksgiving Day football game at the Coakley Middle School.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

Marching Band drums up national attention

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

While many people throughout the town of Norwood may be familiar with the Norwood Marching Band, from holiday parades or Thanksgiving football game performances, the band often goes unnoticed for its accomplishments.

This fall, the band had an excellent season, performing well enough to receive an invite to Annapolis, Maryland for the United States Scholastic Band Association (USSBA) National Championship. One of just 25 bands selected for Division III from the entire country, it was an honor to just attend the event.

"I know that I'm biased because I'm a parent, but these kids are unbelievable," said Lee Maturo, a parent of a band member.

The Norwood band proved that they belonged in this national competition, placing 10th in the 25-band field.

The band performed Reflections of the Blue Frontier by Frank Sullivan and Kevin Ford.

The competition took place at the Navy-Marine Corps Stadium and was attended by many people from across the country.

As a band that has been dominant in competitions around New England for the past few years, the national competition was something special for the group.

Earlier this year, the group won gold medals in the Massachusetts Instrumental &

Choral Conductors Association (MICCA) and New England Scholastic Band Association (NESBA) competitions as well.

Norwood has won the MICCA gold medal every year since 2005, and has also taken home gold in the NESBA competition three out of the past six years. They also were state champions in 2006.

The program has proved its dominance on the local level for a while, and the opportunity to show their skills on the national level was quite an accomplishment for all of the students involved.

Director Steven Conant leads a group of 54 students in the band, all of whom are extremely dedicated to their craft. Almost all of the students within the band attend music camp over the summer, and are extremely talented musicians.

The group performs in many Norwood parades and will participate in some upcoming holiday events as well.

The season was particularly successful with their 10th place finish in the national competition, something that could only take place with donations from local businesses, as well as the Norwood Parents Music Association, in order to pay for the trip.

While the band may not be as widely recognized as many other sports' programs, the marching band may be one of the most dominant and successful competitive programs in Norwood history. To even be invited to a national competition would be considered incredibly successful, but to place in the top-ten is spectacular.



Tri-Captain Taylor Donners will be one of the main scoring threats for the girls' hockey team this year.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

Young but ready

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

The Norwood boys' basketball team hopes to make significant improvement from last year's 4-16 record, despite another year in the tough Bay State Herget Division.

The Mustangs lose eight seniors from last year's team, but hope that an infusion of youth will

provide energy and spark to a team that struggled for much of last year. The good news for the squad is that the team finished the season with a 3-3 record over their past 6 games, quite an improvement from the 1-13 start.

"Our goal is to improve upon last year's performance, and while we're very inexperienced, I think

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sive firepower of the tri-captains, the team looks to have great balance.

While that alone would be reason to rejoice for most Norwood hockey fans, the team is already off to a hot start to their pre-season.

The team participated in the Garrett Reagan Hockey Summit last weekend, an event held in honor of Garret Reagan, a former Hingham High School hockey coach who passed away. The event hosted 64 teams, both boys and girls, and provided scrimmage opportunities as well as keynote speakers on health, conditioning and other topics.

At the event, Norwood shut out Waltham 3-0 behind a pair of goals from Coskren. The third goal was scored by Jenna Whelan as Maloof and Donners each had a pair of assists, while Coleen Glaser also added an assist.

Frasca and freshman goaltender Samantha Baturin combined for the shutout, in a game where every player received significant ice time.

"Everyone played hard in this game, and everybody's been working really hard so far in practice," said O'Donnell. "The team is excited about the season."

O'Donnell has plenty of reasons to be excited, and he expects a lot of people to contribute to a successful season, noting that there will be a number of sophomores he hopes will step up.

O'Donnell is in his fifth season as the head coach for the team, and after all of the success members of the team had this offseason, there should be plenty to look forward to.

The team will open their season on Dec. 15 against Newton North.

Boys' Hockey looking for redemption

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

Coming off a season in which the Norwood boys' hockey team lost in the first round of the state tournament, the team is looking for redemption.

The squad finished 9-10-2 last season, with an 8-7-1 record in the Bay State League.

The team's loss to Weymouth in the opening round of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Division 1 South tournament still stings, as Weymouth would make it all the way to the state finals before falling to Archbishop Williams.

