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Members of running club Running in the Rain, in their matching t-shirts, prepare to run their first road race, the annual Casey's 5K benefit race in Norwood on September 27.

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## Running club has kids off to the races Casey's 5k showcases talent

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

Mason Gold finished his first road race, the annual Casey's 5K race, on Sept. 27 with a time of 21:39, which earned him fourth place overall and first place in his age group.

He beat out 116 other racers out of a field of around 120.

And while this might be an impressive feat for any first time racer, something else set Gold apart from the field.

Gold is 11 years old.

"I couldn't believe my time because it was 12 minutes faster than my usual time," Gold said. "I was completely out of breath."

And he wasn't the only Norwood

youngster to finish near the top of the race. Eleven year-olds Brendan Gillis finished ninth and Matt Bonner finished 23rd.

In fact, the three boys are part of a new independent running club called Running in the Rain.

Running in the Rain was started last May by Coakley Middle School student Emma King when she saw two people running in the rain on her way home from school and told her mother she wanted to start a club.

"I didn't pay much attention to it, as you know how kids are," said Emma's mother Jerilyn King. "But she came home, wrote a paragraph about it and sign up sheet in Word, brought it to school the next day and kids signed up. Membership dues were two dollars, donated to the Circle of Hope. Our first practice was that Satur-

day and 20 kids showed up."

Jerilyn King acts as the group's coach, holding practices each week on Sunday evenings. According to King, there are 12 regular runners in the group who sometimes request two practices during the week, even though they don't enjoy doing push-ups and planks.

King said that they've borrowed some practice formats from Impact Martial Arts running club, of which King and her daughter are both members. The group's former Physical Education teacher at school, Aimee Worcester, has also attended practices and regularly emails with the children.

"Mason really hadn't had any interest in

**Runners**

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## Rogers withdraws from debate with Hempton

State Rep. race to feature only one debate

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

With Election Day just around the corner next month, Norwood residents will have several opportunities to hear from many of the candidates who are seeking their vote.

One of the few contested elections that directly impacts Norwood is the race for State Representative in the Norfolk 12th district between incumbent John H. Rogers and challenger Tim Hempton.

Both were initially scheduled for a one-on-one appearance at the Norwood League of Women Voters Candidate Forum on Oct. 22 at Memorial Hall at 7:30 p.m., but that no longer seems to be the case.

According to the campaign manager for Representative Rogers, William Buckley, Rogers will no longer be participating in the event.

Buckley cited an upcoming debate with opponent Tim Hempton on Norwood Public Access Television (NPATV) at the end of October, moderated by Tom Cummings, instead.

Cummings is the host of NPATV programs Table Talk and Inside Norwood, which cover news and events around town and feature prominent members of the community as guests.

Buckley said that the television debate between the candidates will be the first such event for the local community in some time and the campaign is building up to it with many events in and around

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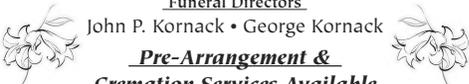


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**Police tackle drugs in busy weekend**

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Police Department took care of several drug-related incidents over the weekend.

Late in the afternoon on Oct. 4, Norwood and Norfolk County Police Anti-Crime (NORPAC) detectives, led by Norwood Detective David Eysie and Walpole Detective Timothy Sullivan, raided the home of suspected marijuana grower James J. Boran at 527 Walpole St. in Norwood.

Police seized equipment used to grow, harvest and distribute marijuana from the property. During the search of the home, led by Detective Sergeant Robert Rinn, police also found over two pounds of marijuana and methamphetamine pills.

A magazine for an AK-47 automatic rifle was seized as well, though no firearm was found. The magazine itself did not contain any ammunition either. Police officials said that possession of the magazine is still illegal.

Boran, who was not at home during the raid, was quickly arrested during a motor vehicle stop in Walpole a short distance from his Norwood home. Boran was in possession of marijuana at the time of his arrest, police



*Norwood Police found ample evidence of a marijuana growing operation in the 527 Walpole St. home of James Boran. Police also found a magazine for an AK-47 rifle.*

officials said.

Boran, 28, is charged with possession with intent to Distribute Class D Marijuana, possession of Class B "Molly" Methamphetamine Pills, and possession of a Large Capacity Feeding Device.

Chief of Police William Brooks said that despite ballot initiatives showing that views on marijuana have shifted, the department is still working to prevent unlawful substance use in the community.

"It really is a heavily influential drug in so many ways. And we have found that it does

open the door to other substances," Chief Brooks said. "So we don't take our eye off the ball and we continue to work our cases."

NORPAC was formed in 1987 through a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance with the intention of stopping narcotics related crimes, but has since expanded to cover serial and violent crime. NORPAC is led by Norwood Chief of Police William Brooks and serves 15 communities in Norfolk County.

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Norwood, including a recent appearance at The Education Cooperative in East Walpole, which has many Norwood students.

Norwood League of Women Voters President Carol MacLeay said that Buckley told her that Rogers would be doing three other events around the date of the Candidate Forum. The event would still be going on as planned, she said.

"We have invited all of the people who are running, including Mr. Rogers, who will no longer be attending, and Tim Hempton, if he is not going to

change his mind," MacLeay said.

The Hempton campaign does not anticipate Rogers' absence to affect the challenger's attendance.

"We understand that Representative Rogers has chosen not to go," said Holly Robichaud, a representative from the Hempton campaign. "Tim is fully committed to going (to the Candidate Forum) if there is going to be one."

Rogers, a Norwood democrat, has served the district in the Massachusetts House of Representatives since 1993. Hempton, a republican and longtime Walpole

resident, has operated a private periodontology and implantology practice serving the district community since 1994.

MacLeay anticipates that the candidates in the race for County Commissioner, Peter H. Collins and Michael J. Soter, will both be in attendance.

She also said that the League of Women Voters has also invited Congressman Stephen Lynch and State Senator Michael Rush - who are both running unopposed - to participate as well.

The Candidate Forum is being put on in partnership with the Westwood/Walpole League of Women Voters.

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Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.  
—B.D.