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Star-spangled fun as Fourth of July parade returns

by Ella Niederhelman

IPSWICH — The town's patriotic merrymakers got to participate in the first Fourth of July parade since the beginning of the pandemic on Monday morning.

The parade began at Winthrop Elementary School, where young riders decorated their wagons, bikes, trikes, and scooters. At 10 a.m., the parade launched onto Manning Street.

Led by a small band on wheels, hundreds of people made their way behind the music down scenic Water Street.

Dylan, 7, has been a part of the parade since he was three years old. He said that this year "there was a lot of chaos in the streets." However, this only added to the "fun" and "colorful" parade experience, he said.

The parade turned the corner at the Green Street bridge to applause and cheers from eager community members.

Leo, 9, got to show off his decorated bike — his favorite part of the local tradition — as he rode past.

Festivities for all

The crowd then turned in at the Town Hall for cold treats and a field of festivities. For Audrey, 7, and Grayson, 6, this is where the fun began.

Both found their snow cones scrumptious, and they liked the dunk station (Audrey had been dunked earlier in the morning).

Elliot, 6, liked the overall experience of the day more than any one activity.



Getting into place at the front of Ipswich's Fourth of July parade was Faren Harkness on her decorated bicycle. Her brother, Merritt, is on the right.

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Neo-Nazi group making recruitment attempts in town

John P. Muldoon
Ipswich Local News

IPSWICH — On the same weekend the white-supremacist organization Patriot Front marched in Boston, a group called the Nationalist Social Club (NSC) distributed its material in Ipswich.

Stickers attached to plastic bags with a few small stones inside were thrown into a number of driveways on Saturday and Sunday.

One resident, who lives on a busy street and

who didn't want to be named, said, "It seemed like it was either a warning to us with our BLM sign or a random recruitment method." Other residents in the neighborhood also received the bags, the resident said.

The printed material said the NSC "is a pro-white, street-oriented fraternity dedicated to raising authentic resistance to the enemies of our people in the New England area."

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) describes the NSC as "a neo-Nazi group." It was formed in eastern Massachusetts in 2019 and is led by Chris

Hood, the ADL said.

"NSC members consider themselves soldiers fighting a war against a hostile, Jewish-controlled system that is deliberately plotting the extinction of the white race," it added.

"Their goal is to form an underground network of white men who are willing to fight against their perceived enemies through localized direct actions," the ADL said.

The NSC material asked men of "European

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Early morning fire at unoccupied condos on High Street

IPSWICH — A family has been left in the lurch after a condo they planned to move into caught fire on Wednesday morning (June 29).

There were no reported injuries, though the building “sustained significant smoke and fire damage and will require extensive rehabilitation,” Chief Paul J. Parisi said in a statement.

A fire department photo showed smoke damage on all three floors of the building.

The blaze broke out on June 29 at approximately 4:45 a.m., at 128 High Street, which is the new development beside the high school, Parisi said. At the time, the dispatcher radioed out that there were two reports of a fire.

“I smelled smoke at 4:30 when I got up with my dog, then heard sirens about 15-20 minutes later,” Jason Hovey said on Facebook.

Police arrived first, and one officer radioed that a doorway was on fire. “It looks like it’s coming from the interior,” he said.

Parisi said “firefighters observed heavy smoke showing from one of two connected units” when they arrived.

“A second alarm was struck due to the severity of the conditions, drawing all off-duty and on-call



Photo of the early-morning fire on June 29 by Jason Hovey.

Ipswich fire personnel and mutual aid partners from the Rowley Fire Department, Topsfield Fire Department, Essex Fire Department, Hamilton Fire Department, and Rehab 5 to the scene.”

Ipswich police were on scene and helped with water supply and traffic control, Parisi said.

The fire was brought under control by approximately 5:45 a.m.

Firefighters learned that the building was uninhabited at the time of the fire due to construction.

The building’s owner is working with a family that was preparing to move into one of the units find alternate accommodations.

The developer and owner, Lou Rubino appeared before the planning board on Thursday to request occupancy permits for the completed townhouses.

Two of the new units are still on the market for \$889,900.

A seventh residence is planned for a section of the commercial building.

Members of the Wenham, Manchester, and Newbury fire departments provided station coverage.

“I want to thank the members of our department for their quick thinking and all of our mutual aid partners for their timely response,” Parisi said. “With their help, we were able to bring this fire under control in one hour.”

The investigation indicates that the cause of the fire was accidental, he added.

Owner says fire probably caused by spontaneous combustion

IPSWICH — The fire in a brand-new townhouse last week was likely caused by “spontaneous combustion,” the owner has said.

Meeting with the planning board Thursday, developer Lou Rubino said he was told by fire officials that a build-up of gases from a new floor covering was the probable cause.

The developer met with the planning board to get temporary occupancy permits for four of the six townhouses.

Calling it a “very unfortunate event,” Rubino said workers used an oil-based stain on the stairs. It was left to dry overnight, but the windows were closed and there was no ventilation, he added.

Chief Paul Parisi confirmed the account. “It’s actually more common than you would think,” he said. “I’ve seen several of them in my career.”

Parisi said stain-soaked rags, in particular, can build heat when

balled up and left unattended.

Rubino told planners the fire damage was “minimal” and limited to the floor on the second level. However, water and smoke damage were extensive. “We’ll have to take it back down to the studs,” he said.

The townhouse next door had a little water damage, Rubino said. “The firewall in the middle worked.” That unit has just been framed, and finish work has yet to start.

Rubino is building the townhouses at 126-128 High Street. They each have three bedrooms, four bathrooms, and a floor area of 2,500 square feet. Two are still on the market for \$889,900.

There will be a seventh residential unit in the commercial building that formerly housed Spa Tech. Plans call for the remainder of that building to be renovated and split into smaller commercial units.

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Tales from the scanner: Fourth of July follies on the water

On Wednesday, June 29, at around 9:25 p.m., a naked woman was said to be walking along High Street near the school. She was wrapped in a blanket. Police got her the care she needed.

On Thursday, at 5 p.m., a caller said hot top paving material was splashed over cars parked on Locust Street. The material wouldn't come off, and the caller wanted to file a report with police.

At 5:25 p.m., there was a BOLO from Topsfield. A resident said a Mazda was parked on his front lawn and the driver was asleep. When he woke him up, the driver took off.

At 8:55 p.m., a caller said people were inside the house that recently burned on High Street. The caller couldn't see anyone but could see flashlights. Police radioed that all the windows and doors were board-

ed up.

On Friday, at 5 p.m., a fight in progress was reported on Mt. Pleasant Avenue. One person claimed that another tried to hit him with his car. The car left, but the caller got a registration plate. That came back to an Ipswich address. The dispatcher then radioed that the second caller wanted to report the incident.

At 6:10 p.m., a gas grill caught fire

near a building on Colonial Drive. The caller thought the regulator was broken.

The Fourth of July weekend was very busy on the water. On Saturday, around 2:45 p.m., police assisted a vessel in distress in Plum Island Sound. The dispatcher asked what kind of craft was involved. "It appears to be some sort of home-

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One man was injured following a two-car collision on Wednesday morning. The crash happened at around 10:50 a.m. in front of the Presbyterian church on County Road (Route 1A). As the first firefighter was arriving, he radioed that all occupants were out of the cars. He later radioed that one person was in need of attention. That man was taken to Beverly Hospital. Both vehicles, a 2013 Dodge Charger and a 2008 Mercedes C300, were towed after the accident (photo courtesy Dan Lovy).

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made vessel,” was the response.

At 8:20 p.m., a large group of kids were said to be screaming on Farley Avenue. The dispatcher said he asked if they were arguing or just having fun. The “caller wouldn’t elaborate,” he radioed.

On Sunday, around 1:25 p.m., police on the water were told a group of 40 to 50 jet skiers left the mouth of the Merrimack River and were possibly headed to Ipswich. A short while later, an officer near the Ipswich River radioed he had three stopped.