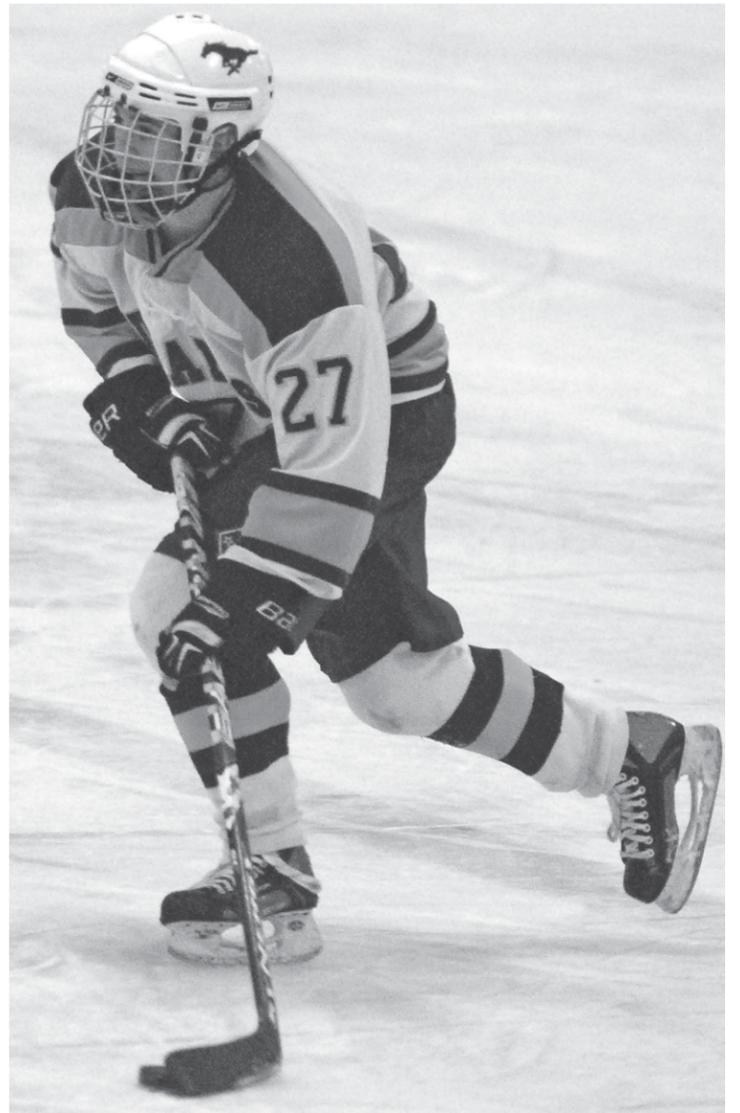
The 4-2 loss to Weymouth was a hard fought game in which Norwood fell just short, and should serve as a reminder throughout the season of the potential they possess.

While Norwood lost several seniors from last season's team, they still have the talent and experience to make another run at the MIAA Division 1 South tournament.

"We have a good nucleus coming back," said head coach Bill Clifford. "We're very young but most of them saw significant ice time last season."

The team should maintain its offensive firepower from last season, as they were only shut out twice throughout the whole season and had five games of at least four goals.

The team will strive to maintain more consistency this season, as they had a few games in which they didn't bring their best to the ice. Two losses to Needham and



Peter Kelley will be a key part of this year's hockey team as they look to improve upon last year's first round postseason loss.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

Wellesley late in the season were particularly troublesome. The team tied Wellesley 2-2 in mid-January but struggled in a 5-2 loss in the last game of the season.

Norwood finished second in their division in the Bay State League and hopes to continue to stay in the upper echelon of the league.

Adam Kewriga and Anthony Gaita will captain the team, hoping to provide leadership for a young but somewhat experienced squad.

"Almost all of our players have played before, and I think they'll be ready to take significant steps forward this season," said Clifford.

Clifford is in his eighth year as the head coach of Norwood, and

has been with the program for over 20 years.

The team opens its season against Hingham on Dec. 13, but will have played three scrimmages before the season opener.

Wellesley, Needham and Weymouth will all continue to be powers within the conference and Norwood will have a shot at taking down those perennial powers. The memory of last year's season-ending loss at the hands of Weymouth will be fresh in the team's mind when they face off on Jan. 22 in Norwood.

A combination of youth and experience looks to be a successful recipe for another run at the state tournament for Clifford and his team.

