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Students back to school mask-free after break

John P. Muldoon
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IPSWICH — For the first time in almost two years, students and staff are free to attend school without wearing a mask.

At its last meeting in February, the school committee voted 6-1 to lift the mask mandate, effective February 28 — the day schools reopen to students returning from February vacation.

Committee member Pavica Kneedler, a nurse, voted against the motion. She argued it would be “prudent to at least wait until March 7.”

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommended in January that kids and staff continue to wear properly fitted face masks, she said. “In-school transmission has been observed more often in school districts that did not enact mask requirements,” the AAP’s guidance said.

However, a number of parents, still irate at the mandate, berated the school committee for what they saw as a slow response.

Under guidance issued last August, the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) said mask mandates could be lifted if vaccination rates went above 80%.

In a separate development, Gov. Charlie Baker earlier this month that said masks would not be required in schools starting Feb. 28.

At the school committee meeting, resident Karen Alleva asked when the school committee knew the 80% threshold had been reached.

“I see this as child abuse. You guys had our

kids wearing filthy masks beyond the point” they needed to, she claimed.

However, school committee member Hugh O’Flynn said officials found out the vaccination

rate had reached 82% that week. It then went up to 85%, he added.

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Leah Panagoplos (left) and Eleanor Burns took advantage of Friday’s snowstorm to make a snow mermaid at Cable Gardens.

It’s official: Ribbon cut at downtown swimwear store

IPSWICH — Friends and fellow business-people were on hand Tuesday morning when the town’s newest store celebrated its official opening.

Although Makuwa Swim Wear (MSW) has been open on South Main Street since October, owner Francine Makuwa took the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce’s giant scissors and officially launched the venture on March 1.

A native of the Democratic Republic of Congo and an Ipswich resident for four years, Makuwa said she started hand-crocheting swimwear

in 2016.

She took a break from that to attend college. After moving to Ipswich, she said she saw a need in the market for her swimwear and other fashion.

“With the support of friends and family, I was able to start the business,” she said. “Ipswich is my home, so I wanted to do something for the community,” she added.

The store also has such swimsuit-adjacent accessories as goggles, sunhats, and flip-flops. Makuwa has also added other fashion more appropriate to this time of the year in New En-

gland.

Opening the business on March 1 was a fitting start to Women’s History Month and an appropriate end to Black History Month, “as a mom [of two] and a minority business owner.”

Coffee

Another entrepreneur was on hand to expose the group to her new product. “I invited my dear friend here who just started up her coffee business,” Makuwa said of Silvia Via.

Based in Lynn, Via launched Via Guatemala

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Tales from the scanner: Uncomfortably numb, college try

Around 11 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22, a huge bang was heard around town. The first caller to police said it sounded like it was between Lord's Square and the railroad bridge. Another caller from near the car wash on Washington Street said it sounded like it came from Brownville Avenue. On Facebook, people all over town said they heard it with reports coming from Turkey Shore Road, Locust Road, and Hammatt Street. Speculation was rampant that it was a transformer. However, when contacted the next day, Electric Light Department manager Jon Blair said they had no equipment malfunctions.

Around noon on Wednesday, wires were reported down across Locust Road.

At 5:20 p.m., a caller was concerned about a girl around 10 years old walking a puppy along the train tracks downtown.

Around 1:25 p.m. on Thursday, horses were loose on Candlewood Road.

During the snow on Friday, there was a minor crash at Cumberland Farms on Central Street. No injuries were reported.

At 2:45 p.m., a car went off Linebrook Road near Howe Street. The dispatcher said it would be near a brick wall and was probably hung up.

At 6:25 p.m., a disabled plow truck was said to be blocking Mayfair Court.

Around 10:40 a.m. on Sunday, there was a medical emergency in a car pulled over on County Road. A woman was said to be suffering from a sudden onset of all-over numbness. The dispatcher later radioed that she had fallen in a coffee shop earlier in the morning. The woman was said to be in her early 70s and from Peabody.

Around 2:15 p.m., police were called to a domestic disturbance. After arriving, they radioed that they needed a Spanish translator. A couple of efforts to find one were made, but in the meantime, police used an app on their phones to bridge the language gap. They later said nothing violent had happened and the people were having a loud argument.

On Sunday night, snow was back, with officers radioing about the condition of the roads. One said there were "some slick spots around town," including areas such as Jeffrey's Neck and Argilla roads. A second update noted that Linebrook Road could do with treatment.

At 8:35 p.m., a caller from Southpoint Lane reported a large snake in her house. She didn't know where it had come from and had no luck getting pest control companies to

help her. The town's animal control officer wasn't available, but the responding officer said he would "give it the old college try." A sergeant said he would send another officer who had experience snake wran-

gling. However, it appeared the old college try worked out just fine.

At 9 p.m., the dispatcher said someone was in the police station lobby to report that their dog was stolen.

Ipswich Democrats to caucus

IPSWICH — On Saturday, March 12, at 9:30 a.m., Democrats will convene virtually to elect nine delegates and four alternates to represent Ipswich at the 2022 State Democratic Convention.

Registered and pre-registered Ipswich Democrats who were at least age 16 by February 4 may vote and be elected as delegates or alternates during the caucus.

Registered Democrats (age 16 to 35), people with disabilities, people of color, and members of the LGBTQ+ community not elected as delegates or alternates are encouraged to apply to be add-on delegates at the caucus or by visiting massdems.org/caucus.

The 2022 convention will be hybrid (unlike the caucus), with in-person proceedings taking place alongside virtual participation options on June 3 and 4 at the DCU Center in Worcester.

Delegates will convene to endorse candidates for statewide office ahead of the September Democratic Primary. The MassDems are closely monitoring changes in public health guidance and will update plans accordingly.

Those interested in getting involved with the Ipswich Democratic Committee or have questions about the caucus should contact Wendy Dabovich at info@ipswichdemocrats@gmail.com.



Francine Makuwa cuts the ribbon with the giant scissors while brother Fiston and DJ Sterling Golden look on.

MSW from page 1

Coffee in November 2021. A native of Guatemala who came to America from an orphanage when she was 7, Via described her java as a boutique product.

With pots at the MSW opening

holding four different blends, Via said she pays the farmers more for their beans because, "I got tired of companies coming in exploiting my country."

"Where are the schools? Where are the things that are going to help my people?" she asked.

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Utilities department to continue popular ReSource program

IPSWICH — The Ipswich Utilities Department is continuing their successful ReSource Ipswich program through 2022.

Launched in 2021, it is the first in-state utility decarbonization program, providing energy audits along with rebates for weatherization, heat pumps, appliances, and more.

The program conducted 94 efficiency audits, approved 216 rebates, and saved Ipswich residents more

than \$100,000 last year.

Interested Ipswich homeowners should visit www.ipswichma.gov/rebates or call (866) 306-0909 to schedule a no-cost, no-obligation energy audit to evaluate insulation and air sealing, heating and cooling systems, appliances, water usage, and solar potential.

Homeowners will receive an plan outlining options for energy efficiency for long-term cost savings and

minimized carbon footprint.

After completing an audit, residents are eligible for many rebates and discounts to implement cost-saving suggestions. Rebates include:

Weatherization: Up to \$2,000 with no limit for customers who also install air source heat pumps.

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High-speed chase starts on Rte. 1, ends at country club

IPSWICH — A Beverly man has been ordered to pay \$600 after a high-speed chase ended at the Ipswich Country Club.