On Sunday night, there were two

BOLOs within 10 minutes from Manchester. The first, at 9:55 p.m., was for a hit-and-run causing injuries. The second was for a man leaving town after a domestic incident.

On Monday, at around 10:55 a.m., two boats near the yacht club were said to have their anchors tangled together. “Real Chaos” was the name of the reporting vessel (and not the situation).

At around 11:05 a.m., a caller on Abbot Lane said a solicitor was going around the neighborhood on a scooter. The dispatcher asked if the solicitor had town identification, but the caller wasn’t certain. The solicitor was gone on arrival.



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Low flow and low oxygen mean Parker River is stressed

by Amy Palmer

ROWLEY — Source of most of Ipswich’s drinking water, the Parker River is showing signs of stress, according to Ann Witzig, water quality analyst of the Parker River Clean Water Association.

“It’s kind of like having a low-grade fever,” Witzig said. “It’s like, ‘Well, something’s going on,’ and a low-grade fever means you need to watch. And that’s what we’re doing.”

The Parker River Clean Water Association is a nonprofit that works toward the protection and restoration of the Parker River and Plum Island Sound watersheds.

As analyst of the association’s water quality monitoring program, Witzig wakes up bright and early every two weeks to collect and analyze water samples to assess the health of the river.

The Parker River’s health is not very good, however, Witzig said. This presents itself in the form of low flow and low dissolved oxygen, which is important for the survival of aquatic life.

The water-quality program also measures nitrates, phosphates, ammonia, and conductivity at 18 sites within the watershed.

These measurements were previously determined using chemical testing, but the program is transitioning to use a meter for quality control and efficiency.

“It’s accurate, and it allows us to say [to the state], ‘Would you look at our data now — we’re showing the issue — and ... spend some resourc-



Ann Witzig (with meter) and George Comiskey test Parker River water (Amy Palmer photo)

es on it?” Witzig said.

George Comiskey, vice president of the association, said the program hopes to test more locations because the state considers a good portion of the watershed unassessed — for example, Ox Pasture Brook — as past data was done without a quality assurance project plan.

Tests in many towns

“We hope, along with new testing methods, that we’ll develop a QAPP (quality assurance project plan) and start getting some of our lesser-known rivers assessed,” Comiskey said.

Witzig and Comiskey assessed the water on June 26 at the Central Street Dam in Byfield, the Parker River at Scotland Road in Newbury, and the Parker River and Penn

Brook at Mill Street in Georgetown.

The Parker River Basin stretches from Storey Avenue in Newburyport to Lord’s Square in Ipswich, and west almost to Lake Cochichewick in North Andover.

Two out of the four sites — Scotland Road and Mill Street — failed to meet state standards for dissolved oxygen.

At the Central Street dam, Witzig found the dissolved oxygen level was 5.80 mg/L — just above the state standard of 5 mg/L for aquatic life to survive.

“The system is probably stressed if [the dissolved oxygen is] getting down to that, but it was also low flow down there,” she said. “A low flow is going to be low oxygen, anyway.”

The low flow at the dam also indicates that the watershed does not have enough water. The dam’s location at the end of the freshwater for the river makes it a site that provides an overall assessment of the watershed’s health.

For flow comparison, the Merrimack River is flowing at 2,600 cubic feet per second, according to Comiskey. The Parker, however, is flowing at about 0.7 cubic feet per second.

Ipswich takes most water

“We haven’t compared it from past results, but I would think if we did, we could see our June dissolved oxygen numbers ... are a lot less on average than previous years,” he said.

Low flows can lead to higher temperatures and more stagnant water, both of which perpetuate the issue of low oxygen levels. Combining this with nutrients such as fertilizers allows algae and cyanobacteria, which is toxic, to arise.

Ipswich currently has a red tide warning. Red tide is a type of nutrient-fed bacteria that often appears in the summer, Witzig said. With increasing temperatures, red tide may be on the increase as well.

There are various causes for all these issues. However, climate change and warming temperatures are a contributing factor, according to Comiskey.

Water withdrawal is another issue, he said. All the wells are located upstream of the river, and there is not enough water recharging due to a lack of rain.

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Bruni 40B application returned to town for more hearings

John P. Muldoon
Ipswich Local News

IPSWICH — The Essex Road 40B application has arrived back in town for more hearings.

The first meeting will be with the conservation commission on July 6.

In a motion filed with the state's Housing Appeals Committee (HAC) earlier this year, attorneys for property owner John Bruni said surveyors "recently conducted a new wetlands area study to update the wetlands delineation previously approved by the Ipswich Conservation Commission, but it will take longer than anticipated to work with the commission and have a new delineation approved."

There is a small piece of wetlands on the edge of the property bordering Gordon Florist and Greenhouses.

"Depending on the results, it may become appropriate for the committee to remand the case to the ZBA

for a reasonable amount of time to review and act on any proposed changes," Bruni's attorneys Peter Freeman and Colleen Cook said in the filing.

The 40B application was hugely controversial over three years of hearings with the Ipswich Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

The application was made under the state law that lets developers bypass most local zoning if less than 10% of a community's housing stock is on the state's affordable housing list. When built, 25% of the units must then be set aside as affordable.

Planned for 13.2 acres in and around the Bruni Marketplace on Essex Road (Route 133), Bruni sought to build 173 apartments and 18 townhouses for a total of 191 units.

However, in 2021, the ZBA granted approval for 151 units, 40 fewer than Bruni sought. He appealed the decision to the HAC.

Meanwhile, opponents of the project are tracking the HAC process

and have promised to appeal any approval to the courts.



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The StingRay car and boat detailing business has a new mascot. But it's not in a big fish tank in the office. The new mascot is a pigeon. Kevin Smolla, who owns the business on Brown Square, said he read Carlene White's article about pigeons last Thursday and wondered about the coincidence: One of the creatures had showed up two days previously and started hanging around his place. "It's a good-looking bird, not like a city pigeon," he said. The pigeon is friendly and lets people pick it up. In return, it gets lots of treats and fresh water. "He's Kevin's best friend now," said Brent Gaouette, who works at StingRay. Gaouette endeared himself to the pigeon, too, when he came back from lunch with a box of Triscuits for the bird.

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by John P. Muldoon

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Running with Birds

Like human runners, tree swallows prepare for long-distance travels

by Rebecca Pugh

If you are running near a marsh or river this week, watch for the bright blue backs and shiny white bellies of the acrobatic tree swallow. The hatch-years have the same silhouette with plain grey backs. They hunt near the wetlands all summer.

Each one eats hundreds of insects a day. They chase down flying bugs and snatch them from midair. You might see them darting towards greenheads over the salt marsh. Send them a few words of gratitude, because for runners, trying to pick up speed to outrun mosquitoes and horseflies, swallows are doing their part. Wetlands with no swallows would be grim, buggy places for

mammals like us.

In the fall, they migrate south. Tree swallows travel to Central America, Mexico, and Florida. They supplement their winter insect diet

the marshy Paleozoic forests. Today, our cousins are prepping for their own migration race while we train for our own triathlons and marathons, all of us hoping to eat well for

survival and peak athletic performance.

Tree swallows face challenges with climate change. They lay their eggs now, on average, nine days earlier than they did in the 1960s, which means their hatch cycles match a different schedule of insects. They also face



Photo of tree swallows by Eric Schultz.

with berries so they can maintain their constant energy level.

For a runner heading down the trail alongside these tiny athletes, there is a kind of distance-kinship. 300 million years ago, we had a common ancestor, a reptile living in

deforestation; they nest primarily in hollow trees, though some human-made nest boxes are a help to them. Build a nest box, yes, and install baffles to guard against predators, but advocate for open space and offer your voice for marshes and swamps to be restored and preserved so tree swallows can have their traditional nesting grounds.