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Boys' basketball

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Junior captain Tommy Munro will be one of the few players with significant experience returning to the basketball team this season.

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that we certainly can make significant improvement," said head coach Rich Cormier.

The team showed significant signs of improvement within last season, coming on strong late in the season. The marked improvement can be seen in their two contests against rival Dedham. In the first game against Dedham in early January, the Mustangs lost 59-40 at Dedham.

The loss came one game after a blowout loss to Bishop Feehan in which the team only scored 25 points. The two game stretch shows the offensive struggles of the team at that point in the season.

One month later, the Dedham game offered a different story, as Norwood won 58-45, a 32 point swing from the first game. Then, in the final game of the season, the Mustangs would put up a fight against a powerful Bishop Feehan team, losing the game but putting 68 points on the board.

Much of last year's struggles can be attributed to an injury-plagued season in which many key players missed portions of the year. While the loss of eight seniors will leave the team decidedly young, there are reasons for optimism.

"We have ten underclassmen, but they're a talented group, and I believe we can qualify for the state tournament," said Cormier.

The team will be led by two junior captains, Tommy Munro and Sean O'Neill, who will attempt to lead a talented but inexperienced team against some tough competition.

They will rely upon Munro, also the quarterback for the football team, to provide scoring and rebounding, as well as leadership.

Milton, Newton North, Natick and Wellesley all expect to be daunting foes within the conference, and archrival Dedham will be no push-over.

"There's no easy game in this league, its tough game in and game out," said Cormier.

Cormier is in his fourth season as the team's coach and will have a lot to do in order to make sure his young team stays focused and harnesses their talent.

The team will hang its hat on the defensive end of the floor, as they don't seem to have the offensive firepower to try and outscore other teams. Defensive tenacity and an overall physical style of play will be employed in order to win some slow grinding victories amidst a difficult schedule.

The Norwood Record

We all knew that Norwood was a sports town, but did we know that it was this much of a sports town?

Norwood's town officials rescheduled a town meeting because of Monday's Patriots-Jets game on Monday Night Football, in which the Patriots dominated 45-3.

It's not often that sports takes precedence over town issues, as I've attended plenty of meetings when I'd rather be watching a Celtics or Patriots game, but then again this was the archrival Jets.

While this decision made news around Boston, it's not all that surprising that a town as in love with sports as much as Norwood would decide that the biggest Patriots regular season game of the year is too important to miss.

Norwood's representative Town Meeting needed more than half of the 237 members

Quick Hits



Gil Haylon

to vote in favor of rescheduling the meeting as a result of the Patriots game.

The decision seems to demonstrate that many Town Meeting members don't value the position particularly highly. And while I'd much rather be watching the Patriots game than sitting at a town meeting, I also don't have a responsibility as a member of the Town Meeting.

It's easy to understand the situation, but it also seems to devalue the significance of the

meeting in general. If we're postponing town meetings for regular season Patriots games, will there be cancellations for Celtics playoff games? Or Red Sox games? State of the Union addresses?

The decision seems to open up a Pandora's Box of situations in which a town meeting can be deemed cancelable because of another event.

Still, this does show how important sports are to Norwood, and it also puts the Patriots-Jets game into perspective. It's not often that a regular season matchup between two teams virtually guaranteed to make the playoffs will cause town meeting cancellations.

It seems that town meetings may not be taken as seriously by members as one would have hoped, but Bob Kraft, owner of the Patriots, couldn't be more pleased with the dedication of his Norwood fanbase.

Selectmen undecided on substitution

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Fire Chief Michael Howard will appear before the 237 Town Meeting members on Thursday to request \$202,000 in funding for the department's substitution account, but he may face some opposition from the Board of Selectmen for this request.

The \$202,000 is what is needed to allow Howard to maintain a minimum staffing level of 14 employees. These 14 staff members are made up of two officers and 12 firefighters. The Finance Commission and Board of Selectmen requested Howard determine how much it would cost to operate with a minimum staffing level of 13 employees, and this is \$151,000.

The minimum of 13 comes at the recommendation of Municipal Resources, Inc., the group the town is working with to study the department's sub-

stitution account. While MRI representatives noted a minimum staffing level of 14 is not excessive, Norwood could make do with a minimum of 13.

Howard does not agree with this assessment, and maintains that 14 is an appropriate minimum for the department.