The case, which was before Judge Peter Doyle in Ipswich District Court, presented evidence that Juan R. Reyes III, 20, of 31 Simon Street in Beverly was clocked by Topsfield police at speeds of over 100 mph.

The incident dated to Sept. 8, 2021, when Reyes was charged with speeding and failing to stop for police, according to court records.

In his report, Topsfield’s Sgt. Eric Giordano said he was monitoring traffic at around 6:15 a.m. at 468 Boston Street (Route 1), which is near Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Giordano said it was a quiet morning until he heard an “overwhelmingly loud noise approaching.” Still not seeing anything, he said the sound became louder until it “got to a point that it became the only audible noise in my location.”

Through his training and experience, Giordano said he knew a car at an “extremely high rate of speed” was approaching.

A 2002 Honda Civic passed a short while later, and Giordano took off behind it with his blue lights on, his report said. However, the Honda was “almost immediately out of my vision,” the report continued.

Giordano radioed dispatch to warn Ipswich and Rowley police as he attempted to catch up with the fleeing car.

Near Cumberland Farms in Ipswich, Giordano said he caught up with the Civic and tried to stop it there, but it continued northbound on Route 1.

The Honda turned into Ipswich Country Club, he said. “At that point, I was directly behind the vehicle and could smell an over-

whelming odor of burning rubber as it stopped at the security gate,” Giordano said.

Reyes got through the gate with his employee access, the report said. The gate then closed before the officer could also get through, it added.

Giordano had to use the intercom to get access, and he also told Ipswich police that he would be in the area looking for the driver, his report said. Ipswich officer Aaron Woodworth later joined him, the report added.

Giordano said he found the Civic in the groundskeeping area and then approached Reyes, “who was visibly nervous and shaking.”

He asked Reyes if he would like to discuss what went on, and Reyes replied, “I have no idea what you are talking about,” Giordano’s report said.

The sergeant told Reyes he recognized him and his vehicle and clocked it traveling at over 100 mph.

Reyes again said, “I don’t know what you are talking about,” Giordano wrote in his report.

He said after he told Reyes that failing to stop for an officer was an arrestable offense, Reyes “became more nervous and stated he wanted to call his parents.”

After he got off the phone, Reyes told Giordano that he would admit to speeding — “but not the other thing, because I know it is arrestable.”

Giordano said he summonsed Reyes at that point.

In court last week, Doyle found Reyes responsible for speeding and ordered him to pay \$450. The charge of failing to stop was continued for two months. In the meantime, Reyes was ordered to pay \$100 in costs and \$50 to the victims’ fund, along with ongoing court costs.



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Ipswich man charged with possessing and distributing child pornography

BOSTON — An Ipswich man has been arrested and charged with one count of distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography, according to the United States Attorney's Office in Boston.

After an appearance in late February in U.S. District Court, Julien Toulotte, 23, was ordered to be detained by Judge Judith G. Dein pending a detention and probable cause hearing on Feb. 23.

At that Feb. 23 hearing, Dein said she will review filings before making a ruling, according to news reports.

Reports also said Toulotte had an Ipswich address on Labor In Vain Road and another on Arlington Street in Boston.

According to the charging document, in January 2021, Toulotte began communicating with an undercover agent purporting to be

a 15-year-old girl through social media applications.

In February 2021, Toulotte allegedly sent videos depicting child pornography to the undercover agent, federal prosecutors said.

They alleged Toulotte also sent multiple nude photos of himself and encouraged the purported teenager to send photos of herself in return.

On March 11, 2021, a search of Toulotte's residence in Ipswich "resulted in the recovery of his electronic devices that contained over 300 images and approximately 300 videos depicting child pornography — including child pornography videos of infants and children approximately two to four years of age," federal prosecutors said.

News reports said the initial investigation was started by Ipswich police in 2021. He was arrested at that time, the reports said, and was free on \$20,000 cash bail.

In November 2021, additional search warrants were executed, prosecutors said.

If found guilty, distribution of child pornography provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of five years and up to 20 years in prison, a mandatory minimum of five years and up to a lifetime of supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000, the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

Possession of child pornography comes with a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, a mandatory minimum of five years, and up to a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000, it added.

Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based on the United States Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Members of the public who have questions, concerns, or information regarding this case should call 617 748 3274.

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Salem woman fined for Crane Beach crash

IPSWICH — A Salem woman has been ordered to pay \$500 plus restitution after a crash near Crane Beach that sent five people to the hospital.

The accident happened not far from the beach gate on June 20, 2020, according to court records. After the incident, Stephanie A. Diozzi, 56, of 59 Essex Street in Salem was charged with negligent operation and a marked lanes violation, records said.

The case was heard last week in Ipswich District Court before Judge Allen Swan.

In his report, Officer Patrick Carlin said he was called to a two-car crash on Argilla Road at around 2:55 p.m. Diozzi was trapped in her vehicle, a 2019 Toyota Corolla rental car, and there were four occupants in the other vehicle, a 2013 Nissan Rogue, police said.

The Nissan driver told police she



The scene at the June 2020 crash.

was leaving the beach when the other vehicle "veered left and crossed into her lane," Carlin's report said.

Indeed, Diozzi told him the same thing, he added. She told him "her attention was drawn to a Crane Beach sign on the right side of the road," his report said.

She also "stated that she wasn't paying attention and drifted over the yellow line into the outbound lane," it added.

Diozzi had visible facial injuries, and firefighters had to cut her out of

the car using the Jaws of Life, Carlin said.

In the Toyota, all the occupants — two adults and two children — were belted in, he said. Front and side airbags deployed, his report said.

"There were visible red marks from the seat-belt on one of the children, and all occupants appeared in a state of shock," Carlin wrote.

After a witness corroborated the two drivers' accounts, Carlin said he decided to summons Diozzi.

In court, Swan continued the negligent-operation charge for six months, records said. In the meantime, she was ordered to pay \$200 in costs, \$250 to the head injury fund, \$50 to the victims' fund, and ongoing court costs, records said.

Diozzi was found responsible on the marked lanes violation charge, the disposition said.

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Running with Birds**Cedar waxwings eat fruit and berries to fatten up for nesting time**

Photo of cedar waxwing on the beach by Carl Jappe.

by Rebecca Pugh

If you are running through an evergreen grove, and you hear a high-pitched *tsee, tsee tsee* coming from overhead, watch your step ... but look up if you can.

You might see a flock of songbirds, black and grey and gold, feathers tossed back across their heads. The cedar waxwing feasts on berries all winter.

Cedar waxwings are social all

year long. They feed in community, sing to each other, build their nests close by to each other.

When they build their nests, they make approximately 2,500 trips to the site, bringing materials. Their nests are pine needles and found objects, cattail down, horse hair, and flowers. They line them with fine rootlets and grasses. Sometimes they decorate the outside with catkins from hickory or oak trees.

They lay their tiny blue-grey eggs, incubate them for 11 to 13 days, and feed berries to the hatchlings. The young are born quiet, weak, naked.

They gain weight fast on all that fruit, though, and are ready to practice flying two weeks after they are born.

The cedar waxwing has a superpower. It is mostly vegetarian. With this, it is resistant to cowbird parasitism.

What happens is this: The cedar waxwing builds its decorated nests and lays its eggs. The cowbird likes to sneak its own eggs into other songbirds' nests. Cowbirds hatch quickly, grow fast, and demand

food. But cedar waxwings have a plan. The cedar waxwing offers fruit to all its nestlings. Cedar waxwing babies love fruit. Cowbird babies hate fruit. They want meat — in the form of bugs, worms, moths. The cedar waxwing nestlings get fat, while the cowbird nestlings languish.