The oldest recorded tree swallow was banded and re-released in Ontario 12 years after it was first studied. To think of all that migrating — twelve years of flying to Guatemala and back. That is a lot of flying!

This is why I think running with tree swallows in Ipswich is a good idea. We loosen up the bugs, and they eat them. We run for strength, and they train for distance travel. It is one world of athleticism, human and bird, as we run with tree swallows.

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Ed Colley



LETTER

Ora is not bringing its corporate headquarters to Waldingfield Road property

To the editor:

There was a suggestion in this paper last week that 55 Waldingfield Road will become the new corporate headquarters for Ora Inc. This is inaccurate.

From the beginning, 55 Waldingfield Road was envisioned as a collaboration and innovation-centered space for Ora employees, not a centralized hub for administrative purposes or daily desk work.

In fact, the traditional “headquarters” concept is antithetical to Ora’s stated goal of housing a variety of operational functions both across the country and in the cloud and is inconsistent with the company’s future vision for how it will work with its employees and how they work with each other.

And for the past three years, loca-

tions for Ora’s personnel, finance, and operations departments have been dispersed throughout the country, not physically concentrated in a single building or geography.

Ora is excited at the prospect of rehabilitating the barn and adding to the historic estate mansion and farmhouse at Waldingfield, which will not only increase the property’s value but also result in a total of 62% of the property in permanent conservation.

This increase in value will be reflected in higher taxes that will be paid by Ora to the community.

Ora will protect the existing historic buildings and landscape features critical to maintaining the integrity of the Waldingfield property and remaining in character with the town’s history.

The company looks forward to a successful conclusion of the special permit process. In the meantime, residents should know that Ora is not bringing a corporate headquarters to Ipswich.

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The Outsidah

In which the Outsidah muses upon the concepts — and uses — of wetlands and gray water

by Doug Brendel

“Wetlands.”

Huh?

When I was growing up in the Chicago megalopolis, we never used such a phrase. You were either on pavement or in Lake Michigan. Or, depending on your criminal connections, under Lake Michigan. Sure, Chicago has parks, and some of them have fountains, but recycled municipal water splashing on concrete couldn't possibly qualify as wetlands, could it?

Then I spent nearly a quarter century in the Arizona desert. The idea of putting “wet” and “lands” together in a single word was not in the realm of reality. Something called the Salt River runs through Phoenix, but perhaps the name is intended as a joke, since there's no actual salt — and usually no water, either.

So when I moved to Ipswich, it

was disorienting to hear about wetlands ... and to learn that they're protected. If I understand correctly, these are places continuously or frequently flooded, and according to the Environmental Protection Agency, there's a lot of flora and fauna that depend on this. Muskrats can't live anywhere else, for example. Put a muskrat in a posh penthouse apartment, and he won't last much past the housewarming party. Those cattails you buy from the florist to accent your décor? They can only come from wetlands; cattails won't grow anywhere else. Otters, peregrine falcons, and other animals totally depend on wetlands for food, water, or shelter. Sure, there are other places you can get food, water, or shelter, but you're not an otter. Except maybe emotionally.

Many birds need wetlands for, uh, unmentionable activities. (To explain why in any sort of detail

would be inappropriate for a family newspaper.) And for those who don't use proper protection, the resulting offspring can only be reared in wetlands. Snicker at them, if you will, for their lax morals, but some migratory birds would become extinct without those sexy wetlands. I would boldly say that losing even one degenerate species would be one degenerate species too many.

A beaver is so urgently dependent on wetlands that it may actually create its own. He's not building those dams to generate hydroelectricity — he's instinctively wired with a hopeless wetlands fixation. If there's no wetlands, he

shudders and mutters, “Geez, this is too much like Chicago,” and starts gnawing on trees. It's the beaver version of a psychotic episode.

Ipswich has wetlands, and they are indeed protected, so when you build on a property, you have to work around the wetlands. When Mr. Bruni proposed a massive apartment megaplex for Essex Road, for example, he was obligated to order a “wetlands delineation” —

which reportedly showed wetlands along an area abutting Gordon Greenhouses.

But here's another fun fact about wetlands that I never understood before: wetlands morph. They

come and go. They change shape. And the Bruni World approval process has taken so long, the authorities are going to need a new, up-to-date wetlands map before they can greenlight the project.

I overheard some cynical wag suggesting that the simplest way to deny construction of the Bruni abomination would be for concerned citizens to lay extra lengths of garden hose to the edge of

the property and enlarge the wetlands so dramatically that there's no room left for building 191 soulless apartments. At 59¢ a foot for the bestselling garden hose, this is a civic project just about anybody could afford to participate in — although it would, of course, qualify as vandalism. Plus, it would be a violation of the watering ban now in place as Ipswich battles the current drought. So this outrageous idea absolutely cannot be recommended. A committed environmentalist vandal would instead need to use buckets of leftover “gray water,” — wastewater harvested from sinks, showers, etc. Harder work, but certainly more satisfying.

Among those who care about the environment, the EPA says, gray water is increasingly popular, especially as a way to flush toilets. Which may be another way of thinking about stopping the Bruni project.



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COLUMN

Be they joyous or painful, when it comes to marriage proposals, it's a jungle out there

by Bob Waite

Our daughter, Emily, who lives in L.A., recently got engaged. It was a carefully choreographed surprise — her boyfriend, Danny, told her they were going to see a new Adam Sandler movie (and Adam Sandler) on the campus of UCLA.

In reality, he was luring her to the UCLA sculpture garden, a place they both enjoyed as undergraduates. He popped the proverbial question amidst the works of Calder, Rodin, and Moore. After a statue-like moment of hesitation, she said yes.

Which is a good thing, as we had flown 3,000 miles on the assumption all of this would happen.

As things unfolded, the couple walked a couple hundred yards to Royce Hall, at the center of the campus. At this point, Karen and I (and our son, Joseph, and his partner, Courtney) surprised her again.

She had no clue any of us were in town.

Just to top things off, what had been billed as a quiet lunch nearby with Danny's family turned into a further surprise — 40 of Emily and Danny's friends had gathered to fête the couple. And so the party (mariachi band and all) began.

Asking someone to marry you, no matter your age, gender preference, or cognitive state, is a pretty stressful undertaking. Not just for the asker, but for the askee as well.

This, of course, can be further exacerbated if the asker decides to propose while the intended is splashed all over a sports stadium JumboTron. Or stuck on a desert isle.

All of this reminds me of my own approach to closing the deal many years ago.

It was late December in 1987. Karen and I were in Costa Rica. We had decided to go on a two-day rafting trip on the Reventazon River, which drops several thousand feet from that country's central highlands towards the Caribbean.

There were two rafts and two guides. Our guide was an athletic young man, perhaps 18, of mixed (Maine and Costa Rican) background. He was experienced, having previously guided in Colorado. Also in our raft were two somewhat loopy women in their late 30s from Detroit. One could only speculate what they had done previously, but it soon became apparent what they currently wanted to do with our guide — which made him increasingly nervous.

We stopped for the night at a relatively flat area alongside the river. During the day, we had been treated to all manner of wildlife, including spotting an emerald-green bird with a red chest and a pair of foot-long tailfeathers — the magnificent quetzal.

But night, our guide cautioned, could well bring danger. There

were likely snakes, including the venomous fer-de-lance, lurking in the jungle underbrush or on branches above. We should exert extreme caution.

As it happened, it was New Year's Eve. After setting up our small two-person tent, we gathered for dinner. One of the Detroit women broke out a couple bottles of champagne. The guide waived it off; we took a little; they took a lot. Enough to eventually pounce on our poor, sheepish, and resolutely uninterested guide.

Flashlights in hand, we beat a hasty retreat to our tent. At this juncture, I should mention that Karen, normally a woman of steely resolve, known for winning Iron Man competitions and capable of transforming corporate CEOs into quivering bowls of Jell-O, has a pathological fear of snakes.