"This staffing level is necessary in my professional opinion to assure adequate protection for the citizens of Norwood, and the safety of our firefighters," Howard wrote in a letter to the Board of Selectmen and FinCom.

At Tuesday night's meeting, he added, "I do not feel dropping below 14 is safe."

The board was split as to which request to support. Selectmen Jerry Kelleher and Helen Abdallah-Donohue were in favor of fully funding Howard's \$202,000 request, while Selectmen Bill Plasko and Michael Lyons felt the \$151,000 amount would be sufficient.

Kelleher said that public

safety is paramount to the Board of Selectmen, and it is important to support the department going forward.

"We have to get through this crisis," Kelleher said, and fully funding substitution while MRI completes their study and report will help do this.

"I think it is prudent to go along with that 13 minimum for the remainder of the fiscal year," Plasko said, adding he does not see it as harmful or risky to the department or town.

Plasko and Lyons noted that the MRI consults said 13 was a prudent minimum staffing level for Norwood. Fourteen is an improvement, but not required.

"It's not excessive, but it's also not absolutely necessary," Plasko said.

Regardless, Howard feels 13 puts the town at risk.

"Reducing staffing is not the answer," he said. "I think it is very dangerous for us."

Calendar

Dec. 9
Girls Basketball vs. Canton 3:30 p.m. (scrimmage)

Dec. 10
Girls Basketball at Bridgewater-Raynham 4:30 p.m. (scrimmage)

Wrestling vs. Natick 6 p.m.

Boys Basketball vs. Blue Hills TBA

Dec. 11
Boys Hockey vs. Marshfield 6 p.m. (scrimmage)

Dec. 13
Girls Hockey vs. Mount Saint Charles 5 p.m. (scrimmage)

Boys Basketball vs. Bishop Feehan 7 p.m.

Boys Hockey vs. Hingham 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 14
Wrestling at Walpole 7 p.m.

Dec. 15
Boys Hockey at Newton North 7 p.m.

Girls Hockey vs. Newton North 8:30 p.m.

Calling all Coaches

The Norwood Record is looking to hear from all coaches and parents in Norwood about our local sports teams. Have a tip or a story idea? Call Gil Haylon at (678) 463-3010 or e-mail us at sports@norwoodrecord.com

Tuesday, November 30

0119 911 - Susp. activity, services rendered. Location/address: Village Rd E Caller reports there is a 4 ft. Pile of leaves in the middle of the roadway. N663 sent. Maintenance notified. Officer reports many piles of leaves throughout complex.

0528 phone - Noise complaint, spoken to. Location/address: Walpole St. Caller reports neighbors dog has been barking for past hour and is concerned about her neighbors who do not answer phone. N663 sent and spoke with neighbors who are fine and brought dog back inside.

1001 911 - Drunk person *protective custody. Location/address: Terry's Barber Shop - Washington St. Dk demanding \$5.00 haircut and will not leave. Subject brought to station for pc.

1114 phone - Bomb threat *report filed. Location/address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St. Bomb threat (spelled incorrectly) on girls lav door.

1416 phone - Assist citizen *report filed. Location/address: Sumner St. Resident feels someone tried to enter his home overnight.

1616 phone - Malicious damage *report filed. Location/address: Boston Crane - Pleasant St. Report equipment damaged.

1642 phone - Recovered mv *report filed. Location/address: Venice Cafe - Washington St. Owner reports the following vehicles are on his property, not workers or customers cars, signs posted Venice parking only. 1)MA pc 483jc4-call to parents, they will have him move the car.2)MA pc 2308tz. This is a stolen car out of Plymouth, MA pd. Center Auto tows same.

1702 phone - Stolen bicycle, services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Bicycle Depot - Broadway St. Report bicycle that was brought in for service is a stolen bicycle. N664 to file follow-up report under 10-2163-of.

1727 phone - Be on the lookout, services rendered. Westwood Police reported run-away from Westwood Lodge. Bolo broadcast to cars.

2305 phone - Well being chk. services rendered. Location/address: 1199 Block - Washington St. Report of a white male, orange shirt, dungarees running up to cars driving along the street. Units locate Washington/ Atwood and N661 courtesy transports to the station to arrange a ride. 2348 hrs-n661 then courtesy transports him To the hospital.

Wednesday, December 1

0619 911 - Citizens complaint *report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Caller reports she is not getting attention necessary from Hospital staff. N664 and N662 respond.