After they fledge, cedar waxwings fly with steady wingbeats, often singing mid-air.

As people plant more ornamental fruit trees in their landscaping, cedar waxwings have abundant food, so they are growing in numbers.

Sometimes they eat berries that have fermented, and then they get drunk. In these times, you can see them tumbling around, and flying into things. They have large livers, though, so they usually recover (unless they run into a cat or a car).

We can plant native berry trees to help the cedar waxwing thrive.

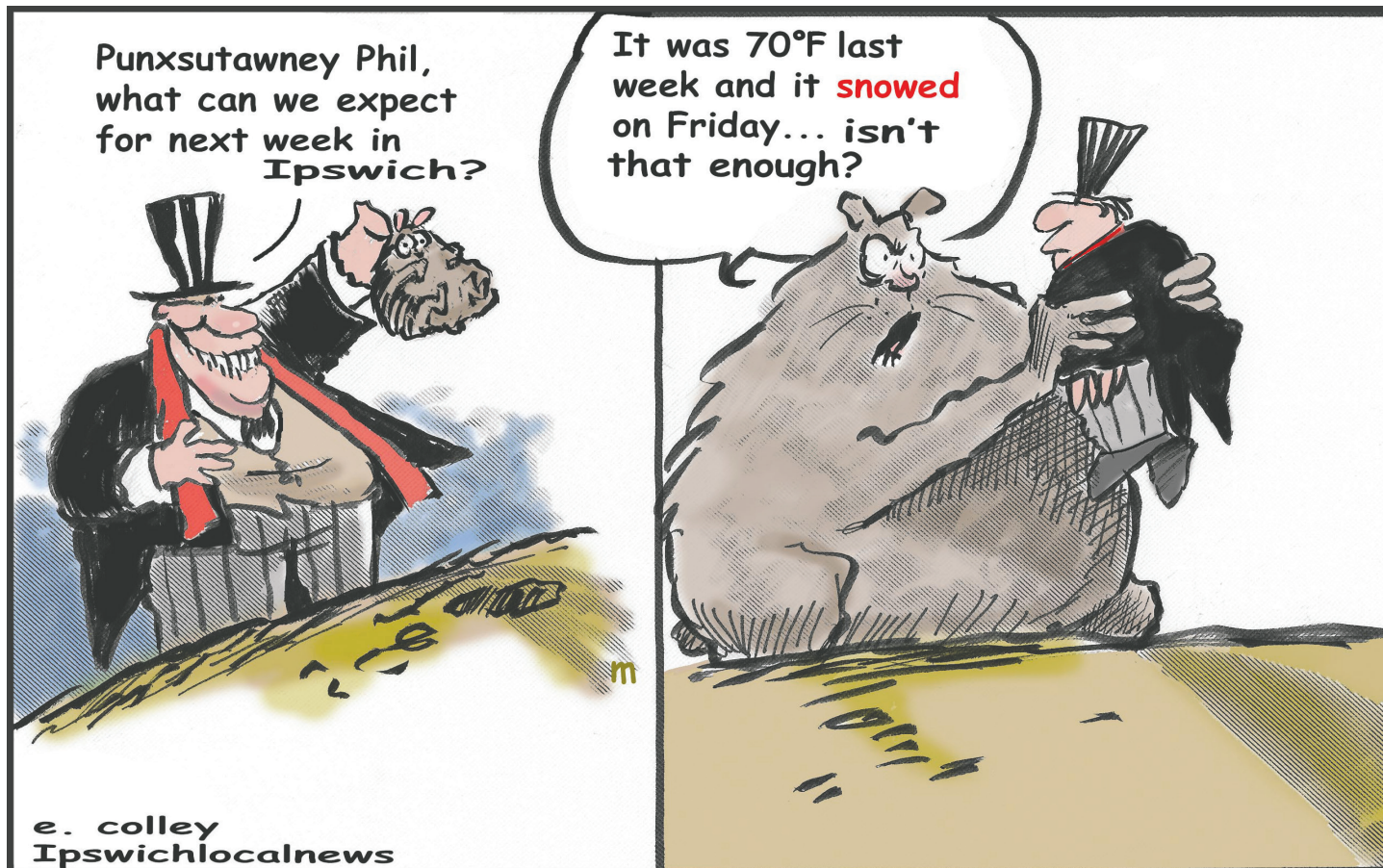
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LETTER

We're heartbroken by military invasion of Ukraine by Russia. How will it end?

To the editor,
Ukraine has been part of our lives for the last four years since our son, Matthew, and his spouse, Andrew, lived and worked there.

Matthew, a graduate of Ipswich High School, was heavily influenced by Dr. Ladd's love of languages, including Russian, and world cultures.

In Ukraine, Matthew worked for Freedom House, a U.S.-based human rights non-profit launched by Eleanor Roosevelt.

Based in Eastern Ukraine, Andrew was a cease-fire monitor for the Office of Security and Cooperation in Europe.

They experienced the beauty of Ukraine, its people, and their thirst for freedom, as well as some of the underbelly challenges of this impugned nation.

We visited Ukraine several years ago and were impressed by its beauty and liveliness. We were fortunate to have Matthew and Andrew as

our tour guides with their language capability.

Kyiv is a historic European capital city with accompanying handsome architecture, historic buildings, and parks.

The countryside was even more touching. We visited a small local museum on the area's history with the proprietor so happy to host Western tourists. In the back room, she had a display of unexploded ordinance from WWII.

Vegetable gardens are everywhere, even the highway rights-of-way. This signaled that if you are not sure where your next meal is coming from, you had better grow your own.

Western Ukraine has changed hands many times (Poland, Austria, Russia, and more), so residents seemed to hold onto the land as security. This was particularly clear in taking an overnight train from near the Romanian border to Kyiv; there were many starts and stops, as train

tracks developed by different dominant occupiers were disjointed.

We are heartbroken by the military invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Our son and son-in-law put their good efforts in working with Ukrainians to address the life they wanted as a nation free of warfare and with respect for human rights.

With our son in Ukraine, we have become aware of the number of Ipswich residents or ancestors from Ukraine. Matthew and Andrew are now doing similar work based in Washington, so we are relieved for their personal safety.

Our hearts are heavy for the many friends they made there, colleagues laboring for freedom, and all of the people who deserve to be free from the power chess game now overrunning this sad nation.

The immense sign in Maidan Square exclaimed, "Freedom is our religion." How will all of this end?

Carolyn Britt and Michael Schaaf
Ipswich

The Outsidah

In which the Outsidah ponders the every-ready, can-do attitude of the modern mosquito

by Doug Brendel

We survived February, but only barely. Killer cold, mammoth snows, hordes of mosquitos.

Yes, mosquitos.

Before the cold and snow, there was that one weird Wednesday a week ago, when it was 70°F. A day that will go down in history, because it finally settled the long-standing scientific debate about how long it takes a mosquito to wake from winter hibernation.

Answer: about two minutes.

I'm appalled that I got a fresh mosquito bite in the middle of my forehead in the dead of winter.

I imagine a mosquito — the female, the one that bites — in her flannel pajamas and an Abigail Adams bonnet, tucked in for the winter, snuggled under the covers, dreaming sweetly of swigging bloody Marys at the Crane Beach

snack shack.

And then, with the long, reluctant onset of the New England spring, as temperatures crankily creak upward, the mosquito gradually stirs from her slumber.

Still groggy, she slides four of her legs to one side and drops them over the edge of the bed, feeling around on the floor for her fuzzy slippers.