So here we were, on New Year's

Eve, in a flimsy 86-by-63 Eureka tent. The only thing separating us from poisonous snakes (and marauding women) was an extremely thin layer of nylon.

It seemed to my reptilian mind like the perfect moment to propose marriage. After all, the choice for her was either to say "yes" and sidle up in the cozy confines of the tent ... or face a horrific death outside from a fer-de-lance.

I could see she was pondering these alternatives — more slowly than I might have wished — but she eventually accepted.

Thirty-five years later, we are still together. And she still hates snakes.

Bob Waite has no idea what happened to the two Detroit women, but he is pretty sure the guide now resides in a Buddhist monastery in Bhutan. Read more of his columns online at IpswichLocalNews.com.



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Ray Morley recently accepted the gavel as new president of Ipswich-Rowley Rotary from Clint Dalton while past president Martha Mauser looked on (Bob Snow photo).

LETTER

Rights are 'natural' — they're not granted by administrators or fellow citizens

To the editor:

In early 2020, during committee discussions of citizen's petition warrant articles, several committee members raised objections to my article that would have required the town leaders to affirm the sanctity of the Bill of Rights.

Agreement on these first 10 amendments allowed the ratification of the Constitution to proceed. That all rights were natural was understood, but that some were so fundamental that they merited enumeration was important so that there could never be disagreement.

Town officials objected to the reference to God in the article (even though it was quoted from our founding documents.)

They suggested that the Bill of

Rights was, of course, important, but affirming it might "back them into a corner." And tellingly, when I inquired from whence our rights are derived if not from a higher power, one responded: "From our fellow citizens."

This is a disastrous and widespread misunderstanding of our rights that jeopardizes the entire American model.

If one understands the natural origin of rights, then you also understand that the sole role of government is to provide a framework to protect citizens from those in the world, society, and government who would impinge on rights, freedoms, and property.

Our government was conceived to defend individual rights, not feelings, against others who violated them, but within very tightly circumscribed and enumerated powers.

Believing that rights are granted by people leads to relative interpretations of rights. They are subject to the prevailing zeitgeist and to the ideology of the administrator,

neighbor, or monarch who feels entitled to stipulate their interpretation of rights.

Every regulation, then, is measured not against an absolute foundation of natural rights but rather against an individual worldview. Worse, it's then inconsistently applied with inherently flawed judgment and used by others who leverage the administrative power of government to "legally" violate others' rights to their own benefit.

Government and administrators use "regulation" to arrogate unto themselves the power to grant and deny rights.

The specter of the monarch has reemerged, as anyone who understands human nature would predict. In practice, our rights are no longer natural but available at the whim of administrators.

This is the dangerous attitude that was implicit in the boards' response to my article and clear in masking, zoning, schooling, and other recent examples.

Ed Marsh
Ipswich

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GUEST COLUMN

‘That’s the stuff, kid.’ A baseball near-great was incubated on our doorstep 100+ years ago

by Tristan Ashlock

Summer is here, with its familiar sights and sounds. Soon, fireworks, cookouts, and humid air will lull us all into a warm, slow trance.

If you listen carefully, you can almost always hear the voice of Joe Castiglione pouring out of someone’s window as he calls an evening Red Sox game.

The seemingly never-ending MLB schedule provides a familiar comfort — a unique constant that lasts for months on end.

While I don’t mind frankfurters or warm weather, the dog days will always remind me of just that: baseball.

It isn’t difficult to imagine what Ipswich would have been like many years ago. Compared to a lot of other towns, Ipswich remains relatively unchanged.

Part of my new gig here as an intern at the *Ipswich Local News* is to look at the area’s history and report on what I find, and I’ll be darned if I can’t shoehorn some baseball content in somewhere. So here it goes ...

On April 12, 1909, 18-year-old Gloucester native John Phalen McInnis made his professional debut for the dead-ball era powerhouse Philadelphia Athletics. His time with Philadelphia would see him win two World Series and become part of the famous “\$100,000 infield.”

But before all that ...

McInnis, who was better known as “Stuffy,” first played locally. He got the nickname from fans and teammates who frequently cried out, “That’s the stuff, kid!”

Prior to his debut for the Philadelphia Athletics, McInnis led teams at Gloucester High to multiple championships and played summer ball in Beverly under the watchful eye of Athletics scout Dick Madden.

McInnis left high school early to join up with the Haverhill Hustlers of the New England League. He was later signed by the Athletics and joined a farm league affiliate in New Bedford.

His young age kept him from joining the Athletics any sooner.

Over the course of his 18-year professional career, Stuffy graced the rosters of six teams, winning four championships: two with the Athletics in 1911 and 1913, one with the Red Sox in 1918, and one with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1925.

In Philadelphia, McInnis played against some of the best teams to ever take the field. He faced off against John McGraw’s Giants and the “Christian Gentleman” himself, Christy Mathewson.

In 1918, he played alongside all-time great Babe Ruth and showed off his talents in the championship by driving in the run that clinched the series.

The following year saw Ruth traded to the New York Yankees and ... you know the rest.

With the Buccs in Pittsburgh, he

played alongside Hall of Famers Kiki Cuyler and Pie Traynor.

After winning his final World Series with the Pirates in 1925, he returned to Philadelphia for one year (this time as player/manager with the Phillies) before hanging up his cleats.

Following his retirement from the professional game, McInnis managed teams at Norwich University and Harvard. It was at Harvard that he finished his career with baseball for good.

Outside of his baseball exploits, McInnis was a scratch golfer. He still holds the record for best score at Candlewood Golf Course here in Ipswich, a record set in 1941.

McInnis lived the rest of his life in Manchester, surrounded by his wife and family, before passing away at Cable Memorial Hospital in Ipswich in February of 1960.

He was buried at Rosedale Ceme-

tery in Manchester.

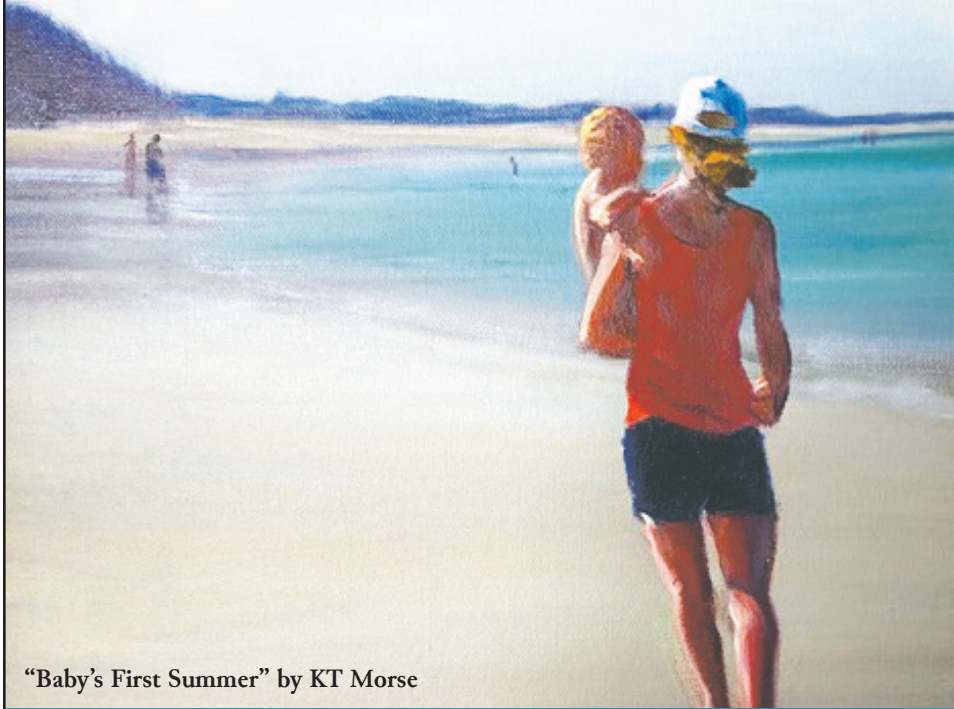
As a fan of baseball history, I am sad to say I never knew much about Stuffy, only that he was a part of the “\$100,000 infield.” He was a great player in his own right but always seemed to orbit other extraordinary entities, be they teams or individuals.