0620 initiated - Susp. vehicle *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Cadillac Village - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. N679 out with suspicious vehicle. As a result one under arrest for active warrant. One summoned for operating after suspension. N679 transported 1 to Norwest Dr. St. Mil: 63048.6 @ 6:50 / end. Mil: 63050.8 @ 6:56 Refer to arrest: 10-1195-ar Arrest: Weisberg, Mical E. Address: 130 Norwest Dr. Dob: 04/09/1984 Charges: warrant arrest

0709 phone - Noise complaint, spoken to. Location/address: Engamore Ln. Caller reports disturbance (yelling) coming from apt. # 206. N663, N662 responded. Quiet upon arrival. Officers spoke to caller and neighbors, then resident in 206. Everything in order and resident lives alone. Advised.

0831 walk-in - Fraud *report filed. Location/address: Sherwood Dr. Wife received call yesterday stating grandson was arrested and money needed to be sent.

0851 911 - Medical emergency, transported to hospital. Location/address: St. Catherine's School - Nahatan St. Youngster fell in parking lot. NFD handled.

0900 walk-in - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Davis Ave. Vandalism to mv.

1058 911 - Medical emergency, transported to hospital. Location/address: Guarino

Police Logs

Pastry Shop - Washington St. Woman fell and is bleeding.

1442 walk-in - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Rosemary House (rooming house) - Rosemary St. Subject reports his car keyed.

1556 phone - Debris on road, spoken to. Location/address: Liberty Ln. Caller reports landscaper just left neighbors and left a pile of leaves on the sidewalk and street. Gomes on side of truck. Officer spoke with party, advised.

1900 911 - Domestic *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Concord Ave. Report domestic and assault. N665 places subject under arrest and N677 transports to station. Refer to arrest: 10-1197-ar Arrest: Xavier, Christopher Arnotte Address: 418 Talbot Ave. apt 3 Dorchester Dob: 04/04/1983 Charges: a&b Destruction of property +\$250, malicious Threat to commit crime

1911 phone - Harassment, spoken to. Location/address: Morrill Memorial Library - Walpole St. Mother reports that while her daughter was on a computer on Facebook, a former friend was harassing her, possibly violating a 209a orde arty. N663 spoke to Mother and daughter N663 reports no 209a Violation, advised.

2011 911 - Susp. person *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Ellis Ave. Caller reported male party on back deck knocking on door. Officers located party, placed under arrest for warrants. Refer to arrest: 10-1198-ar Arrest: Jackson, Anthony R. Address: 36 Jefferson Dr. Dob: 09/06/1989 Charges: warrant arrest

2340 911 - Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Brewster Dr. Male party falling over. Norwood Fire Transport to hospital.

0116 911 - Susp. activity, area search negative. Location/address: Catalpa Rd. Caller reports hearing what sounds like a crying child. N669, N666 responded. Officers spoke with caller and checked area, nothing found. 2 cats in driveway. Caller states it was possible it was an animal.

Thursday, December 2

0616 phone - Animal complaint, gone on arrival. Location/address: Harrow Rd. + Croydon Rd. Caller reports a dog that appears lost and possibly left outside all night. N667 checked the area.

0710 911 - Medical emergency, transported to hospital. Location/address: Walnut Ave. Caller reports her child choking. N667, NFD responded. Child transported.

1220 phone - Assist citizen, spoken to. Location/address: Perfect 10 Nail Salon - Washington St. Officer Eysie resident re: social network page .

1242 phone - Assist citizen, assisted party. Location/address: The Rugged Bear (retail store) - Lenox St. Caller reports that as she walked in the area behind Shaw's Market that she saw some hypodermic needles laying on the ground. Subject identified herself as Rebbeca and stated that she would be willing to stay and point out the location for an officer as she is concerned that a child may get hurt were the needles to remain at their current location. MC-7 Off. E.J. Farioli was dispatched and responded. Off. E.J. Farioli picked up and disposed of one hypodermic needle.

1805 phone - Assist other agency, services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Caller reports patient in the ER is out of control. N663 N665 sent. Officer stood by while female was restrained.

2123 911 - Well being chk. services rendered. Location/address: Elliot St. Caller reports male party outside yelling with no shirt on. N665 N662 sent. Area checked located male that was on his cell phone. Officers transported him to Alpine Rd.