Then it's make a pot of coffee, bring in four months' worth of papers from the front steps, do something with that awful bed-head.

In other words, she'll need several hours to get in gear.

She can't even think about a vam-

piring venture till at least mid-afternoon. Maybe Tuesday.

But no. Turns out, this isn't how it is at all.

The mosquito does not settle down for a long winter's nap. The mosquito is on alert practically around the clock, ready for the weather to shift in her favor at any moment.

Sure, she may take a power nap now and then, but mostly she's sitting up with the gals, playing poker, drinking strong coffee, smoking tiny cigars, and watching the weather app on her

arrives out of nowhere.

The mosquito flings her cards to the table and zips out the door. Within seconds, she's at that tiny tear in my porch screen and aiming her proboscis at my epidermis.

Which is how it happened. She attacked. Slow to react, I smacked — but with the speed I lacked, she escaped intact.

In no time at all, she was back at the poker table. Feeling bloated but self-satisfied, even holding a two, two threes, and two sixes.

(Then the sun set, the wind kicked up, and all those windows we had opened at midday had to be closed because the bitter New England weather was now making frost on our house plants. Soon, snow was falling, plows were roaring, and the Ipswich EMA people were transmitting parking-ban instructions: "Parking is available in the MBTA lot for parking." Redundant? I don't know. Maybe they want to make sure you don't park there for some other reason. Like opening a B-and-B or something. Maybe a bug-spray dispensary.)

My snowblower had no problem with the big Friday snow. It just took a bit longer than usual. I had to stop every once in a while and scratch.

Doug Brendel lives on outer Linebrook Road in Ipswich — in the place with the hole in the screen. Follow Doug at DougBrendel.com or NewThing.net.



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by Bob Waite

Ever wonder what your next-door neighbor is paying in property taxes ... but were afraid to risk a punch in the nose by asking?

Or what about that McMansion some tech whiz kid built out on Great Neck? Curious about the assessed value?

It turns out that you can find out this and more with the flick of a few keyboard strokes or via your iPhone.

That's because town assessor Mary-Louise Ireland has put all the assessed values — 88 pages' worth — online. For the first time, residents can see assessments without trundling down to town hall, magnifying glass in hand. There is also access to the tax rate for the past ten years.

Her operating ethos is, "There are no secrets here."

Ireland, who will have been on the job two years in April, points out that the 2022 assessments, just posted, reflect 2020 sales and valuations.

She also says that the whole assessment process today is far more professional than it once was.

"It is regulated and standardized by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue," she noted. "They actually have quite a good video explaining how it all works."

Ireland, who previously worked in Chelsea and Somerville, says she enjoys Ipswich and its residents. "People here ask lots of questions. I like that."

So, what might you find as your tour around the posted assessments?

For one thing, there are five properties whose owner is listed as "Unknown." I'm seriously thinking of changing my name to Bob Unknown and claiming them.

You'll also find that the Whipple House is assessed at \$843,000 and the Heard House at \$1.6 million. The Ipswich Bay Yacht Club? \$1.5 million. And the high school clocks in at a cool \$44 million.

We all know that Ipswich is blessed with huge swaths of open areas, including marshes, fields, and beaches, but the actual extent still comes as a surprise.

There are 56 properties listed as Ipswich conservation holdings, 35 listed as part of the Essex County

Greenbelt, plus a commonwealth of Massachusetts property (Willowdale) and several U.S. government properties (Grape Island as part of the Parker River Wildlife Refuge, the Ipswich portion of Plum Island, and Middle Ground).

And, of course, there's the Milton-based Trustees of Reservations, owners of Crane Beach, Castle Hill, Appleton Farms, Greenwood Farm, Hamlin Reservation, and the Inn at Castle Hill. The Trustees, it should be noted, are tax-exempt but do make a payment to the town in lieu of taxes.

Ipswich has a long history of seeing properties move off the tax rolls to not-for-profits or similar classifications. In addition to the Crane properties, the Catholic Church in the 20th century acquired significant holdings. The Proctor Estate, for example, was converted to a novitiate before becoming a Catholic High School — Don Bosco. The property was returned to the tax rolls in 1999, when New England Biolabs bought it.

There's a similar story around the former Rice Estate on Topsfield Road. It was sold to the La Salette

Fathers, but more recently became Turner Hill, a golf course and condo development. And the former Peabody Mansion on County Road was purchased in 1966 and was transformed into today's Hellenic Center.

Today's sometimes-heated debates around what to do on Waldingfield Road — or with the Bruni property — will ultimately end up in the assessor's office. Whatever the outcome, the properties will eventually be re-assessed. And the current assessor, wise woman that she is, takes no sides.

"People have differing visions of what they want the town to be," is all she allows.

Bob Waite says his family and the Wade family next door always referred to the pond behind their homes as "the swamp" in hopes of a lower tax bill. Bob can be reached at bob.waite@senecacollege.ca.



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SERVICE DOG PROJECT

Of worms and discipline: Turning a puppy into a good canine citizen and service dog

by Carlene White

Someone said you have to take the bad with the good. So here we go.

We're working with our pups' behavior toward getting a canine good citizen.

However, that's only 50% of the dog. The other behavior you're working toward is a solid stool. (Please keep in mind I have a lot of ideas but no medical degree.)

Their diet has gone from mom to gruel to soft kibble to hard kibble.

When do you decide to step up a degree? Let the tummy tell you.

It is my belief that puppies — and some humans — outgrow the ability to digest milk. The tummy will tell me this when it turns out soft or even liquid stools.

Then there's worms. They're a fact of life.

I've had a lot of animals, and I've never understood why anyone would think that my own children were exempt from worms. They were crawling around the floor, putting all sorts of things in their mouth — just like a puppy. So, at the

yearly worming of the horses and dogs at the farm, I would regularly worm my two kids.

Roundworms are the problem, and pups needed more than yearly worming. I never heard of a pup without roundworms, so I don't bother testing for them.

We worm every two weeks until about three or four months. If the stool ends up looking like vermicelli, then you're a little bit late.

At about 16 weeks, we go to a product called Canine All Wormer, which is sold in Australia. I don't know why it is not sold here. It does everything except heart wormer, which needs ivermectin.

We have to do some metric-to-U.S. math, because the dose is one-third of a cubic centimeter. That's like three big drops for a 120-pound dog, which is then administered in a peanut butter sandwich.

These pups born at Christmas are now eight weeks old and beginning to have very enthusiastic, bitey-face arguments.

This is a beautiful bunch of dogs, and I do want them to turn out



Photo courtesy of the Service Dog Project.

very nicely. Because of that, they're gonna need discipline. And their mother is not here to do it. I have watched the grandmother looking over the fence at some of these arguments, and I wonder if she's not offering to straighten out this crowd.

The way the mother dog would do it — if she were here — is grab the offending puppy by the back of the neck and immediately slap it down

to the ground, let go, and walk away. The puppy would then sit up and say, "How did that happen?" All aggression would be gone.

I have seen this a thousand times, and it works with puppies.

Carlene White is founder and president of the non-profit Service Dog Project on Boxford Road in Ipswich. She trains and raises Great Danes to donate to the mobility impaired.

IPSWICH PROPERTY SALES, week of February 21

DATE	ADDRESS	PRICE
2/24/2022	18 Ipswich Woods Drive, Unit 18	\$541,000
2/23/2022	72 Jeffrey's Neck Road	\$535,000
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Varsity boys' basketball bids farewell to seniors



The varsity boys' basketball team, pictured here with their families, were honored last month.

by Ella Niederhelman

IPSWICH — From a spike in COVID numbers to common injuries, the IHS boys' basketball team faced plenty of challenges this season.