Petitions have been compiled on his behalf to have him enshrined in Cooperstown. As of today, no such luck — but maybe somewhere down the line.

Stuffy is a great example of the history that is right at our doorstep. It surrounds us here in New England, particularly on the North Shore, and it’s always worth looking into.

For more information on Stuffy McInnis’s career, please visit Baseball Reference and his bio at SABR.org (Society for American Baseball Research).

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SERVICE DOG PROJECT

Experimentation — and tight jeans — led to our first service dog

by Carlene White

Having a mobility problem invariably involves hardware of canes, crutches, and walkers. Certainly, our service dogs can often replace those.

In the process of trying to figure out if a dog would work well for a person, I asked a wife one day to put her left hand in the right-hand back pocket of her husband's blue jeans and walk across the yard and back just holding onto his pants. He pushed her walker just in case his pants did not hold ... but it worked!

They walked 100 feet to the barn and back. She was amazed at how simple it was. After the first few steps, she saw that she had absolute control over the up and the down and the right and the left — which was not true with her walker or his elbow! The fact that his blue jeans were slightly tight added to her security.

Eventually, we got a dog ready for her that was as well trained as her husband at stopping and starting and slowing up and going faster, managing to go through doors, etc.

They lived happily ever after, with the dog replacing the husband and his back pocket, thus freeing the husband to do other things.

As more people came and went,

departments at Children's Hospital and Mass General. Those walkers made the person — adult or child — bend forward in a very uncomfortable position. With the back pocket, you stand up and walk more normally.

Many couples found that if they wanted to go out to dinner, they didn't have to bring all the hardware ... as long as at least one of them had on snug-fitting pants of some kind with a pocket in the back. Besides, it looked so much friendlier to have their arm around the other person's waist.

I now use that as a test if someone comes to apply for a service dog.

One Sunday afternoon, I was sitting in our "tea tent" talking with a woman who wanted a dog. She had not walked normally in many years. So, I suggested she try a nearby back pocket — and the guy backed around appropriately. She got hold, and off they went to the barn and back, both happily smiling away. She said she had not walked standing

so straight in years.

She also said, "Besides, I never met this guy."



Demonstration of the hand-in-pocket technique that led to the Service Dog Project (photo courtesy of the Service Dog Project).

this back pocket idea really began to take hold (if you'll forgive the expression) in the physical therapy



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Dolan passes director's baton to Coelho

by Amy Palmer

IPSWICH — After 36 years transforming the music department at the public schools, shaping it into what it is today, fine arts director Gerry Dolan has decided to retire.

Michel Coelho, director of the middle and high school orchestras, will step up to take his place.

Dolan said retiring had “always been a difficult decision because I love it so much, but the timing was correct because we have someone who’s truly outstanding that could take my place in Michael Coelho,” Dolan said.

Coelho will assume the role of fine arts director in August in addition to maintaining his role as orchestras director. This opportunity, Coelho said, is all thanks to Dolan.

Dolan began his Ipswich career in 1985, when the music department was very small.

“When he came here, I think he said there were 11 students in the band,” Coelho said. “There was no orchestra program.”

Though there were only 11 students, Dolan said the band had doubled in size by the end of the year and continued to grow each year after that. By his last year in Ipswich, there were around 160 students in the concert band, with 100 in the choir and 70 in the orchestra.

“Now, we can’t fit on the stage,” Coelho said. “That’s a common problem.”

This expansion and many vast improvements within the music department are all because of Dolan’s hard work, which both the school and the Massachusetts Association of Jazz Educators (MAJE) have recognized. The Dolan Performing Arts Center was named after him, and, in April, he received the MAJE 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Not only is Dolan a brilliant teacher, Coelho said, but he loves and re-

spects his students, always working hard to do what is best for them.

“The essence of Gerry is stu-



Outgoing fine arts director Gerry Dolan (courtesy photo).



Incoming fine arts director Michael Coelho (courtesy photo).

dent-centered care [and] respect, and that’s just something we all try to bring,” he said.

Coelho said he tries to bring this

level of care and respect through the way he treats his students — with the same amount of love and expectation, no matter their age — and works incredibly hard for Dolan, who has consistently supported his vision and encouraged him to try new things.

Dolan said Coelho will “do great things,” adding, “We think a lot alike, he and I, and he loves teaching as much as anyone, and he works harder than anyone.”

Coelho said he is insanely passionate about what he does and that he is excited to step into this new role to help grow the entire arts program.

“I’m a little obsessed with working,” he said. “I just love it. I feel I have a lot of creativity that I can bring to the role.”

One thing Coelho hopes to do is connect the elementary school arts teachers with the middle and high school teachers. But ultimately, he hopes to continue the great work Dolan has already done.

At the June 16 school committee meeting, superintendent Brian Blake said there has been an underlying concern about losing Coelho, but when talking through his new role, Coelho said he wants to continue what he is doing and expand his work as fine arts director.

“I think that given his experience and high level of respect in both the school and the community, he’ll do very well,” Blake said.

Coelho will bring his own unique ideas about the fine arts department while having great respect for the past, Dolan said, assuring him that he is leaving the program in good hands.

“It’s been absolutely an incredible gift teaching Ipswich with students, with committed faculty, and all the parents who I’ve met along the way and who helped support me,” Dolan said. “I’m really excited for him and for the program.”

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— Wednesday, July 6 —

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.

Newburyport Art Association Exhibition: The theme is "Summertime," and 19 artists will display their watercolors. Open Tuesday-Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Friday until 7 p.m.) The exhibition is on until July 10 at 65 Water Street in Newburyport.

Grief support: The Immanuel Baptist Church on Central Street hosts a community spousal/partner loss grief support group at 6:30 p.m. Contact Amy (978 356 4215) or Tracy (978 356 5871) with questions.

Mr. Fullerton, Between the Sheets: The Gloucester Stage Company reveals the surprising passion of novelist Edith Wharton's mid-life love affair with fellow writer and bon vivant Morton Fullerton. Performances Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Evening with Orebolo: The acoustic trio will be at the Cabot in Beverly at 8 p.m.

— Thursday, July 7 —

Gardening Day: Join IRWA staff and other volunteers at their headquarter on County Road at 9 a.m. to keep their gardens looking their best. Come for two hours or just a little bit. Refreshments provided. Bring your tools or use theirs.

Coffee & Connections: The Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce hosts a virtual networking event on Zoom from 9 to 10 a.m. Register at business.capeannchamber.com/events.

Cookbook Club: It's what happens when you cross a cookbook with a book group! Check out a copy of the selected cookbook, choose a recipe, and prepare it to share with the group. Contact Nathalie Harty (978 356 6648, nharty@ipswichlibrary.org) for details.

Over-50 basketball: Come enjoy spirited but not aggressive basketball every Thursday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Ipswich Town Hall on Greet Street. All are welcome!

Beer Garden and Concert: The Ipswich Masonic Lodge at 70 Topsfield Road is hosting a beer garden from 6 to 9 p.m. and live music starting at 7.



Sarah Newhouse and Ryan Winkles in *Mr. Fullerton, Between The Sheets* at the Gloucester Stage (Jason Grow Photography)

West Newbury Summer Concerts: Liz Gram and the Kickers are at the town bandstand on Main Street at 6:30 p.m. Concerts are free every Thursday through August 25!

Castle Hill Concerts: The summer season kicks off with Big Ol' Dirty Bucket's brand of soul/funk. Bring a picnic! Concert starts at 7 p.m. \$40 per vehicle to enter.