2258 phone - Complaint of m/v *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Bos.-

Prov. Hwy. + Pendergast Cir. Caller reported vehicle traveling the wrong way on Rt 1. Officer reported one under arrest. Center towed pc MA Ic13en. Refer to arrest: 10-1203-ar Arrest: Crovello, Julie A. Address: 33 Canning Ter., Dennisport Dob: 05/17/1961 Charges: oui liquor or .08% Negligent operation of motor vehicle State Hwy - wrong way

Friday, December 3

0056 initiated - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Oldham School - Prospect St. N662 reports graffiti in orange sprayed on dumpster.

0142 phone - B & e of motor vehicle *report filed. Location/address: St. Joseph Ave. Caller reports blk Dodge Intrepid (MA Reg# 9ns370) stopped In front of his house and looked like occupant attempting to break into vehicle. Caller stated vehicle was occupied by 4 and occupants also threw trash at his vehicle as they fled when he went outside. N665, N669, N666 responded. Officers Located vehicle and spoke to all occupants as well as Caller.

1115 phone - Illegal trash disposal, investigated. Location/address: Mnuufacturing Resource Group Inc. - Washington St. Illegal trash dumping (tv's among items.)

1413 phone - Assist other agency, spoken to. Location/address: Community Living Program (cluster house) - Winter St. Walk-away from program prior to being registered. 16 yo, 6'3", 265 lbs. Red and black baseball cap, with bat insignia. Blue jeans, dark sweater. Left towards center of town. Officer spoke to counselor who will speak to Probation officer.

1435 phone - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Poirier Sales & Service - Washington St. Kids on Old Washington St. were throwing rocks down onto parked vehicles. One vehicle hit. Report filed.

1953 phone - Noise complaint, spoken to. Location/address: Engamore Ln. Caller reports her neighbors are playing loud music. No music upon officer's arrival. N662 N667 sent. Spoken to.

2050 other - Assist other agency, services rendered. Location/address: Washington St. + Everett St. Westwood police report they had an attempted armed robbery at the Dunkin Donuts on Washington Street in Islington. A knife was shown and gun mentioned in a note. Suspect may have fled towards Norwood on foot or in a dark green Dodge Ram. N661, N665, N668, N669, N677 assisted in the area check with negative results. Description of suspect, young white Male 6' with facial hair, wearing a blue puffy jacket and baseball hat.

2119 phone - Well being chk *report filed. Location/address: Centennial Dr.

2210 phone - Domestic *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Lenox St. Reports domestic at above address. One female placed under arrest. Refer to arrest: 10-1207-ar Arrest: Crawford, Patricia A. Address: 32 Lenox St. Dob: 12/20/1969 Charges: a&b with dangerous weapon Protective custody

Saturday, December 4

1146 walk-in - Threats *report filed. Location/address: Rosemary House (rooming house) - Rosemary St. Refer to summons: 10-1209-ar Addr An Blvd, Dorchester 12/1956

1221 walk-in - Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: Dress Barn - Lenox St. Party would like an escort to pick up a check.

1429 phone - Motor vehicle accident *report filed. Location/address: Manchester Rd. Caller reports elderly female hit the house and a parked car. N665 N663 respond. Negoshian's to to MA reg#23zz98.

1444 phone - Phone harassment, services rendered. Location/address: Centennial Dr. NFD reports that female keeps call-

ing the NFD and bothering them. N667 N662 sent. Officers spoke with her and she will stop calling them.

1506 phone - Hit and run *report filed. Location/address: Norwood Printing Ctr. Inc. - Central St. Caller reports someone hit his car while it was parked in the lot. N662 to file report.

1747 phone - Drunk person *protective custody. Location/address: Centennial Dr. Caller reports there is a dk female in house and he would like her removed. N667 N661 sent. N661 places one female in pc and returns to station with her. Sm 39140 @ 1744. Em 39141 @ 17:45. Pc transported to Norwood Hospital by Westwood Fire with NFD on board.

2248 initiated - Warrant arrest *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Neponset St. Officer off with male party walking out of dealership. N667 sent. One male placed under arrest for warrants. See report. Refer to arrest: 10-1213-ar Arrest: Shea, Paul J. Address: 9 Mount Ida Rd., Newton Dob: 12/11/1988 Charges: warrant arrest Drug, possess class a

2338 phone - Missing person *report filed. Location/address: Respite - Beacon Ave. Caller reports one of their clients is missing. N665 sent and will file report.