Throughout the entirety of the season, over 75 percent of the team was out with COVID-related issues at some point. Paired with a few injuries early on, the season was a tad “bumpy,” according to varsity coach Alan Laroche.

“We had some high highs and low lows this season. Through all of it, the team hung together.”

Even when students were in and out, Laroche said his team came together as a unit this season.

“I thought we had good chemistry, and everyone knew their role throughout the season. Roles changed at times, and guys were good about accepting their new roles,” he said.

2021-2022 season

The team finished their season on February 17 with an overall record of 7-13. Their Cape Ann League (CAL) record was 6-9.

Captain Ray Cuevas, a junior, consistently led the team in scoring throughout the season.

Averaging 21 points each game, he helped lead the team in two crucial games.

On Thursday, February 10, Ipswich left the opposing team with a broken title. Manchester-Essex

began the game with an undefeated record of 11-0, but the Tigers returned to IHS victorious. The final score was 60 to 52.

The home game against primary rival Hamilton-Wenham ended with a score of 55-47.

Not only did the team accomplish their goal to beat their rivals, but they came together to play “great team defense,” Laroche said.

Six seniors

Helping to navigate their team through the season, the six graduating seniors’ “maturity and leadership [that] they offered in different ways individually” will be greatly missed, Laroche said.

Captain Tyler White “plays with high energy on the defensive end and rebounds well for us,” said Laroche, adding, “He is essential with our ball screens on the offensive end to free guys up for their drive or shot.”

Captain Charlie Henderson “has been a key to all we do,” averaging 10.2 points each game.

“He defends and handles the ball well — plays a large role in our offense,” Laroche said. “His energy is unmatched on the floor.”

Joe Powis was a hard worker all season with a great perimeter shot, according to Laroche. “He was great in his role on the team this season.”

Of Thatch Phipers’ perimeter shot, Laroche said that he wishes he had Phipers for “all 20 games this year.”

Spencer Johnson “has a motor that never quits,” Laroche said. “He outworks guys and plays tough defense.”

Evan Stein, a diligent player throughout the the season, “has good awareness of when to shoot and drive to the hoop,” according to his coach.

Speaking about the senior group as a whole, Laroche said, “I can say that each one of these guys as a person are great human beings that uphold the values of integrity, hard work, and discipline needed to be successful in their next phase of life.”

Looking ahead

Although these six seniors are leaving, Laroche is excited for upcoming seasons with his dedicated underclassmen who have grown

under the leadership of the graduating class.

“We will bring back a good core of players from this season that gained some valuable in-game experience,” he said.

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Old Spa Tech building on market for almost \$1.9 million

IPSWICH — The old Spa Tech building beside the high school has hit the market for \$1.869 million.

Described as “superbly located” and “extremely visible,” the property consists of 4,019 square feet of office or retail space, a 1,985-square-foot residence, 19 parking spaces, “and a whole new look.”

The listing on J. Barrett Realty said the building is “undergoing [a] to-the-studs renovation and [a] complete exterior design change.”

Plans presented to the planning board last year showed a second floor on the commercial building and a significant design change.

Six townhouses are currently being built on the 1.316-acre lot by owner MMC Realty Holdings of

Architect’s rendering of townhouses and the commercial building.



North Reading.

Two condos are currently on the market for \$869,900. Those units

are around 2,800 square feet in area and contain three bedrooms and four bathrooms.

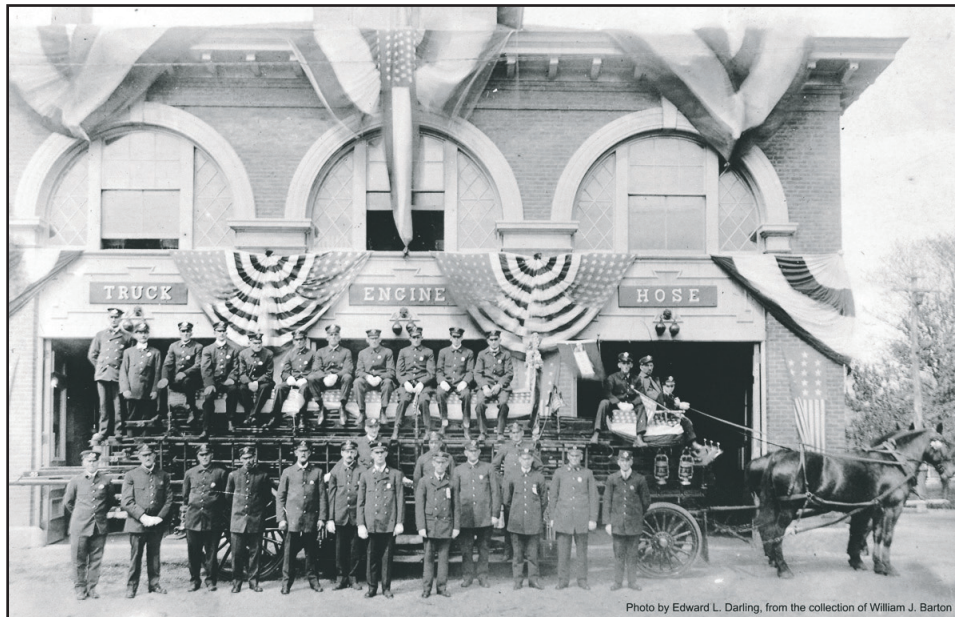
In a development dubbed Burnham’s Landing, the three-level townhouses are described on the real estate listing as having a “clean/minimal design aesthetic [that] makes these units unparalleled in terms of style and quality construction.”

With an address of 126-128 High Street, MMC bought the two lots in separate deals in July 2020 and February 2021, according to the Southern Essex Register of Deeds.

One lot held the Spa Tech beauty school, and the other contained a badly dilapidated two-unit Victorian house.

MMC bought spent \$1.109 million to acquire the properties, the Register of Deeds said.

Ideas are being floated for old police and fire stations



The fire station on Central Street might become residential housing in the future, after the new public safety building is built (photo via Historic Ipswich).



Elm Street’s police station might be turned over to the ReCreation and Culture department (photo via Historic Ipswich).

by Dan Mac Alpine

IPSWICH — The fire station on Central Street may become residential housing, and the police station may have a second story added and house the ReCreation and Culture Department, with parking in the Elm Street lot, as the police do now.

The police and fire departments will move to a new public safety building off Linebrook Road, across from Our Lady of Hope Church

on Pine Swamp Road, probably by 2024, town manager Tony Marino told a meeting of the Ipswich Business Roundtable last week.

Kerrie Bates, Ipswich ReCreation and Culture Department director, also addressed the meeting, saying the police station on Elm Street may house both her department’s programs and also be used to store department equipment.

Bates said the equipment was currently scattered in several places

throughout town, such as the second floor of the Hall-Haskell House on South Main Street.

“I don’t think that building is going anywhere,” said Marino of the Central Street fire station, which was built in 1908 for horse-drawn fire apparatus. It is next to the current Winthrop School.

The current police station was built as a wire warehouse.

Last spring’s town meeting bought approximately five acres of land

across from Our Lady of Hope from the Boston Archdiocese.

Ostensibly, the town bought the land for an unnamed purpose, but many assumed the land was to be the location of a new public safety building that would house the fire and police departments.

Voters at last fall’s town meeting approved the plans for a new public safety building on the Linebrook Road land.