Kundalini yoga, meditation, and gong bath: Acupuncture Health and Wellness at the Cable Professional Building (lower level) is hosting a session of Kundalini yoga, meditation, and a deep-relaxation gong bath with Ravi Sirois from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

The Producers: A down-on-his-luck Broadway producer and his accountant cook up a scheme to

produce the most notorious flop in history in this Mel Brooks musical. Thursday performance at 7 p.m. at the Firehouse in Newburyport. Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Lyceum Thursdays: Scott Jewell, technology and engineering teach at IMS, presents the history of dams and bridges on the Ipswich River at 8 p.m. at the Take-Out Terrace on the Riverwalk.

— Friday, July 8 —

Hamilton-Wenham Farmers' Market: The Community House on Bay Road hosts the market from 3 to 7 p.m. through October 28.

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

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Members of the Boston Lykeion Ellinidon dance group get ready to perform at the Greek festival in 2018 (file photo by Coco McCabe).

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DJ Beach Party: A night of oldies (with special guest vocalists) on Salisbury Beach with DJ Ralphie B starting at 7:15 p.m. From 9 p.m., DJ Jeff B plays the music of today and leads kid-friendly activities (hula hoops, bubbles, karaoke, etc.).

Music on Meetinghouse Green: Come to 10 Church Street in Gloucester to see the John Baboian Ensemble at 8 p.m. Non-profit part-

ner is Pathways for Children. Good vendor Causeway will be on site.

Comedy Mayhem: The May Flower on Depot Square is the venue for late-night stand-up hosted by Marleah Rose starting at 10 p.m. Five-minute open mic spots are available!

— **Saturday, July 9** —

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.

Om Drum Circle: Drum up a storm at the Ipswich Town Hall at

11 a.m. Rent a drum or bring your own!

Greek Festival: The Hellenic Center in Ipswich is the site of the 2022 festival of all things Greek! Food, dancing, music, raffles from 12:30 to 10:30 p.m. Come for the baklava, stay for the fun!

Free Beachfront Concert: Enjoy some fun summer tunes at 7:30 p.m. at the Salisbury Waterfront Stage. This week: The Lisa Love Experience. Later, at 10:15, there's a weekly fireworks show!

— **Sunday, July 10** —

Greek Festival: The Hellenic Center in Ipswich is the site of the 2022 festival of all things Greek! Food, dancing, music, raffles from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Come for the baklava, stay for the fun!

Walking Tour of Ipswich: Town historian Gordon Harris leads you through the historic neighborhoods of our fair town and tells stories of the houses and the people who lived in them. Start at the garden across from the library at 2 p.m.

Patton Park Concerts: Santana tribute band Abraxas headlines at the Hamilton concert (on Route 1A) at 5 p.m.

Sundays at 5: An inspiring, out-of-

the-ordinary 30-minute gathering to build community at Ascension Memorial Church on County Street at 5 p.m. Snacks, fun, and games!

— **Monday, July 11** —

Essex farmers' market: Held in the Shipbuilding Museum on Main Street from 3 to 6 p.m.

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.

Wabi-Sabi Combo: Community campfire sing-along on the front lawn of the Winthrop School at 6:30 p.m.

— **Tuesday, July 12** —

Horseshoe crab monitoring: Bill Sargent leads a natural history project on Pavilion Beach at 2 p.m.


Boat safety course: The Massachusetts Environmental Police hold this course (required for boaters 12-16) at the Ipswich Town Hall on July 12, 13, and 15 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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

DownTown Tuesdays: Mood Swings plays the summer concert series at 7:30 p.m. on the River-Walk. Also this week: a swimwear fashion show!

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Word search: More old movies!

Well, let's finish off the list of must-watch movies from each decade. Here are the top ten of each decade from the 1970s through the 2000s. How many have you seen? How many *will* you see?

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- Jaws
- Apocalypse Now
- Cabaret
- Alien
- The Godfather
- The Exorcist
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
- Taxi Driver
- Halloween
- Star Wars

1980s

- When Harry Met Sally
- Kiki's Delivery Service
- Flashdance
- Back to the Future
- Heathers
- The Shining
- E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial
- Fatal Attraction
- Bird
- Sixteen Candles

1990s

- Thelma and Louise
- Practical Magic
- Waiting to Exhale
- Little Women
- Schindler's List
- Sliding Doors
- I Know What You Did Last Summer
- Pulp Fiction
- Basic Instinct
- The Nightmare Before Christmas

2000s

- Orphan
- The Devil Wears Prada
- Constantine
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- 13 Going on 30
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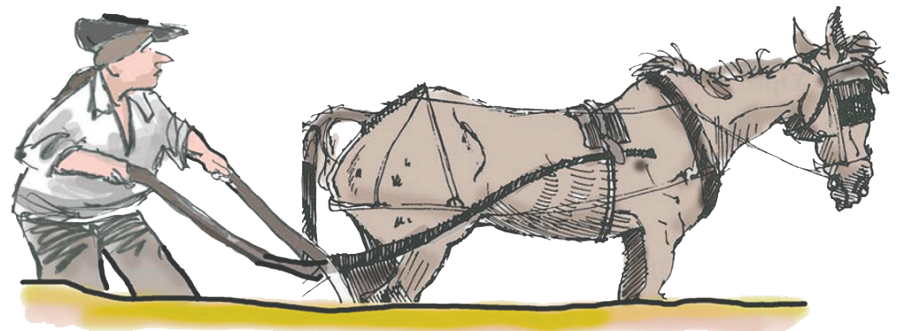
COLONIAL TRIVIA

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Where was the first fire department established in America?



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Answer to the last trivia question:

The Plymouth colonists brought neither horses nor cattle over from Europe with them in 1620. But it seems that by 1629 the richer Massachusetts Bay colony was importing horses, mainly from England.

At first, demand for these useful animals was great, and so their cost was high — £35 per mare in 1633, compared to £20 to £26 for a cow. Mares coming from Flanders in Belgium would fetch £34 two years later.

By 1640, though, supply was greater than demand. At that time, Governor Winthrop cites £10 as the price for a "costlie horse." Prices fluctuated for the rest of the 1600s: in 1653, the courts at the Massachusetts Bay Colony set the price of a horse at £16. In Connecticut 13 years later, they were half that price. And by 1677, horses went for £3 for each horse older than three years.

However, as settlements enlarged and agricultural lands opened up, prices started to rise again. In the 1700s, horses were trading back up above £30.



Nell Woolfolk with dad Thomas (left) and attorney Arthur K. Ross Jr. (courtesy photo).



Hannah Clapp (center) with parents Deb and Daniel Clapp and attorney Arthur K. Ross Jr. (courtesy photo).

Ipswich students each awarded \$5,000 in Hinckley scholarships

IPSWICH — There were two recipients of the Joseph W. and Virginia P. Hinckley Scholarship this year.

One scholarship goes to Nell Woolfolk, who will be attending the UMass Amherst for communication or engineering. Nell is an accomplished musician who has received several awards for her musical talents. She is a member of the National Honor Society and volunteers for the North Shore Animal Shelter and the Alzheimer's Association. She is also a volunteer musician for local events.

Hannah Clapp, the other scholarship winner, will be attending the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York to study computer science. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has had

other outstanding achievements in science, visual arts, and world language.

The awards were handed out by attorney Arthur K. Ross Jr., trustee of the Joseph W. and Virginia P. Hinckley Scholarship. Ross said he takes "great pride in awarding these scholarships to these deserving students to help them further their education."

The Joseph W. and Virginia P. Hinckley Scholarship is given each year to an Ipswich High School graduating senior who has exhibited citizenship in school and community and who plans to further their education towards an undergraduate degree. Each scholarship given out this year was worth \$5,000.

DAD JOKES

Oh, my goodness. First, my wife went to the hospital, which is bad enough, but now my daughter's there, too. Then again, I guess that's just how childbirth works.