Sunday, December 5

0030 phone - Noise complaint, services rendered. Location/address: Oolah Ave. Resident reports loud music on 1st floor. Officers spoke To party goers, advised to keep it down.

0107 911 - Domestic *arrest(s)made. Location/address: (sw sector) (cell: 165 Lennox) - Washington St. Female hyperventilating. Arrest: McInerney, Timothy Address: 91 Pleasant St. 4a, Medfield Dob: 01/12/1978 Charges: a&b Destruction of property -\$250, malicious

1127 phone - Domestic *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Laurel Rd. Report mother/daughter domestic, maybe an injury. NFD sent. As a result, MC7 places 1 subject under arrest and N665 transports to the station s/m 66015.5 1157 hrs, e/m 66017.6 1203 hrs. Refer to arrest: 10-1215-ar Arrest: Sparks, Doreen G. Address: 30 Laurel Rd. Dob: 03/28/1965 Charges: a&b Warrant arrest

2112 walk-in - Malicious damage *report filed. Location/address: Spruce Rd. Walk in party reports someone damaged their vehicle.

Monday, December 6

0812 phone - Larceny *report filed Location/address: Jefferson Dr. 4 tires and rims stolen overnight.

0815 walk-in - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Pleasant St. Tires and rims stolen overnight.

1441 walk-in - Malicious damage *report filed. Location/address: Vernon St. Party reports damage to fence.

1615 walk-in - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Advanced Collision Specialists - Walpole St. Walk in party reports larceny of checks from the business. Summons: Mackie, Sheree Address: 708 Washington, Whitman Dob: 11/26/1973 Charges: forgery of check Larceny over \$250

1645 phone - Phone harassment *report filed. Location/address: Wedgewood Dr. Caller reports her daughter keeps harassing her by phone. N669 to file charges. Summons: Narbut, Lynne M. Address: 57 Centennial Dr. 8 Dob: 01/03/1976 Charges: harassment, criminal

1720 phone - Well being chk *report filed Location/address: Centennial Dr Narrative: Dedham pd requests well being check on because She told the DPD that her blood was on their hands. Nfd Notified. One female sent to the Norwood hospital for an Involuntary evaluation. N669 n667 n666 n668 respond to the Norwood hospital to help the staff with her because she was Combative.

2250 phone - Child abuse/neglect *report filed Location/address: Chapel St - Chapel St Narrative: Caller reports that his son called him and said that he was Left home alone by his mother.

NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SEEK GIFT CARDS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

This holiday season the Norwood High School chapter of The National Honor Society has been collecting gift cards for Norwood families in need. Student volunteers who have been organizing the effort, donated their time during lunches and free periods, and have already successfully collected a number of gift cards have spearheaded this gift card drive. If any members of the Norwood community are interested in contributing, all types of gift cards are welcome in any donation. They may be dropped off or mailed to Norwood High School c/o Mary Boiardi, National Honor Society Advisor, 245 Nichols St., Norwood, MA 02062.

The Record Book

Award Book Group. We will be discussing the book "11 Birthdays" by Wendy Mass. Snacks will be served. Please register at the children's desk of the library, or call 781-769-0200 X225.

BULLYING PREVENTION TASK FORCE FORUM

The Bullying Prevention Task force will hold an open forum on Monday, Dec. 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Coakley Middle School library. The task force is looking for community input on the draft plan of the new bullying policy.

HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT IN NORWOOD

The Parkway Concert Orchestra will present its annual Holiday Pops Concert 'Home for the Holidays' on Sunday Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. at the First Congrega-

tional Church, 100 Winter Street. Matthew Fritz conducts the 50 piece non-profit orchestra in classical and pops holiday favorites for the entire family, including 'Twas the Night Before Christmas,' narrated by Brian Bell; 'A Festival of Burt Carols'; 'Selections from Hansel and Gretel' and Anderson's 'Christmas Festival.' Vocalist Jodi Mulcahy will be featured in 'White Christmas,' 'I'll be Home for Christmas' and 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.' This concert is sponsored by May Funeral Home and the program is supported in part by a grant from the Norwood Cul-

tural Council, a local agency and the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Donation is \$15; \$10 for seniors and \$8 for children under 12 years old; light refreshments and free parking are included. For ticket reservations please call 781-762-0288. For more information, visit the orchestra's web site at www.ParkwayConcertOrchestra.org

NYRA BOOK GROUP AT LIBRARY

On Thursday, Dec. 16, from 7 - 8 p.m., children in grades 4 & 5 are invited to the 2nd meeting of the Norwood Young Readers

OPEN HOUSE HOLIDAY TOUR

The George H. Morse Meeting House, Museum and Education Center will be open for Holiday Tours Thursday, Dec. 16 from 4-7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 18 from 1-4 p.m. All are welcome, free admission.