Lacrosse team turns out to watch Daly play at UNH



Holding the “Hard Hat,” Riley Daly is shown with the Ipswich contingent (Tim Cardew photo).

IPSWICH — Although it’s weeks away from the high school lacrosse season, the game and a former player are still on the team’s mind.

Around 20 students piled aboard a rented school bus last weekend and traveled to UNH to see former teammate Riley Daly play for her new team, the University of Connecticut.

“Riley sent her schedule in the fall,” said Ipswich girls’ lacrosse head coach Allison Tivnan. “I said I would love to get the girls get to see her play.”

With help from the team boosters, Tivnan and crew were able to watch the UConn Huskies dispatch the UNH Wildcats 23-10.

“Riley was one of our senior captains last year. She was such a pivotal part of our team,” Tivnan said.

Now a freshman at UConn, Daly got to play for around 10 minutes in the fourth quarter. “Not all freshmen, in high school or college, get to play,” Tivnan noted.

“The best part was so many girls wanted to go,” she said of the trip to Durham, N.H. Last year, the team won the Baker Cape Ann League championship, with Daly playing midfield.

She was voted the player of the Baker Small Conference and player of the year. She was recognized as a Salem News All-Star, Boston Herald All-Star, Eastern Mass All-Star, and first team all-star.

Tivnan said freshmen and JV players also wanted to travel, even though they never played with Daly. “I’m sure they all knew who she was,” she said.



Former Tiger Riley Daly, now a UConn Husky, in action (Tim Cardew photo).

The group and Daly got to socialize a little after the game, Tivnan said. “Everyone got to give her a hug and check in with her,” she added.

Daly came out to pose for a picture with the Ipswich team while holding the “Hard Hat,” a lacrosse tradition that began in 2004 at Cornell University to memorialize student player George Boiardi, who died on the field after he was struck in the chest by a ball.

Tivnan, meanwhile, is now looking forward to spring and the start of a new season. The team had a 12-2 record last year, but the coach said she had lost a lot of strong players.

However, interest is high, and

more than 40 girls said they wanted to try out, she said. “I think we have a lot coming back. We’ll continue to be strong,” she promised.

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— Wednesday, March 2 —

Wednesday Walks: Meet at the Town Wharf at 9:25 a.m. to explore beautiful Ipswich hikes. Everyone is welcome! Contact Ed Murphy (978 500 9523) of the Ipswich Bay Circuit Trail Committee for information.

Creative Career Fair: Come to the Cape Ann Museum to learn about a variety of creative career paths. Teen Arts Council hosts this event at 27 Pleasant Street in Gloucester from 3 to 5 p.m.

Historic Photos of Ipswich: Town historian Gordon Harris takes you on a virtual tour of America's best-preserved Puritan town with his collection of historic photos. Register at lexingtoncommunityed.org for this event, which starts at 6:30 p.m.

Grief support: The Immanuel Baptist Church on Central Street hosts a community spousal/partner loss grief support group at 6:30 p.m. Call Amy (978 356 4215) or Tracy (978 356 5871) and leave a message if you have questions.

— Thursday, March 3 —

Gardening day: Join Ipswich River Watershed Association staff and other volunteers to help keep the native plant gardens, rain garden, green roof, and trails looking their best from 9 to 11 a.m. Come for a little bit or stay for the full two hours. Refreshments will be provided. Bring your own gardening tools or use theirs.

Morning yoga: Come to High Street Studios at 9 a.m. for Kundalini yoga with Jessie Reid. Donation at the door.

Coffee & Connections: The Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce hosts a virtual networking event via Zoom from 9 to 10 a.m. Meet new people, expand business connections, and stay in touch with friends and colleagues. Register at business.capeannchamber.com.

Clear invasive plants: Help cut non-native invasive oriental bitter-sweet vines and learn to identify other plants at the Willowdale State Forest. Meet at the parking area on Topsfield Road at 10 a.m. or the Linebrook Road parking area 2 p.m. Help as long as you can and leave when you need to. Email medixongardens@gmail.com or text 978 578 6110 with any questions.

Cookbook club: This book club is all cookbooks! Check out a copy of the selected book (this month's

choice: New England Open House Cookbook by Sarah Leah Chase), pick and bake a recipe, and bring it to the library at noon for all to sample. Then talk about what worked and what didn't and help select a future cookbook. Contact Nathalie Harty at nharty@ipswichlibrary.org or 978 356 6648 for details.

Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy: Canada's reigning couple of Celtic music performs at the Cabot in Beverly at 8 p.m.

— Friday, March 4 —

Friday Night Wine Down: Mill River Winery on Route 1 in Rowley hosts this weekly event from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Dance party: Dance Dance Dance at the Ipswich Town Hall gym on Green Street from 7 to 8 p.m. Free and fun!

CODA Screening: Come to the Ipswich Town Hall gym at 8 p.m. to watch the Best Picture nominee. Feel free to bring pillows and blankets to this free event for maximum comfort!

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Swing along with the band at the forefront of the swing revival at the Cabot in Beverly at 8 p.m.

— Saturday, March 5 —

Crane Explorer: Looking for something to do with the family? Bring them for outdoor learning at the Crane Estate. Today's activity is the Snowy Owl Prowl. More information at thetrustees.org.

Group run: Meet fellow runners at Jetties Bagels at Depot Square in Ipswich for a three-mile run from 9 to 10 a.m. Come early or stay after for a free bagel (toppings not

included). Four-legged friends and walkers are always welcome.

Fire Pit Adventures: Explore the grounds at Castle Hill, then warm up around a campfire. Admission (\$30 per car for Trustees members, all others \$50) includes self-guided hike and exclusive use of a campfire for an hour. Fire pit seatings at 1, 2, and 3 p.m.

— Sunday, March 6 —

Wake Up Spirit yoga: The Floating Lotus in Gloucester hosts a dance of heart and community the first and third Sunday of the month starting at 10:30 a.m. Connect to spirit through movement and sound.

Crane Explorer: Looking for something to do with the family? Bring them for outdoor learning at the Crane Estate. Today's activities include the Snowy Owl Prowl and Beach Detectives. More information at thetrustees.org.

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— Monday, March 7 —

Brown Bag Lunch: Bring your lunch to the Ipswich Museum at noon to hear about the Three Sisters Garden Project with executive director Liz Green. Seniors and members can join for free; non-members pay \$5. Visit ipswichmuseum.org or call 978 356 2811 for more information.

Food and fellowship: The Dinner Bell staves off hunger every Monday at the Masonic Hall from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Hot, nutritious meals are free to all.


— Tuesday, March 8 —

Jazz at the May Flower: Jazz is back after a second COVID-related shutdown from 6 to 9 p.m.

Community Forum Series: The Ascension memorial Church hosts "Journeying through Today's Wilderness: Discovering Anew Truth, Hope, Gratitude, and Community" at 7 p.m. Soup and bread dinner accompanies today's topic: "How Did We Get Here?"

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Thursday, March 3	one	11:50 a.m.	5:41 a.m.
	two		6:11 p.m.
Friday, March 4	one	12:16 a.m.	6:30 a.m.
	two	12:36 p.m.	6:55 p.m.
Saturday, March 5	one	1:00 a.m.	7:6 a.m.
	two	1:21 p.m.	7:38 p.m.
Sunday, March 6	one	1:43 a.m.	8:02 a.m.
	two	2:06 p.m.	8:21 p.m.
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	two	2:52 p.m.	9:04 p.m.
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A selection of the hats (courtesy photo).