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Wednesday, July 6	one	5:11 a.m.	11:34 a.m.
	two	5:43 p.m.	
Thursday, July 7	one	6:04 a.m.	12:02 a.m.
	two	6:34 p.m.	12:23 p.m.
Friday, July 8	one	7:01 a.m.	12:59 a.m.
	two	7:27 p.m.	1:15 p.m.
Saturday, July 9	one	7:58 a.m.	1:57 a.m.
	two	8:21 p.m.	2:09 p.m.
Sunday, July 10	one	8:56 a.m.	2:54 a.m.
	two	9:16 p.m.	3:03 p.m.
Monday, July 11	one	9:53 a.m.	3:51 a.m.
	two	10:11 p.m.	3:58 p.m.
Tuesday, July 12	one	10:50 a.m.	4:47 a.m.
	two	11:06 p.m.	4:54 p.m.

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Carolina Weatherall recently received the David Sewall Premium, awarded annually to a member of the first-year class at Bowdoin College for excellence in English composition. “In the spring of each year, the English department posts a call to all Bowdoin students for submissions of poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and critical analysis for its competitive writing prizes,” the college website said. Submissions are reviewed by faculty judges. The department awards the winners during the college’s Honors Day program in May, and prize winners’ names are also printed in the commencement program (courtesy photo).

IPSWICH PROPERTY SALES, June 12 through 25

DATE	ADDRESS	PRICE
6/15/2022	10 Newbury Road	\$960,000
6/24/2022	10 Sagamore Road, Lot 7	\$915,000
6/22/2022	19 Dow Brook Circle, Unit 42	\$887,079
6/17/2022	33 Water Street, Unit 2	\$860,000
6/21/2022	35 Dow Brook Circle, Unit 34	\$848,395
6/17/2022	108 High Street, Lot 162	\$740,000
6/24/2022	21 Farley Ave., Lot 29 and Pt 31	\$720,000
6/16/2022	3 Manning Street, Unit 3	\$700,000
6/23/2022	402 Linebrook Road, Unit 402	\$699,000
6/17/2022	12 Linebrook Road	\$605,000
6/21/2022	9 New Mill Place, Unit 17	\$530,000
6/21/2022	5 First Street	\$415,000
6/17/2022	200 Colonial Drive, Unit 205	\$370,000
6/23/2022	16 Appleton Park, Unit C1	\$294,700
6/24/2022	108 Central Street, Unit 2	\$160,000
6/15/2022	Land in Ipswich at town line	\$85,000
6/22/2022	2 Central Street, Unit 5	\$56,500

ROWLEY PROPERTY SALES, June 12 through 25

6/15/2022	40 Bob Merry Lane, Lot 20A	\$1,080,000
6/16/2022	11 Taylor Lane, Lot 35A	\$1,035,400
6/17/2022	7 Taylor Lane	\$996,650
6/21/2022	475 Newburyport Turnpike, Lot 6A	\$715,000
6/14/2022	545 Newburyport Turnpike, Unit 2	\$685,000
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Ipswich Athletic Hall of Fame looks to keep tradition alive

by Tristan Ashlock

IPSWICH — In 2010, the Ipswich Athletic Hall of Fame committee celebrated its first class of inductees at the local Hellenic Center. Since then, the committee has inducted nine more classes made up of just over one hundred individuals and recognized whole teams for their historic efforts.

The Hall of Fame isn't just open to athletes, though. Numerous coaches and non-athletic contributors to Ipswich sports have also been recognized. The latter group is enshrined based on their meritorious contributions to local sports, including two former *Ipswich Chronicle* reporters and one former school committee member.

How it works

Nominees are now selected through committee research or

are solicited from members of the public. Though if you plan on nominating someone, you should be prepared to turn in the paperwork to back their candidacy up.

Committee members spend the majority of the year prior to the annual induction banquet diving deep into old editions of local papers and hunting down old records and box scores.

"A lot of the work that goes into the committee is research," said Steve Markos, president of the Hall of Fame. "We go back to the library. We're looking at old yearbooks in the stacks."

Like many other public events and celebrations taking place over the past two years, the Ipswich Athletic Hall of Fame induction and banquet had been put on the back burner. However, the committee intends to resume its annual duties

in 2023.

New blood

The group is actively recruiting new members for both the committee and the HOF itself.

"We really are looking to get some new blood on the committee," Markos said. "Now, we're a little bit removed from the high school. Our children are older. We don't see as many games."

Ann "Kiki" Papagiotas not only serves on the committee — she is also an inductee. She was elected by the group in its first year for her coaching contributions to girls' basketball at IHS. "Once you get involved with the committee, it becomes addictive, because we have so much fun doing it."

So now the word is out.

What it means

The committee is excited to welcome new members who want to

help recognize and celebrate younger generations of athletes.

"It takes a lot of work," said Papagiotas. "It's time to get other people as excited and involved as we still are."

The HOF plaques that line the walls of Ipswich High School serve as a reminder to those competing on its ground that hard work isn't always forgotten — the mark you leave can mean something.

Papagiotas sums it up best, "It's to keep up with the traditions we have in Ipswich and to share them. To contribute."

She adds that the committee is "open to anybody who loves sports and loves this town."

If you are interested in joining the Hall of Fame committee or have questions regarding nominations, Markos can be reached at ipswich-hof@gmail.com.

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"It's so hot, you don't have to be at school, and you get to have ice-cold treats," he said.

Elliot and a group of elementary-schoolers waiting in line for their snow cones shouted out words to describe the parade: *patriotic, colorful, fun, bikes, and popsicles*.

Tradition for locals

Many of the kids — and even some adults — have grown up with the parade as a yearly tradition for their families.

Christiana Salah grew up in town. Now living in Michigan, she was back visiting her parents and stopped by with her husband and baby daughter. She remembers the same parade traveling through town back when the current town hall was her school.

Angela Barber came to the parade with her family. "It's the Fourth of July — it's a tradition," she said.

After no parade for the past two years, families were excited for another touch of normality to return.

Resident Pat Donnelly said, "Everything has been so fragmented since the pandemic started. We have got to get the community back."

Elizabeth Villa and her daughter,

Alice, 8, also consider the parade a tradition.

"When we were walking in the parade, I said to my husband that I think we live in the best town in America," Elizabeth said.

"We hope it continues for many more years," she added.

Importance of community

Many felt the parade — and the feeling of community that it brings to the town — was needed now more than ever.

Erin Wrice came with her two children from Salem, where the holiday was celebrated on Saturday.

Wearing a shirt with the slogan "Girls Just Want To Have Funda-

mental Rights," she said that she was "not feeling very patriotic, but it is important for the kids to come have a good day and not miss out on the fun."

Donnelly added, "Right now, we are living in a pressure cooker, and it's nice to be able to relieve that a little bit."

Peter Lemieux has come to the parade with his family since his daughter, Lucy, was only a year old. As a local father, he sees the need for community for years to come.

"You see a strong sense of everyone coming together and enjoying it, which we need — especially right now. As long as people still get

together and enjoy each other, that's really what counts," he said.

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Obituary: Joseph Viator

Joseph Viator, 91, of Ipswich passed away peacefully at home on July 1, surrounded by his family.

He was born in Gloucester on November 14, 1930, to Edith May (Wright) and Joseph Viator Sr. and grew up on Harbor Terrace during the Great Depression.

He was a wharf rat.

Joseph attended Gloucester schools, and his first job was putting up ships' orders for Charlie Ellis's store on Friend Street.

In the early 1950s, he worked on the Route 128 project, blasting ledge as the highway was being built through Manchester and Essex.

He later fished out of Gloucester on the Saint Nicholas and also worked as a lumper, unloading fishing boats and steamer ships.

He served in the Yankee Division of the Army National Guard in the 1950s.

He became a bricklayer, but his real talent was as a stonemason. His fine work is still seen today in many

buildings from here to Boston and in sturdy stone walls and homes all over Cape Ann.