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Of Norwood. For the fifth year in a row NPA-TV has invited Santa Claus back to the studio to again take phone calls from Norwood's children. On Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m., Santa will be taking a break during his busy Christmas week to spend time talking to the boys and girls of Norwood. NPA-TV is excited to provide a LIVE show for Santa so that he can take phone calls from the children of Norwood! Tune into to NPA-TV's Town Channel on Tuesday Night, Dec. 21 from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. as Santa and Jack McCarthys sip cocoa and eat cookies by the NPA-TV Christmas tree. Starting at 6:30 p.m., parents can call the NPA-TV Studio phone line at 781-352-2605 to have their children talk with Santa. Santa Claus only asked one thing of NPA-TV this year. He wanted to be able to see the children who spoke with him on the phone so NPA-TV is asking parents to take a picture of their children as they

talk to Santa on the phone and email it to karen@npatv.org by the next morning, Dec. 22. NPA will edit in your pictures and re-broadcast the new version over the Holidays.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT DAY HOUSE

The Norwood Historical Society announces its seasonal holiday tours of the Fred Holland Day House, 93 Day St., Sundays, Dec. 12, and 19, from 1-4 p.m. The Christmas decorations on display are the creation of historical society member and artist Jean Detrick. A limited number of the authentically designed, handmade Victorian ornaments will be available for sale. Tour the three-story mansion, take in a concert of holiday music in the Great Hall, enjoy refreshments; learn about local history and Christmas traditions of the Victorian era. The F.H. Day House is located 93 Day St., admission: \$5; children under 12 and NHS members, free. Special events include a concert of renaissance music by the Norwood High

School Madrigal Singers on Dec. 19 at 2 p.m.; and the Annual Holiday House Tours on Sunday, Dec. 12 from 1-4 p.m. For additional information, call the Norwood Historical Society at 781-762-9197 or visit the website: www.norwoodhistoricalsociety.org

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOPPE

On Dec. 10, 11 and 12, browse a bargain hunter's delight for Christmas gifts and treasures at the annual Christmas Shoppe at Grace Episcopal Church, 150 Chapel St. Hours: Friday, 6 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Also on Saturday, Dec. 11, beginning at 10 a.m. fill a box of homemade holiday treats at the Cookie Walk. A box can be filled with candies and cookies for \$10. Enjoy with your family or give as a perfect hostess gift!

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NORWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Norwood Woman's Club will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 12:30 p.m. The program will feature Bev Jennings who will get us in the Holiday Spirit with her stories and songs. The meeting will be held at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Parish Hall at 24 Berwick St. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Come and bring a friend. New members are always welcomed. You need not be a resident of Norwood to join or attend. Questions? Call Trina Mallet at 781-762-8173.

NORWOOD'S 5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR
Please come for a self-guided tour of several private residences and the F. Holland Day House, on Sunday, Dec. 12 from 2 to 6 p.m. The Norwood Neighbors Committee sponsors the event and tickets are \$20 each. Please make checks payable to the Norwood Neighbors Committee and mail to Deb Holmwood, 49 Beech St. Norwood, MA 02062. Group discounts for 15 tickets or more, call 781-724-8883 or 781-762-1240.

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Espolon Blanco Reposado750 ml **19.99**

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Patron Silver750 ml **39.99**

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Knob Creek750 ml **26.99**

Eagle Rare750 ml **29.99**

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Blanton750 ml **39.99**

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Tullamore Dew Irish Whisky750 ml **19.99**

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Jack Daniels 1.75L **37.99**

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Jagermeister750 ml **17.99**

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Bailey's Irish Cream750 ml **19.99**

Kahlua750 ml **15.99**

Caffo Sambuca750 ml **13.99**

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Merry Christmas!

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