Hats, hats, and more hats!

by Laura Gresh

IPSWICH — The Sisters of Notre Dame have been knitting up a storm over the past few months, making almost 400 winter hats to give to those in need.

It all began when Randee Michaud of the activities staff saw a story on the local news showing homeless people on Boston streets.

Her research on the topic led her to manual knitting machines. The Sisters bought three of these knitting machines, and they have been cranking ever since.

Hats have gone to the Ipswich's House of Peace, homeless people in Dorchester, Worcester, Baltimore

Maryland, the border in Arizona, Lazarus House in Lawrence, victims of the recent fire in Salisbury, and other charities.

After the first batch of about 180 hats went out, there have been requests from Sisters of Notre Dame in other locations.

The hats, made for men, women, and children, are made on the knitting machines and by hand. They are multi-colored — some with pom-poms and fun whimsical additions, like ears on the children's hats.

The local community has donated many skeins of yarn and funds for postage to allow the Sisters to continue to make hats.



Sisters of Notre Dame working on the hats (courtesy photo)

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COLONIAL TRIVIA by Ed Colley



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Answer to the last trivia question:

As is the case today, dogs were an overwhelming favorite as pets for colonial Americans. They were kept for protection, for hunting and herding, and for comfort and companionship.

Cats were kept in homes and barns for vermin control, but they were also valued as housepets.

Of course, birds of all varieties were kept as pets. Reportedly, cardinals and mockingbirds were especially popular.

However, European colonists also domesticated any "exotic" animal they could get their hands on — snakes and frogs, turtles and squirrels, otter and beaver, raccoons and deer (some rich landowners would keep herds of them in parks for hunting stock, but their children would also make pets out of their favorites).

The concept of pets in the Americas did not originate with the colonists. Long before Europeans set foot on this continent, Native Americans also domesticated animals — turkeys and the occasional bobcat — but, again, dogs were the clear favorite pet. Dogs protected homes and villages, transported goods via sledge. On a not so pet-friendly note, evidence suggests they were also used for food, and their fur was used to make rugs and blankets. (Sorry, Snoopy.)

Crane Estate sets the stage for a classic Stoppard play

IPSWICH — Theater lovers have an indoor and an outdoor performance to look forward to at Castle Hill in the coming months.

Running indoors from March 10 to 20 will be Tom Stoppard's classic *Arcadia*. The outdoor production, which will be performed in early June, is *Romeo and Juliet*.

Set in 1809 and modern times, *Arcadia* "is notoriously difficult to describe in a sentence," said director Kristina Brendel, who is also organizing auditions for *Romeo and Juliet*.

"*Arcadia* is about landscape design, mathematics, sex, historical research, literature, the search for truth, love, and ... sex," she said.

"It's the kind of show that throws a lot of information at the audience, and they end up thinking about it for days or weeks afterward. This is the richest script I've ever worked with," she added.

"*Arcadia* is, on the surface, somewhere between a tragedy and a comedy," Wikipedia says. "It involves some elements of classical tragedy — 'noble' characters and the audience's foreknowledge of Thomasina's death — but the predominant element is comedy: in the way that the characters interact with each other and in their witty, epigrammatic dialogue."

"It asks questions, and the answers lead to more questions," Brendel said. "It's hard to explain. You just have to see it."

She added, "Every director says this, but this is an incredible cast. Most of them have acted professionally, and they have embraced this show like an old friend."

The cast comes from all over, with some traveling from afar just to rehearse.

They include "Ipswich favorite" Cynthia August, who is appearing in her fourth Castle Hill Productions show, and Ipswich native Christopher DeStefano.

"Other actors come from as far away as Roslindale and central New Hampshire," Brendel said.

The jumps between time periods "serve to make the themes universal. It also allows for luscious Regency costumes by Laura Dillon."

The action takes place in "a house eerily reminiscent of the Crane's Great House. One of the things that drew me to the show — beyond Tom Stoppard's gorgeous writing — was the fact that the set described in the script is a pretty much exact description of the ballroom in the Great House," Brendel said.

"It is a rule at Castle Hill Productions that we 'cast the house first,' which is to say the show must fit in the existing structure. We haven't built a set since the first show we did (*Lettice and Lovage* in 2016).

"We find a way to use the house itself as the set. This creates a semi-immersive experience for the audience," Brendel said.

"They don't have to imagine that they are seeing a room in a manor house because they are sitting in it. Actors in the play walk through the same doors that the audience does, creating an intimate environment."

The setting means the audience "feels more like a fly on the wall than an outside observer," Brendel said. "The Great House ballroom may be large for a summer house, but it is small for a theatre. We have only 60 seats per performance, and we have historically sold out every performance."

Arcadia runs March 11, 12, 17, 18, and 19 at 7 p.m. and March 13 and 20 at 6 p.m. ASL interpretation will be available at the March 19 performance. The March 13 audience is invited to stay for a talk-back following the performance. Tickets for Trustees members are \$28; non-member cost is \$35. Advance reservations are recommended and can be made through www.thetrustees.org/arcadia.

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DAD JOKES

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Obituary: Dr. Thomas H. Foote

Dr. Thomas H. Foote, 84, passed away on February 14, 2022, at his home of nearly 50 years in Olympia, Washington. He had lived with declining cognition for several years but died suddenly and unexpectedly of a stroke on Valentine's Day.

Tom was the son of the late Dr. T. Herbert Foote and his wife, Freda Mary Cella, of Framingham. He is the elder brother of Peter Foote, retired deputy police chief of Ipswich, who survives him along with his wife, Donna Orsini Foote, niece Gabrielle Clark of Danvers and her children Cecilia and Peter, and his dear cousin, Irma Crocetti Carter, of Bedford, among others.

Tom leaves his beloved wife of 35 years, Debra Janison, originally from Parma, Ohio, but now also a long time resident of Olympia, Washington. Tom and Debra have two children, Michael Foote and Molly Foote, both in their early twenties, both living in western Washington state. Other survivors

include his father-in-law, Richard Janison (Olmsted Township, Ohio), Karen Hurd (Missoula, Mont.), Jim Janison (Olmsted Township, Ohio), Ken Janison (Parma, Ohio), Joyce Pidone (Olympia, Wash.), Doug Janison (Scottsdale, Ariz.) and their families.

Tom graduated from St John's Preparatory School, attended St. Michael's College, and then enlisted in the Army. He pursued ROTC at the University of Tulsa and Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I. He was eventually sent to become third officer on the U.S.S. Assurance, a wooden mine-

sweeper, achieving the rank of lieutenant junior grade.

Tom earned a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1960 and worked as a sportswriter for the Tulsa Tribune. He went on to earn advanced degrees in education and was awarded a Doctorate in Education (PhD) from Oregon State University in 1970. He was hired as a member of the faculty

at the Evergreen State College in 1972, where he helped shape the new college's character, philosophy, and teaching style.

He retired in 2003, at which time he was awarded the Burlington

Northern Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. He continued to teach on campus intermittently through 2016.

Tom was a proficient player of the banjo, dobro, and guitar, was a member of many local and regional bands, and maintained the "American Anecdotes" radio show on the campus radio station for thirty years. He was one of the first in the country to take the study of America's music seriously (bluegrass, old-timey, country western, gospel, Cajun, etc.) as a course of college study.

Tom also enjoyed flying single-engine tail-dragger aircraft and was proficient at aerobatic maneuvers. He loved bird-watching and was a journey-level falconer, specializing in Western red-tailed hawks.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday March 10, 2022, at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tacoma, Wash. See the funeral director's website for further details on arrangements (www.FuneralAlternatives.com).