He was proud of the custom home he built for his family in Essex in the early 1970s.

Joe was married to Ruth M. Amero, with whom he had four children. In the 1950s, they were part of the Gloucester Skippers square-dancing club. They took their kids on lots of fun camping trips over the years.

Joe grew up singing songs on the street corner with friends and neighbors after hearing Jimmie Rodgers on the radio.

He shared an appreciation for country music with his father

and sisters and inspired many a sing-along when he strummed his guitar and played harmonica at family get-togethers.

His great love of music and dancing became the legacy he gave to his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Joe enjoyed sharing good times with his friends. He was a motorcy-

cle enthusiast who liked riding the back roads alone on his Harley as much as he liked partying with his brothers in the Aces & Eights (who affectionately called him Smokin' Joe).

He made several road trips with his buddies over the years, including memorable rides to Daytona and Sturgis.

Joseph is survived by his four children: sons Joseph Viator III of Gloucester and Stanford Owen Viator and his wife, Paula, of Ipswich and daughters Julieann Metcalf and her husband, Matthew, of Rockport and Loriann Viator and her husband, Stephen Smith, of Gloucester.

He was loved by his five granddaughters: Jessica, Jacqueline, and Jamie Viator; Emerald Rae; and Eden Pool and her husband, Lukas; and grandson Garry Hutchings Jr.

He also leaves behind great-granddaughter Rosamund Pool and brand-new great-grandson Quentin Joseph Pool.

He is survived by his sister Edith M. Dulong, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was pre-deceased by his sister Rose Surette and brothers-in-law Herman Surette and Norman Dulong.

A graveside funeral service will be held on Friday, July 8, 2022, at noon in the South Side Cemetery, 75 County Road, Ipswich.

Visiting hours are scheduled for Friday, July 8, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Morris Funeral Home, 45 North Main Street, Ipswich.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

To send a letter of condolence to Viator family, please go to Morris-FH.com.



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“Probably the biggest withdrawer on the Parker River is the town of Ipswich,” Comiskey said. “About 80% of the withdrawals come from the Parker, and they’re building four new wells to withdraw from the Parker watershed.”

“Take it seriously”

Comiskey said he wants people to become more aware of their rivers and how their actions impact the water.

“It’s hard to get people to understand what their practices are doing to the ecological system, so [there’s] a constant reminder to conserve water, because this is the damage

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descent” to get in contact. It listed email and Telegram addresses, and social media.

The group said it stood for “the security and prosperity of white New Englanders.”

It said its motivations “do not come from a place of hatred, But a love for our own people. No one else will protect us!”

However, the ADL said, “The group’s membership is a collection of neo-Nazis and racist skinheads, many of whom have previous membership(s) in other white supremacist groups, including Patriot Front, National Socialist Movement (NSM), The Base, League of the South (LoS), Traditionalist Worker Party (TWP) and Aryan Strike Force.”

In June, NPR reported that the NSC was attempting to raise “its public profile and by latching onto Republican talking points that were once considered fringe.”

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that can be done,” Comiskey said. “As you become aware of your surroundings you realize, ‘I impact my environment.’ And people, we’re all like, ‘Oh, it’s the other guy — it’s my neighbor. But it’s really me, what I do,’” Witzig added.

How people treat the water will also impact generations to come, Witzig said, so they must become more aware so that their children and grandchildren can have clean water.

Without conserving water, the future could be grim. It’s likely that longer droughts will happen, leading to longer water bans ... and more money will be spent on other sources and deeper wells, Comiskey said.

“Take it seriously when towns put

up those signs — it’s not just to inconvenience you,” Witzig said. “It’s serious stuff, because it means that

... the Parker River is not doing very well. It’s a very serious thing that everybody needs to consider.”

LEGAL NOTICE

The Ipswich Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on July 21, 2022, at a meeting beginning at 7:00 PM in Room A in Town Hall, 25 Green Street, Ipswich, MA, on three proposed zoning warrant articles for the October 18, 2022, Town Meeting. The articles would amend the Ipswich Zoning Bylaw as follows:

1. Article 1: a) Amend Section IX.A. OSPZ by limiting the yield plan for lots within the Water Supply Protection District and by prohibiting encumbrances on the open space associated with the built portion of projects; b) Amend Section IX.U. Detached Accessory Dwelling Units by requiring the property owner to reside on the property associated with the ADU dwelling unit; c) Amend the Table in Section V. Use Regulations by allowing retail and personal consumer service establishments by right in the PC District; and d) Amend Section III. Definitions by adding a new definition of “Drive Through Facility” and amend the table in Section V. Use Regulations by inserting a new accessory use for “Drive Through Facility” and allowing them in the CB, HB and PC districts.

2. Article 2: a) Amend the definition of “Lot Area” in Section III. Definitions to require greater upland for determining minimum lot area; b) Amend the table in Section VI. Dimensional and Density Regulations by inserting floor area ratio limits within the RRA, IR, CB, and GB districts; c) Amend Section VI. Dimensional and Density Regulations by removing a Special Permit opportunity to increase building height in the IR District and by amending the height allowances in the GB and HB District by requiring a Special Permit to increase height from 37 to 45 feet; d) Amend Section VII. Off Street Parking by limiting the Special Permit Granting Authority’s power to allow tandem parking; and e) Amend the definition of “Multi-family Residential Development” in Section III. Definitions to allow single family units in said developments to constitute up to 50% of the total allowed number of dwelling units.

3. Article 3: Amend Sections II, V, IX.K and XI by substituting “Board of Selectmen” with “Select Board.”

Draft language of the articles is on file at Town Clerk/Planning Offices in Town Hall and on the Town website. For more information, call 978-356-6607.

**ROWLEY
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

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 hold the following public hearing at a public meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 13, 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(f) and 7.8 (Special Permits), a hearing for a Special Permit application submitted by LoLa & Company (applicant) of 106 South Main Street, Middleton, MA, on behalf of Gateway Realty Trust, property owner, of 239 Western Avenue, Essex, MA for Warehouse/Distribution to be located in Units 7 and 8 of building located at 32 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

**ZONING BOARD
OF APPEALS**

The Ipswich Zoning Board of Appeals will hold Public Hearings at a public meeting held on **Thursday, July 21, 2022**, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Room A of Town Hall, 25 Green Street, to act on the following petitions pursuant to the Ipswich Protective Zoning Bylaw:

Note: Should the Governor decide to extend the July 15 deadline for suspending the provisions of Open Meeting Law, then the Board will hold the public meeting remotely via Zoom video conferencing. If this happens, the location will be indicated on the agenda posted on the Town’s website after the July 15 deadline.

50-56 Market Street: Adam Gutbezahl requests that the ZBA overturn the Building Inspector’s decision not to issue a building permit for a multi-unit residential development at 50-56 Market Street, LLC in accordance with the Planning Board Special Permit issued March 23, 2022, to construct ten new townhouse units. The subject property is located in the Central Business (CB) District and shown on the Ipswich Assessor’s Map 42A, Lot 202.

86 Town Farm Road: William Hoysguard requests a special permit and/or variance pursuant, but not necessarily limited to, Sections V.I.F, Requirements for Accessory Buildings and Structures, and XI.J and K to construct an accessory structure exceeding 750 square feet in area (1040 sq. ft. proposed) on a lot having less than five acres at 86 Town Farm Road, which is located in the Rural Residential A District (RRA) and shown on the Ipswich Assessor’s Map 21, Lot 053.

105 Central Street: Taylor Marshall requests a special permit and/or variance pursuant, but not necessarily limited to, Sections II.B.2 -XI. J, XI.K and IX.J to create a 900 square foot Accessory Apartment above a new 2-car garage addition to be constructed to the rear of 105 Central Street, which is located in the In Town Residential (IR) Zoning District and shown on the Assessor’s Map 30D, Lot 63.

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

Robert Gambale, Chairman
Ipswich Zoning Board of Appeals



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