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Tom's memory to the Evergreen State College Foundation or to any charity that honors your memory of him.



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DEATH NOTICE

Karon Gibson-Mueller

Karon Gibson-Mueller, 69, of Ipswich, formerly of Hamilton and Cincinnati, passed peacefully on February 22, 2022, after a short but progressive illness.

She is survived by her mother, Juanita Wallace Jackson, and second dad, John Jackson; stepmother Evelyn Gibson and her husband, Rick; daughters Elisabeth Harris and Eva Perry and their spouses, Kevin and Dylan; bonus daughters Levonne Coughlin and Lauren Mueller and their spouses, Tom and Elizabeth; and her treasured grandchildren: Tristen, Frankie, Owen, Wyatt, and Logan. She is also survived by her brother, Blaine Gibson, and his family; sister Ila Vance and her family; and many extended family members whom she cherished.

She joins her father, Winston Gibson, among other beloved family members. To send a letter of condolence to Karon's family, please go to MorrisFH.com.

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Alleva claimed the pandemic has turned some students and staff into bullies. She said one girl posted on social media that she would poke others students' eyes out with a fork if they didn't get vaccinated.

She said the school committee should apologize to parents and students. "I think you should all resign for not sticking up for our kids."

A physician, O'Flynn said the schools were following state and federal regulations. He said the committee had no choice on masks until the 80% threshold was met.

Masking means more safety in a pandemic, he said. Referring to those who opted out of wearing masks, he added, "I'm sorry they disagreed, but that is their choice."

Resident Amanda Orlando agreed with Alleva. "It's time for them to have their childhood back."

Masks "no longer serve any purpose other than inhibiting learning and normal childhood development," she claimed.

Resident Jodi Stevens said kids are more likely to suffer injuries in car crashes than from Covid. A nurse practitioner, she said, "It's time to drop these mandates and let kids be kids."

Resident Beth Cook said she left work to homeschool her kids. She talked of a mental health crisis among youth and said she did not consent to her children wearing "a medical device."

Becky Slawson, who heads up the local teachers' union, said educators had different opinions. However, she urged caution in lifting the mandate at the same time students and staff return from break, since

infection rates could increase again. She asked the committee to "consider a little bit of middle ground" by delaying the move for a week or two, suggesting March 13, which would bring the issue full circle — it would mark the two-year anniversary of when schools first closed.

Committee chairman Greg Stephens said he "fully supported" unmasking on the 28th. Infection rates are down, and two-thirds of teachers polled were also in support, he said.

Stevens said masking will still be optional and that the committee will review the matter if infection numbers rise again.

The committee was left with one loose end, however. Committee member Emily Cannon said its policy is more stringent than recommendations from the state and federal governments.

ROWLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to G.L., c. 40A, §11, and G.L. c. 41, § 81T, and M.G.L., Ch. 40A, §5, the Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaw (ZBL), and the Rowley Planning Board Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby given that the **Rowley Planning Board will open the following public hearing at a public meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, starting at 7 p.m.** in the Town Annex Building meeting room located at 39 Central Street, Rowley, MA. At the following times, the Board shall consider the following requests:

7 p.m.: Pursuant to ZBL Sections 4.7.3(a) and 7.8, a hearing for a Special Permit application submitted by Blackburn Energy Inc. (applicant) of 11 Chestnut Street, Amesbury, MA, on behalf of Gateway Realty Trust, property owner, of 239 Western Avenue, Essex, MA for professional office and research facility office to be located in 7,500 square feet of Building #1 at 12-40 Forest Ridge Drive also identified as Map 7, Lot 9, which is also located in the Business Light Industry (BLI) zoning district.

The applications, plans, and relevant documents are on file with the Rowley Planning Board and are available for public inspection at the Rowley Planning Board Office, Town Hall Annex, 39 Central Street, during public office hours.

Chris Thornton
Planning Board Chairman

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends staff or students returning from a COVID illness continue to wear a mask for five days after coming out of five days of quarantine.

Cannon noted that the CDC was issuing a recommendation, while Ipswich wrote it as a policy. "It feels like an overstep," she said.

The policy sub-committee will review the question and bring a recommendation to the next school committee meeting in March.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Ipswich Zoning Board of Appeals will hold public hearings at a public meeting held remotely via Zoom video conferencing on **Thursday, March 17, 2022**, beginning at 7 p.m. to act on the following petitions pursuant to the Ipswich Protective Zoning Bylaw.

The ZBA will participate in this meeting remotely via Zoom video conferencing in accordance with the Governor's March 12 Order suspending provisions of Open Meeting Law and to promote public health and social distancing. Please see agenda posted on the Town's website for remote access and participation information. A live link and phone access number will be posted on the agenda.

4 Marshview Road: Rebecca Fortado requests a special permit and/or variance pursuant to, but not necessarily limited to sections II.B 2 and XI.J and XI.K for relief from the left side setback required to allow a newly constructed deck (450 s.f.) located in Rural Residential A District (RRA) and shown on the Ipswich Tax assessor's Map 32A, Lot 002A.

146 High Street: All About Signs, LLC. James Withrow for Ipswich Plaza LLC requests a Special Permits and/or Variances pursuant, but not necessarily limited to Sections XI.J., XI.K VI.B and VIII signs, to install a wall mounted sign (14.5-foot tall x 13.5-inches wide) 12.5-feet greater in area than allowed on unit #C at Shaws Plaza, located on Assessors map 30A lot 003 0 in the Highway Business (HB) Zoning District.

Petitions may be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 25 Green Street.

Robert Gambale, Chairman
Ipswich Zoning Board of Appeals

LEGAL NOTICE

Residents of the Town of Ipswich, the Ipswich Planning Board will hold a public hearing at a meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m. in Room A of Ipswich Town Hall (and with the option for remote participation using ZOOM with details on the meeting agenda posted with the town clerk) on the application by 214 High LLC for a special permit for a multi-family dwelling (10 units) at 214 High Street (Assessor's Map 21 Lot 13), which is located in the Highway Business and Water Supply Protection Zone II districts, pursuant but not necessarily limited to Sections V.D, VI, VII, IX.C, IX.I, IX.K., and XI.J. of the Zoning Bylaw.

The application is on file with the town clerk and planning office. For more information, call 978-356-6607.

INVITATION FOR BIDS TOWN OF IPSWICH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Sealed bids for the Town of Ipswich contract for the "Department of Public Works Town Farm Road Culvert and Labor in Vain Road Bridge Approach Repair Project" will be received until March 23, 2022, at 2 p.m. Plans and specifications can be found on **projectdog.com** (project code **848013**)

Pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1 at 10 a.m. While this meeting is not mandatory, it is highly recommended.

Please email **purchasing@ipswichma.gov** with any questions.

LEGAL NOTICE

Residents of the Town of Ipswich, the Ipswich Planning Board will hold a public hearing at a meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m. in Room A in Ipswich Town Hall (and with the option for remote participation using ZOOM with details on the meeting agenda posted with the town clerk) on the application of Carl Gardner for a special permit to build a detached accessory dwelling unit at 5-7 Turkey Shore Road (Assessor's Map 42A Lot 37C), which is located in the In-town Residence District, pursuant but not necessarily limited to Sections IX.U. and XI.J. of the Zoning Bylaw.

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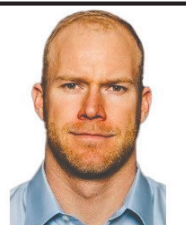


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